

Protect Our Wildlife VT: 2017 Vermonter Poll Frequency Tables

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(Analysis Without Don't Know/Refused)

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Methods

The data used in this report were collected by the Center for Rural Studies at the University of Vermont as part of the 2017 Vermonter Poll. The survey was conducted between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on weekdays beginning on February 21, 2017 and ending on February 28, 2017. The telephone polling was conducted from the University of Vermont using computer-aided telephone interviewing (CATI). A random sample for the poll was drawn from a list of Vermont landline and cellular telephone numbers. Only Vermont residents over the age of eighteen were interviewed. The poll included questions on a variety of issues related to public policy in the state of Vermont.

A total of 2,960 eligible potential respondents were contacted. Of these, 2,347 refused to take the survey and 613 completed a survey. The response rate for the 2017 Vermonter Poll was 20.1%. Based upon 613 valid responses, the overall results have a margin of error of plus or minus 4.0 percent with a confidence level of 95 percent.

2017 Vermonter Poll Demographics

Cellphone and Landline respondents

	Frequency	Percent
Cellphone	239	39.0
Landline	374	61.0

Overall life satisfaction

<i>On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is "not at all satisfied" and 10 is "extremely satisfied", how satisfied are you with your life nowadays?</i>	VT Poll	2013 VT Happiness Study*
Mean	7.9	7.5
Median	8	NA
Mode	8	NA

*2013 Vermont Happiness Study: *On a scale from 0 to 10 with 0 being least satisfied and 10 being most satisfied, how satisfied are you with your life as a whole these days?*

People in household

<i>How many people are there in your household?</i>	VT Poll Percent	2015 Census ACS Percent
Mean	2.5	2.4

Households with people under 18 years of age

<i>How many people in your household are under the age of 18? (Recoded)</i>	VT Poll Percent	2015 Census ACS Percent
	31.3	25.3

County of residence

<i>In which County do you currently live in Vermont?</i>	Frequency	Percent	2011-2015 Census ACS Percent
Addison	49	8.0	5.9
Bennington	27	4.4	5.8
Caledonia	24	3.9	4.9
Chittenden	175	28.5	25.5
Essex	5	0.8	1.0
Franklin	40	6.5	7.7
Grand Isle	4	0.7	1.1
Lamoille	25	4.1	4.0
Orange	25	4.1	4.6
Orleans	30	4.9	4.3
Rutland	49	8.0	9.7
Washington	63	10.3	9.4
Windham	42	6.9	7.0
Windsor	55	9.0	9.0

Rent or own home

<i>Do you rent or own your home?</i>	Frequency	Percent	2015 Census ACS Percent
Own	465	79.8	70.7
Rent	108	18.5	29.3
Other	10	1.7	NA

Educational attainment

<i>What is the highest level of education that you have completed?</i>	Frequency	Percent	2015 Census ACS Percent
Less than High School (no diploma)	16	2.7	8.3
High School Graduate (incl. GED)	120	20.5	28.6
Some College (no degree)	112	19.1	29.1
Associates/technical	51	8.7	
Bachelor degree	159	27.1	34.0
Post graduate/professional	128	21.8	

Income

<i>Was your household's TOTAL income in 2016 more or less than \$50,000 before taxes? (Recoded Series)</i>	Frequency	Percent	2015 Census ACS Percent
Less than \$25,000	76	15.0	21.2
\$25,000-\$49,999	115	22.6	22.3
\$50,000-\$74,999	102	20.1	19.3
\$75,000-\$99,999	83	16.3	14.2
\$100,000+	132	26.0	23.0

Ethnicity

<i>Do you identify as one of the following: Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish origin?</i>	Frequency	Percent	2015 Census ACS Percent
Latino, Hispanic or of Spanish origin	13	2.3	1.7

Race

<i>Listen to the following list and indicate the race category with which you most identify.</i>	Frequency	Percent	2015 Census ACS Percent
White or Caucasian	549	95.1	96.7
Black or African American	5	0.9	1.6
American Indian or Alaskan Native	7	1.2	1.3
Asian or Pacific Islander	4	0.7	2.0
Some Other Race	12	2.1	NA

Political affiliation

<i>Politically do you consider yourself to be (Read List)</i>	Frequency	Percent
A Republican	96	16.9
A Democrat	166	29.2
An Independent	146	25.7
A Progressive	44	7.7
Not Politically Affiliated	96	16.9
Some Other Affiliation	21	3.7

Age

<i>In what year were you born? (Recoded)</i>	VT Poll	2015 Census ACS
Mean	55.5	NA
Median	57	43.1
Mode	59	NA

Gender

<i>With what gender do you most identify?</i>	Frequency	Percent	2015 Census ACS Percent
Male	273	46.6	49.3
Female	313	53.4	50.7
Some Other Gender Identification	0	0.0	NA

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