

# THE WMUR GRANITE STATE POLL



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#### AYOTTE AND HASSAN IN DEAD HEAT FOR 2016 NH SENATE; GUINTA FAVORABILITY HURT BY SCANDAL

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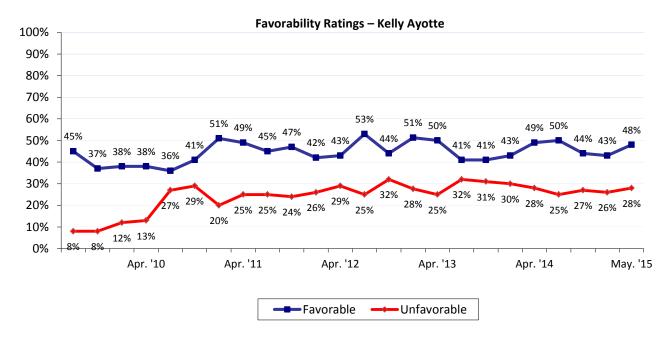
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DURHAM, NH – New Hampshire Senator Kelly Ayotte continues to be popular in the state but is tied with Governor Maggie Hassan if Hassan decides to run for Senate in 2016. First District Congressman Frank Guinta's favorability ratings have dropped in the wake of a Federal Election Commission fine concerning fundraising in his 2010 election.

These findings are based on the latest **WMUR Granite State Poll**,\* conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center. Five hundred and sixty-seven (567) randomly selected New Hampshire adults were interviewed by landline and cellular telephone between May 6 and May 22, 2015. The margin of sampling error for the survey is +/-4.1 percent. Included were five hundred twenty-four (524) likely 2016 general election voters (MSE = +/-4.3%). Included were 289 residents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District (MSE = +/-5.8%) and 278 from the Second District (MSE = +/-5.9%).

#### Favorability Ratings - Senator Kelly Ayotte

New Hampshire junior senator Kelly Ayotte continues to be popular in the state. Currently, 48% of New Hampshire adults have a favorable opinion of Ayotte, 28% have an unfavorable opinion of her, 5% are neutral and 19% don't know enough about her to say. Ayotte's net favorability rating is +20%, which is up from +17% in February. She remains very popular among Republicans (net favorability rating of +51%), popular among independents (+13%) and unpopular among Democrats (-11%).

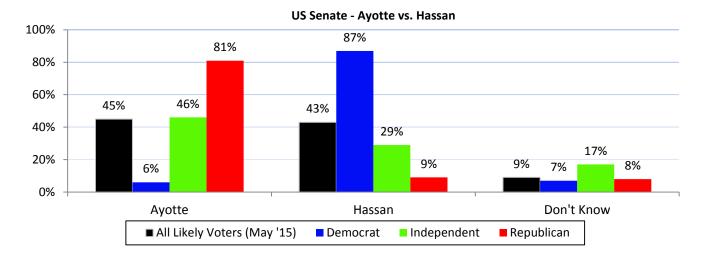


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#### US Senate - Ayotte vs. Hassan

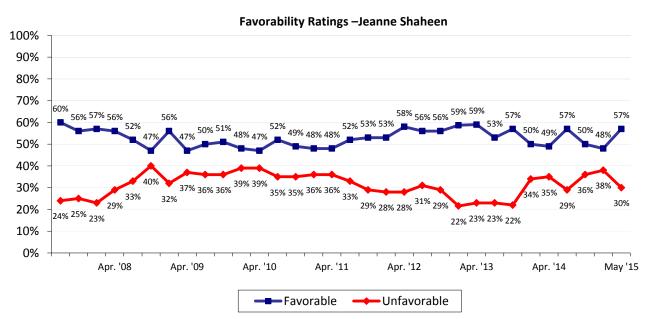
Senator Ayotte has announced her intention to run for a second term in the Senate, and it is widely speculated that Governor Maggie Hassan will challenge her for the seat. If this takes place, the Senate election in New Hampshire will be one of the most closely watched races in the country. However, because the election is so far away, very few likely voters have decided on who they will support -- just 6% of likely voters say they have definitely decided, 7% are leaning toward a candidate, and 87% are still trying to decide.

If the 2016 senate election was held today and Ayotte and Hassan were the candidates, 45% would of likely voters say they would vote for Ayotte, 43% would vote for Hassan, 2% would vote for someone else and 9% are undecided. Ayotte and Hassan hold wide leads among members of their party (Ayotte leads among Republicans 81%-9% and Hassan leads among Democrats 87%-6%) and Ayotte has a 46%-29% edge among Independents. Currently 32% of likely voters have a favorable opinion of both Ayotte and Hassan – among this group 48% would support Ayotte and 42% would support Hassan.



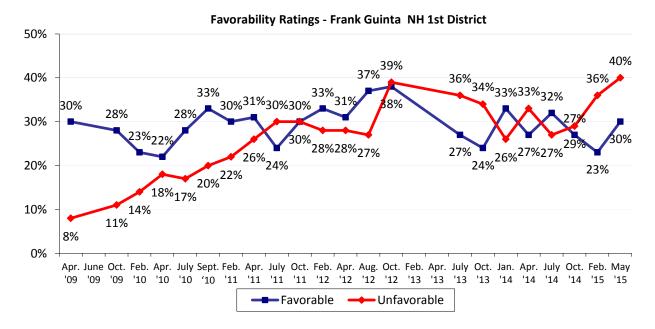
### Favorability Ratings - Jeanne Shaheen

After being reelected to a second term in 2014, senior senator Jeanne Shaheen has recovered popularity after a strong election battle with Scott Brown. Currently, 57% of New Hampshire adults say they have a favorable opinion of Shaheen, 30% have an unfavorable opinion of her, 5% are neutral and 8% don't know enough about her to say. Shaheen's net favorability rating, the percentage who have a favorable opinion of her minus the percentage who have an unfavorable opinion, is +27%, up from +10% in February. Shaheen is very popular among Democrats (net +78%), popular among independents (+20%) and unpopular among Republicans (-17%).

