



Fiscal Alliance Foundation - 600 Vermont Voters, August 2026

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4.0% Margin of Error; 95% Confidence Level

		Total	Percentage
1. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of President Donald Trump?			
1	Strongly Favorable	120	20.00%
2	Somewhat Favorable	37	6.17%
3	Somewhat Unfavorable	34	5.67%
4	Strongly Unfavorable	387	64.50%
5	Not sure	22	3.67%
Total		600	100.00%
2. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Governor Phil Scott?			
1	Strongly Favorable	147	24.50%
2	Somewhat Favorable	201	33.50%
3	Somewhat Unfavorable	98	16.33%
4	Strongly Unfavorable	59	9.83%
5	Not sure	95	15.83%
Total		600	100.00%
3. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Lt. Governor John Rodgers?			
1	Strongly Favorable	47	7.83%
2	Somewhat Favorable	113	18.83%
3	Somewhat Unfavorable	46	7.67%
4	Strongly Unfavorable	43	7.17%
5	Not sure	351	58.50%
Total		600	100.00%
4. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Congresswoman Becca Balint?			
1	Strongly Favorable	201	33.50%
2	Somewhat Favorable	136	22.67%
3	Somewhat Unfavorable	39	6.50%
4	Strongly Unfavorable	100	16.67%
5	Not sure	124	20.67%
Total		600	100.00%
5. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Senator Bernie Sanders?			
1	Strongly Favorable	275	45.83%
2	Somewhat Favorable	99	16.50%
3	Somewhat Unfavorable	42	7.00%
4	Strongly Unfavorable	162	27.00%
5	Not sure	22	3.67%
Total		600	100.00%

6. Do you think Vermont government is heading the right or wrong direction?

1	Right direction	192	32.00%
2	Wrong direction	286	47.67%
3	Not sure	122	20.33%
Total		600	100.00%

7. Compared to other states, do you believe Vermont is becoming a more desirable or less desirable place to live?

1	Much more desirable	89	14.83%
2	Somewhat more desirable	133	22.17%
3	About the same	69	11.50%
4	Somewhat less desirable	146	24.33%
5	Much less desirable	132	22.00%
6	Not sure	31	5.17%
Total		600	100.00%

8. Compared with five years ago, has your quality of life in Vermont improved, stayed about the same, or worsened?

1	Improved	82	13.67%
2	Stayed the same	258	43.00%
3	Worsened	231	38.50%
4	Not sure	29	4.83%
Total		600	100.00%

9. Thinking about the last five years, which of the following statements most accurately reflects how housing costs, property taxes, and other living costs compare to your household income?

1	My income is not keeping up with cost increases	364	60.67%
2	My increase in income and costs is about the same	159	26.50%
3	My income is outpacing cost increases	49	8.17%
4	Not sure	28	4.67%
Total		600	100.00%

10. Democrats and Progressives have mostly controlled both chambers of the Vermont Legislature since 2005, sometimes with supermajority control. Overall, have the policies enacted during this period worked in your favor, or against your interests?

1	Very much in my favor	39	6.50%
2	Somewhat in my favor	169	28.17%
3	Neither in my favor nor against me	102	17.00%
4	Somewhat against my interests	103	17.17%
5	Very much against my interests	138	23.00%
6	Not sure	49	8.17%
Total		600	100.00%

11. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Rural landowners’ property rights are being infringed by political special interests pursuing an ideological ‘green’ agenda.”

1	Agree	264	44.00%
2	Disagree	208	34.67%
3	Not sure	128	21.33%
	Total	600	100.00%

12. This November, Vermonters will vote on Proposal 3 (“Prop 3”), a constitutional amendment concerning workers’ rights. Vermont law already protects collective-bargaining rights. Approximately 13% of Vermont workers are union members, above the national average. Prop 3 adds additional protections for organizing and collective bargaining to the Vermont Constitution, limiting future legislatures’ ability to diminish those rights. It also protects agreements that require union membership as a condition of employment, thereby preventing Vermont from adopting a state right-to-work law where employees would have choice. Would you vote for or against Prop 3 if the election were held today?

1	For	255	42.50%
2	Against	199	33.17%
3	Not sure	146	24.33%
	Total	600	100.00%

13. Would you vote for or against Prop 3 if it means higher property taxes due to higher local school budgets and other higher taxes due to higher government wages?

