

# THE GRANITE STATE POLL

## THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

### LYNCH APPROVAL AT 72 PERCENT

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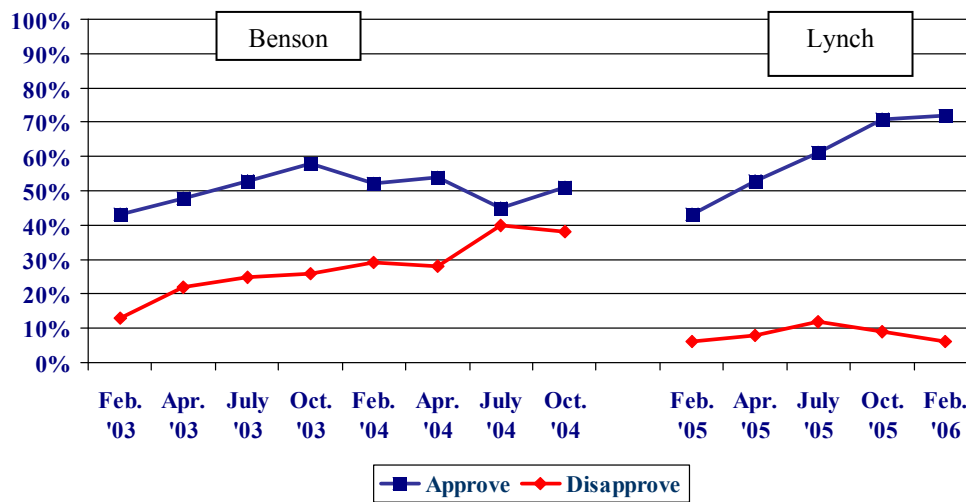
DURHAM, NH – New Hampshire Governor John Lynch’s approval rating has soared to 72 percent. New Hampshire residents are very positive about the direction the state is headed.

These findings are based on the latest **Granite State Poll**,\* conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center. The Granite State Poll is sponsored by the University of New Hampshire. Five hundred six (506) randomly selected New Hampshire adults were interviewed by telephone between February 10 and February 17, 2006. The margin of sampling error for the survey is +/-4.4 percent.

#### Gubernatorial Approval

After one year in office, Democratic Governor John Lynch gets a strong vote of confidence from Granite Staters. In the most recent Granite State Poll, 72 percent of New Hampshire adults say they approve of the job Lynch has done as governor, only 6 percent disapprove, and 22 percent are neutral. By comparison, 52 percent of Granite Staters approved of the job Craig Benson was doing at a similar point in his administration.

#### NH Gubernatorial Approval



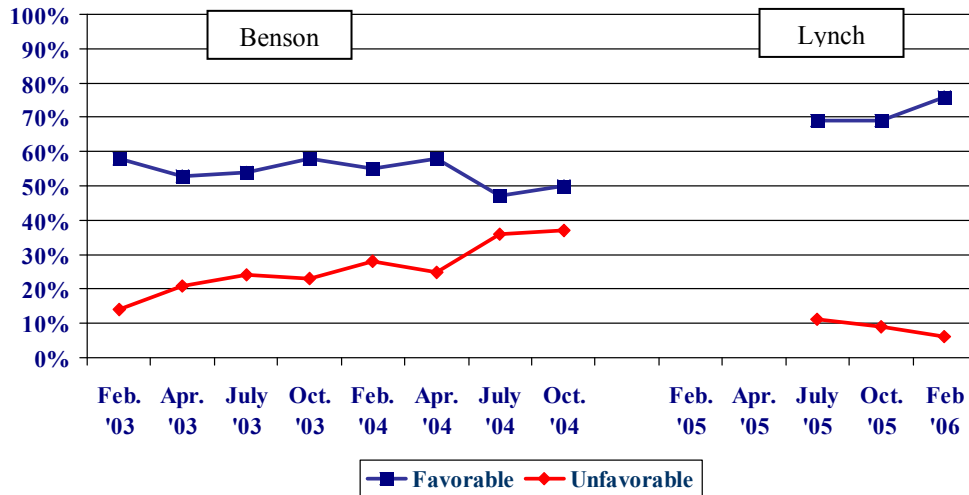
In the Fall Granite State Poll, 71 percent approved of the job Lynch was doing as Governor. At that time, it was thought that some of Lynch’s approval was due to handling of flooding in south-western New Hampshire, but his approval has continued to rise in the months since