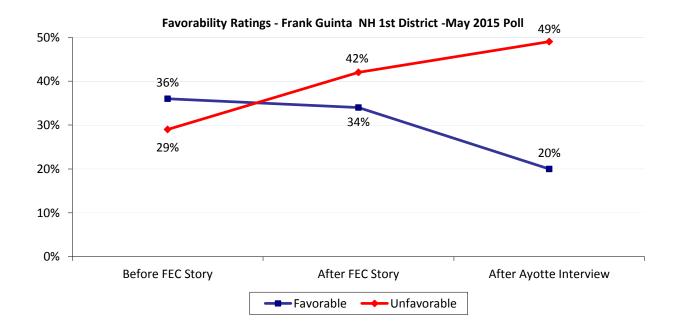


#### Favorability Ratings - Frank Guinta

First District Congressman Frank Guinta, who won his second term after defeating Carol Shea-Porter last November, is not popular in his district. The Federal Election Commission (FEC) recently fined Guinta over campaign finance violations and ordered him to repay \$355,000 that was loaned to his 2010 campaign. Subsequently, Senator Ayotte and other prominent Republicans have called for his resignation. Currently, only 30% of 1<sup>st</sup> C.D. adults have a favorable opinion of Guinta, 40% have an unfavorable opinion of him, 6% are neutral and 24% don't know enough about him to say. His net favorability rating is - 10%, up from -13% in February. Guinta is only somewhat popular among Republicans (net +23%), and is unpopular among Independents (-34%) and Democrats (-32%).

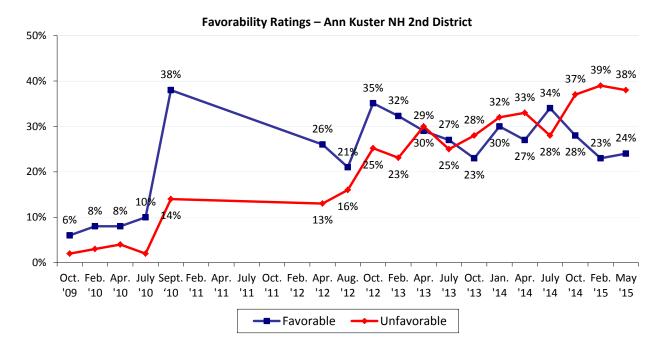


Guinta's favorability in this poll began to slide after the FEC story came out and then dipped dramatically after Senator Ayotte and others called for his resignation from Congress.



#### Favorability Ratings - Ann Kuster

Second District Congresswoman Ann Kuster, despite comfortably winning a second term in November, continues to be unpopular in her district. Currently, only 24% of 2<sup>nd</sup> District adults have a favorable opinion of Kuster, 38% have an unfavorable opinion of her, 6% are neutral, and 32% don't know enough about her to say. Her net favorability rating is -14%, up from -17% in February. She is only somewhat popular among Democrats (net +37%), unpopular among Independents (net -24%) and very unpopular among Republicans (net -52%).



### **Granite State Poll Methodology**

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The data have been weighted to adjust for numbers of adults and telephone lines within households, respondent sex, age, and region of the state. 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.

### **Granite State Poll, Spring 2015 Demographics**

| Sex                               | N   | %   | Region               | N   | %   |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|----------------------|-----|-----|
| Male                              | 280 | 49% | North Country        | 52  | 9%  |
| Female                            | 287 | 51% | Central/Lakes        | 88  | 16% |
|                                   |     |     | Connecticut Valley   | 78  | 14% |
| Age                               | N   | %   | Mass Border          | 152 | 27% |
| 18 to 34                          | 138 | 25% | Seacoast             | 88  | 16% |
| 35 to 49                          | 164 | 30% | Manchester Area      | 109 | 19% |
| 50 to 64                          | 152 | 27% |                      |     |     |
| 65 and Over                       | 99  | 18% | Party Registration   | N   | %   |
|                                   |     |     | Democrat             | 110 | 23% |
| <b>Highest Level of Education</b> | N   | %   | Undeclared           | 245 | 51% |
| High School or Less               | 89  | 16% | Republican           | 129 | 26% |
| Some College                      | 152 | 27% |                      |     |     |
| College Graduate                  | 190 | 34% | Party Identification | N   | %   |
| Post-Graduate                     | 127 | 23% | Democrat             | 206 | 37% |
|                                   |     |     | Independent          | 139 | 25% |
| Years Lived in NH                 | N   | %   | Republican           | 210 | 38% |
| 10 yrs. Or less                   | 72  | 13% |                      |     |     |
| 11-20 yrs.                        | 114 | 21% |                      |     |     |
| > 20 yrs.                         | 369 | 67% |                      |     |     |

# **Granite State Poll, Spring 2015 Demographics – 2016 Likely Voters**

| Sex                               | N   | %   | Region               | N   | %   |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|----------------------|-----|-----|
| Male                              | 261 | 50% | North Country        | 46  | 9%  |
| Female                            | 263 | 50% | Central/Lakes        | 85  | 16% |
|                                   |     |     | Connecticut Valley   | 72  | 14% |
| Age                               | N   | %   | Mass Border          | 140 | 27% |
| 18 to 34                          | 113 | 22% | Seacoast             | 80  | 15% |
| 35 to 49                          | 161 | 32% | Manchester Area      | 101 | 19% |
| 50 to 64                          | 143 | 28% |                      |     |     |
| 65 and Over                       | 94  | 18% | Party Registration   | N   | %   |
|                                   |     |     | Democrat             | 99  | 22% |
| <b>Highest Level of Education</b> | N   | %   | Undeclared           | 236 | 51% |
| High School or Less               | 75  | 15% | Republican           | 125 | 27% |
| Some College                      | 144 | 28% |                      |     |     |
| College Graduate                  | 176 | 34% | Party Identification | N   | %   |
| Post-Graduate                     | 120 | 23% | Democrat             | 188 | 37% |
|                                   |     |     | Independent          | 122 | 24% |
| Years Lived in NH                 | N   | %   | Republican           | 203 | 40% |
| 10 yrs. Or less                   | 69  | 13% |                      |     |     |
| 11-20 yrs.                        | 108 | 21% |                      |     |     |
| > 20 yrs.                         | 336 | 66% |                      |     |     |

## Favorability Rating – Senator Jeanne Shaheen

"Next, I'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of this person – or if you have never heard of him or her. Senator (Former Governor) Jeanne Shaheen?"

