

Pennsylvania Exit Poll Fall 2018

Methodology

Number of Interviews and Margin of Error:

	Allegheny County	Cumberland County	Lehigh County
Number of Interviews	481	455	371
Margin of Error	+/- 4.5%	+/- 4.6%	+/- 5.1%

Date: November 6, 2018

Methods of Interviewing: All interviews were conducted in person, but were anonymous. Upon exiting the polling place, voters were asked if they wanted to participate. If voters agreed, they were given a clipboard with the survey and asked to complete both sides of the questionnaire. Upon completion, surveys were placed in envelopes with precinct identifiers.

Weighting: Data were weighted by the final vote percentage (Democrat and Republican) in each of the three counties in the U.S. Senate race. Individuals who reported voting for someone other than Casey or Barletta, or not voting at all in the Senate contest were weighted at 1.00.

The exit poll was conducted by students at Chatham University and the University of Pittsburgh (Allegheny County); Dickinson College (Cumberland County); and Muhlenberg College (Lehigh County). For further information, please contact Dickinson College Political Science Professor Sarah Niebler at: nieblers@dickinson.edu; or 717-254-8093.

Survey Questionnaire and Results

Gender

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
Female	58%	60%	53%
Male	42%	40%	47%

Race/Ethnicity

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
White	76%	87%	80%
Black	16%	7%	13%
Latino	4%	3%	1%
Other	4%	4%	5%

Is this the first time you have voted in a non-presidential election?

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
Yes	22%	20%	21%
No	78%	80%	79%

In the election for governor, did you just vote for...

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
Tom Wolf, the Democratic candidate	68%	52%	65%
Scott Wagner, the Republican candidate	30%	46%	31%
Someone else	1%	1%	2%
I did not vote in that particular election	1%	1%	1%

In the election for U.S. Senate, did you just vote for...

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
Bob Casey, the Democratic candidate	66%	46%	57%
Lou Barletta, the Republican candidate	33%	52%	41%
Someone else	1%	2%	2%
I did not vote in that particular race	<1%	1%	<1%

In the election for U.S. House of Representatives, did you just vote for...

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
The Democratic candidate	67%	49%	59%
The Republican candidate	31%	49%	37%
Someone else	1%	1%	2%
I did not vote in that particular election	1%	1%	2%

In the election for PA state senate, did you just vote for...

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
The Democratic candidate	65%	45%	57%
The Republican candidate	32%	48%	40%
Someone else	<1%	<1%	1%
I did not vote in that particular election	4%	7%	2%

In the election for PA assembly, did you just vote for...

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
The Democratic candidate	66%	48%	60%
The Republican candidate	30%	46%	35%
Someone else	1%	<1%	2%
I did not vote in that particular election	3%	5%	4%

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
Approve	28%	46%	35%
Disapprove	66%	47%	59%
Don't know	6%	7%	6%

What do you think is the most important issue facing the United States right now? [Many respondents chose multiple issues, so we report what percentage of respondents selected each issue, meaning percentages will add to more than 100.]

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
Economy and jobs	30%	<1%	65%
National security	24%	27%	15%
Health care	47%	40%	28%
Immigration	25%	34%	15%
Climate change	22%	7%	33%
Women's issues	26%	3%	11%
Other	18%	4%	8%

We'd like to get your feelings toward some groups on a "feeling thermometer". A rating of 0 degrees means you feel as cold and negative as possible. A rating of 100 degrees means you feel as warm and positive as possible.

Group	Average – Allegheny	Average – Cumberland	Average – Lehigh
Democratic Party	73	55	65
Republican Party	17	43	29
Congress	33	39	34
Supreme Court	38	56	49

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the #MeToo movement against sexual harassment?

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
Favorable	86%	59%	73%
Unfavorable	2%	22%	14%
Don't know	12%	19%	13%

How would you say the #MeToo movement has affected you personally, if at all?

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
Had a positive effect	51%	30%	41%
Had a negative effect	2%	7%	7%
Hasn't had much of an effect either way	40%	57%	43%
Don't know	7%	6%	9%

Which of the following do you think are reasons why more women do not hold elected office in the United States? (Respondents could select more than one option.)

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
Women are held to higher standards than men	39%	24%	32%
Many Americans aren't ready to elect a woman to higher office	51%	47%	48%
Women who are active in politics get less support from party leaders	52%	39%	44%
Fewer women have the experience to run for office	8%	14%	9%
Family responsibilities don't leave time for politics	5%	13%	10%
Women aren't tough enough for politics	2%	1%	<1%
Other	8%	11%	9%

Approximately what percentage of the U.S. Congress (House and Senate) do you think is comprised of women representatives?