Lynch gets high ratings from all political groups – 77 percent of Democrats approve of the job Lynch is doing as governor, 71 percent of Republicans and 67 percent of Independents. “The fact that Republicans have such high opinions of Lynch make his re-election in November more and more likely,” said Andrew Smith, Director of the UNH Survey Center.

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Lynch's personal favorability rating is also very high. In the latest Granite State Poll, 76 percent of New Hampshire residents say they have a favorable opinion of Lynch, only 6 percent have an unfavorable opinion, 12 percent are neutral, and 6 percent say they don't know enough about him to say. Lynch's net favorability rating, the percentage having a favorable opinion minus the percentage having an unfavorable opinion, is an astounding +70 percent, making him by far the most popular elected official in New Hampshire (see favorability ratings for Senators and Congressmen below).

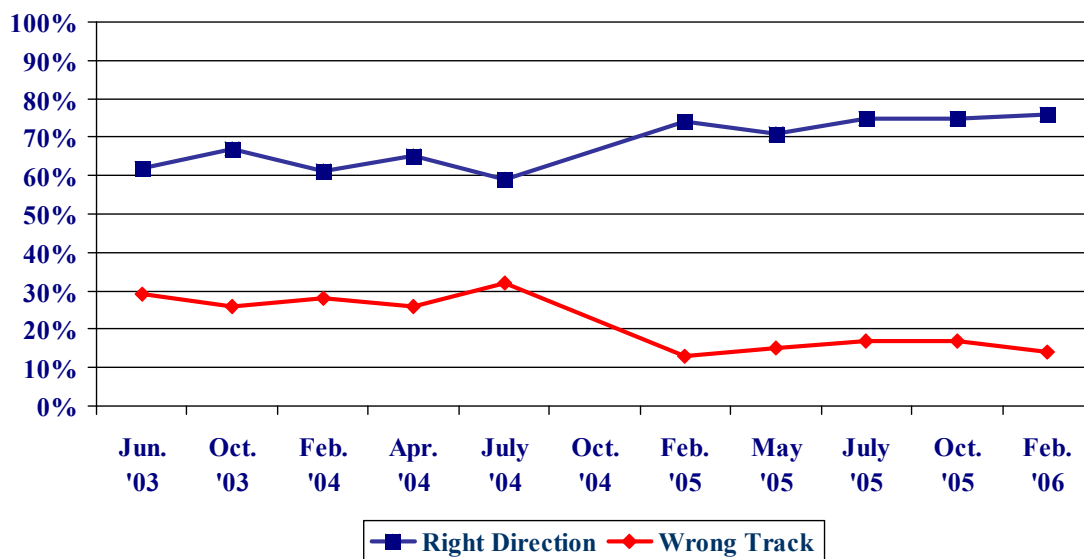
**Favorability Ratings – NH Governor**



**Right Direction or Wrong Track?**

Granite Staters are extremely optimistic about the future of New Hampshire. Seventy-six percent think things in New Hampshire are generally going in the right direction, only 14 percent think things are seriously off on the wrong track, and 10 percent say they don't know. This indicator of optimism about the state is at its highest level since the Granite State Poll began measuring this in June 2003.

