

STATE NAVIGATE POLL BRIEFING

PENNSYLVANIA

2026 GENERAL ELECTION - STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 178

STATE HOUSE D-178 Monica Weninger (D) · Kristin Marcell (R)

STATE SENATE D-6 Eileen Hartnett Albillar (D) · Frank Farry (R)

GOVERNOR Josh Shapiro (D) · Stacy Garrity (R)

Likely-voter survey of the November 3, 2026 general election · Bucks County, PA

AT A GLANCE



ELECTION DATE

November 3, 2026



FIELD DATES

July 31 - Aug 3, 2026



SAMPLE SIZE

n = 484 LV



MARGIN OF ERROR

±4.5%

Pennsylvania State House District 178 (Bucks County) - weighted to the likely-voter electorate

METHODOLOGY

State Navigate surveyed 484 likely voters in Pennsylvania's 178th State House District from July 31 through August 3, 2026. The survey was conducted via text-to-web, with voters being sent a text message by AllianceForge that directed them to an online survey hosted on the SurveyMonkey platform. The sample was drawn from a voter file provided by i360 and weighted by gender, race, age, education, party registration, and municipality to reflect the likely November 2026 general electorate. The survey carries a margin of error of ±4.5%. This survey was designed and conducted by the State Navigate Polling Team, and was not sponsored by any candidate or candidate's committee.

DISTRICT DNA • HD-178 (LV)



STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 178

Central & Upper Bucks County - Northampton, Upper Southampton, Warwick and Wrightstown townships. One of the five house districts inside State Senate District 6.



OUR FORECAST AND POLL SAYS...

Very Likely R

Our upcoming Pennsylvania forecast is remarkably close to the result of this poll.

