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## NH RESIDENTS CONFIDENT OF CURRENT NH VOTING

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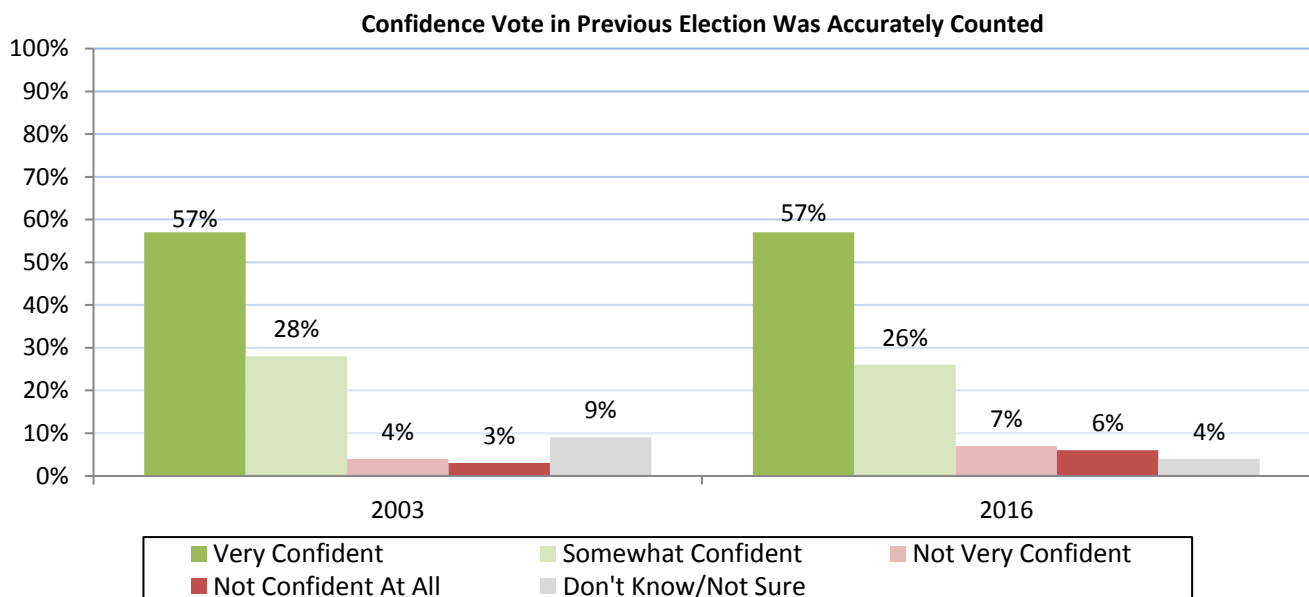
DURHAM, NH – New Hampshire residents are much more confident in paper ballots currently used in New Hampshire than computerized touch screen voting systems to accurately count their vote. Confidence in a computerized touch screen voting system has declined over the past decade. More than four in five of New Hampshire residents are confident that their vote in the previous election was accurately counted, significantly higher than those who are confident in the accuracy of Power Ball.

These findings are based on the **WMUR Granite State Poll**,\* conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center. Five hundred and thirty-two (532) randomly selected New Hampshire adults were interviewed by landline and cellular telephone between July 9 and July 18, 2016. The margin of sampling error for the survey is +/- 4.2 percent. Included were four hundred and sixty-nine (469) likely 2016 general election voters (MSE = +/- 4.5%).

The security and accuracy of computerized voting systems has recently come into question in the wake of high-profile instances of electronic “hacking” and reports of aging or outdated computerized touch screen voting machines.

