

STATE NAVIGATE POLL BRIEFING

PENNSYLVANIA

2026 GENERAL ELECTION - STATE SENATE DISTRICT 6

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 = 1,831 LV



MARGIN OF ERROR

±2.3%

Pennsylvania State Senate District 6 (Bucks County) - weighted to the likely-voter electorate

METHODOLOGY

State Navigate surveyed 1,831 likely voters in Pennsylvania's 6th State Senate 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 region (state house district) to reflect the likely November 2026 general electorate. The survey carries a margin of error of ±2.3%. 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 • SD-6 (LV)



STATE SENATE DISTRICT 6

Upper Bucks & Lower Bucks: all of HDs 18, 142 and 178, and parts of HDs 144 and 140. One of the commonwealth's most competitive legislative seats.



OUR FORECAST AND POLL SAYS...

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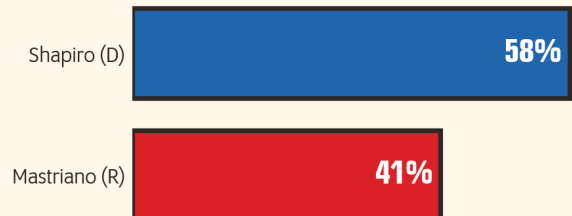
Our upcoming Pennsylvania forecast is remarkably close to the result of this poll.

RECENT ELECTION RESULTS IN SD-6

2024 President: Trump +5.5



2022 Governor: Shapiro +17.1



2022 U.S. Senate: Fetterman +3.1

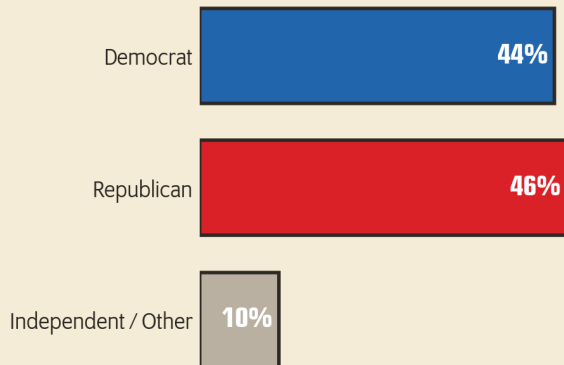


2022 State Senate: Farry +8.0

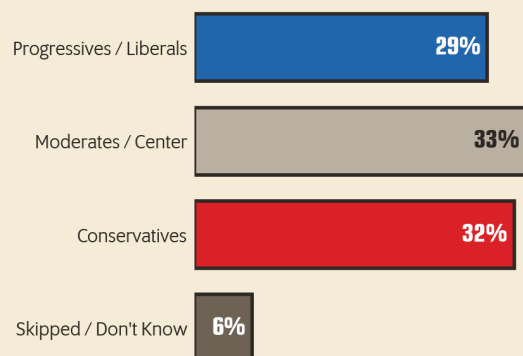


DISTRICT DNA - SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS

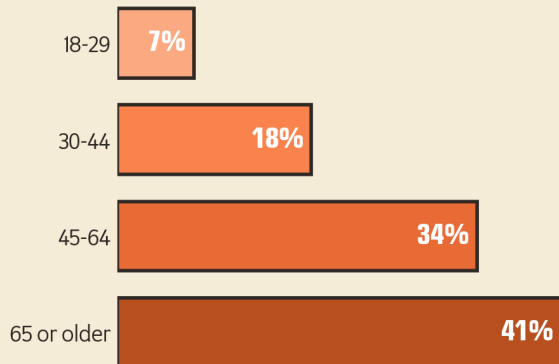
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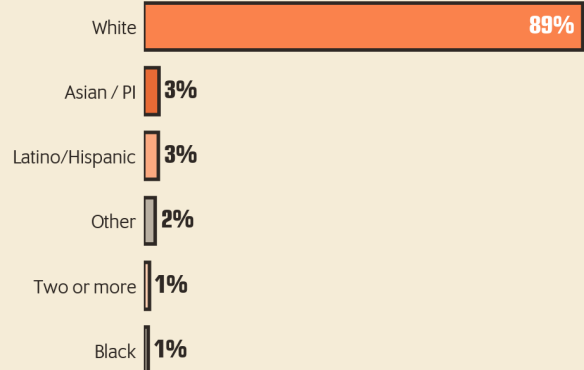
IDEOLOGICAL SELF-ID (0-10)