RECENT ELECTION RESULTS IN HD-178

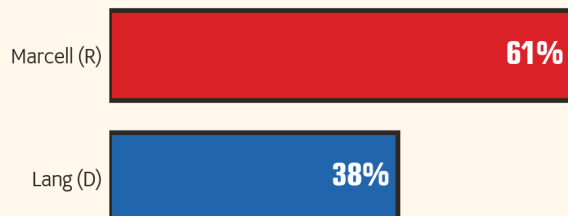
2024 President: Trump +12.8



2022 Governor: Shapiro +10.0



2024 State House: Marcell +23.0

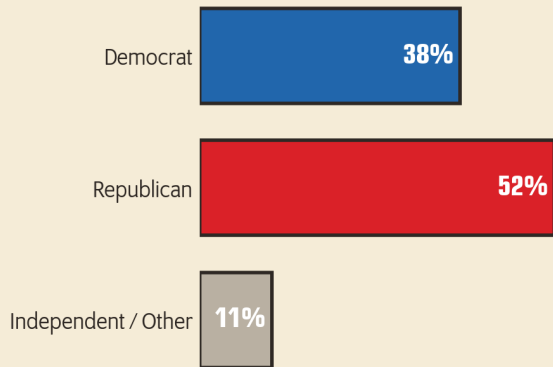


2022 State House: Marcell +13.2

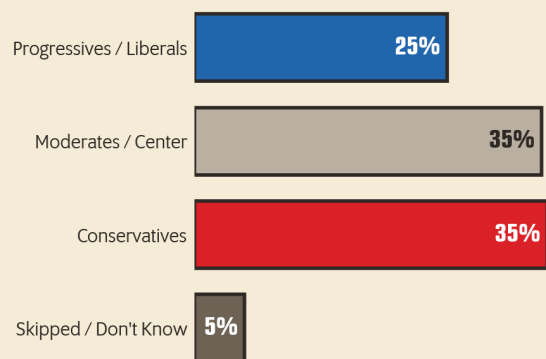


DISTRICT DNA - SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS

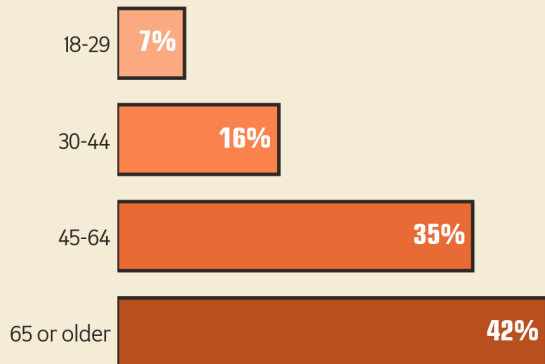
PARTY REGISTRATION



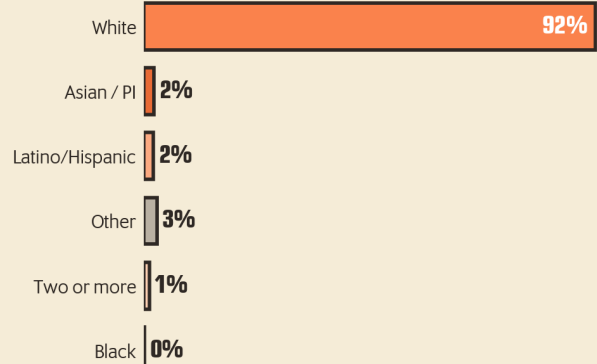
IDEOLOGICAL SELF-ID (0-10)



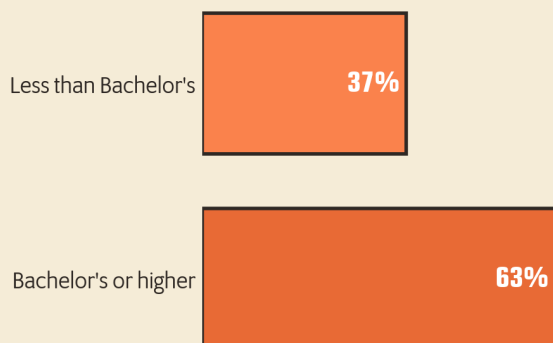
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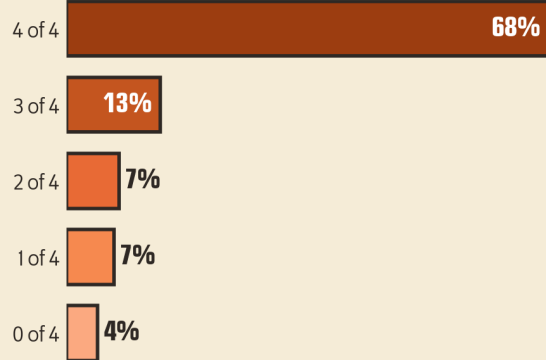
RACE / ETHNICITY



EDUCATION



VOTE HISTORY (LAST 4 GENERALS)