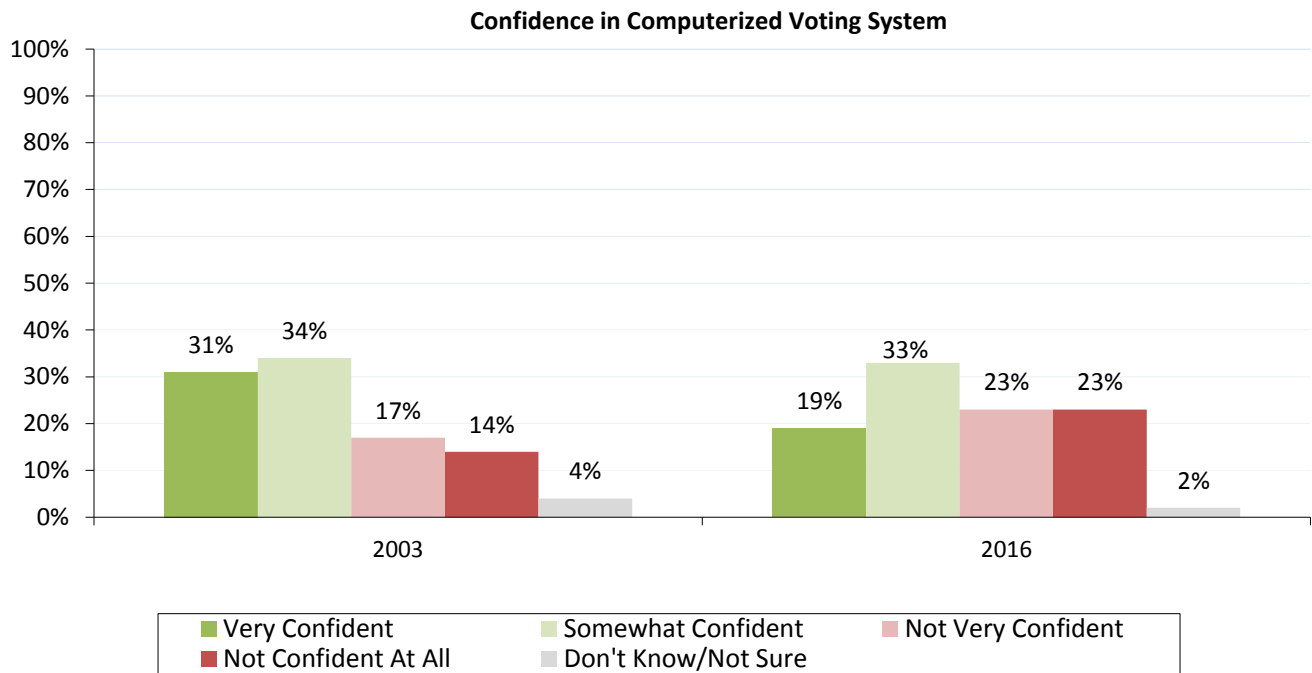
In New Hampshire, where only machines that produce a paper ballot are currently used, confidence in the accurate tabulation of the vote remains high: 83% of residents are very or somewhat confident that their vote in the previous election was accurately counted, while 13% are not very confident or not confident at all, and 4% don’t know or are unsure. Confidence that their vote was accurately counted has remained at similar levels since 2003.

“It’s clear that New Hampshire voters are more confident in elections that rely on paper than on touch screens without paper records. Confidence and turnout go hand-in-hand. The higher the confidence, the higher the value of the vote. This inspires more voters to make the extra effort that results in a higher turnout. Our consistently high turnout compared to the rest of the country proves the point,” said Secretary of State Bill Gardner.

