



York County, Pennsylvania Poll Results

October 18-19, 2015

Q: First, how likely are you to vote in the November 3rd elections for county and local offices?

Extremely likely	82%
Very likely	13%
Somewhat likely	5%

Q: Which of the following do you believe is the biggest threat to the quality of life in York County: Rising property taxes, growth and overdevelopment, a weak local economy, crime and public safety, underfunded schools, OR poor roads and highways?

Rising property taxes	50%
Growth and overdevelopment	9%
Weak local Economy	8%
Crime and public safety	11%
Underfunded schools	13%
Poor roads and highways	5%
Not sure	4%

Q: If the election for York County Commissioner were held today, which of the following candidates would be your *first* choice: Republican Christopher Reilly, Republican Susan Byrnes, Independent Steve Chronister, Democrat Doug Hoke, OR Democrat Henry Nixon?

Christopher Reilly	27%
Susan Byrnes	25%
Steve Chronister	14%
Doug Hoke	20%
Henry Nixon	7%
Not sure	7%

Q: And since you can vote for two candidates, which candidate would be your second choice: Republican Christopher Reilly, Republican Susan Byrnes, Independent Steve Chronister, Democrat Doug Hoke, OR Democrat Henry Nixon?

Christopher Reilly	24%
Susan Byrnes	24%
Steve Chronister	17%
Doug Hoke	17%
Henry Nixon	16%
Not sure	1%

Q: If the election for York County Court of Common Pleas were held today, which of the following candidates would be your first choice: Kathleen Prendergast on the Democratic ticket, Michael Flannelly on the Republican and Democratic tickets OR Chris Menges on the Republican ticket?

Kathleen Prendergast	30%
Michael Flannelly	29%
Chris Menges	31%
Not sure	9%

Q: And since you can vote for two candidates, which candidate would be your second choice: Kathleen Prendergast on the Democratic ticket, Michael Flannelly on the Republican and Democratic tickets OR Chris Menges on the Republican ticket?

Kathleen Prendergast	24%
Michael Flannelly	51%
Chris Menges	19%
Not sure	6%

Now, I am going to read you a list of names. Please indicate whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each.

Tom Wolf

TOTAL FAVORABLE: 43%

TOTAL UNFAVORABLE: 53%

Very favorable	27%
Somewhat favorable	16%
Somewhat unfavorable	16%
Very unfavorable	37%
Not sure	4%

Scott Wagner

TOTAL FAVORABLE: 50%

TOTAL UNFAVORABLE: 32%

Very favorable	26%
Somewhat favorable	24%
Somewhat unfavorable	14%
Very unfavorable	18%
Not sure	19%

Q: In a hypothetical election for Governor, which of the following candidates would you vote for: Democratic Governor Tom Wolf OR Republican Senator Scott Wagner?

Tom Wolf	40%
Scott Wagner	53%
Not sure	8%

Q: How would you rate the quality of life in York County?

TOTAL EXCELLENT/GOOD: 58%

TOTAL FAIR/POOR: 40%

Excellent	6%
Good	52%
Fair	34%
Poor	6%
Not sure	2%

Q: How would you rate the quality of public schools in your school district?

TOTAL EXCELLENT/GOOD: 63%

TOTAL FAIR/POOR: 31%

Excellent	21%
Good	42%
Fair	24%
Poor	7%
Not sure	7%

Q: How would you rate the City's recent efforts to re-develop downtown York?

TOTAL EXCELLENT/GOOD: 47%

TOTAL FAIR/POOR: 36%

Excellent	11%
Good	36%
Fair	26%
Poor	10%
Not sure	17%

Q: Do you think property taxes in York County are too high, too low, or about right?

Too high	76%
Too low	2%
About right	20%
Not sure	2%

Q: Do you believe that having a Governor from York will help bring much-needed road repairs and construction to Interstate 83 through York?

Yes	20%
No	32%
No difference	38%
Not sure	10%

Q: Which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion about the growth and development in York County in recent years:

It is important for York County to grow in order to increase our tax base and help spur our local economy OR

Growth and overdevelopment in York County is out of control and is negatively impacting the character of our area.

Growth is a net positive	49%
Growth is a net negative	35%
Not sure	15%

Demographics:

Senate District

28	60%
31	18%
33	7%
48	15%

House District

47	14%
92	13%
93	18%
94	13%
95	13%
169	14%
196	15%

Party Affiliation

Republican	58%
Democrat	36%
Independent or any other party	6%

Gender

Female	50%
Male	50%

Age

18-39	7%
40-54	19%
55-65	28%
66 or older	46%

Race

White	91%
African-American	4%
Hispanic or Latino	1%
Something else	4%

Ideology

Very Conservative	27%
Somewhat Conservative	31%
Moderate	23%
Somewhat Liberal	13%
Very Liberal	4%
Not sure	2%

METHODOLOGY:

The sample size for the survey is 582 likely voters in York County, Pennsylvania and the margin of error is +/-4.1%. Responses were gathered through land line interviews conducted using Interactive Voice Response (IVR). The survey was conducted October 18-19, 2015 by Harper Polling. The total percentages for responses may not equal 100% due to rounding.