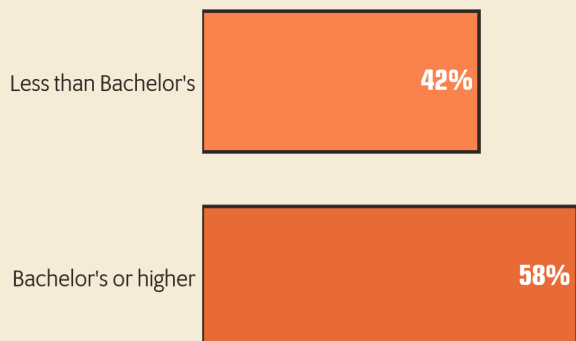
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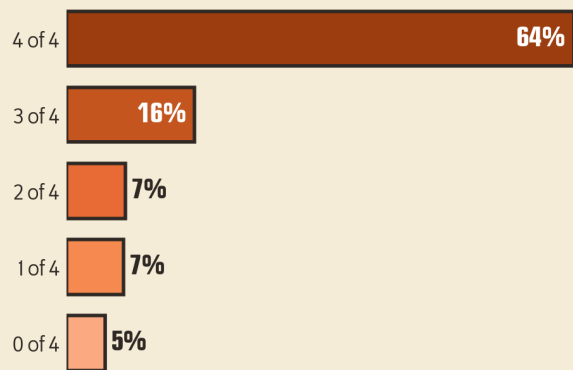
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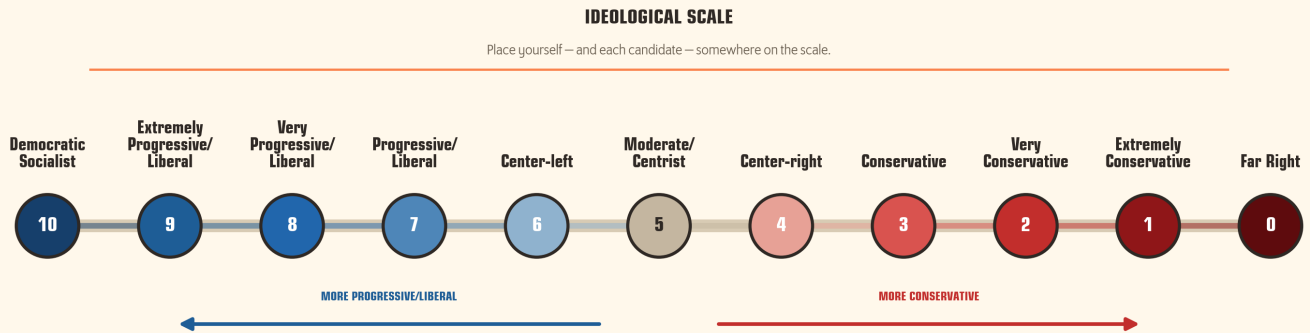


VOTE HISTORY (LAST 4 GENERALS)