1	For	162	27.00%
2	Against	332	55.33%
3	Not sure	106	17.67%
	Total	600	100.00%

14. The Vermont State Employees Association and the Vermont National Teachers Association unions are very powerful in Vermont. Do you think having powerful unions has helped or hurt the state's ability to deliver services effectively and affordably?

1	Helped	250	41.67%
2	Hurt	208	34.67%
3	Not sure	142	23.67%
	Total	600	100.00%

15. The head of the VT Teachers Union said Vermont taxpayers are “not spending too much money on public education.” Public education spending has increased nearly 50% since 2019 while student enrollment has dropped 7%. Do you agree with the Vermont Teachers Union head that Vermont taxpayers are not spending too much on public education?

1	Yes	208	34.67%
2	No	311	51.83%
3	Not sure	81	13.50%
	Total	600	100.00%

16. Vermont's Child Care Contribution, which took effect in July 2024, includes a wage tax that employers must pay, and this tax may be passed along to the employee. But The Vermont State Employee Association negotiated into the union contract that state employees did not have to pay anything from their paycheck. Instead, the State of Vermont pays the full contribution for those union employees. Knowing this, do you think it's fair that the state employee union got this special loophole in the tax code?

1	Yes	158	26.33%
2	No	347	57.83%
3	Not sure	95	15.83%
	Total	600	100.00%

17. In “right-to-work states,” state law says that employees cannot be required to join a union or pay union dues as a condition of taking or keeping a job. Currently, many right-to-work states are growing their population and adding jobs. Vermont, which is not a right-to-work state, is one of the top states losing private sector jobs. Knowing this, would you support Vermont becoming a right to work state?

1	Support making Vermont right-to-work	283	47.17%
2	Against making Vermont right-to-work	194	32.33%
3	Not sure	123	20.50%
	Total	600	100.00%

18. Vermont spends over \$30,000 per public school pupil, the second-highest amount in the country and roughly twice the national average. This level of spending contributes to higher property taxes and leaves fewer resources available for other critical government services. At the same time, student test scores are declining faster than in any other state. Knowing this, what is your opinion on how much Vermont spends on public education?

1	Spending too much	255	42.50%
2	Spending is about right	170	28.33%
3	We aren't spending enough	97	16.17%
4	Not sure	78	13.00%
	Total	600	100.00%

19. Which of the following is closer to how you would define the term “tax relief?”

1	Slowing the rate at which your taxes increase.	179	29.83%
2	Reducing the amount of taxes you pay.	421	70.17%
Total		600	100.00%

20. What would most increase your likelihood of remaining in Vermont? (Choose up to three)

1	Lower taxes	307	22.61%
2	More job opportunities or higher wages	195	14.36%
3	Improved public safety	66	4.86%
4	More housing availability	138	10.16%
5	Lower housing costs	209	15.39%
6	A political environment that better represents the wi:	77	5.67%
7	Lower cost of doing business	62	4.57%
8	Lower utility bills / cost of energy	161	11.86%
9	Better schools	104	7.66%
10	Other	8	0.59%
11	Not sure	17	1.25%
12	Not leaving	14	1.03%
Total		1358	100.00%

20A. Which is the single most important reason?

1	Lower taxes	165	27.50%
2	More job opportunities or higher wages	98	16.33%
3	Improved public safety	24	4.00%
4	More housing availability	53	8.83%
5	Lower housing costs	95	15.83%
6	A political environment that better represents the wi:	34	5.67%
7	Lower cost of doing business	18	3.00%
8	Lower utility bills / cost of energy	37	6.17%
9	Better schools	38	6.33%
10	Other	8	1.33%
11	Not sure	16	2.67%
12	Not leaving	14	2.33%
Total		600	100.00%

21. What is your age range?

1	18-29	24	4.00%
2	30-44	142	23.67%
3	45-64	267	44.50%
4	65+	167	27.83%
Total		600	100.00%

22. Party

1	Republican	139	23.17%
2	Democrat	200	33.33%
3	Progressive	57	9.50%
4	Independent	204	34.00%
Total		600	100.00%

23. Gender

1	Male	305	50.83%
2	Female	295	49.17%
Total		600	100.00%