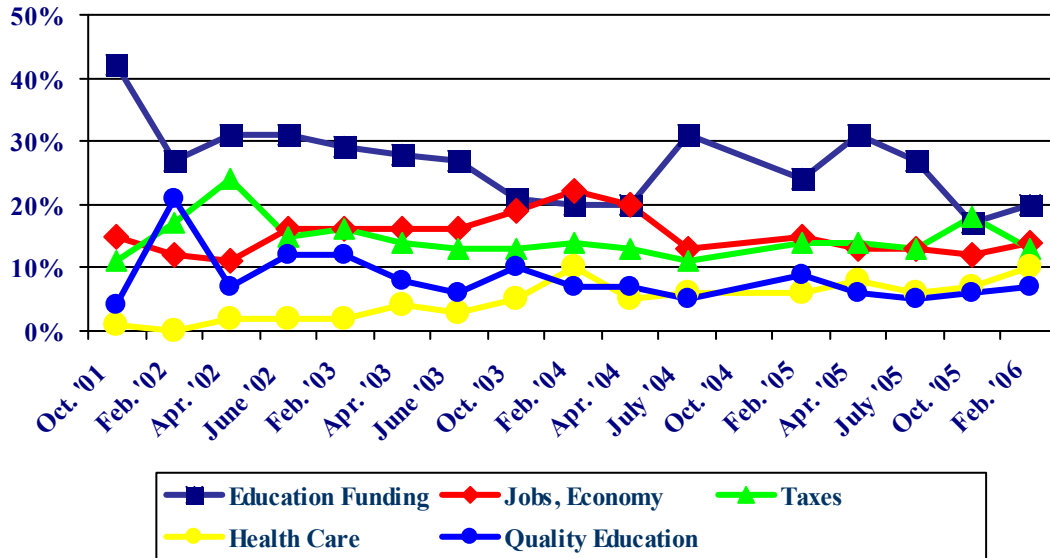
**NH Heading in Right Direction or On Wrong Track?**



### Most Important Problem Facing New Hampshire

How to fund primary and secondary education is seen as the important problem facing the state of New Hampshire (cited by 20 percent of respondents) followed by jobs and the economy (14%), high taxes and desires to change the tax system (13%) health care issues (10%), the quality of education (7%), and population growth and sprawl (3%). There has been little change in the top three most important in recent months.

Most Important Problem Facing NH



### Favorability Ratings of Senators and Congressmen

The New Hampshire Congressional delegation continues to get high favorability ratings from Granite Staters a year before the 2006 mid-term elections. Senator Judd Gregg remains the most popular -- 59 percent of New Hampshire adults have a favorable opinion of Gregg, 15 percent have an unfavorable opinion, 14 percent are neutral and 12 percent don't know enough to say. Gregg's net favorability rating is a strong +44 percent, up somewhat from +38 percent in Fall 2005.

John Sununu, New Hampshire's junior Senator also is viewed favorably with 55 percent of New Hampshire adults having a favorable opinion of him, 23 percent having an unfavorable opinion, 13 percent are neutral and 8 percent don't know enough to say. Sununu's net favorability rating is +32 percent, up from +22 percent in Fall 2005.

Turning to New Hampshire's Representatives in the House, 51 percent of 1<sup>st</sup> District residents have a favorable opinion of their Congressman, Jeb Bradley, 16 percent have an unfavorable opinion, 16 percent are neutral and 17 percent don't know enough about him to say. Bradley's net favorability rating in the 1<sup>st</sup> District is +35 percent, essentially unchanged from Fall 2005 when it stood at +36 percent. Bradley's net favorability rating statewide is +27 percent.

2<sup>nd</sup> District Congressman Charlie Bass remains quite popular in his District and statewide. Fifty-one percent of 2<sup>nd</sup> District residents have a favorable opinion of Bass, 19 percent have an unfavorable opinion, 18 percent are neutral, and 13 percent don't know enough about him to say. Bass' net favorability rating in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District is +32 percent, up from +24 Fall 2005. Bass' net favorability rating statewide stands at +36 percent.