| <u>Statewide</u> | <u>Favorable</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Unfavorable</u> | Don't Know | <u>Net</u> | <u>(N)</u> |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| May '15          | 57%              | 5%             | 30%                | 8%         | +27%       | (567)      |
| Feb. <b>'1</b> 5 | 48%              | 8%             | 38%                | 6%         | +10%       | (509)      |
| Oct. '14         | 50%              | 6%             | 36%                | 9%         | +14%       | (680)      |
| July '14         | 57%              | 5%             | 29%                | 9%         | +28%       | (668)      |
| Apr. '14         | 49%              | 7%             | 35%                | 9%         | +14%       | (505)      |
| Jan. <b>'1</b> 4 | 50%              | 7%             | 34%                | 9%         | +16%       | (581)      |
| Oct. '13         | 57%              | 6%             | 22%                | 15%        | +35%       | (662)      |
| July '13         | 53%              | 8%             | 23%                | 16%        | +30%       | (512)      |
| Apr. '13         | 59%              | 6%             | 23%                | 12%        | +36%       | (504)      |
| Feb. '13         | 59%              | 9%             | 22%                | 11%        | +37%       | (580)      |
| Oct. '12         | 56%              | 4%             | 29%                | 11%        | +27%       | (588)      |
| Aug. '12         | 56%              | 4%             | 31%                | 9%         | +25%       | (580)      |
| Apr. '12         | 58%              | 6%             | 28%                | 8%         | +30%       | (533)      |
| Feb. <b>'12</b>  | 53%              | 7%             | 28%                | 12%        | +25%       | (527)      |
| Oct. '11         | 53%              | 9%             | 29%                | 9%         | +24%       | (554)      |
| July '11         | 52%              | 7%             | 33%                | 8%         | +19%       | (511)      |
| Apr. '11         | 48%              | 7%             | 36%                | 9%         | +12%       | (503)      |
| Feb. <b>'11</b>  | 48%              | 9%             | 36%                | 7%         | +12%       | (519)      |
| Sept. '10        | 49%              | 5%             | 35%                | 11%        | +14%       | (515)      |
| July <b>'10</b>  | 52%              | 6%             | 35%                | 8%         | +17%       | (503)      |
| Apr. '10         | 47%              | 6%             | 39%                | 8%         | +8%        | (511)      |
| Feb. '10         | 48%              | 5%             | 39%                | 8%         | +9%        | (496)      |
| Oct. '09         | 51%              | 5%             | 36%                | 7%         | +15%       | (502)      |
| Jun. '09         | 50%              | 6%             | 36%                | 8%         | +14%       | (557)      |
| Apr. '09         | 47%              | 7%             | 37%                | 9%         | +10%       | (503)      |
| Feb. '09         | 56%              | 7%             | 32%                | 5%         | +24%       | (617)      |
| Sep. '08         | 47%              | 5%             | 40%                | 8%         | +7%        | (522)      |
| July '08         | 53%              | 9%             | 31%                | 6%         | +22%       | (472)      |
| Apr. '08         | 56%              | 10%            | 29%                | 5%         | +27%       | (500)      |
| Feb. '08         | 57%              | 13%            | 23%                | 7%         | +34%       | (555)      |
| Sept. '07        | 56%              | 11%            | 25%                | 8%         | +31%       | (506)      |
| July '07         | 60%              | 9%             | 24%                | 8%         | +36%       | (520)      |

### **Favorability Rating – Senator Kelly Ayotte**

"Next, I'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of this person - or if you have never heard of him or her. Senator (Former New Hampshire Attorney General) Kelly Ayotte?"

| <b>Statewide</b> | <u>Favorable</u> | <b>Neutral</b> | <u>Unfavorable</u> | Don't Know | <u>Net</u> | <u>(N)</u> |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| May '15          | 48%              | 5%             | 28%                | 19%        | +20%       | (567)      |
| Feb. <b>'1</b> 5 | 43%              | 13%            | 26%                | 19%        | +17%       | (509)      |
| Oct. '14         | 44%              | 7%             | 27%                | 22%        | +17%       | (679)      |
| July '14         | 50%              | 8%             | 25%                | 17%        | +25%       | (668)      |
| Apr. '14         | 49%              | 9%             | 28%                | 15%        | +21%       | (505)      |
| Jan. <b>'14</b>  | 43%              | 10%            | 30%                | 18%        | +13%       | (582)      |
| Oct. '13         | 41%              | 8%             | 31%                | 21%        | +10%       | (662)      |
| July '13         | 41%              | 8%             | 32%                | 19%        | +9%        | (512)      |
| Apr. '13         | 50%              | 9%             | 25%                | 16%        | +25%       | (505)      |
| Feb. <b>'13</b>  | 51%              | 7%             | 28%                | 14%        | +23%       | (579)      |
| Oct. '12         | 44%              | 5%             | 32%                | 19%        | +12%       | (590)      |
| Aug. '12         | 53%              | 5%             | 25%                | 18%        | +28%       | (577)      |
| Apr. '12         | 43%              | 5%             | 29%                | 22%        | +14%       | (531)      |
| Feb. <b>'12</b>  | 42%              | 9%             | 26%                | 23%        | +16%       | (527)      |
| Oct. '11         | 47%              | 10%            | 24%                | 18%        | +23%       | (554)      |
| July '11         | 45%              | 12%            | 25%                | 18%        | +20%       | (514)      |
| Apr. '11         | 49%              | 8%             | 25%                | 19%        | +24%       | (501)      |
| Feb. '11         | 51%              | 8%             | 20%                | 21%        | +31%       | (520)      |
| Sept. '10        | 41%              | 11%            | 29%                | 19%        | +12%       | (515)      |
| July '10         | 36%              | 7%             | 27%                | 30%        | +9%        | (504)      |
| Apr. '10         | 38%              | 7%             | 13%                | 41%        | +25%       | (508)      |
| Feb. <b>'10</b>  | 38%              | 6%             | 12%                | 44%        | +26%       | (497)      |
| Oct. '09         | 37%              | 6%             | 8%                 | 49%        | +29%       | (501)      |
| Jun. '09         | 45%              | 7%             | 8%                 | 40%        | +37%       | (556)      |

### Firmness of Choice For New Hampshire Senate – Likely Voters

"I know that it is early, but have you definitely decided who you will vote for in the New Hampshire Senate election in 2016 ... are you leaning toward someone ... or have you considered some candidates but are still trying to decide?"

|         | Def. Decided | <u>Leaning</u> | Trying to Decide | (N=)  |
|---------|--------------|----------------|------------------|-------|
| May '15 | 6%           | 7%             | 87%              | (518) |

