

## HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

**This poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida from December 17 through December 20, 2024. A total of 625 registered Virginia voters were interviewed statewide by telephone.**

**Those interviewed were randomly selected from a phone-matched Virginia voter registration list that included both land-line and cell phone numbers. Quotas were assigned to reflect voter registration by county.**

**The margin for error, according to standards customarily used by statisticians, is no more than  $\pm 4$  percentage points. This means that there is a 95 percent probability that the "true" figure would fall within that range if all voters were surveyed. The margin for error is higher for any subgroup, such as a gender or age grouping.**

**QUESTION: Studies show health plans are increasingly requiring patients to receive prior authorization from insurance companies before receiving medical care. In the past year, have you experienced a delay or denial of care that was recommended by your health care provider due to insurance prior authorization rules?**

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b><u>REGION</u></b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>
Northern Virginia	24%	76%
Central/Shenandoah	24%	76%
Richmond Metro	32%	68%
Tidewater/Hampton Roads	36%	64%
Lynchburg/Southside	30%	70%
Roanoke/Southwest	31%	69%
<b><u>GENDER ID</u></b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>
Male	26%	74%
Female	33%	67%
<b><u>AGE</u></b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>
<50	28%	72%
50+	31%	69%
<b><u>RACE</u></b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>
White	29%	71%
Black	34%	66%
<b><u>PARTY ID</u></b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>
Democrat	31%	69%
Republican	24%	76%
Independent	34%	66%

**QUESTION: In your view, do you feel the government should or should not take action to limit prior authorization policies?**

	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>7%</b>

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Northern Virginia	59%	35%	6%
Central/Shenandoah	53%	41%	6%
Richmond Metro	54%	39%	7%
Tidewater/Hampton Roads	65%	27%	8%
Lynchburg/Southside	58%	33%	9%
Roanoke/Southwest	56%	37%	7%

<u>GENDER ID</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Male	53%	38%	9%
Female	62%	32%	6%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<50	61%	32%	7%
50+	55%	38%	7%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
White	56%	38%	6%
Black	64%	27%	9%

<u>PARTY ID</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	65%	34%	1%
Republican	51%	40%	9%
Independent	59%	30%	11%

**QUESTION: One policy idea being proposed to the state legislature in 2025 would establish standards for prior authorization decisions by health insurance companies and require them to be more transparent by making information on prior authorization requirements and approval rates publicly available for customers and their doctors. Would you support or oppose a new state law to set such standards?**

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>4%</b>

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Northern Virginia	87%	9%	4%
Central/Shenandoah	91%	6%	3%
Richmond Metro	88%	6%	6%
Tidewater/Hampton Roads	86%	10%	4%
Lynchburg/Southside	91%	5%	4%
Roanoke/Southwest	85%	11%	4%

<u>GENDER ID</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Male	86%	8%	6%
Female	90%	8%	2%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<50	89%	9%	2%
50+	88%	7%	5%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
White	89%	8%	3%
Black	85%	9%	6%

<u>PARTY ID</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Democrat	89%	7%	4%
Republican	87%	9%	4%
Independent	88%	8%	4%

**QUESTION: Virginia has a Certificate of Public Need law that regulates health care expansion to promote access to quality care and affordability. Which one of the following comes closest to your view? (ORDER ROTATED)**

- Health care services should be evenly distributed so that all Virginians have access to quality care no matter where they live. Otherwise, providers would be concentrated in wealthier areas and could cherry pick only profitable services to provide.

- Health care should be treated like a free market in which government has no say in regulating health care providers and services, leaving providers free to choose only those patients and communities they want to serve.

	<u>EVENLY DISTRIBUTED</u>	<u>FREE MARKET</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>6%</b>

<u>REGION</u>	<u>EVENLY DISTRIBUTED</u>	<u>FREE MARKET</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Northern Virginia	84%	11%	5%
Central/Shenandoah	68%	27%	5%
Richmond Metro	74%	20%	6%
Tidewater/Hampton Roads	71%	20%	9%
Lynchburg/Southside	76%	17%	7%
Roanoke/Southwest	69%	27%	4%

<u>GENDER ID</u>	<u>EVENLY DISTRIBUTED</u>	<u>FREE MARKET</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Male	68%	26%	6%
Female	81%	13%	6%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>EVENLY DISTRIBUTED</u>	<u>FREE MARKET</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<50	82%	11%	7%
50+	68%	26%	6%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>EVENLY DISTRIBUTED</u>	<u>FREE MARKET</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
White	74%	20%	6%
Black	77%	17%	6%