Two rivals for the Democratic nomination in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District to oppose Bass are Concord Attorney Paul Hodes, who ran against Bass in 2004, and businessman Brett Clemens. Both of these candidates are essentially unknown in the district. Ten percent of 2<sup>nd</sup> District residents have a favorable opinion of Hodes, 1 percent are unfavorable, 11 percent are neutral, and 78 percent know too little about him to say. Three percent have a favorable opinion of Clemens, 1 percent are unfavorable, 9 percent are neutral, and 86 percent know too little about him to say. The lack of public awareness of these candidates means that it will be extremely difficult for either to upset Bass in the fall.

### **Granite State Poll Methodology**

These findings are based on the most recent Granite State Poll conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center from February 10 to February 17, 2006. A random sample of 506 New Hampshire adults, selected by a procedure known as Random Digit Dialing (RDD), was interviewed by telephone. In 95 of 100 cases, the statewide estimates will be accurate to plus or minus 4.4 percent. Results reported for other subgroups have potential for somewhat larger variation than those for the entire population.

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

### Gubernatorial Approval

“GENERALLY SPEAKING, do you approve or disapprove of the way Governor Lynch is handling his job as governor?”

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Neutral/DK</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(N=)</u>
<b>Feb. 2006</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>(491)</b>
<b>Oct. 2005</b>	71	20	9	(495)
<b>July 2005</b>	61	26	12	(490)
<b>Apr. 2005</b>	53	39	8	(480)
<b>Feb. 2005</b>	43	51	6	(524)
<b>Feb. 2004 -- Benson</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>(495)</b>
<b>Oct. 2003 – Benson</b>	58	16	26	(485)
<b>June 2003 - Benson</b>	53	22	25	(505)
<b>Apr. 2003 – Benson</b>	48	30	22	(496)
<b>Feb. 2003 - Benson</b>	43	44	13	(618)

### Favorability Ratings – Governor (Businessman) John Lynch

"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. Governor (Hopkinton businessman) John Lynch."

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>(N=)</u>
<b>Feb. 2006</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>+70%</b>	<b>(499)</b>
<b>Oct. 2005</b>	69	13	9	8	+60%	(508)
<b>July 2005</b>	69	9	11	11	+58%	(500)
<b>Oct. 2004</b>	34	13	12	40	+22%	(573)
<b>July 2004</b>	17	8	6	69	+11%	(508)
<b>Feb. 2004</b>	7	9	6	77	+1%	(509)

### Favorability Rating – U.S. Senator Judd Gregg

"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 Judd Gregg."

<u>Statewide</u>	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>(N)</u>
<b>Feb. 2006</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>(501)</b>
<b>Oct. 2005</b>	58	10	20	12	(510)
<b>July 2005</b>	61	8	18	13	(501)
<b>July 2004</b>	66	8	13	12	(508)
<b>Apr. 2004</b>	59	11	15	15	(541)
<b>Feb. 2004</b>	63	12	10	15	(509)
<b>Oct. 2003</b>	63	8	14	16	(496)
<b>June 2003</b>	58	10	16	16	(514)
<b>Apr. 2003</b>	61	8	13	18	(507)
<b>Feb. 2003</b>	58	8	18	16	(652)
<b>June 2002</b>	58	10	17	15	(638)
<b>Apr. 2002</b>	60	6	16	18	(691)
<b>Feb. 2002</b>	62	9	15	14	(724)
<b>Oct. 2001</b>	62	9	13	16	(679)

### Favorability Rating – U.S. Senator John Sununu

"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 John Sununu." (Respondents were asked about U.S. REPRESENTATIVE John Sununu from October 2001 to June 2002. He was elected Senator in November 2002.)

<u>Statewide</u>	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>(N)</u>
<b>Feb. 2006</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>(500)</b>
<b>Oct. 2005</b>	51	9	29	10	(509)
<b>July 2005</b>	53	6	27	13	(499)
<b>July 2004</b>	54	10	25	11	(507)
<b>Apr. 2004</b>	54	11	23	11	(539)
<b>Feb. 2004</b>	52	11	26	12	(510)
<b>Oct. 2003</b>	54	10	23	13	(495)
<b>June 2003</b>	48	11	29	11	(513)
<b>Apr. 2003</b>	55	9	23	12	(507)
<b>Feb. 2003</b>	55	9	29	8	(651)
<b>June 2002</b>	52	10	24	14	(639)
<b>Apr. 2002</b>	55	7	24	14	(693)
<b>Feb. 2002</b>	57	9	21	13	(724)
<b>Oct. 2001</b>	63	8	17	12	(681)

### Favorability Rating - U.S. Representative Charlie Bass

"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. U.S. Representative Charlie Bass."