#### US Senate - Ayotte vs. Hassan

"If the 2016 Senate election was being held today and the candidates were Kelly Ayotte the Republican and Maggie Hassan, the Democrat, who would you vote for?" ROTATE CANDIDATES

|                        | <u>May '15</u> |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Ayotte                 | 45%            |
| Hassan                 | 43%            |
| Other                  | 2%             |
| Don't know / undecided | 9%             |
| (N=)                   | (501)          |

## Favorability Rating - Frank Guinta - NH 1st District

"Next, I'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of this person - or if you have never heard of him or her. Congressman (Former Congressman) Frank Guinta?"

| 1st C.D.         | <u>Favorable</u> | <b>Neutral</b> | <u>Unfavorable</u> | <b>Don't Know</b> | <u>Net</u> | <u>(N)</u> |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|
| May '15          | 30%              | 6%             | 40%                | 24%               | -10%       | (289)      |
| Feb. <b>'1</b> 5 | 23%              | 13%            | 36%                | 28%               | -13%       | (236)      |
| Oct. '14         | 27%              | 9%             | 29%                | 35%               | -2%        | (339)      |
| July '14         | 32%              | 8%             | 27%                | 33%               | +5%        | (336)      |
| Apr. '14         | 27%              | 7%             | 33%                | 33%               | -6%        | (255)      |
| Jan. <b>'14</b>  | 33%              | 11%            | 26%                | 29%               | +7%        | (300)      |
| Oct. '13         | 24%              | 8%             | 34%                | 34%               | -10%       | (325)      |
| July '13         | 27%              | 6%             | 36%                | 31%               | -9%        | (274)      |
|                  |                  |                |                    |                   |            |            |
| Oct. '12 – LVs   | 38%              | 6%             | 39%                | 17%               | -1%        | (273)      |
| Aug. '12         | 37%              | 5%             | 27%                | 31%               | +6%        | (270)      |
| Apr. '12         | 31%              | 9%             | 28%                | 33%               | +3%        | (253)      |
| Feb. '12         | 33%              | 8%             | 28%                | 30%               | +5%        | (256)      |
| Oct. '11         | 30%              | 12%            | 30%                | 28%               | 0%         | (247)      |
| July '11         | 24%              | 12%            | 30%                | 34%               | -6%        | (248)      |
| Apr. '11         | 31%              | 10%            | 26%                | 33%               | +5%        | (243)      |
| Feb. '11         | 30%              | 12%            | 22%                | 35%               | +8%        | (236)      |
| Sept. '10        | 33%              | 4%             | 20%                | 42%               | +13%       | (262)      |
| July '10         | 28%              | 9%             | 17%                | 46%               | +11%       | (264)      |
| Apr. '10         | 22%              | 7%             | 18%                | 52%               | +4%        | (257)      |
| Feb. '10         | 23%              | 7%             | 14%                | 55%               | +9%        | (251)      |
| Oct. '09         | 28%              | 9%             | 11%                | 52%               | +17%       | (251)      |
| April '09        | 30%              | 12%            | 8%                 | 51%               | +22%       | (260)      |

## Favorability Rating – U.S. Representative Ann McLane Kuster - NH 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> C.D. | <u>Favorable</u> | <b>Neutral</b> | <u>Unfavorable</u> | Don't Know | <u>Net</u> | <u>(N)</u> |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| May '15              | 24%              | 6%             | 38%                | 32%        | -14%       | (278)      |
| Feb. <b>'1</b> 5     | 23%              | 16%            | 39%                | 21%        | -16%       | (273)      |
| Oct. '14             | 28%              | 10%            | 37%                | 24%        | -9%        | (339)      |
| July '14             | 34%              | 7%             | 28%                | 31%        | +6%        | (325)      |
| Apr. '14             | 27%              | 10%            | 33%                | 29%        | -6%        | (245)      |
| Jan. '14             | 30%              | 6%             | 32%                | 31%        | -2%        | (281)      |
| Oct. '13             | 23%              | 9%             | 28%                | 40%        | -5%        | (330)      |
| July '13             | 27%              | 9%             | 25%                | 38%        | +2%        | (232)      |
| Apr. '13             | 29%              | 8%             | 30%                | 34%        | -1%        | (276)      |
| Feb. <b>'13</b>      | 32%              | 8%             | 23%                | 36%        | +9%        | (325)      |
| Oct. '12 – LVs       | 35%              | 7%             | 25%                | 33%        | +10%       | (325)      |
| Aug. '12             | 21%              | 1%             | 16%                | 61%        | +5%        | (311)      |
| Apr. '12             | 26%              | 3%             | 13%                | 58%        | +13%       | (270)      |
| Sept. '10            | 38%              | 6%             | 14%                | 42%        | +24%       | (243)      |
| July '10             | 10%              | 3%             | 2%                 | 85%        | +8%        | (226)      |
| Apr. '10             | 8%               | 7%             | 4%                 | 81%        | +4%        | (250)      |
| Feb. '10             | 8%               | 2%             | 3%                 | 87%        | +5%        | (240)      |
| Oct. '09             | 6%               | 5%             | 2%                 | 87%        | +4%        | (252)      |