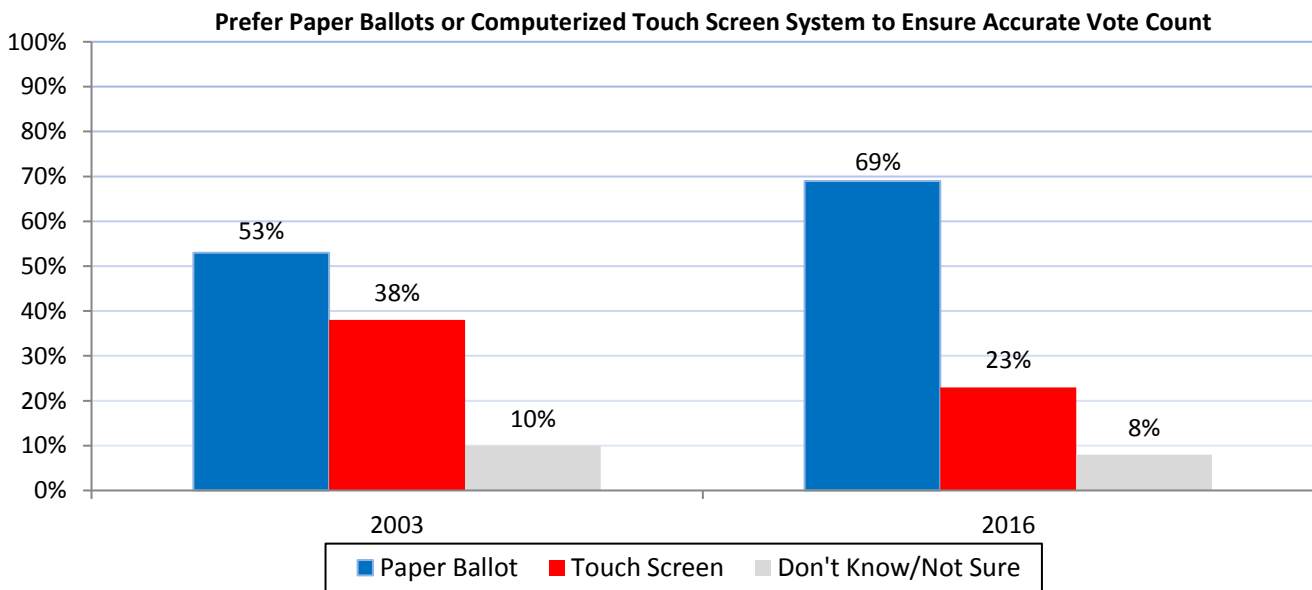


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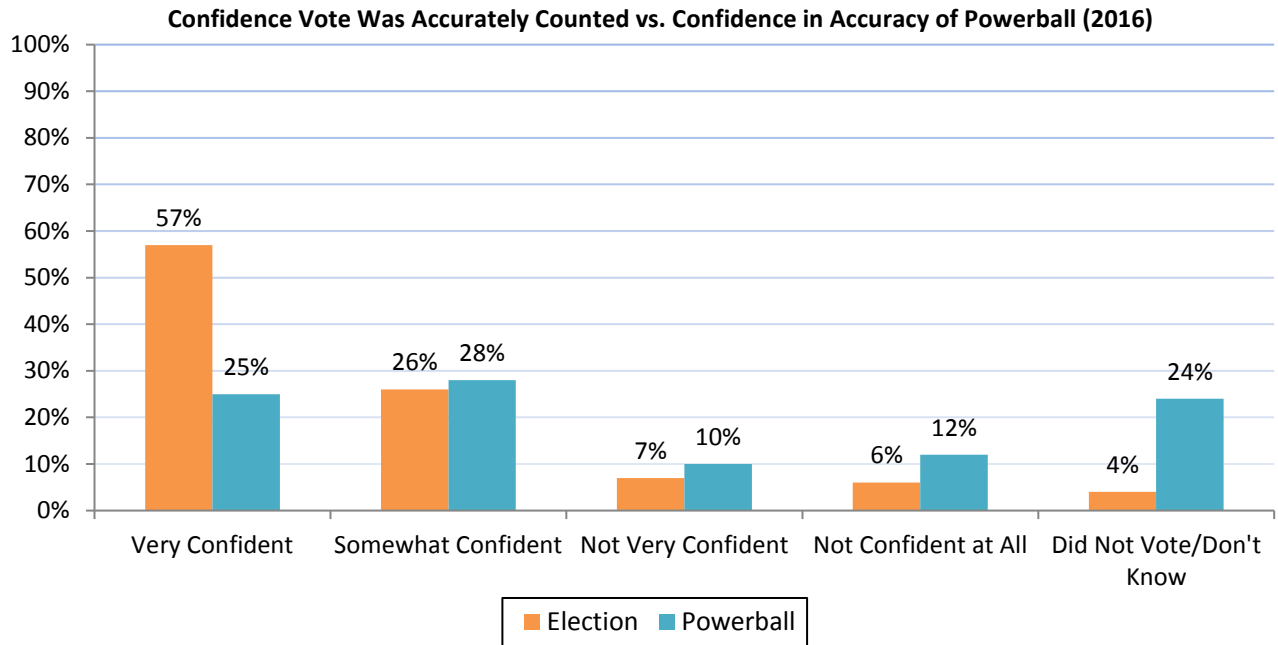
New Hampshire residents are less confident in computerized touch screen voting machines than they were in the past: Currently, 52% say they are very or somewhat confident a touch screen computerized voting system would accurately count their vote, 46% are not very or not confident at all, and 2% don't know or are not sure, representing a 13% drop in confidence compared to responses in 2003.