<u>PARTY ID</u>	<u>EVENLY DISTRIBUTED</u>	<u>FREE MARKET</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	85%	10%	5%
Republican	65%	30%	5%
Independent	74%	17%	9%

**QUESTION: Do you feel Virginia’s Certificate of Public Need program should be kept in place or eliminated?**

	<u>KEPT</u>	<u>ELIMINATED</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>23%</b>

<u>REGION</u>	<u>KEPT</u>	<u>ELIMINATED</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Northern Virginia	62%	19%	19%
Central/Shenandoah	61%	18%	21%
Richmond Metro	57%	16%	27%
Tidewater/Hampton Roads	56%	21%	23%
Lynchburg/Southside	60%	17%	23%
Roanoke/Southwest	62%	13%	25%

<u>GENDER ID</u>	<u>KEPT</u>	<u>ELIMINATED</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Male	55%	22%	23%
Female	62%	15%	23%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>KEPT</u>	<u>ELIMINATED</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<50	64%	14%	22%
50+	56%	21%	23%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>KEPT</u>	<u>ELIMINATED</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
White	57%	19%	24%
Black	64%	15%	21%

<u>PARTY ID</u>	<u>KEPT</u>	<u>ELIMINATED</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	71%	10%	19%
Republican	51%	27%	22%
Independent	53%	18%	29%

## DEMOGRAPHICS

<b>AGE:</b>	<b>18-34</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>(17%)</b>
	<b>35-49</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>(29%)</b>
	<b>50-64</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>(29%)</b>
	<b>65+</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>(25%)</b>
	<b>Refused</b>	<b>2</b>	

<b>RACE/ETHNICITY:</b>	<b>White/Caucasian</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>(69%)</b>
	<b>Black/African-American</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>(19%)</b>
	<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>(7%)</b>
	<b>Other</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>(4%)</b>
	<b>Refused</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>(1%)</b>

<b>PARTY IDENTIFICATION:</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>(34%)</b>
	<b>Republican</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>(31%)</b>
	<b>Independent or Other</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>(35%)</b>

<b>GENDER ID:</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>(47%)</b>
	<b>Female</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>(52%)</b>
	<b>Other</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>(1%)</b>

<b>REGION:</b>	<b>Northern Virginia</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>(28%)</b>
	<b>Central Virginia/Shenandoah</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>(17%)</b>
	<b>Richmond Metro</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>(14%)</b>
	<b>Tidewater/Hampton Roads</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>(21%)</b>
	<b>Lynchburg/Southside</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>(11%)</b>
	<b>Roanoke/Southwest Virginia</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>(9%)</b>

## VIRGINIA POLL REGIONS

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA:** Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William counties and the independent cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park.

**CENTRAL/SHENANDOAH:** Stafford, Spotsylvania, King George, Caroline, Louisa, Fluvanna, Albemarle, Nelson, Greene, Orange, Madison, Culpepper, Fauquier, Rappahannock, Clarke, Frederick, Warren, Shenandoah, Page, Rockingham, Augusta and Rockbridge counties and the independent cities of Charlottesville, Fredericksburg, Staunton, Harrisonburg, Winchester, Waynesboro, Staunton, Buena Vista and Lexington.

**RICHMOND METRO:** Chesterfield, Henrico, Hanover, Powhatan, Goochland, New Kent and Charles City counties and the independent cities of Richmond and Colonial Heights.

**TIDEWATER/HAMPTON ROADS:** Accomack, Northampton, Northumberland, Westmoreland, Lancaster, Middlesex, Mathews, Richmond, Essex, King & Queen, King William, Gloucester, James City and York counties and the independent cities of Williamsburg, Newport News, Hampton, Poquoson, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake and Suffolk.

**LYNCHBURG/SOUTHSIDE:** Isle of Wight, Sussex, Surry, Southampton, Greensville, Dinwiddie, Prince George, Brunswick, Mecklenburg, Lunenburg, Nottoway, Amelia, Prince Edward, Cumberland, Buckingham, Appomattox, Amherst, Campbell, Charlotte, Halifax, Pittsylvania, Henry, Franklin and Bedford counties and the independent cities of Petersburg, Hopewell, Franklin, Emporia, Danville, Martinsville, Lynchburg and Bedford.

**ROANOKE/SOUTHWEST:** Highland, Bath, Alleghany, Botetourt, Roanoke, Craig, Montgomery, Floyd, Patrick, Giles, Pulaski, Carroll, Grayson, Wythe, Bland, Tazewell, Smyth, Washington, Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, Wise, Scott and Lee counties and the independent cities of Roanoke, Salem, Radford, Covington, Galax, Norton and Bristol.