## Favorability Rating - Senator Jeanne Shaheen

|                                | <u>Favorable</u> | Neutral | <u>Unfavorable</u> | Don't Know | (N) |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------|--------------------|------------|-----|
| STATEWIDE                      | 57%              | 5%      | 30%                | 8%         | 567 |
| Registered Democrat            | 84%              | 3%      | 7%                 | 7%         | 110 |
| Registered Undeclared          | 57%              | 4%      | 34%                | 6%         | 245 |
| Registered Republican          | 30%              | 9%      | 51%                | 11%        | 129 |
| Democrat                       | 86%              | 2%      | 8%                 | 4%         | 206 |
|                                |                  |         |                    |            |     |
| Independent                    | 49%              | 10%     | 29%                | 12%        | 139 |
| Republican                     | 34%              | 5%      | 51%                | 10%        | 210 |
| Liberal                        | 83%              | 1%      | 13%                | 3%         | 130 |
| Moderate                       | 63%              | 5%      | 21%                | 10%        | 238 |
| Conservative                   | 31%              | 6%      | 57%                | 6%         | 157 |
| Support Tea Party              | 19%              | 8%      | 73%                | 0%         | 109 |
| Neutral                        | 61%              | 4%      | 22%                | 13%        | 209 |
| Oppose Tea Party               | 74%              | 3%      | 18%                | 5%         | 214 |
| Likely 2016 Voter              | 56%              | 5%      | 31%                | 8%         | 524 |
| Non-Likely 2016 Voter          | 64%              | 9%      | 21%                | 5%         | 43  |
| Non Line, y 2010 vote.         | 0 170            | 370     | 21/0               | 370        | .5  |
| Read Union Leader              | 50%              | 3%      | 42%                | 4%         | 171 |
| Read Boston Globe              | 73%              | 3%      | 22%                | 2%         | 85  |
| Read Local Newspapers          | 62%              | 6%      | 27%                | 5%         | 210 |
| Watch WMUR                     | 60%              | 3%      | 32%                | 5%         | 324 |
| Listen to NHPR                 | 74%              | 4%      | 21%                | 1%         | 144 |
| 10 yrs or less in NH           | 49%              | 8%      | 21%                | 23%        | 72  |
| 11 to 20 years                 | 59%              | 2%      | 30%                | 9%         | 114 |
| More than 20 years             | 58%              | 5%      | 32%                | 5%         | 369 |
| 18 to 34                       | 60%              | 6%      | 19%                | 14%        | 138 |
| 35 to 49                       | 52%              | 7%      | 35%                | 7%         | 164 |
| 50 to 64                       | 58%              | 3%      | 34%                | 5%         | 152 |
| 65 and over                    | 60%              | 3%      | 32%                | 5%         | 99  |
| Male                           | 51%              | 5%      | 38%                | 6%         | 280 |
|                                |                  |         |                    |            |     |
| Female                         | 63%              | 5%      | 22%                | 10%        | 287 |
| High school or less            | 66%              | 7%      | 20%                | 7%         | 89  |
| Some college                   | 56%              | 9%      | 27%                | 7%         | 152 |
| College graduate               | 52%              | 2%      | 36%                | 10%        | 190 |
| Post-graduate                  | 61%              | 4%      | 29%                | 6%         | 127 |
| Attend services 1 or more/week | 46%              | 4%      | 39%                | 10%        | 140 |
| 1-2 times a month              | 45%              | 5%      | 41%                | 9%         | 59  |
| Less often                     | 57%              | 5%      | 30%                | 9%         | 170 |
| Never                          | 70%              | 6%      | 19%                | 5%         | 176 |
| North Country                  | 77%              | 1%      | 19%                | 4%         | 52  |
| Central / Lakes                | 58%              | 3%      | 34%                | 5%         | 88  |
| Connecticut Valley             | 58%              | 2%      | 26%                | 14%        | 78  |
| Mass Border                    | 53%              | 9%      | 33%                | 6%         | 152 |
| Seacoast                       | 52%              | 9%      | 29%                | 10%        | 88  |
| Manchester Area                | 57%              | 3%      | 31%                | 9%         | 109 |
| aonester / wea                 |                  |         |                    |            |     |
| First Cong. Dist               | 56%              | 6%      | 29%                | 9%         | 289 |
| Second Cong. Dist              | 58%              | 4%      | 31%                | 7%         | 278 |
|                                |                  |         |                    |            |     |

## Favorability Rating – Senator Kelly Ayotte

| STATEWIDE                      | <u>Favorable</u><br>48% | <u>Neutral</u><br>5% | <u>Unfavorable</u><br>28% | Don't Know<br>19% | <u>(N)</u><br>567 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 5/// <u>5///</u>               | 10/0                    | 3/0                  | 20/3                      | 2370              | 30,               |
| Registered Democrat            | 36%                     | 6%                   | 39%                       | 19%               | 110               |
| Registered Undeclared          | 47%                     | 5%                   | 33%                       | 14%               | 245               |
| Registered Republican          | 70%                     | 2%                   | 15%                       | 13%               | 129               |
| Democrat                       | 32%                     | 4%                   | 43%                       | 21%               | 206               |
| Independent                    | 42%                     | 7%                   | 29%                       | 22%               | 139               |
| Republican                     | 65%                     | 5%                   | 14%                       | 16%               | 210               |
| Liberal                        | 29%                     | 3%                   | 51%                       | 18%               | 130               |
| Moderate                       | 45%                     | 4%                   | 26%                       | 24%               | 238               |
| Conservative                   | 68%                     | 4%                   | 13%                       | 14%               | 158               |
| Support Tea Party              | 76%                     | 7%                   | 14%                       | 3%                | 109               |
| Neutral                        | 48%                     | 2%                   | 20%                       | 30%               | 209               |
| Oppose Tea Party               | 34%                     | 6%                   | 46%                       | 14%               | 214               |
| Likely 2016 Voter              | 49%                     | 5%                   | 30%                       | 16%               | 524               |
| Non-Likely 2016 Voter          | 30%                     | 2%                   | 10%                       | 58%               | 43                |
| Read Union Leader              | FF0/                    | 4%                   | 250/                      | 160/              | 171               |
| Read Boston Globe              | 55%<br>32%              | 4%<br>4%             | 25%<br>57%                | 16%<br>8%         | 171<br>85         |
| Read Local Newspapers          | 48%                     | 7%                   | 34%                       | 11%               | 210               |
| Watch WMUR                     | 56%                     | 7%<br>4%             | 29%                       | 11%               | 324               |
| Listen to NHPR                 | 38%                     | 5%                   | 47%                       | 10%               | 144               |
| LISTER TO WIFT                 | 36/6                    | 370                  | 4770                      | 1070              | 144               |
| 10 yrs or less in NH           | 38%                     | 10%                  | 19%                       | 32%               | 72                |
| 11 to 20 years                 | 46%                     | 2%                   | 32%                       | 20%               | 114               |
| More than 20 years             | 49%                     | 5%                   | 29%                       | 17%               | 369               |
| 18 to 34                       | 23%                     | 9%                   | 21%                       | 47%               | 138               |
| 35 to 49                       | 52%                     | 3%                   | 32%                       | 13%               | 164               |
| 50 to 64                       | 58%                     | 5%                   | 28%                       | 9%                | 152               |
| 65 and over                    | 56%                     | 5%                   | 33%                       | 6%                | 99                |
| Male                           | 48%                     | 6%                   | 30%                       | 16%               | 280               |
| Female                         | 47%                     | 4%                   | 27%                       | 22%               | 287               |
| High school or less            | 46%                     | 7%                   | 19%                       | 28%               | 89                |
| Some college                   | 48%                     | 3%                   | 29%                       | 20%               | 152               |
| College graduate               | 46%                     | 7%                   | 29%                       | 18%               | 190               |
| Post-graduate                  | 48%                     | 4%                   | 34%                       | 14%               | 127               |
| Attend services 1 or more/week | 50%                     | 4%                   | 27%                       | 18%               | 140               |
| 1-2 times a month              | 45%                     | 7%                   | 23%                       | 25%               | 59                |
| Less often                     | 51%                     | 8%                   | 18%                       | 23%               | 170               |
| Never                          | 40%                     | 3%                   | 41%                       | 16%               | 176               |
| North Country                  | 42%                     | 6%                   | 28%                       | 24%               | 52                |
| Central / Lakes                | 43%                     | 5%                   | 33%                       | 19%               | 88                |
| Connecticut Valley             | 44%                     | 2%                   | 37%                       | 17%               | 78                |
| Mass Border                    | 50%                     | 7%                   | 26%                       | 16%               | 152               |
| Seacoast                       | 53%                     | 6%                   | 24%                       | 16%               | 88                |
| Manchester Area                | 48%                     | 3%                   | 24%                       | 24%               | 109               |
| First Cong. Dist               | 51%                     | 4%                   | 24%                       | 20%               | 289               |
| Second Cong. Dist              | 43%                     | 6%                   | 32%                       | 18%               | 278               |
| <del>-</del>                   |                         |                      |                           |                   |                   |