New Hampshire residents by a wide margin prefer to use paper ballots rather than computerized touch screen voting systems to ensure an accurate tabulation of election results -- 69% of Granite State adults prefer paper ballots, only 23% prefer touch screen computerized systems, and 8% don't know or are unsure. The percentage of New Hampshire adults who prefer paper ballots has increased significantly since 2003 when 53% favored paper ballots, 38% favored a touch screen computerized system, and 10% didn't know or were unsure.



New Hampshire residents were asked about their level of confidence in the Powerball Lottery and are more confident that their vote was accurately counted than they are confident in the accuracy of Power Ball: 53% are very or somewhat confident in the accuracy of Power Ball, 22% are not very or not at all confident, and 24% don't know or are unsure.



## Granite State Poll Methodology

These findings are based on the latest WMUR Granite State Poll, conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center and funded by WMUR-TV, Manchester, NH. Five hundred and thirty-two (532) randomly selected New Hampshire adults were interviewed in English by landline and cellular telephone between July 9 and July 18, 2016. If a household included more than one adult, the adult who had the most recent birthday was selected to be interviewed.

The margin of sampling error is +/- 4.2 percent for the entire sample. Included were four hundred sixty-nine (469) likely 2016 general election voters (MSE +/- 4.5%). These MSE's have not been adjusted for design effect. The design effect for the survey is 1.1%.

The random sample used in the WMUR Granite State Poll was purchased from Marketing Systems Group (MSG), Horsham, PA. MSG screens each selected telephone number to eliminate non-working numbers, disconnected numbers, and business numbers to improve the efficiency of the sample, reducing the amount of time interviewers spend calling non-usable numbers.

The data have been weighted to adjust for numbers of adults and telephone lines within households. Additionally, data were weighted by respondent sex, age, and region of the state to targets from the most recent American Community Survey (ACS) conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. In addition to potential sampling error, all surveys have other potential sources of non-sampling error including question order effects, question wording effects, and non-response. Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100%. The number of respondents in each demographic below may not equal the number reported in cross-tabulation tables as some respondents choose not to answer some questions.

For more information about the methodology used in the WMUR Granite State Poll, contact Dr. Andrew Smith at (603) 862-2226 or by email at [andrew.smith@unh.edu](mailto:andrew.smith@unh.edu).