Average – Allegheny	Average – Cumberland	Average – Lehigh
22%	22%	23%

Approximately what percentage of the PA State Legislature (Assembly and Senate) do you think is comprised of women representatives?

Average – Allegheny	Average – Cumberland	Average – Lehigh
20%	19%	20%

Approximately how many of PA’s 18 House of Representatives members do you think are women?

[Many respondents read this question as asking for a percentage so we will not report the result.]

Do you think [...] doing enough to address climate change, doing too much, or do you think more needs to be done to address climate change?

[...] = the United States (n=522)

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
Doing enough	0%	20%	10%
Doing too much	3%	4%	3%
More needs to be done	91%	70%	83%
Don’t know	6%	6%	3%

[...] = countries other than the U.S. (n=653)

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
Doing enough	10%	13%	14%
Doing too much	1%	4%	<1%
More needs to be done	83%	73%	78%
Don’t know	6%	10%	7%

Would you the country’s economy is in better shape now than it was a few years ago, about the same, or in worse shape now?

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
Better shape now	27%	52%	39%
About the same	34%	36%	36%
Worse shape now	29%	10%	22%
Don’t know	10%	3%	3%

Do you support or oppose stricter gun laws in the U.S.?

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
Support	89%	65%	83%
Oppose	8	30%	14%
Don’t know	3%	5%	3%

Overall, do you support or oppose the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court?

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
Support	4%	42%	21%
Oppose	84%	50%	66%
Don't know	11%	7%	13%

Are you between...?

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
18-29 years old	58%	14%	20%
30-49 years old	18%	26%	27%
50-64 years old	14%	30%	32%
65 of over	11%	30%	21%

In the 2016 presidential election, who did you vote for?

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
Hillary Clinton, the Democratic candidate	69%	50%	65%
Donald Trump, the Republican candidate	3%	38%	24%
Someone else	3%	5%	3%
I did not vote in that election	26%	8%	8%

Regardless of how you voted today or in 2016, on a scale of one to seven where one indicates a strong Democrat and seven indicates a strong Republican, where would you place yourself?

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
1 = Strong Democrat	44%	20%	31%
2	24%	14%	20%
3	17%	11%	13%
4 = Independent	9%	16%	11%
5	4%	10%	7%
6	2%	10%	9%
7 = Strong Republican	<1%	19%	8%

Which of the following best describes your political ideology?

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
Very liberal	36%	14%	21%
Somewhat liberal	37%	27%	41%
Neither liberal nor conservative	14%	17%	15%
Somewhat conservative	6%	24%	14%
Very conservative	2%	15%	6%
Don't know	5%	2%	2%

Approximately how many minutes did it take you to get to the polling place today?

Average – Allegheny	Average – Cumberland	Average – Lehigh
7 minutes	6 minutes	6 minutes

Did you drive to the polling place, did someone bring you, or did you take another form of transportation?

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
Drove myself	35%	83%	76%
Someone brought me	9%	8%	5%
Took other form of transportation (including walk)	57%	9%	19%

What is your present religion?

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
Evangelical Protestant	7%	25%	5%
Mainline Protestant	8%	23%	12%
Catholic	21%	18%	37%
Jewish	9%	1%	13%
Agnostic or Atheist	30%	19%	18%
Other	17%	12%	11%
Don't know	8%	2%	4%

Are you currently...?

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
Employed full-time	41%	50%	51%
Employed part-time	27%	13%	16%
Not employed	21%	4%	9%
A stay-at-home parent	1%	2%	1%
Retired	9%	30%	24%

What is your highest level of education?

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
Less than high school	0%	1%	1%
High school graduate	15%	13%	6%
Some college or technical school	45%	27%	23%
4-year college graduate	20%	28%	32%
Graduate or professional degree	20%	30%	39%

Which of the following categories best describes your family income?

	Allegheny	Cumberland	Lehigh
Under \$20,000	10%	6%	6%
\$20,000 - \$39,999	16%	11%	8%
\$40,000 - \$59,999	17%	20%	17%
\$60,000 - \$79,999	12%	19%	16%
\$80,000 - \$99,999	10%	12%	10%
\$100,000 or more	35%	32%	37%

Please list the ages and genders of any children you have.

[This open-ended question produced responses in a multitude of formats. We will not report the responses here. If interested, please contact Professor Niebler.]