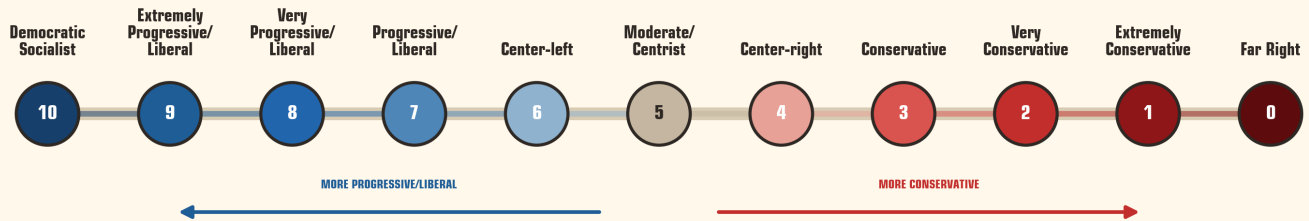


SURVEY IDEOLOGY

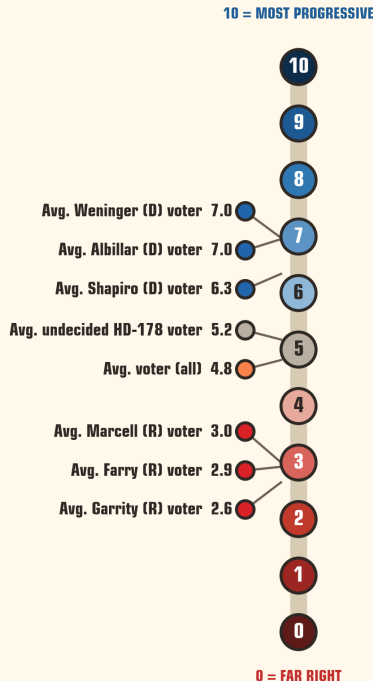
THE SELF-PLACEMENT SCALE

IDEOLOGICAL SCALE

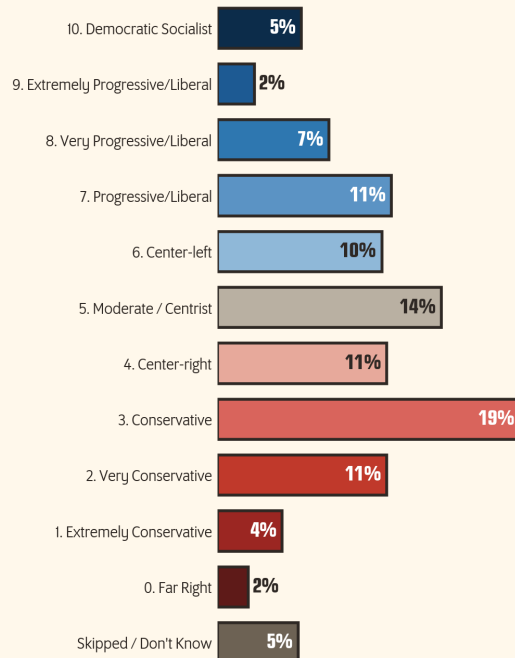
Place yourself — and each candidate — somewhere on the scale.



AVERAGE BY VOTER GROUP



DETAILED SELF-PLACEMENT (ALL RESPONDENTS)

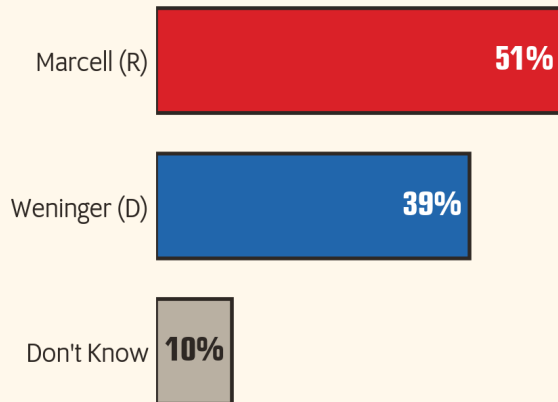


Ideology is respondents' self-placement on a 0-10 scale (10 = most progressive, 0 = far right). Detailed shares are of all respondents; 5.0% skipped the question or did not place themselves. Group averages are computed among those who did place themselves (overall mean 4.8).

THE SNAPSHOTS

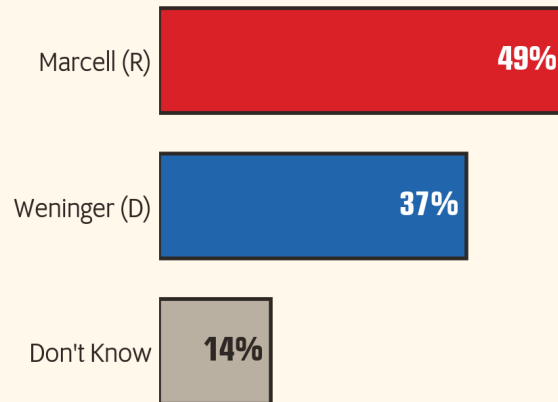
STATE HOUSE WITH LEANERS

If the election for Pennsylvania House of Representatives District 178 were held today, which candidate would you vote for? (undecideds allocated via leaner follow-up)