### Granite State Poll, July 2016 Demographics

<b>Sex</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
Male	<b>260</b>	<b>49%</b>	North Country	<b>44</b>	<b>8%</b>
Female	<b>272</b>	<b>51%</b>	Central/Lakes	<b>100</b>	<b>19%</b>
			Connecticut Valley	<b>85</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	Mass Border	<b>140</b>	<b>26%</b>
18 to 34	<b>132</b>	<b>27%</b>	Seacoast	<b>85</b>	<b>16%</b>
35 to 49	<b>127</b>	<b>26%</b>	Manchester Area	<b>78</b>	<b>15%</b>
50 to 64	<b>148</b>	<b>30%</b>			
65 and Over	<b>88</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>Party Registration</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
			Democrat	<b>139</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>Highest Level of Education</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>	Undeclared/Not Reg.	<b>252</b>	<b>48%</b>
High School or Less	<b>101</b>	<b>20%</b>	Republican	<b>139</b>	<b>26%</b>
Some College	<b>123</b>	<b>23%</b>			
College Graduate	<b>159</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>Party Identification</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
Post-Graduate	<b>131</b>	<b>26%</b>	Democrat	<b>226</b>	<b>44%</b>
			Independent	<b>87</b>	<b>17%</b>
			Republican	<b>195</b>	<b>38%</b>

### Confidence Vote in Last Election Accurately Counted

"How confident are you that your vote in the last election was accurately counted? Would you say very confident...somewhat confident...not very confident...or not at all confident?"

	<u>Very Confident</u>	<u>Somewhat Confident</u>	<u>Not Very Confident</u>	<u>Not Confident At All</u>	<u>DK/ Unsure</u>	<u>(N)</u>
2016	57%	26%	7%	6%	4%	521
2003	57%	28%	4%	3%	9%	497

### Confidence in Touch Screen Computerized Voting System

"Please assume for a moment that you will use a touch screen computerized voting system, similar to an ATM, to cast and count your ballot in the next election. The model you will use does not allow you to inspect a paper receipt of the ballot that is cast for you. How confident would you be that your vote was accurately counted ... very confident ... somewhat confident ... not very confident ... or not confident at all?"

	<u>Very Confident</u>	<u>Somewhat Confident</u>	<u>Not Very Confident</u>	<u>Not Confident At All</u>	<u>DK/ Unsure</u>	<u>(N)</u>
2016	19%	33%	23%	23%	2%	531
2003	31%	34%	17%	14%	4%	497

### Greater Confidence in Paper Ballot or Touch Screen Computerized Voting System

"If you had a choice, would you have greater confidence in election results if you voted using a paper ballot or on a touch screen, ATM-like, computerized system?"

	<u>Paper Ballot</u>	<u>Touch Screen</u>	<u>DK/ Unsure</u>	<u>(N)</u>
2016	69%	23%	8%	527
2003	53%	38%	10%	493

### Confidence in Accuracy of Power Ball

"Now on another subject, how confident are you in the accuracy of Power Ball? Would you say you are very confident ... somewhat confident ... not very confident ... or not at all confident?"

	<u>Very Confident</u>	<u>Somewhat Confident</u>	<u>Not Very Confident</u>	<u>Not Confident At All</u>	<u>DK/ Unsure</u>	<u>(N)</u>
2016	25%	28%	10%	12%	24%	506
2003	20%	31%	10%	13%	26%	484

### Confidence in Accuracy of Power Ball

	<u>Very Confident</u> 25%	<u>Somewhat Confident</u> 28%	<u>Not Very Confident</u> 10%	<u>Not At All Confident</u> 12%	<u>DK</u> 24%	<u>(N)</u> 506
<b>STATEWIDE</b>						
Registered Democrat	27%	33%	8%	12%	21%	129
Registered Undeclared	25%	29%	11%	13%	21%	241
Registered Republican	22%	23%	11%	11%	33%	135
Democrat	27%	34%	11%	10%	19%	215
Independent	20%	24%	15%	25%	17%	81
Republican	25%	26%	11%	11%	33%	185
Liberal	16%	34%	16%	12%	22%	135
Moderate	30%	31%	8%	11%	21%	185
Conservative	26%	22%	9%	13%	30%	145
Read Union Leader	28%	33%	6%	8%	24%	76
Read Boston Globe	24%	41%	3%	10%	22%	60
Read Local Newspapers	24%	31%	10%	11%	24%	162
Watch WMUR	25%	33%	12%	11%	18%	273
Listen to NHPR	29%	28%	7%	12%	23%	152
18 to 34	23%	34%	14%	11%	18%	128
35 to 49	28%	28%	11%	15%	19%	121
50 to 64	26%	28%	9%	12%	25%	141
65 and over	21%	28%	8%	11%	32%	84
Male	28%	28%	9%	12%	22%	246
Female	22%	29%	11%	12%	26%	261
High school or less	22%	21%	17%	18%	22%	98
Some college	24%	31%	9%	11%	25%	119
College graduate	23%	32%	10%	14%	21%	153
Post-graduate	33%	29%	6%	7%	25%	120
Attend services 1 or more/week	21%	27%	12%	12%	29%	106
1-2 times a month	13%	41%	5%	11%	30%	40
Less often	30%	31%	11%	10%	19%	144
Never	26%	27%	10%	15%	22%	197
North Country	24%	26%	8%	14%	27%	43
Central / Lakes	27%	21%	16%	10%	27%	96
Connecticut Valley	26%	16%	1%	21%	36%	76
Mass Border	24%	31%	13%	9%	23%	135
Seacoast	25%	34%	13%	11%	17%	80
Manchester Area	22%	42%	4%	14%	17%	76

