

NBC News/Marist Poll  
 October 2018  
 Tennessee Questionnaire

Residents: n=910 MOE +/-4.0%  
 Registered Voters: n=764 MOE +/-4.4%  
 Likely Voters: n=471 MOE +/-5.7%  
 Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.  
 Screener

<Marist Poll Introduction> Are you 18 years of age or older?

Do you consider your permanent home address to be in Tennessee?

Which county in Tennessee do you live in?

Are you registered to vote at your current address in Tennessee?

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GENDER GUESS

		Tennessee Adults Column %	Tennessee Registered Voters Column %	Tennessee Likely Voters Column %
<b>TRUDP105. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?</b>	<b>Approve</b>	53%	55%	56%
	<b>Disapprove</b>	39%	39%	39%
	<b>Unsure</b>	8%	7%	5%
	<b>September 2018</b>			
	<b>Approve</b>	45%	45%	47%
	<b>Disapprove</b>	40%	43%	43%
	<b>Unsure</b>	15%	12%	10%
<b>TRUDP105R. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president? [And, would you say you strongly approve/disapprove of the job he is doing or just approve/disapprove?]</b>	<b>Strongly approve</b>	35%	37%	42%
	<b>Approve</b>	18%	18%	15%
	<b>Disapprove</b>	12%	11%	9%
	<b>Strongly disapprove</b>	27%	28%	30%
	<b>Unsure</b>	8%	7%	5%
	<b>September 2018</b>			
	<b>Strongly approve</b>	28%	29%	32%
	<b>Approve</b>	17%	16%	16%
	<b>Disapprove</b>	8%	7%	5%
	<b>Strongly disapprove</b>	32%	36%	38%
	<b>Unsure</b>	15%	12%	10%
<b>SNWLNS18A. If November's election for U.S. Senate in Tennessee were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are [including those who are undecided yet leaning toward a candidate or already voted]: [Asked of Registered Voters]</b>	<b>Phil Bredesen, the Democrat</b>		46%	46%
	<b>Marsha Blackburn, the Republican</b>		49%	51%
	<b>Other</b>		1%	1%
	<b>Undecided</b>		3%	3%
<b>*Persuadable voters for this contest:</b>				
<b>*Persuadable voters include those who are undecided before being asked if they lean toward a candidate and those who might vote differently on Election Day</b>	<b>Persuadable Voters</b>		9%	7%
	<b>September 2018</b>			
	<b>Phil Bredesen, the Democrat</b>		48%	48%
	<b>Marsha Blackburn, the Republican</b>		44%	46%
	<b>Other</b>		<1%	<1%
	<b>Undecided</b>		7%	5%

		Tennessee Adults Column %	Tennessee Registered Voters Column %	Tennessee Likely Voters Column %
<b>STSSN18. Would you say that you strongly support &lt;candidate&gt;, somewhat support &lt;candidate&gt;, or do you think that you might vote differently on Election Day? [Asked of Registered Voters with a Candidate Preference for U.S. Senate]</b>				
	Strongly support		60%	66%
	Somewhat support		36%	31%
	Might vote differently		3%	2%
	Unsure		2%	1%
	<b>September 2018</b>			
	Strongly support		63%	66%
	Somewhat support		25%	23%
	Might vote differently		10%	9%
	Unsure		2%	1%
<b>GVWLS18A. If November's election for governor in Tennessee were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are [including those who are undecided yet leaning toward a candidate or already voted]: [Asked of Registered Voters]</b>				
	Karl Dean, the Democrat		39%	40%
	Bill Lee, the Republican		56%	57%
	Other		1%	1%
	Undecided		4%	3%
<b>*Persuadable voters for this contest:</b>				
<b>*Persuadable voters include those who are undecided before being asked if they lean toward a candidate and those who might vote differently on Election Day</b>				
	Persuadable Voters		13%	11%
	<b>September 2018</b>			
	Karl Dean, the Democrat		39%	40%
	Bill Lee, the Republican		51%	53%
	Other		1%	1%
	Undecided		9%	7%
<b>STSGV18. Would you say that you strongly support &lt;candidate&gt;, somewhat support &lt;candidate&gt;, or do you think that you might vote differently on Election Day? [Asked of Registered Voters with a Candidate Preference for Governor]</b>				
	Strongly support		65%	69%
	Somewhat support		27%	24%
	Might vote differently		7%	6%
	Unsure		1%	1%
	<b>September 2018</b>			
	Strongly support		57%	62%
	Somewhat support		31%	28%
	Might vote differently		10%	9%
	Unsure		2%	2%
<b>BREP020R. Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Phil Bredesen?</b>				
	Favorable	47%	51%	52%
	Unfavorable	36%	38%	39%
	Unsure-Never Heard	18%	11%	9%
	<b>September 2018</b>			
	Favorable	52%	59%	61%
	Unfavorable	20%	22%	22%
	Unsure-Never Heard	29%	19%	17%
<b>BLAM020R. Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Marsha Blackburn?</b>				
	Favorable	38%	43%	45%
	Unfavorable	44%	46%	46%
	Unsure-Never Heard	17%	11%	9%
	<b>September 2018</b>			
	Favorable	37%	44%	46%
	Unfavorable	32%	36%	36%
	Unsure-Never Heard	30%	20%	17%