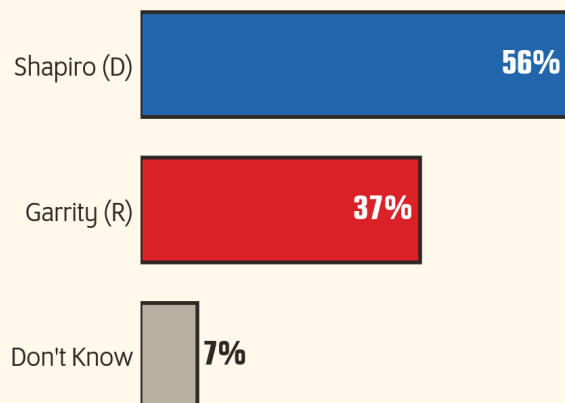
STATE HOUSE BEFORE UNDECIDED PUSH

If the election for Pennsylvania House of Representatives District 178 were held today, which candidate would you vote for? (initial ballot, before leaner follow-up)



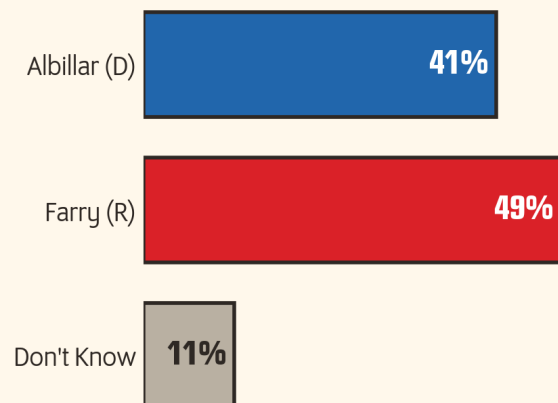
GOVERNOR WITH LEANERS

If the election for Governor were held today, which candidate would you vote for?



STATE SENATE (SD-6) WITH LEANERS

If the election for Pennsylvania State Senate District 6 were held today, which candidate would you vote for?

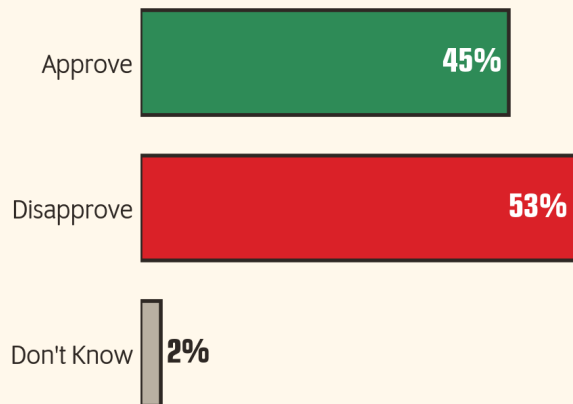


Solid Republican. Incumbent Kristin Marcell (R) leads Monica Weninger (D) 51-39 with leaners. HD-178 backed Trump by 13 and re-elected Marcell by more than 20 in 2024 - the reddest of the SD-6 house seats.

EXECUTIVE APPROVALS

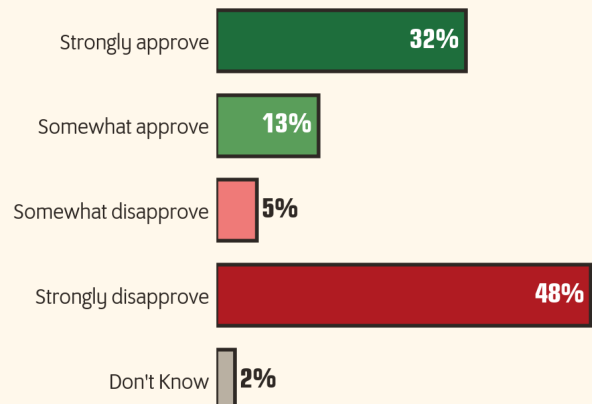
PRESIDENT TRUMP JOB APPROVAL

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?