### Confidence Vote in Last Election Accurately Counted

	<u>Very Confident</u> 57%	<u>Somewhat Confident</u> 26%	<u>Not Very Confident</u> 7%	<u>Not At All Confident</u> 6%	<u>DK</u> 4%	<u>(N)</u> 521
<b>STATEWIDE</b>						
Registered Democrat	74%	20%	1%	3%	2%	139
Registered Undeclared	50%	27%	10%	8%	5%	242
Registered Republican	53%	31%	7%	7%	3%	138
Democrat	66%	25%	5%	1%	3%	219
Independent	46%	26%	9%	19%	0%	84
Republican	54%	29%	6%	6%	4%	195
Liberal	69%	20%	5%	4%	2%	140
Moderate	62%	25%	5%	5%	3%	190
Conservative	45%	33%	8%	8%	6%	145
Read Union Leader	57%	36%	1%	5%	1%	77
Read Boston Globe	69%	24%	4%	2%	1%	63
Read Local Newspapers	61%	25%	5%	6%	2%	169
Watch WMUR	64%	23%	7%	5%	1%	277
Listen to NHPR	60%	27%	6%	6%	2%	171
18 to 34	43%	30%	8%	10%	8%	129
35 to 49	59%	27%	7%	7%	1%	122
50 to 64	64%	25%	4%	4%	2%	146
65 and over	66%	22%	7%	4%	1%	88
Male	57%	27%	6%	7%	4%	256
Female	57%	26%	7%	6%	3%	265
High school or less	41%	30%	14%	9%	6%	98
Some college	47%	30%	3%	12%	7%	121
College graduate	65%	25%	7%	3%	1%	154
Post-graduate	73%	21%	3%	1%	1%	121
Attend services 1 or more/week	51%	32%	9%	8%	0%	111
1-2 times a month	49%	32%	14%	5%	0%	42
Less often	69%	18%	3%	5%	5%	147
Never	55%	28%	5%	7%	5%	200
North Country	53%	24%	9%	6%	8%	44
Central / Lakes	56%	26%	8%	6%	4%	99
Connecticut Valley	57%	28%	5%	7%	3%	82
Mass Border	58%	25%	6%	7%	3%	136
Seacoast	60%	25%	7%	5%	2%	85
Manchester Area	55%	30%	6%	6%	3%	72

### Confidence in Touch Screen Computerized Voting System

	<u>Very Confident</u> 19%	<u>Somewhat Confident</u> 33%	<u>Not Very Confident</u> 23%	<u>Not At All Confident</u> 23%	<u>DK</u> 2%	<u>(N)</u> 531
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Registered Democrat	26%	37%	25%	11%	1%	139
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Registered Republican	14%	30%	18%	36%	2%	138
Democrat	24%	34%	27%	13%	2%	226
Independent	12%	33%	20%	32%	2%	87
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Some college	20%	26%	22%	30%	2%	123
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