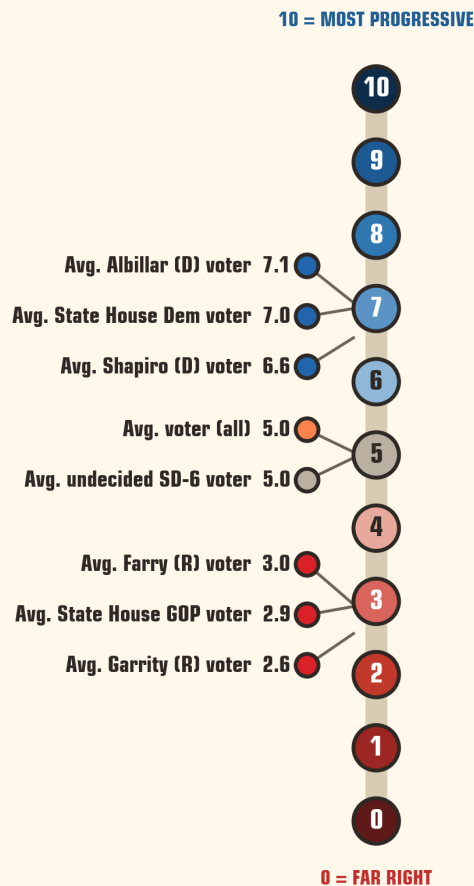


SURVEY IDEOLOGY

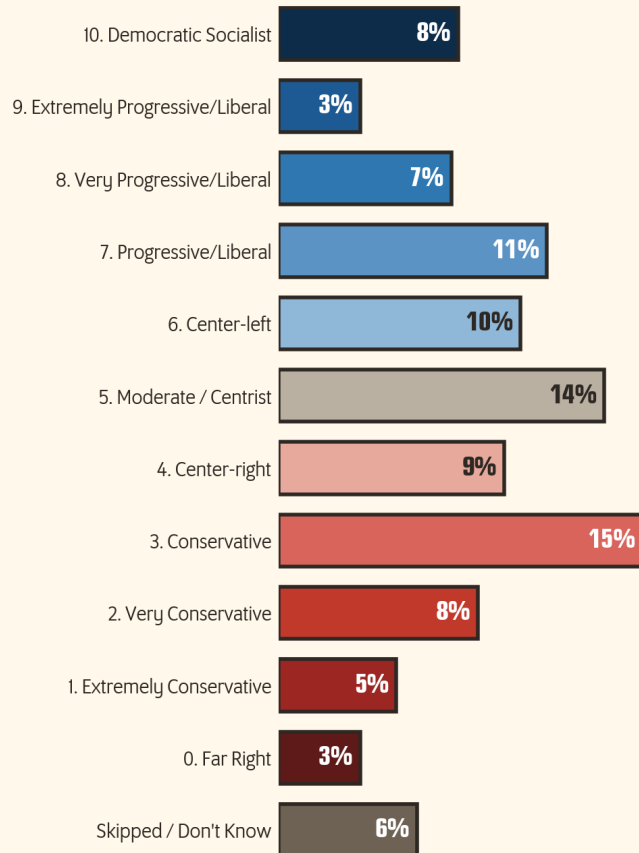
THE SELF-PLACEMENT SCALE



AVERAGE BY VOTER GROUP



DETAILED SELF-PLACEMENT (ALL RESPONDENTS)

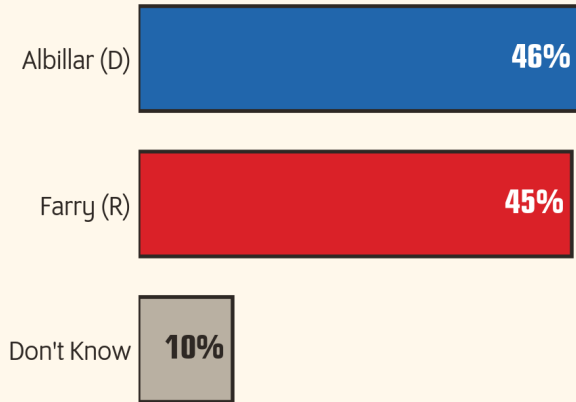


Ideology is respondents' self-placement on a 0-10 scale (10 = most progressive, 0 = far right). Detailed shares are of all respondents; 5.8% skipped the question or did not place themselves. Group averages are computed among those who did place themselves (overall mean 5.0).