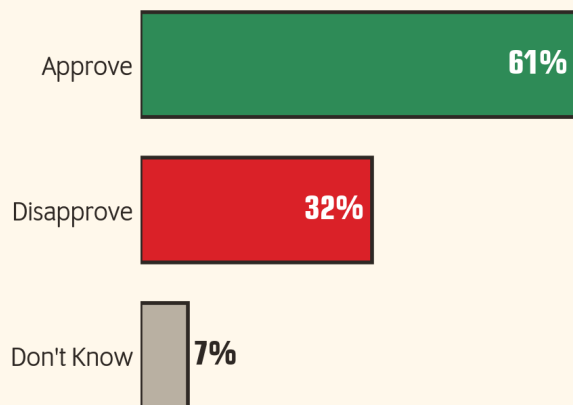
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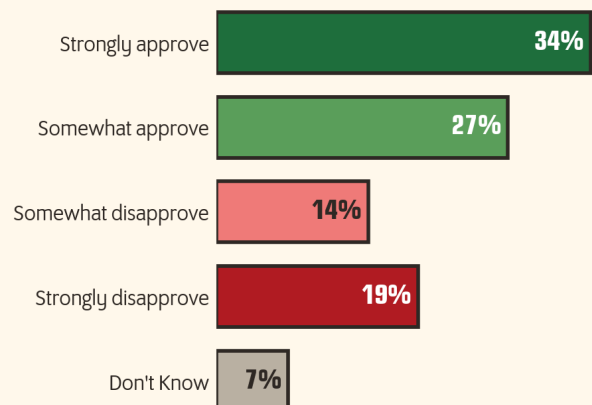
GOV. SHAPIRO JOB APPROVAL

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Josh Shapiro is doing as Governor?



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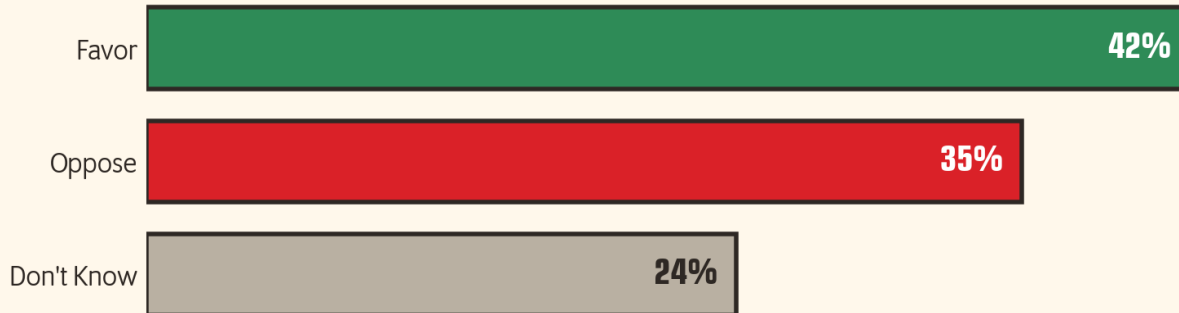
President Trump is underwater in HD-178 (45% approve / 53% disapprove), while Gov. Shapiro sits at 61% approve / 32% disapprove. The detailed breakdowns show how much of each number is strongly held versus soft.

SCHOOL CHOICE A/B TEST

Half the sample was asked about a program using “public funds toward tuition at private K-12 schools”; the other half saw the same idea labeled a “school voucher program.” Support is broadly similar under both labels; the differences, including the gap in “Don't Know,” are within the margin of error.

