



## MASON-DIXON POLLING & STRATEGY

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### HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

**This poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida from January 18 through January 23, 2023. A total of 625 registered Kentucky voters were interviewed statewide by telephone**

**Those interviewed were randomly selected from a phone-matched Kentucky voter registration list that included both land-line and cell phone numbers. Quotas were assigned to reflect voter registration by county.**

**The margin for error, according to standards customarily used by statisticians, is no more than  $\pm 4$  percentage points. This means that there is a 95 percent probability that the "true" figure would fall within that range if all voters were surveyed. The margin for error is higher for any subgroup, such as a gender or party grouping.**

**QUESTION: When a person in Kentucky is convicted of a felony they automatically lose the right to vote. Do you think a person who has completed all terms of their felony sentence, including probation or parole, should or should not have their right to vote restored automatically?**

	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>8%</b>

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Louisville Metro	74%	23%	3%
Lexington/Blue Grass	71%	21%	8%
Northern Kentucky	68%	25%	7%
Eastern Kentucky	62%	27%	11%
Western Kentucky	65%	24%	11%

<u>GENDER ID:</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Male	66%	25%	9%
Female	70%	23%	7%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<50	74%	20%	6%
50+	63%	27%	10%

<u>PARTY REGISTRATION</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	80%	13%	7%
Republican	59%	32%	9%
Independent	57%	33%	10%

**QUESTION: Do you have a family member, a friend, or acquaintance who has ever been convicted of a felony?**

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>REFUSED</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>4%</b>

<u>REGION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>REFUSED</u>
<b>Louisville Metro</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Lexington/Blue Grass</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Northern Kentucky</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Eastern Kentucky</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Western Kentucky</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>5%</b>

<u>SEX</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>REFUSED</u>
<b>Men</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>4%</b>

<u>AGE</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>REFUSED</u>
<b>&lt;50</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>50+</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>5%</b>

<u>PARTY REG</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>REFUSED</u>
<b>Democrat</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Republican</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Independent</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>8%</b>

**QUESTION: Do you support or oppose automatic restoration of voting rights for a person who was convicted of a felony and has served their time, giving those Kentuckians a second chance?**

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>8%</b>

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Louisville Metro	76%	17%	7%
Lexington/Blue Grass	73%	20%	7%
Northern Kentucky	68%	21%	11%
Eastern Kentucky	65%	26%	9%
Western Kentucky	71%	22%	7%

<u>GENDER ID:</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Male	68%	21%	11%
Female	73%	21%	6%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<50	76%	13%	11%
50+	67%	28%	5%

<u>PARTY REGISTRATION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Democrat	85%	12%	3%
Republican	60%	28%	12%
Independent	59%	33%	8%

**QUESTION: Many Kentuckians with felony convictions are low-income wage earners. In Kentucky all fines and fees, which can run into the thousands of dollars, must be paid before a person is able to reclaim their right to vote. Do you think a person’s financial situation or ability to pay should or should not determine whether their right to vote is restored?**

	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>7%</b>

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Louisville Metro	23%	68%	9%
Lexington/Blue Grass	23%	69%	8%
Northern Kentucky	25%	68%	7%
Eastern Kentucky	31%	64%	5%
Western Kentucky	27%	67%	6%

<u>GENDER ID:</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Male	28%	64%	8%
Female	24%	70%	6%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<50	17%	77%	6%
50+	34%	58%	8%

<u>PARTY REGISTRATION</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	15%	74%	11%
Republican	35%	61%	4%
Independent	29%	65%	6%

**QUESTION: Voting is a hallmark of our democracy. Several states allow citizens who are on probation or parole the right to vote. Do you believe that a person on probation or parole should or should not be given the right to vote?**

	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>5%</b>

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Louisville Metro	49%	45%	6%
Lexington/Blue Grass	42%	53%	5%
Northern Kentucky	37%	59%	4%
Eastern Kentucky	31%	64%	5%
Western Kentucky	31%	65%	4%

<u>GENDER ID:</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Male	39%	57%	4%
Female	38%	56%	6%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<50	44%	49%	7%
50+	33%	64%	3%

<u>PARTY REGISTRATION</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	55%	38%	7%
Republican	23%	73%	4%
Independent	32%	62%	6%