THE SNAPSHOTS

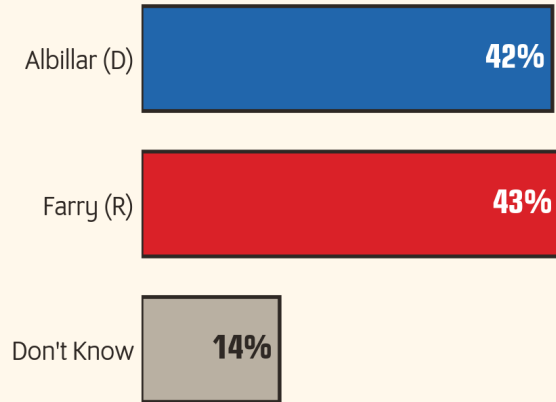
SD-6 WITH LEANERS

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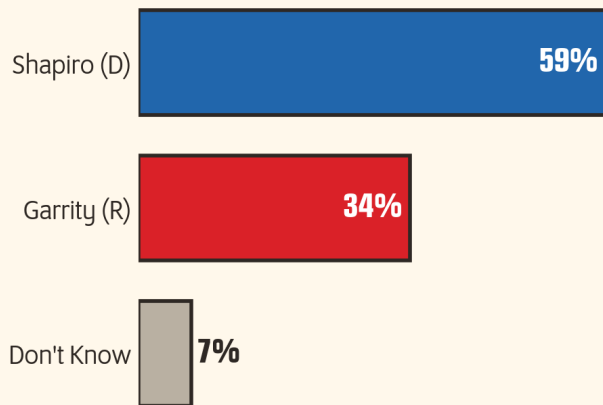
SD-6 BEFORE UNDECIDED PUSH

If the election for Pennsylvania State Senate District 6 were held today, which candidate would you vote for? (initial ballot, before leaner follow-up)



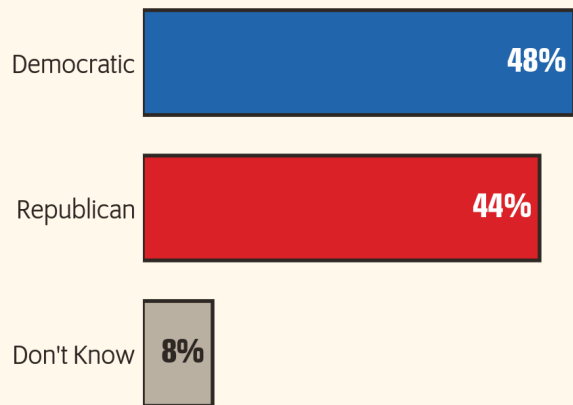
GOVERNOR WITH LEANERS

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



STATE HOUSE NAMED BALLOT WITH LEANERS

If the election for your Pennsylvania State House of Representatives district were held today, which candidate would you vote for?

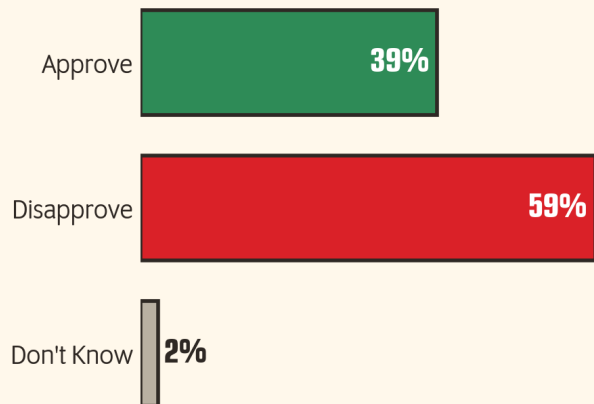


The marquee race is a tossup. Eileen Hartnett Albillar (D) edges Frank Farry (R) 46%-45% with leaners - inside the margin of error - even as Shapiro carries the district by 25 points and the named state-house ballot leans Democratic by 4. Farry's incumbency and local brand keep him competitive against the broader Democratic environment.

