Stockton Polling Institute
Political Issues Poll Spring 2022
Full Results-Weighted Frequencies
March 1-12, 2022

MARIJUANA. - I'm now going to ask your opinion on various policies. Which best describes your view: Marijuana should be legal for medical and recreational use, legal for medical use only, or not legal?

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| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | Legal for medical and recreational use | $58 \%$ | Count |
| 2 | Legal for medical use only | 543 |  |
| 3 | Not legal | $32 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| 4 | Not sure | 299 |  |
| 5 | Refuse | $2 \%$ | 68 |
|  |  | Total | $10 \%$ |

POLICE - Should funding for police in your area increase, decrease, or stay the same?

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| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\#$ | Answer | $\%$ | Count |
| 1 | Increase | 376 |  |
| 2 | Decrease | $40 \%$ | 82 |
| 3 | Stay the same | $9 \%$ | 427 |
| 4 | Not sure | $46 \%$ | 45 |
| 5 | Refuse | Total | $5 \%$ |
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CRIME - In your view, should the justice system be tougher on crime or make an effort to reduce incarceration rates? Or are you satisfied with the system as is?

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| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\# \#$ | Answer | $\%$ | Count |
| 2 | Tougher on crime | 405 |  |
| 3 | Reduce incarceration | $43 \%$ | 330 |
| 4 | Satisfied as is | $35 \%$ | 108 |
| 5 | Not sure | $12 \%$ | 84 |
| 6 | Refuse | $9 \%$ | 6 |

GUNCONTROL - Which of the following best describes your view toward legal gun ownership: Should the process to get a gun be more difficult, less difficult, or are you satisfied with gun laws as is?

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| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\#$ | Answer | $\%$ | Count |
| 1 | More difficult | 480 |  |
| 2 | Less Difficult | $51 \%$ | 143 |
| 3 | Satisfied as is | $15 \%$ | 280 |
| 4 | Not sure | $30 \%$ | 25 |
| 5 | Refuse | Total | $3 \%$ |

IMMIGRATION - Should immigration to the United States be more difficult, less difficult, or are you satisfied with immigration laws as is?

|  |  | Answer | $\%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\#$ | More difficult | Count |  |
| 1 | Less difficult | $34 \%$ | 313 |
| 2 | Satisfied as is | $34 \%$ | 314 |
| 3 | Not sure | $25 \%$ | 238 |
| 4 | Refuse | $7 \%$ | 63 |
| 5 | Total | $1 \%$ | 5 |
|  |  | $100 \%$ | 933 |

ABORTION - In your view, should abortion be legal is all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases, or illegal in all cases?

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| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\#$ | Answer | $\%$ | Count |
| 1 | Legal in all cases | 350 |  |
| 2 | Legal in most cases | $38 \%$ | 343 |
| 3 | Illegal in most cases | $37 \%$ | 112 |
| 4 | Illegal in all cases | $12 \%$ | 66 |
| 5 | Not sure | $7 \%$ | 51 |
| 6 | Refuse | $5 \%$ | 12 |
|  | Total | $1 \%$ | 933 |

ABORTION2 - Legality aside, do you think abortion is morally wrong, morally acceptable, or not a moral issue at all?

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| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\#$ | Answer | $\%$ | Count |
| 1 | Wrong | 278 |  |
| 2 | Acceptable | $30 \%$ | 148 |
| 3 | Not a moral issue | $16 \%$ | 389 |
| 4 | Not sure | $42 \%$ | 102 |
| 5 | Refuse | Total | $11 \%$ |

ROEVWADE - If Roe $v$. Wade were overturned, would that influence your vote in the midterm elections or would that not be a factor in your decision?

|  |  | Answer | $\%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\#$ | Count |  |  |
| 1 | Would influence vote | $43 \%$ | 405 |
| 2 | Not a factor | $45 \%$ | 423 |
| 3 | Not sure | $7 \%$ | 66 |
| 4 | Refuse | $0 \%$ | 4 |
| 5 | Not familiar with Roe v Wade | $4 \%$ | 34 |
|  | Total | $100 \%$ | 933 |

RELIGION - Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Religion plays a very important role in your life.