**QUESTION: Would you be more willing or not to support the automatic restoration of voting rights if you knew that those who regain their right to vote are three times less likely to commit another offense?**

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>11%</b>

<u>REGION</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Louisville Metro	66%	20%	14%
Lexington/Blue Grass	66%	22%	12%
Northern Kentucky	63%	32%	5%
Eastern Kentucky	61%	31%	8%
Western Kentucky	64%	23%	13%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Men	61%	26%	13%
Women	66%	25%	9%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<50	69%	22%	9%
50+	60%	27%	13%

<u>PARTY REG</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	78%	12%	10%
Republican	52%	37%	11%
Independent	59%	29%	12%

**QUESTION: Do you believe that a person’s right to vote should or should not ever be taken away from them?**

	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>6%</b>

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Louisville Metro	46%	45%	9%
Lexington/Blue Grass	52%	45%	3%
Northern Kentucky	69%	20%	11%
Eastern Kentucky	74%	21%	5%
Western Kentucky	71%	25%	4%

<u>GENDER ID:</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Male	68%	29%	3%
Female	57%	35%	8%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<50	56%	42%	2%
50+	67%	24%	9%

<u>PARTY REGISTRATION</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	48%	46%	6%
Republican	74%	19%	7%
Independent	66%	29%	5%



## DEMOGRAPHICS

### **PARTY REGISTRATION:**

<b>Democrat</b>	<b>273 (44%)</b>
<b>Republican</b>	<b>287 (46%)</b>
<b>Independent or Other</b>	<b>65 (10%)</b>

### **GENDER ID:**

<b>Male</b>	<b>304 (49%)</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>319 (51%)</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>2</b>

### **AGE:**

<b>18-34</b>	<b>94 (15%)</b>
<b>35-49</b>	<b>193 (31%)</b>
<b>50-64</b>	<b>183 (29%)</b>
<b>65+</b>	<b>154 (25%)</b>
<b>Refused</b>	<b>1</b>

### **RACE:**

<b>White/Caucasian</b>	<b>541 (88%)</b>
<b>Black/African-American</b>	<b>67 (10%)</b>
<b>Other/Refused</b>	<b>17 (2%)</b>

### **REGION:**

<b>Louisville Metro</b>	<b>150 (24%)</b>
<b>Lexington/Bluegrass</b>	<b>110 (18%)</b>
<b>Northern Kentucky</b>	<b>75 (12%)</b>
<b>Eastern Kentucky</b>	<b>140 (22%)</b>
<b>Western Kentucky</b>	<b>150 (24%)</b>

## KENTUCKY POLL REGIONS

**LOUISVILLE METRO:** Voters in Jefferson, Bullitt, Oldham, Trimble, Henry, Shelby, Spencer and Nelson counties.

**LEXINGTON/BLUEGRASS:** Voters in Fayette, Woodford, Franklin, Anderson, Scott, Harrison, Bourbon, Nicholas, Clark, Madison, Montgomery, Garrard, Jessamine, Boyle, Mercer, Washington, Marion, Powell and Estill counties.

**NORTHERN KENTUCKY:** Voters in Boone, Kenton, Campbell, Gallatin, Carroll, Owen, Grant, Pendleton, Bracken and Robertson counties

**EASTERN KENTUCKY:** Voters in Jackson, Rockcastle, Lincoln, Casey, Taylor, Green, Metcalfe, Adair, Russell, Cumberland, Clinton, Wayne, McCreary, Whitley, Laurel, Pulaski, Monroe, Mason, Fleming, Bath, Menifee, Wolfe, Breathitt, Perry, Leslie, Harlan, Bell, Knox, Clay, Owsley, Lee, Letcher, Knott, Pike, Floyd, Martin, Johnson, Magoffin, Morgan, Rowan, Elliott, Lewis, Carter, Greenup, Boyd and Lawrence counties.

**WESTERN KENTUCKY:** Voters in Fulton, Hickman, Carlisle, Ballard, McCracken, Graves, Marshall, Calloway, Livingston, Lyon, Trigg, Crittenden, Caldwell, Christian, Hopkins, Webster, Union, Henderson, Daviess, McLean, Muhlenberg, Todd, Logan, Butler, Ohio, Hancock, Breckinridge, Meade, Hardin, Grayson, Edmonson, Warren, Simpson, Allen, Barren, Hart and LaRue counties.