## Firmness of choice for New Hampshire Senate

|                                | Definitely     | Leaning Toward | Still Trying |             |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
|                                | <u>Decided</u> | <u>Someone</u> | To Decide    | <u>(N=)</u> |
| STATEWIDE                      | 6%             | 7%             | 87%          | 518         |
| Registered Democrat            | 4%             | 10%            | 85%          | 97          |
| Registered Undeclared          | 7%             | 5%             | 88%          | 232         |
| Registered Republican          | 7%             | 12%            | 81%          | 125         |
| Democrat                       | 6%             | 8%             | 87%          | 185         |
| Independent                    | 3%             | 3%             | 93%          | 120         |
| Republican                     | 8%             | 9%             | 83%          | 203         |
| Liberal                        | 6%             | 9%             | 85%          | 119         |
| Moderate                       | 5%             | 6%             | 88%          | 221         |
| Conservative                   | 8%             | 8%             | 84%          | 141         |
| Support Tea Party              | 9%             | 11%            | 80%          | 107         |
| Neutral                        | 5%             | 2%             | 93%          | 183         |
| Oppose Tea Party               | 6%             | 11%            | 83%          | 196         |
| Union household                | 7%             | 16%            | 77%          | 78          |
| Non-union                      | 6%             | 6%             | 89%          | 427         |
| Read Union Leader              | 7%             | 5%             | 88%          | 160         |
| Read Boston Globe              | 7%             | 6%             | 87%          | 76          |
| Read Local Newspapers          | 6%             | 9%             | 85%          | 203         |
| Watch WMUR                     | 6%             | 8%             | 86%          | 301         |
| Listen to NHPR                 | 6%             | 13%            | 82%          | 130         |
| 10 yrs or less in NH           | 3%             | 4%             | 93%          | 69          |
| 11 to 20 years                 | 5%             | 5%             | 89%          | 105         |
| More than 20 years             | 7%             | 8%             | 85%          | 332         |
| 18 to 34                       | 0%             | 2%             | 98%          | 112         |
| 35 to 49                       | 5%             | 7%             | 88%          | 160         |
| 50 to 64                       | 8%             | 10%            | 81%          | 140         |
| 65 and over                    | 12%            | 9%             | 80%          | 92          |
| Male                           | 8%             | 8%             | 83%          | 257         |
| Female                         | 4%             | 6%             | 90%          | 260         |
| High school or less            | 5%             | 1%             | 94%          | 73          |
| Some college                   | 4%             | 7%             | 89%          | 144         |
| College graduate               | 4%             | 9%             | 87%          | 175         |
| Post-graduate                  | 12%            | 9%             | 79%          | 117         |
| Attend services 1 or more/week | 7%             | 6%             | 87%          | 136         |
| 1-2 times a month              | 3%             | 3%             | 94%          | 52          |
| Less often                     | 7%             | 6%             | 87%          | 161         |
| Never                          | 5%             | 11%            | 84%          | 150         |
| North Country                  | 4%             | 8%             | 88%          | 45          |
| Central / Lakes                | 8%             | 9%             | 83%          | 84          |
| Connecticut Valley             | 3%             | 3%             | 94%          | 72          |
| Mass Border                    | 4%             | 10%            | 85%          | 138         |
| Seacoast                       | 10%            | 5%             | 85%          | 79          |
| Manchester Area                | 7%             | 5%             | 88%          | 100         |
| First Cong. Dist               | 7%             | 6%             | 87%          | 267         |
| Second Cong. Dist              | 5%             | 8%             | 87%          | 251         |
|                                |                |                |              |             |