EXECUTIVE APPROVALS

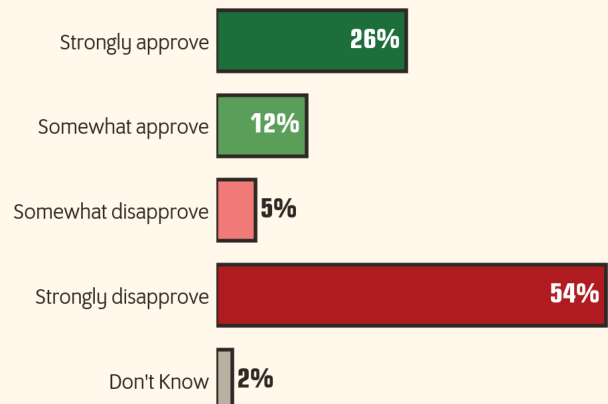
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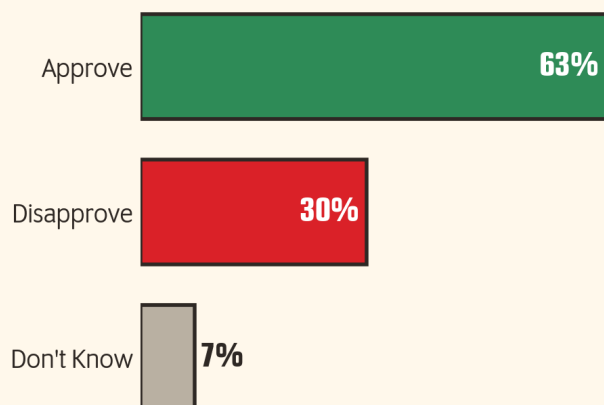
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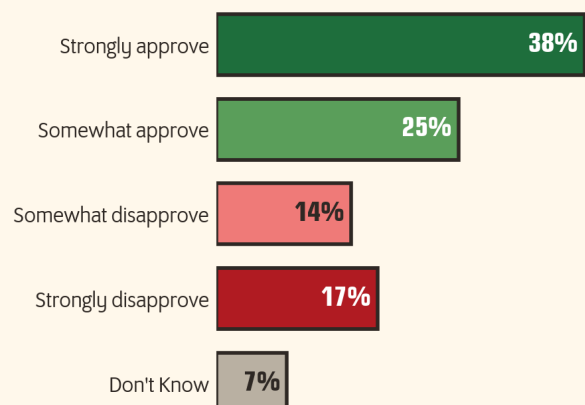
GOV. SHAPIRO JOB APPROVAL

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



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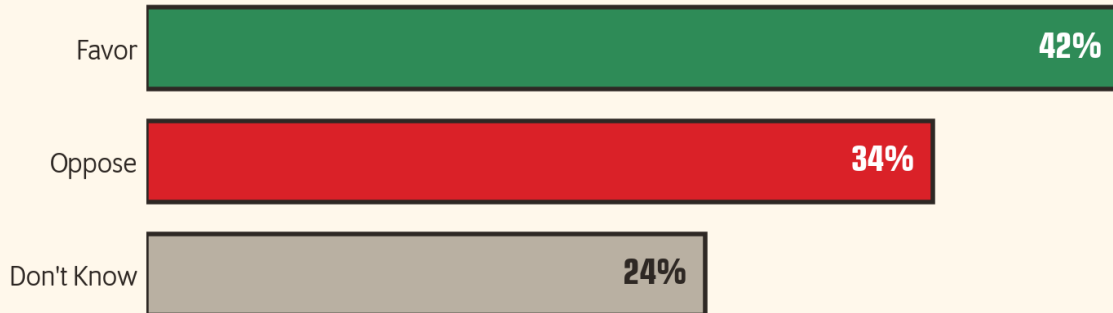
Trump is deeply underwater in SD-6 and the intensity is lopsided: 54% strongly disapprove versus 26% who strongly approve. Shapiro sits well above water (63% approve), with softer opposition. The split underscores the district's ticket-splitting character.

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.