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<b>DEAK020R. Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Karl Dean?</b>	<b>Favorable</b>	37%	41%	42%
	<b>Unfavorable</b>	35%	38%	39%
	<b>Unsure-Never Heard</b>	28%	21%	19%
	<b>September 2018</b>			
	<b>Favorable</b>	35%	41%	42%
	<b>Unfavorable</b>	21%	25%	25%
<b>LEEB020R. Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Bill Lee?</b>	<b>Unsure-Never Heard</b>	43%	34%	32%
	<b>Favorable</b>	52%	58%	60%
	<b>Unfavorable</b>	22%	25%	25%
	<b>Unsure-Never Heard</b>	26%	18%	15%
	<b>September 2018</b>			
	<b>Favorable</b>	43%	51%	53%
<b>USCNGSNBC1. What is your preference for the outcome of this November's congressional elections: [Asked of Registered Voters]</b>	<b>Unfavorable</b>	18%	21%	21%
	<b>Unsure-Never Heard</b>	39%	29%	26%
	<b>A Congress controlled by Republicans</b>		52%	54%
	<b>A Congress controlled by Democrats</b>		39%	39%
	<b>Unsure</b>		8%	7%
	<b>September 2018</b>			
<b>CGIMPT18. Do you think November's election for Congress is very important, important, not very important, or not important at all? [Asked of Registered Voters]</b>	<b>A Congress controlled by Republicans</b>		48%	50%
	<b>A Congress controlled by Democrats</b>		37%	38%
	<b>Unsure</b>		14%	12%
	<b>Very important</b>		77%	82%
	<b>Important</b>		20%	16%
	<b>Not very important</b>		1%	<1%
<b>USCNGS01. If November's election for Congress were held today, which party's candidate are you more likely to vote for in your district: [Asked of Registered Voters]</b>	<b>Not important at all</b>		2%	1%
	<b>Unsure</b>		1%	<1%
	<b>September 2018</b>			
	<b>Very important</b>		72%	77%
	<b>Important</b>		24%	20%
	<b>Not very important</b>		2%	1%
<b>CGVT18SCBK. Thinking about your vote for congress this November, are you more likely to vote for a candidate who: [Asked of Registered Voters]</b>	<b>Not important at all</b>		1%	1%
	<b>Unsure</b>		1%	1%
	<b>Democrat</b>		40%	40%
	<b>Republican</b>		54%	55%
	<b>Vol: Neither</b>		2%	2%
	<b>Undecided</b>		4%	3%
<b>CGVT18SCBK. Thinking about your vote for congress this November, are you more likely to vote for a candidate who: [Asked of Registered Voters]</b>	<b>September 2018</b>			
	<b>Democrat</b>		41%	42%
	<b>Republican</b>		49%	50%
	<b>Vol: Neither</b>		2%	2%
	<b>Undecided</b>		8%	6%
	<b>CGVT18SCBK. Thinking about your vote for congress this November, are you more likely to vote for a candidate who: [Asked of Registered Voters]</b>	<b>Supported President Trump's U.S. Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh</b>		39%
<b>Opposed President Trump's U.S. Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh</b>			26%	27%
<b>Or does this not make any difference to your vote</b>			31%	27%
<b>Unsure</b>			4%	3%

#### **Nature of the Sample: NBC News/Marist Tennessee Poll of 910 Adults**

This survey of 910 adults was conducted October 23rd through October 27th, 2018 by The Marist Poll sponsored and funded in partnership with NBC News. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the state of Tennessee were contacted on landline or mobile numbers and interviewed in English by telephone using live interviewers. Mobile telephone numbers were randomly selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the state from Survey Sampling International. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. Mobile phones are treated as individual devices. After validation of age, personal ownership, and non-business-use of the mobile phone, interviews are typically conducted with the person answering the phone. To increase coverage, this mobile sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of landline phone numbers from Survey Sampling International. Within each landline household, a single respondent is selected through a random selection process to increase the representativeness of traditionally under-covered survey populations. Assistance was provided by Luce Research and the Logit Group for data collection. The samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2016 American Community Survey 5-year estimates for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results are statistically significant within  $\pm 4.0$  percentage points. There are 764 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within  $\pm 4.4$  percentage points. There are 471 likely voters defined by a probability turnout model which determines the likelihood respondents will participate in the November 2018 election based upon their chance of vote, interest in the election, and past election participation. The results for this subset are statistically significant within  $\pm 5.7$  percentage points. The error margin was adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross-tabulations.

[For nature of the sample and additional tables, please visit The Marist Poll](#)