## US Senate – Kelly Ayotte vs. Maggie Hassan

| STATEWIDE                      | <u>Ayotte</u><br>45% | Hassan<br>43% | Other<br>2% | <u>Don't Know</u><br>9% | <u>(N)</u><br>501 |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Registered Democrat            | 6%                   | 88%           | 0%          | 6%                      | 98                |
| Registered Undeclared          | 41%                  | 44%           | 4%          | 11%                     | 220               |
| Registered Republican          | 91%                  | 7%            | 0%          | 2%                      | 123               |
| registered republican          | 91%                  | 770           | 0%          | 270                     | 123               |
| Democrat                       | 6%                   | 87%           | 0%          | 7%                      | 185               |
| Independent                    | 46%                  | 29%           | 9%          | 17%                     | 106               |
| Republican                     | 81%                  | 9%            | 1%          | 8%                      | 199               |
| Liberal                        | 7%                   | 88%           | 0%          | 5%                      | 116               |
| Moderate                       | 47%                  | 39%           | 4%          | 9%                      | 218               |
| Conservative                   | 75%                  | 13%           | 2%          | 9%                      | 139               |
| Support Tea Party              | 94%                  | 4%            | 1%          | 0%                      | 101               |
| Neutral                        | 49%                  | 36%           | 2%          | 13%                     | 179               |
| Oppose Tea Party               | 18%                  | 69%           | 3%          | 10%                     | 195               |
| oppose rearranty               | 10/0                 | 0370          | 370         | 1070                    | 155               |
| Favorable of Ayotte            | 93%                  | 2%            | 2%          | 4%                      | 97                |
| Favorable of Hassan            | 4%                   | 90%           | 0%          | 6%                      | 141               |
| Favorable of Both              | 48%                  | 42%           | 0%          | 9%                      | 159               |
| Favorable of Neither           | 52%                  | 19%           | 9%          | 20%                     | 104               |
| Read Union Leader              | 52%                  | 37%           | 3%          | 7%                      | 157               |
| Read Boston Globe              | 26%                  | 64%           | 0%          | 10%                     | 71                |
| Read Local Newspapers          | 43%                  | 47%           | 2%          | 7%                      | 192               |
| Watch WMUR                     | 45%                  | 45%           | 2%          | 8%                      | 300               |
| Listen to NHPR                 | 21%                  | 67%           | 1%          | 11%                     | 131               |
| 10 yrs or less in NH           | 27%                  | 59%           | 1%          | 13%                     | 55                |
| 11 to 20 years                 | 38%                  | 44%           | 5%          | 12%                     | 104               |
| More than 20 years             | 50%                  | 40%           | 2%          | 8%                      | 330               |
| 18 to 34                       | 35%                  | 47%           | 8%          | 10%                     | 99                |
| 35 to 49                       | 49%                  | 41%           | 0%          | 10%                     | 155               |
| 50 to 64                       | 45%                  | 42%           | 2%          | 10%                     | 141               |
| 65 and over                    | 47%                  | 47%           | 1%          | 5%                      | 94                |
| Male                           | 51%                  | 36%           | 3%          | 10%                     | 247               |
| Female                         | 40%                  | 50%           | 2%          | 8%                      | 254               |
|                                | 10,0                 | 30,1          | =/3         | 3,0                     |                   |
| High school or less            | 46%                  | 31%           | 3%          | 20%                     | 69                |
| Some college                   | 47%                  | 44%           | 3%          | 7%                      | 141               |
| College graduate               | 45%                  | 44%           | 3%          | 9%                      | 170               |
| Post-graduate                  | 42%                  | 49%           | 2%          | 7%                      | 113               |
| Attend services 1 or more/week | 47%                  | 40%           | 1%          | 12%                     | 134               |
| 1-2 times a month              | 42%                  | 44%           | 6%          | 8%                      | 45                |
| Less often                     | 53%                  | 37%           | 2%          | 8%                      | 156               |
| Never                          | 34%                  | 55%           | 3%          | 8%                      | 148               |
| North Country                  | 41%                  | 52%           | 1%          | 5%                      | 46                |
| Central / Lakes                | 46%                  | 46%           | 0%          | 7%                      | 85                |
| Connecticut Valley             | 36%                  | 43%           | 5%          | 16%                     | 71                |
| Mass Border                    | 51%                  | 40%           | 3%          | 6%                      | 124               |
| Seacoast                       | 42%                  | 39%           | 2%          | 17%                     | 76                |
| Manchester Area                | 48%                  | 43%           | 2%          | 7%                      | 100               |
| First Cong. Dist               | 420/                 | 420/          | 20/         | 100/                    | 264               |
| First Cong. Dist               | 43%                  | 43%           | 3%          | 10%                     | 264               |
| Second Cong. Dist              | 47%                  | 42%           | 2%          | 8%                      | 237               |

## Favorability Rating – Congressman Frank Guinta

|                                | <u>Favorable</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Unfavorable</u> | Don't Know | <u>(N)</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------|------------|
| FIRST CONG DIST                | 30%              | 6%             | 40%                | 24%        | 289        |
| Registered Democrat            | 11%              | 11%            | 62%                | 16%        | 58         |
| Registered Undeclared          | 32%              | 6%             | 41%                | 20%        | 114        |
| Registered Republican          | 50%              | 4%             | 25%                | 20%        | 68         |
| negistereu nepublicum          | 3070             | 470            | 2370               | 2070       | 00         |
| Democrat                       | 20%              | 5%             | 52%                | 24%        | 113        |
| Independent                    | 17%              | 3%             | 51%                | 29%        | 56         |
| Republican                     | 46%              | 8%             | 23%                | 23%        | 116        |
| Liberal                        | 32%              | 5%             | 50%                | 13%        | 64         |
| Moderate                       | 21%              | 8%             | 42%                | 29%        | 130        |
| Conservative                   | 44%              | 3%             | 28%                | 25%        | 79         |
| Support Tea Party              | 54%              | 3%             | 34%                | 10%        | 46         |
| Neutral                        | 37%              | 5%<br>5%       | 31%                | 27%        | 117        |
|                                | 13%              | 8%             | 54%                | 25%        | 117        |
| Oppose Tea Party               | 13%              | 8%             | 54%                | 25%        | 114        |
| Likely 2016 Voter              | 31%              | 6%             | 42%                | 21%        | 268        |
| Non-Likely 2016 Voter          | 9%               | 3%             | 19%                | 70%        | 21         |
| Before FEC Story               | 36%              | 6%             | 29%                | 29%        | 88         |
| After FEC Story                | 34%              | 2%             | 42%                | 22%        | 65         |
| After Ayotte Interview         | 20%              | 8%             | 49%                | 23%        | 127        |
| Auto Ayotte interview          | 2070             | 070            | 4370               | 2370       | 12,        |
| Union household                | 32%              | 0%             | 46%                | 21%        | 39         |
| Non-union                      | 29%              | 7%             | 40%                | 25%        | 242        |
| Read Union Leader              | 39%              | 5%             | 41%                | 16%        | 100        |
| Read Boston Globe              | 30%              | 2%             | 49%                | 19%        | 38         |
| Read Local Newspapers          | 27%              | 10%            | 40%                | 23%        | 89         |
| Watch WMUR                     | 34%              | 8%             | 44%                | 14%        | 169        |
| Listen to NHPR                 | 28%              | 6%             | 53%                | 13%        | 76         |
| Listen to Will K               | 2070             | 070            | 3370               | 13/0       | 70         |
| 10 yrs or less in NH           | 18%              | 4%             | 34%                | 45%        | 32         |
| 11 to 20 years                 | 44%              | 5%             | 41%                | 11%        | 69         |
| More than 20 years             | 26%              | 7%             | 41%                | 26%        | 183        |
| 18 to 34                       | 24%              | 0%             | 22%                | 54%        | 67         |
| 35 to 49                       | 34%              | 9%             | 41%                | 16%        | 95         |
| 50 to 64                       | 27%              | 8%             | 54%                | 11%        | 75         |
| 65 and over                    | 33%              | 4%             | 45%                | 18%        | 47         |
| Male                           | 32%              | 4%             | 43%                | 21%        | 150        |
|                                |                  | 8%             |                    |            |            |
| Female                         | 27%              | 8%             | 37%                | 28%        | 140        |
| High school or less            | 19%              | 8%             | 37%                | 36%        | 37         |
| Some college                   | 47%              | 6%             | 28%                | 19%        | 73         |
| College graduate               | 26%              | 3%             | 39%                | 32%        | 111        |
| Post-graduate                  | 22%              | 9%             | 58%                | 11%        | 64         |
| Attend services 1 or more/week | 27%              | 3%             | 47%                | 23%        | 83         |
| 1-2 times a month              | 28%              | 8%             | 26%                | 38%        | 30         |
| Less often                     | 37%              | 13%            | 32%                | 18%        | 77         |
| Never                          | 27%              | 2%             | 45%                | 27%        | 92         |
| Nevel                          | 21/0             | 270            | 73/0               | 27/0       | 32         |
| North Country                  | 4%               | 6%             | 55%                | 35%        | 27         |
| Central / Lakes                | 41%              | 14%            | 24%                | 22%        | 19         |
| Mass Border                    | 36%              | 8%             | 35%                | 22%        | 66         |
| Seacoast                       | 21%              | 6%             | 49%                | 25%        | 88         |
| Manchester Area                | 40%              | 2%             | 35%                | 23%        | 89         |