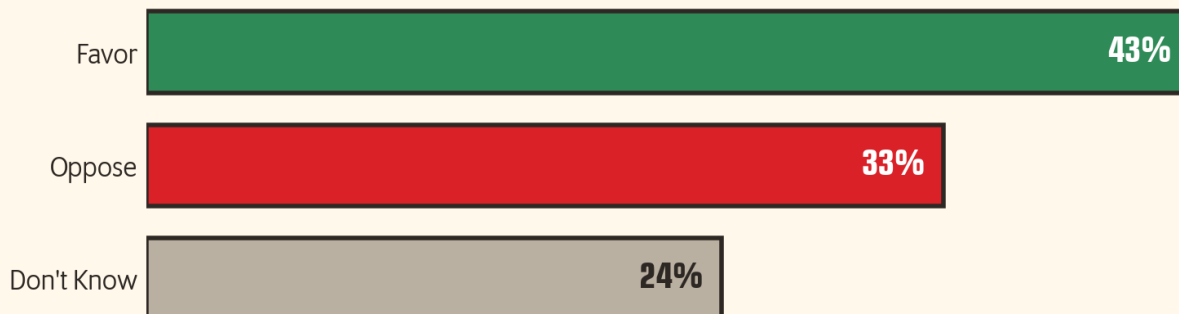
VERSION A • “PUBLIC FUNDS” WORDING (N = 267 • MOE ±6.2%)

“Some states operate programs in which eligible families receive public funds that may be used toward tuition at participating private K-12 schools. Would you favor or oppose establishing such a program in Pennsylvania?”



VERSION B • “SCHOOL VOUCHER” WORDING (N = 217 • MOE ±6.6%)

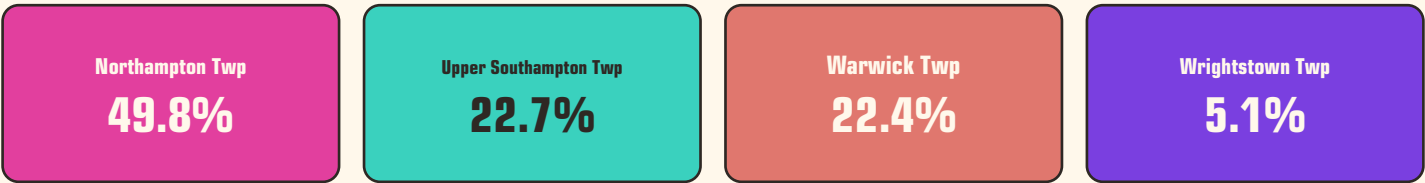
“Under a school voucher program, the state would provide a specified amount of public funding toward tuition for an eligible student at a participating private K-12 school. Would you favor or oppose establishing such a program in Pennsylvania?”



