

# Results of SurveyUSA Mkt Research Study #26589

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Percentages

## CT Gov Rematch: Dem Ned Lamont 18 Points Atop Republican Bob Stefanowski; Dems More Trusted Than GOP to Handle Education:

Democrat Ned Lamont easily defeats Republican Bob Stefanowski to win a second term as Governor of Connecticut. Today it's Lamont 52%, Stefanowski 34%, with 4% voting for Independent Party candidate Rob Hotaling, and 10% saying they are undecided.

50% of likely voters say they trust Democrats more to handle issues related to Connecticut schools and education; 34% say they more trust Republicans. Among Independents surveyed, Democrats are more trusted on education by an 18 point margin. Lamont leads by 49 points among education-focused voters, 7% of the electorate.

Key Gubernatorial Race Findings:

Ned Lamont leads by 35 points among women and by a nominal single point among men. Lamont leads by 30 points among the oldest and typically most reliable voters, by 23 points among voters 35 to 49, and by 10 and 11 points among 50 to 64 year-olds and 18 to 34 year-olds, respectively. Lamont leads by 10 points among white voters, 15 among Latinos, and 68 points among Black voters. Lamont and Stefanowski are effectively tied among the 29% of voters most focused on jobs and the economy; Lamont leads by 82 points among the 10% who say gun safety is the most important issue, by 76 points among the 7% most focused on health care.

On issues, Lamont is winning with pro-choice voters with 65%. When asked if the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe versus Wade made them more or less likely to vote, 53% of pro-choice respondents said yes, as did 30% of pro-life respondents. Stefanowski wins 69% of pro-life voters and leads by 13 points among the 29% who say taxes are the most important issue this fall, and by 8 points among the 7% most focused on crime. Outside of those groups, Stefanowski does not lead.

Voters were asked which of 7 issues were most likely to influence their vote for governor: 29% Jobs and the economy 29% Taxes 10% Gun safety 7% Education and schools 7% Crime 7% Health care 2% Local control issues Key Education Findings:

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Net Favorability Numbers: Plus 45: Connecticut public schools. Net positive among every demographic subgroup except very conservative voters, who give the public schools a Net Favorability of Minus 21. Plus 34: Connecticut public charter schools. Positive among every demographic group.

Voters were shown a list of 8 proposals intended to improve schools in Connecticut and were asked which one they supported the most: 21% Increasing teacher salaries and improving benefits. 18% Improving security and safety on school grounds. 13% Increasing mental health support for students. 10% Increasing the number of quality public school options including public charter schools. 9% Expanding special education support staff and resources. 8% Increasing transparency on how students are taught about issues of gender identity and race. 8% Expanding one-on-one and small group tutoring programs for any student who needs it. 7% Expanding after school and summer school programs. Key Favorability By Party:

Plus 10: Democrats in the Connecticut legislature. Plus 1: Republicans in the Connecticut legislature.

Parents of children under age 18 say they trust Democrats by a 6-point margin; non-parents trust Democrats by an 18-point margin.

**About the Poll / Filtering:** SurveyUSA interviewed a total of 1,050 Connecticut adults online 10/15/22 through 10/18/22, using sample provided by Lucid Holdings LLC of New Orleans. Of the adults, 857 were identified as being registered to vote. Of the registered voters, 718 were determined by SurveyUSA to be likely to vote in the November election for Governor. The pool of adult survey respondents was weighted to US Census targets for gender, age, race, education, and home ownership.