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| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | Answer | $\%$ | Count |
| 2 | Strongly agree | $37 \%$ | 347 |
| 3 | Somewhat agree | 221 |  |
| 4 | Somewhat disagree | $24 \%$ | 158 |
| 5 | Strongly disagree | $17 \%$ | 195 |
|  | Not sure | $21 \%$ | 7 |
|  | Total | $1 \%$ | 933 |

SCOTUS - Would you say Biden nominating a Black woman to the Supreme Court is very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important to you?

| $\#$ | Answer | $\%$ | Count |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | Very important | $30 \%$ | 276 |
| 2 | Somewhat important | $23 \%$ | 210 |
| 3 | Not very important | $12 \%$ | 114 |
| 4 | Not at all important | Not sure | 307 |
| 5 | Refuse | $2 \%$ | 18 |
| 6 | Total | $10 \%$ | 7 |
|  |  | $100 \%$ | 933 |

Q9-15 - I'm now going to list the topics I just asked about. For each one, please rate how much of an impact your views on that topic have on your voting decisions.

For example, for the first one: Would a candidate's views on marijuana impact your vote greatly, somewhat, or not at all?

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| $\#$ | Question | Yes, greatly |  | Yes, <br> somewhat |  | No impact | Not sure | Refuse | Total |  |  |  |
| 1 | Marijuana | $21 \%$ | 197 | $41 \%$ | 383 | $36 \%$ | 333 | $2 \%$ | 17 | $0 \%$ | 4 | 933 |
| 2 | Police funding | $39 \%$ | 366 | $45 \%$ | 417 | $13 \%$ | 125 | $2 \%$ | 22 | $0 \%$ | 4 | 933 |
| 3 | The justice system's <br> response to crime | $59 \%$ | 553 | $33 \%$ | 302 | $6 \%$ | 57 | $2 \%$ | 17 | $0 \%$ | 4 | 933 |
| 4 | Gun Laws | $60 \%$ | 561 | $31 \%$ | 282 | $8 \%$ | 75 | $1 \%$ | 10 | $0 \%$ | 4 | 933 |
| 5 | Immigration | $52 \%$ | 481 | $39 \%$ | 359 | $9 \%$ | 82 | $1 \%$ | 5 | $0 \%$ | 4 | 933 |

VOTE2020 - Who did you vote for in the 2020 presidential election?

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| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\#$ | Answer | $\%$ | Count |
| 1 | Biden | $49 \%$ | 460 |
| 2 | Some other candidate | $30 \%$ | 304 |
| 3 | Didn't vote in that election | $5 \%$ | 43 |
| 4 | Not sure | $6 \%$ | 33 |
| 5 | Refuse | $3 \%$ | 31 |
| 6 | Total | $4 \%$ | 42 |

## Demographics

| AGE - |  |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\#$ | Answer | Count |  |
| 1 | Younger than 18 | $\%$ | 0 |
| 2 | $18-29$ | $0 \%$ | 101 |
| 3 | $30-49$ | $11 \%$ | 257 |
| 4 | $50-64$ | $28 \%$ | 310 |
| 5 | 65 and older | $33 \%$ | 265 |
| 6 | Refuse | $28 \%$ | 0 |
|  | Total | $0 \%$ | 933 |

## COUNTY - What New Jersey county do you live in?

| \# | Answer | \% | Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Atlantic | 6\% | 52 |
| 2 | Bergen | 8\% | 73 |
| 3 | Burlington | 7\% | 68 |
| 4 | Camden | 5\% | 44 |
| 5 | Cape May | 2\% | 17 |
| 6 | Cumberland | 2\% | 16 |
| 7 | Essex | 9\% | 85 |
| 8 | Gloucester | 4\% | 35 |
| 9 | Hudson | 4\% | 39 |
| 10 | Hunterdon | 2\% | 18 |
| 11 | Mercer | 5\% | 45 |
| 12 | Middlesex | 8\% | 75 |
| 13 | Monmouth | 8\% | 75 |
| 14 | Morris | 6\% | 58 |
| 15 | Ocean | 6\% | 57 |


| 16 | Passaic | 4\% | 33 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 17 | Salem | 1\% | 7 |
| 18 | Somerset | 5\% | 43 |
| 19 | Sussex | 3\% | 25 |
| 20 | Union | 6\% | 56 |
| 21 | Warren | 1\% | 13 |
| 22 | Not sure (Please enter zip code) | 0\% | 0 |
| 23 | Other county | 0\% | 0 |
| 24 | Refuse | 0\% | 0 |
|  | Total | 100\% | 933 |

Q27 - Are you registered to vote at this residence??