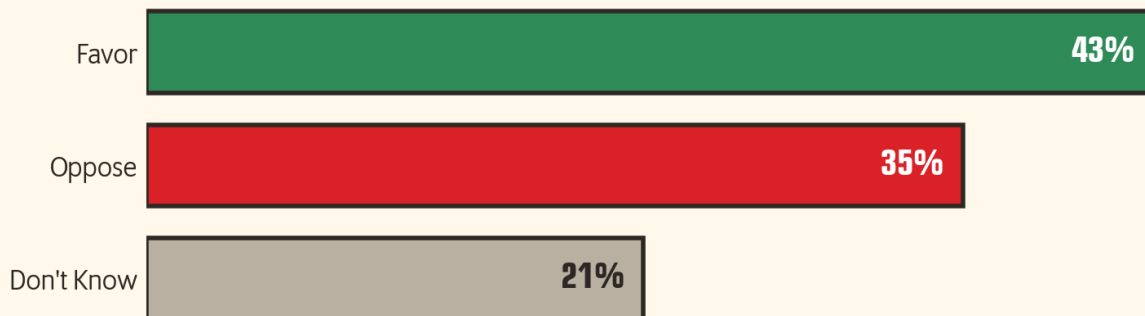
VERSION A • “PUBLIC FUNDS” WORDING (N = 964 • MOE ±3.2%)

“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 = 866 • MOE ±3.3%)

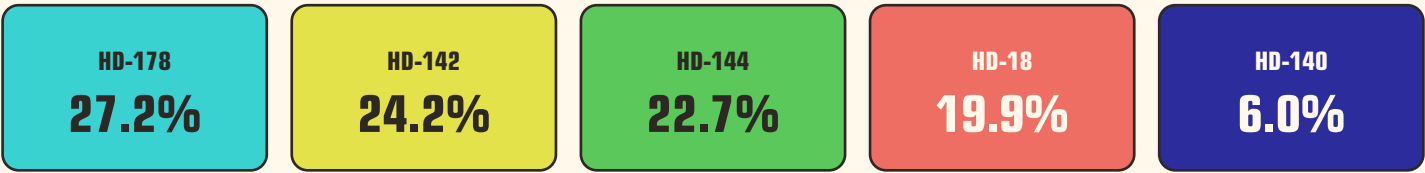
“Under a school voucher program, the state would provide a specified amount of public funding toward tuition for an eligible student at a participating private K-12 school. Would you favor or oppose establishing such a program in Pennsylvania?”



