

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: Virginia Poll of 1,415 Adults

This survey of 1,415 adults was conducted on September 30th and October 1st, 2012. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the state of Virginia were interviewed by telephone. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the state. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. To increase coverage, this landline sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2010 census results for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results for adults are statistically significant within ± 2.6 percentage points. There are 1,273 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 2.7 percentage points. There are 969 likely voters defined by a probability turnout model. This model determines the likelihood respondents will vote in the 2012 presidential election based upon their chance of vote, interest in the election, and past election participation. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.1 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.