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| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\#$ | Answer | $\%$ | Count |
| 1 | Yes | 933 |  |
| 2 | No | $100 \%$ | 9 |
| 3 | Not sure | $0 \%$ | 0 |
| 4 | Refuse | $0 \%$ | 0 |
|  | Total | $0 \%$ | 0 |

PHONE - We're almost done. These last few questions allow us to combine responses into statistics. Have I reached you on a cell phone or on a regular landline telephone?

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| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\#$ | Answer | \% | Count |
| 1 | Landline phone | 152 |  |
| 2 | Cell phone | $16 \%$ | 773 |
| 3 | Computer/VOIP | $83 \%$ | 3 |
| 4 | Refuse | $0 \%$ | 5 |
|  | Total | $1 \%$ | 933 |

## Q26 - Do you consider yourself to be a:

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| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\#$ | Answer | $\%$ | Count |
| 1 | Democrat | $34 \%$ | 313 |
| 2 | Republican | $23 \%$ | 215 |
| 3 | Independent | $31 \%$ | 286 |
| 4 | Or something else? | $10 \%$ | 94 |
| 5 | Not sure | $1 \%$ | 9 |
| 6 | Refuse | Total | $2 \%$ |

Q27 - Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino?

| $\#$ | Answer | $\%$ | Count |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | Yes | $18 \%$ | 164 |
| 2 | No | $80 \%$ | 748 |
| 3 | Not sure | $0 \%$ | 3 |
| 4 | Refuse | $2 \%$ | 18 |
|  | Total | $100 \%$ | 933 |

## Q28 - Which of the following best describes your race:

| \# | Answer | \% | Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | White | 67\% | 621 |
| 2 | Black or African American | 11\% | 102 |
| 3 | Asian or Pacific Islander | 5\% | 44 |
| 4 | Native American | 1\% | 7 |
| 5 | Some other race alone | 5\% | 47 |
| 6 | More than one race | 6\% | 54 |
| 7 | Not sure | 1\% | 14 |
| 8 | Refuse | 5\% | 43 |
|  | Total | 100\% | 933 |

Q29 - Which of the following best describes your highest level of education?

| $\#$ |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | Did not graduate high school | Answer | $2 \%$ |
| 2 | High school or vo-tech graduate | $15 \%$ | Count |
| 3 | Some college or an associate's degree | 18 |  |
| 4 | A four-year college degree | $26 \%$ | 143 |
| 5 | A graduate degree | $29 \%$ | 240 |
| 6 |  | Refuse | $27 \%$ |
|  | Total | $1 \%$ | 270 |
|  |  | $100 \%$ | 250 |

Q30 - Which of the following general categories best represents your household income last year before taxes:

| \# | Answer | \% | Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Less than \$25,000 | 4\% | 39 |
| 2 | \$25,000 to less than \$50,000 | 13\% | 122 |
| 3 | \$50,000 to less than \$100,000 | 23\% | 211 |
| 4 | \$100,000 to \$150,000 | 22\% | 206 |
| 5 | More than \$150,000 | 27\% | 249 |
| 6 | Not sure | 2\% | 18 |
| 7 | Refuse | 9\% | 87 |
|  | Total | 100\% | 933 |

Q31-Lastly, what is your gender?

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| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\#$ | Answer | $\%$ | Count |
| 1 | Man | $49 \%$ | 45 |
| 2 | Woman | 455 |  |
| 3 | Identify another way | $49 \%$ | 9 |
| 4 | Refuse | $1 \%$ | 15 |
|  | Total | $2 \%$ | 933 |

## Methodology

The poll of New Jersey registered voters was conducted by the Stockton Polling Institute of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy March 1-12, 2022. Live interviewers who are mostly Stockton University students called cell phones and landlines from the Stockton University campus. Opinion Services supplemented a portion of the fieldwork. Overall, 83 percent of interviews were conducted on cell phones and 16 percent on landline phones. A total of 933 New Jersey adult residents who were screened as registered voters were interviewed. Both cell and landline samples consisted of voter list and random digit dialing (RDD) sample. Black or African American voters were oversampled in order to collect enough responses to isolate this data, but weighted down proportionately in the full population results. Data are weighted based on U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey data for New Jersey on variables of age, race, ethnicity, education level, sex, and region. The poll's margin of error is +/-3.2 percentage points at a 95 percent confidence level. MOE is higher for subsets.