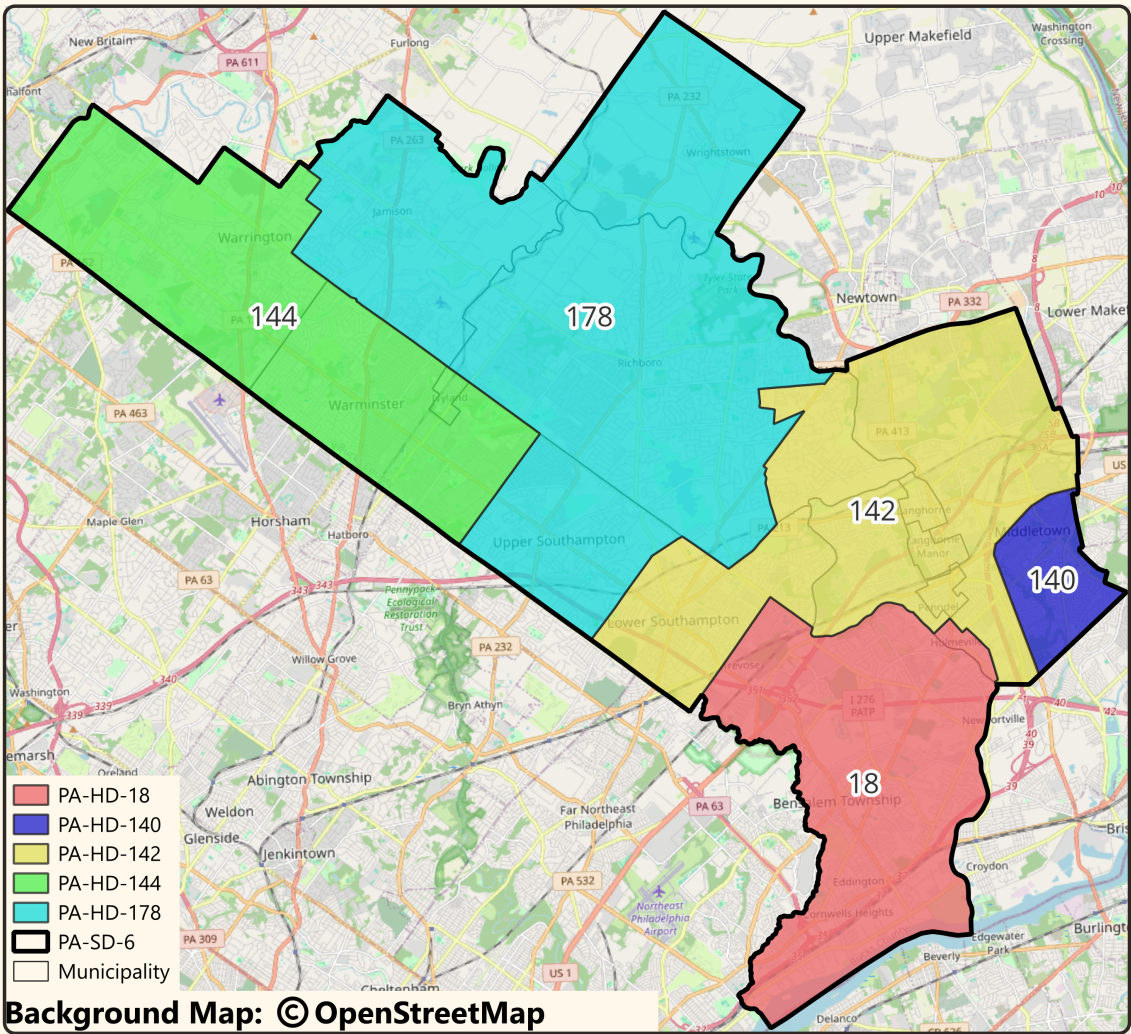
APPENDIX • REGIONS & WEIGHTS

SD-6 spans five Pennsylvania state house districts and the poll is weighted by house district. Cards show each HD's share of the weighted likely-voter sample; the map shows how the five house districts fit together within the senate district.

HOUSE-DISTRICT WEIGHTS • SHARE OF WEIGHTED SAMPLE



SD-6 BY STATE HOUSE DISTRICT



The five state house districts that make up PA Senate District 6.

TEAM NOTES & ANALYSIS

The following analysis from the State Navigate polling team examines what is driving this unusually competitive, ticket-splitting race.

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE • ON TICKET-SPLITTING

Pennsylvania is Ticket-Splitting Galore.

Josh Shapiro won by a landslide in 2022 and he will almost certainly do so again. Our polls suggest he's on track to win by a slightly larger margin than his 16-point win that year. Shapiro is at 59% in SD-6, 1% better than what he received here in 2022, with 7% of the electorate still undecided in the Governor's race. But Pennsylvania is notorious for splitting its ticket for down-ballot Republicans: Albillar has just a 1-point lead despite Shapiro on track to win SD-6 in a landslide. Democratic candidates for the State House are also outrunning Albillar, a sign of Farry's appeal to Democratic voters. 7% of voters that plan on voting for a Democratic candidate for the Pennsylvania House are splitting their tickets for Farry, compared to 4% of voters who are planning to vote for a Republican candidate for the Pennsylvania House that are planning to vote for Eileen Harnett Albillar.

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE • ON EXECUTIVE APPROVALS

A Tale of Two Approvals

Voters in this district hate Donald Trump and love Josh Shapiro. 50% of voters both disapprove of Trump and approve of Shapiro. Most of those voters are in Albillar's column, breaking down Albillar 80% - Farry 12% - 8% Undecided. That 12% bleeding is enough to make-or-break an incredibly close race like this; Farry is a proven electoral overperformer. 12% approve of both the President and the Governor, a group that Farry is carrying 83% of the vote with, while Garrity carries just 50% of the vote with those that approve of both politicians. Double haters – those who disapprove of both Shapiro and Trump, about 6% of the sample – are split on the Governor's race, with about 40% planning to vote for Shapiro and 39% for Garrity, but favor Albillar by 11 points, 44 to 33.