## Favorability Rating - Congresswoman Ann Kuster

| SECOND CONG DIST               | <u>Favorable</u><br>24% | <u>Neutral</u><br>6% | <u>Unfavorable</u><br>38% | Don't Know<br>32% | <u>(N)</u><br>278 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Registered Democrat            | 62%                     | 7%                   | 12%                       | 20%               | 51                |
| Registered Undeclared          | 17%                     | 7%                   | 40%                       | 36%               | 131               |
| Registered Republican          | 13%                     | 5%                   | 66%                       | 16%               | 61                |
|                                |                         |                      |                           |                   |                   |
| Democrat                       | 50%                     | 5%                   | 13%                       | 32%               | 94                |
| Independent                    | 10%                     | 6%                   | 34%                       | 50%               | 83                |
| Republican                     | 11%                     | 7%                   | 63%                       | 19%               | 94                |
| Liberal                        | 41%                     | 7%                   | 15%                       | 37%               | 65                |
| Moderate                       | 27%                     | 5%                   | 34%                       | 34%               | 108               |
| Conservative                   | 11%                     | 4%                   | 66%                       | 19%               | 79                |
| Support Too Party              | 5%                      | 4%                   | 67%                       | 24%               | 63                |
| Support Tea Party              | 18%                     | 8%                   |                           |                   | 93                |
| Neutral                        |                         |                      | 35%                       | 40%               |                   |
| Oppose Tea Party               | 45%                     | 6%                   | 24%                       | 24%               | 100               |
| Likely 2016 Voter              | 25%                     | 5%                   | 41%                       | 30%               | 256               |
| Non-Likely 2016 Voter          | 15%                     | 16%                  | 8%                        | 61%               | 22                |
|                                | 2001                    | 22/                  |                           | 2001              |                   |
| Union household                | 29%                     | 3%                   | 48%                       | 20%               | 43                |
| Non-union                      | 23%                     | 6%                   | 36%                       | 35%               | 230               |
| Read Union Leader              | 15%                     | 4%                   | 55%                       | 25%               | 71                |
| Read Boston Globe              | 20%                     | 2%                   | 54%                       | 24%               | 47                |
| Read Local Newspapers          | 35%                     | 4%                   | 39%                       | 22%               | 121               |
| Watch WMUR                     | 26%                     | 3%                   | 44%                       | 26%               | 155               |
| Listen to NHPR                 | 44%                     | 2%                   | 34%                       | 20%               | 69                |
| 10 yrs or less in NH           | 20%                     | 10%                  | 32%                       | 38%               | 40                |
| 11 to 20 years                 | 23%                     | 0%                   | 46%                       | 32%               | 45                |
| More than 20 years             | 25%                     | 6%                   | 37%                       | 32%               | 187               |
| ,                              |                         |                      |                           |                   |                   |
| 18 to 34                       | 8%                      | 9%                   | 30%                       | 53%               | 71                |
| 35 to 49                       | 20%                     | 3%                   | 47%                       | 31%               | 69                |
| 50 to 64                       | 33%                     | 3%                   | 42%                       | 23%               | 76                |
| 65 and over                    | 38%                     | 6%                   | 33%                       | 23%               | 52                |
| Male                           | 18%                     | 5%                   | 45%                       | 31%               | 130               |
| Female                         | 29%                     | 6%                   | 32%                       | 33%               | 148               |
| High school or less            | 19%                     | 8%                   | 33%                       | 40%               | 52                |
| Some college                   | 15%                     | 5%                   | 39%                       | 41%               | 79                |
| College graduate               | 32%                     | 4%                   | 38%                       | 26%               | 79<br>79          |
| Post-graduate                  | 29%                     | 7%                   | 40%                       | 25%               | 63                |
| rost-graduate                  | 23/6                    | 7 /0                 | 40%                       | 23/6              | 03                |
| Attend services 1 or more/week | 26%                     | 3%                   | 53%                       | 19%               | 57                |
| 1-2 times a month              | 16%                     | 10%                  | 42%                       | 32%               | 29                |
| Less often                     | 20%                     | 3%                   | 29%                       | 47%               | 93                |
| Never                          | 30%                     | 9%                   | 34%                       | 27%               | 84                |
| North Country                  | 17%                     | 3%                   | 23%                       | 57%               | 26                |
| Central / Lakes                | 25%                     | 4%                   | 39%                       | 32%               | 69                |
| Connecticut Valley             | 25%                     | 5%                   | 36%                       | 35%               | 78                |
| Mass Border                    | 25%                     | 9%                   | 37%                       | 28%               | 86                |
| Manchester Area                | 21%                     | 5%                   | 68%                       | 6%                | 20                |
|                                |                         |                      |                           |                   |                   |