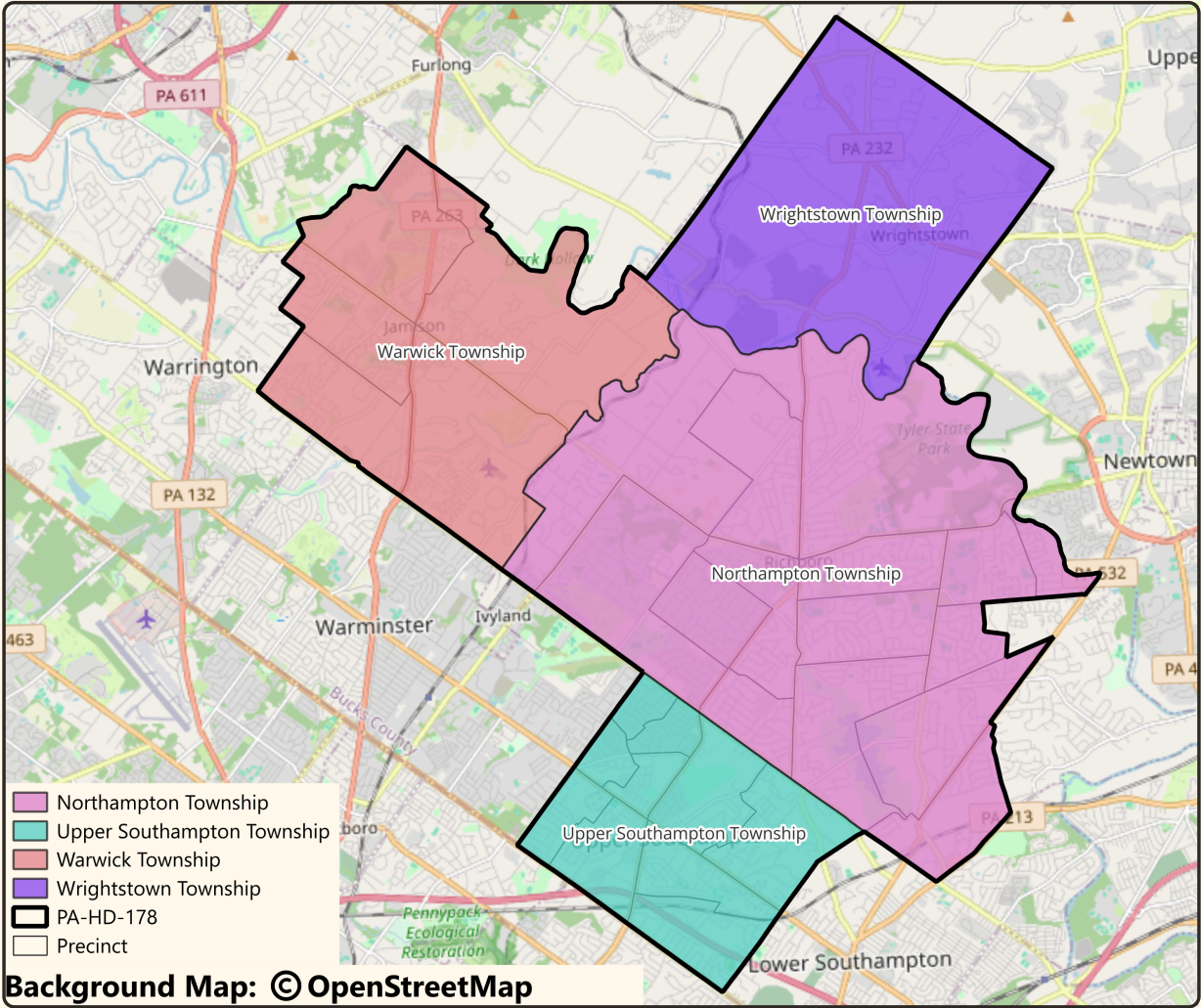
APPENDIX • REGIONS & WEIGHTS

State House District 178 was weighted by municipality within the district. Cards show each municipality's share of the weighted likely-voter sample; the map shows the municipalities that make up the district.

MUNICIPALITY WEIGHTS • SHARE OF WEIGHTED SAMPLE



HD-178 BY MUNICIPALITY



TEAM NOTES & ANALYSIS

The following analysis from the State Navigate polling team examines the forces shaping this race.

MARY RADCLIFFE • ON THE GENDER GAP

Voters in HD-178 are less split by gender

Men and women favor Marcell by 12 percentage points. This is a surprise, as typically there is a significant gap between men and women; in the SD-6 race, for example, men prefer Farry by 11 points, and women prefer Albillar by 10. HD-178 voters also split less by gender than we typically see in the state Senate race, with men choosing Farry by 11 points and women choosing Farry by 6. There's a similar reduction in the gender gap in HD-18, so this may in part be due to Republicans nominating female candidates.

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OUR POLLING TEAM

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FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chaz was the Director of CNalysis.com, the only website dedicated to state legislative election forecasting. He has successfully forecasted thousands of state legislative elections since 2017 during his senior year in high school. Chaz leads the polling team and works with them on survey design, field work, weighting, and written analysis.

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ELECTIONS COORDINATOR

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POLLING COMMITTEE MEMBER

Elliott Morris is a data-driven journalist and author living in Washington, DC. He's the author of *STRENGTH IN NUMBERS: How Polls Work and Why We Need Them*. Elliott was most recently the Editorial Director of Data Analytics at ABC News, where he developed polling aggregation and election-forecasting models and managed the research and data visualization teams for ABC's data-journalism website FiveThirtyEight/538. In our polling, Elliott helps with survey design and writing weighting scripts.

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POLLING COMMITTEE MEMBER

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