

N=657 New Hampshire Likely Voters

This sample has an adjusted margin of error $\pm 4/6\%$

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Biden leads Trump by 8 points in the Granite State

Former Vice President Joe Biden has a point lead over President Donald Trump in the contest for New Hampshire's 4 Electoral Votes in a new swing state poll of New Hampshire likely voters released by the UMass Lowell Center for Public Opinion. New Hampshire was hotly contested in 2016 with Hillary Clinton besting Trump by fewer than 3000 total votes, a margin of less than half of a percent.

With minor party candidates included on the ballot, Biden polls at 52%, Trump at 44%, other candidates at 3%, and only 1% of New Hampshire likely voters say they are undecided. In early October of 2016, UMass Lowell polling New Hampshire showed Hillary Clinton with a 6 point lead over Donald Trump, but a much larger portion of the electorate at that time said they intended to vote for a third party candidate (4%) or said they were undecided (4%). Polling now Democrats, However, among pure Independents, 50% are for Biden compared to 44% for Trump. Biden's support is much higher among respondents with a Bachelor's degree (58% for Biden, 38% for Trump) while Trump does better among those without a college degree (48% for Biden, 52% for Trump).



New Hampshire voters prefer that the President wait on nominating Ginsburg's successor

Respondents were also asked whether the next Supreme Court justice—the replacement for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg—should be appointed by the current President or by the winner of the 2020 Presidential election. Here, we see a large majority, 58%, of New Hampshire likely voters say that the winner of the Presidential election should appoint Justice Ginsburg's successor to the high court, while only 42% say that the sitting President should appoint a successor.

This appears to be a potentially damaging issue for President Trump and Republicans. Democrats are unified—97% say the winner of the 2020 election should appoint Ginsburg's successor. Likewise, 59% of Independents agree that it should be the winner of the 2020 election and not the sitting President. Finally, nearly 1 in five Republicans (18%) dissent from the party stance here and believe that the winner of the election should appoint Ginsburg's successor. When we look at the data by gender, 64% of women believe that Ginsburg's successor should be appointed by the 2020 winner, while only 36% believe it should be the sitting the President. Men are split evenly, with 51% saying the 2020 winner should appoint and 49% saying the current President should appoint.

Other Findings from the poll

A majority (54%) of New Hampshire likely voters think it's not safe to open local public schools for face-to-face instruction (21% say definitely not safe, 33% say probably not safe, 30% say probably safe, 16% say definitely safe).

Asked who they think will win the 2020 Presidential election, Granite State likely voters give Biden the edge: 45% say Biden will win and 40% say Trump will win.

32% of NH likely voters think things in the country are headed in the right direction, while 68% say things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track.

The New Hampshire Secretary of State announced a COVID-19 exception to absentee ballot laws earlier this summer, which allows concerns about COVID as a valid excuse for requesting an absentee ballot in the state. Among likely voters, 31% say they plan to vote by mail, while 69% plan to vote in person.