



Survey of Michigan Statewide Likely Voters for the November 2016 General Election

Friday, May 14-Sunday, May 16, 2015
600 sample of voters, plus/minus 4%
25% completes by cell phone

Hello, this is _____ from a research firm located in Michigan. We're conducting a random survey about important issues in your community. This is NOT a sales call, you will not be asked for a donation and you will not be called again because you participated in this survey. This is strictly research and I'd like to take a few minutes to include the opinions of your household.

We need to have an equal number of males and females and we also need to have young voters represented. May I please speak to the youngest (**MALE/ FEMALE, depending on specified quota**) registered voter, age 18 or older, who is home now?

IF LANDLINE: Are you registered to vote at the address I'm calling?

IF CELL PHONE: are you registered to vote at (offer street address off phone list _____?)

IF YES: GO TO QUESTION 1

IF NO: Is there any other (male/female, as specified) registered voter at home who I can talk to? (IF NOT, TERMINATE INTERVIEW)

1. Do you plan on voting in 2016 elections, when Michigan will be voting for President?

- 1. Very Certain 600 100.00%
- 2. No/Maybe/Other/Unsure (**THANK AND TERMINATE INTERVIEW**)

7. Governor Snyder has proposed the state assist in paying down \$483 million in debts for Detroit Public Schools. Should the state assist in paying the debts of Detroit Public Schools?

1. Yes [GO TO QUESTION 8]	166	27.7%
2. No [SKIP TO QUESTION 9]	388	64.7%
3. Don't know [VOLUNTEERED GO TO QUESTION 8]	34	5.7%
4. Refused/other [VOLUNTEERED]	12	2.0%

8. [IF 'YES' OR 'DON'T KNOW' IN Q. 7] Governor Rick Snyder has proposed that the state pay down \$483 million in debts for Detroit Public Schools. The money to do this will come from all other Michigan schools, and will cost approximately \$50 for each non-Detroit student each year for several years. Should this proposal be approved by the legislature?

1. Yes	86	43.0%
2. No	85	42.5%
3. Don't know [VOLUNTEERED]	29	14.5%
4. Refused/other [VOLUNTEERED]	0	0.0%

9. The state has controlled Detroit Public Schools since 2009 with a state appointed emergency manager. Which of the following would be the best model to oversee Detroit Public Schools right now? [ROTATE - ONE OPTION ONLY]

1. Continue that state-appointed emergency manager	124	20.7%
2. Locally elected school board	163	27.2%
3. School board appointed by governor	26	4.3%
4. School board appointed by mayor	29	4.8%
5. School board appointed by both mayor and governor	211	35.2%
6. Don't know [VOLUNTEERED]	45	7.5%
7. Refused/other [VOLUNTEERED]	2	0.3%

10. In the City of Detroit, there are approximately as many charter schools as traditional school buildings, about 100 each, and roughly half of Detroit's students attend charter schools. When thinking about the number of charter schools in Detroit, which statement most closely matches your opinion: [ROTATE - ONE OPTION ONLY]

1. Opening more charter schools to serve more children would improve education performance in Detroit	160	26.7%
2. Closing charter schools so more children are served by traditional schools would improve education performance in Detroit	114	19.0%
3. Changing the number of charter schools would neither help nor hurt education performance in Detroit	247	41.2%
4. Don't know [VOLUNTEERED]	75	12.5%
5. Refused/other [VOLUNTEERED]	4	0.7%

11. Does the State of Michigan have an obligation to ensure a quality education for all children in the city of Detroit?

1. Yes	489	81.5 %
2. No	88	14.7 %
3. Don't know [VOLUNTEERED]	22	3.7 %
4. Refused/other [VOLUNTEERED]	1	0.2 %

12. In Detroit, opening and closing traditional public school buildings is a decision for the school board and emergency manager, while opening and closing charter schools is a decision for charter school management companies and authorizers. Should there be a **single entity** in Detroit that has the authority to approve or reject the opening of new public **and** charter schools?

1. Yes	247	41.2 %
2. No	281	46.8 %
3. Don't know [VOLUNTEERED]	70	11.7 %
4. Refused/other [VOLUNTEERED]	2	0.3 %

N.B.: Additional questions on veterans affairs will be released at future dates.

Methodology:

This was a Public Sector Consultants survey of the Michigan electorate, conducted by Denno Research. 600 respondents in the state of Michigan were surveyed between May 14-16, 2015, with a margin of error of plus/minus 4%, and the participation was stratified based on census data and past voter behavior. 150 respondents (25%) were from cell phone users, in an attempt to gather younger voters who do not have a land line. A screen was employed to include only those participants who said they would vote, either at the polls or by absentee ballot, in the November 2016 General Election. All numbers are rounded and may exceed 100%.

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