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE • ON UNDECIDEDS

Undecideds are going to Shapiro by a landslide

The undecideds in the state Senate race are slightly more anti-Trump than the district as a whole, with 62% of undecided voters disapproving of the President. Shapiro is dominating with this subgroup, carrying 55% of the vote to Garrity's 12%, with 33% undecided. In the State House races, they're nearly split down the middle: 27% are voting for a State House Republican, 21% are voting for a State House Democrat, and 52% are undecided.

MARY RADCLIFFE • ON INDEPENDENTS

Registered independents in SD-6 are Democratic-leaning

Registered independents in SD-6 appear much more Democratic than Republican in the upcoming election. These voters plan to vote for Albillar by 13 points (45 to 32), Shapiro by 40 points (64 to 24), and a Democratic state House member by 18 points (48 to 30). These voters self-identify as Democrats or leaning toward the Democratic party by 13 points, with 41% identifying as Democrats when pushed, while just 28% identify as Republicans. They intensely disapprove of Trump, with just 25% approving his job performance, and 72% disapproving, including 63% who disapprove strongly, while they like Shapiro, giving him a 61% approval rating with 27% disapprove.

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MARY RADCLIFFE • ON IDEOLOGY

Young voters in SD-6 are far more liberal than their older counterparts

Even in a swing district like SD-6, young voters are significantly further to the left than their older peers. 45% of voters aged 18-29 rate themselves as an 8 or above on the ideology scale. This includes nearly a quarter, 24%, that call themselves Democratic Socialists, 6% that say they are “extremely progressive,” and 15% who say they are “very progressive.” Among voters aged 30-44, 16% call themselves Democratic Socialists, while less than 5% of those above the age of 45 claim the label. However, we don't see the same differences at the opposite end of the spectrum: less than 5% of any age group in the poll identifies as “far right.”

MICHAEL FOLEY • ON VOTE TYPE

Democrats still dominate in vote-by-mail; Republicans in the election day vote

Abillar leads among those who say they will vote by mail, 63-27%. Farry leads among those who say they'll vote on election day, 54-37%. The two candidates are tied among the very few respondents who chose the vote on demand (early voting) option, which isn't popular in Pennsylvania. We've seen this pattern in the Pennsylvania election night results and elsewhere - with a red or blue mirage in the results at times depending on which vote type is counted first. It appears we will see the same phenomenon in Pennsylvania again this cycle.

MICHAEL FOLEY • ON SCHOOL CHOICE

You say School Vouchers; I mention Public Funds - It Doesn't Matter Much

We asked about half of our respondents slightly different questions on whether they support tuition vouchers to send K-12 students to private schools. Half the sample was asked a question that specifically used the words “school vouchers.” The other half were asked a question that said some states have systems where “public funds” are used to pay private school tuition. The responses to both questions were statistically similar: SD-6 voters favor “school vouchers” 43-35% and using “public funds” for private tuition 42-34%. Unsurprisingly, Republicans and conservatives are more likely to favor implementing vouchers than Democrats and liberals, while Independents are close to even. Question wording slightly mattered to registered Independents - they slightly oppose using public funds (-6), but support school vouchers (+6) - but the sample size was under 100 for both questions. 30-to 44-year-olds were the only age group to oppose both school vouchers and public funds. Those with a postgraduate degree or higher also oppose both. Non-white SD-6 voters are slightly more in favor of both than white SD-6 voters. Those who said they were a member of a religion were generally in favor, while atheists and agnostics and those who declined to answer our religion question were opposed.

State Navigate is a nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to becoming a compass for state legislatures everywhere. Our bipartisan polling team consists of alumni of FiveThirtyEight, political scientists, and polling experts. Last year, State Navigate was the most accurate pollster in the country for the 2025 election cycle. To learn more about our poll sponsorship opportunities, [click here](#)! Public polling on state governance, especially state legislatures, is rare, so we try to make our polling as affordable as possible for sponsors to help fill this gap.

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.

MICHAEL FOLEY

ELECTIONS COORDINATOR

Michael is an expert in GIS technology and has experience in coding and scraping technology. He is a graduate of Fordham University and the University of Chicago Law School. In our polling, Michael conducts fieldwork, setting up surveys and texts, and exports/designs crosstabs.

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