<u>2<sup>nd</sup> C.D.</u>	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>(N)</u>
<b>Feb. 2006</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>(232)</b>
<b>Oct. 2005</b>	49	12	25	14	(226)
<b>July 2005</b>	50	13	20	17	(232)
<b>July 2004</b>	55	12	14	19	(238)
<b>Apr. 2004</b>	54	12	16	17	(274)
<b>Feb. 2004</b>	45	12	23	20	(265)
<b>Oct. 2003</b>	59	10	17	14	(259)
<b>June 2003</b>	54	14	15	17	(241)
<b>Apr. 2003</b>	49	11	13	27	(238)
<b>Feb. 2003</b>	59	7	19	16	(318)
<b>June 2002</b>	53	15	18	15	(306)
<b>Apr. 2002</b>	52	11	18	29	(333)
<b>Feb. 2002</b>	59	9	16	27	(265)
<b>Oct. 2001</b>	56	13	15	27	(353)

<u>Statewide</u>	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>(N)</u>
<b>Feb. 2006</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>(501)</b>
<b>Oct. 2005</b>	45	13	20	22	(507)
<b>July 2005</b>	47	11	18	24	(500)
<b>July 2004</b>	51	11	13	24	(508)
<b>Apr. 2004</b>	47	13	14	25	(541)
<b>Feb. 2004</b>	46	12	16	26	(510)
<b>Oct. 2003</b>	53	11	14	23	(496)
<b>June 2003</b>	46	17	15	22	(513)
<b>Apr. 2003</b>	50	11	11	29	(507)
<b>Feb. 2003</b>	53	12	15	21	(647)
<b>June 2002</b>	46	13	14	26	(639)
<b>Apr. 2002</b>	50	11	14	25	(692)
<b>Feb. 2002</b>	52	10	15	23	(722)
<b>Oct. 2001</b>	52	12	13	24	(681)

**Favorability Rating - U.S. Representative Jeb Bradley**

"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. U.S. Representative Jeb Bradley."

<u>1<sup>st</sup> C.D.</u>	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>(N)</u>
Feb. 2006	51%	16%	16%	17%	(269)
Oct. 2005	52	14	16	18	(283)
July 2005	49	10	20	21	(269)
July 2004	48	14	13	25	(269)
Apr. 2004	42	14	13	32	(266)
Feb. 2004	41	14	12	33	(265)
Oct. 2003	40	13	12	35	(239)
June 2003	41	23	14	22	(273)
Apr. 2003	44	11	9	37	(269)
Feb. 2003	44	15	10	31	(331)

<u>Statewide</u>	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>(N)</u>
Feb. 2006	43%	18%	16%	24%	(500)
Oct. 2005	44	15	13	28	(508)
July 2005	46	11	15	27	(501)
July 2004	43	14	11	32	(507)
Apr. 2004	35	15	11	39	(540)
Feb. 2004	34	16	10	39	(510)
Oct. 2003	35	15	10	41	(495)
June 2003	37	20	14	29	(514)
Apr. 2003	38	11	9	42	(507)
Feb. 2003	39	14	9	38	(649)

**Favorability Rating – Second District Democratic Challengers**

"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."

Concord Attorney Paul Hodes / Businessman Brett Clemens

<u>2<sup>nd</sup> C.D.</u>	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>(N)</u>
Paul Hodes	10%	11%	1%	78%	+9%	(232)
Brett Clemens	3%	9%	1%	86%	+2%	(232)

**Net Favorability Ratings**

	<u>Bradley (State)</u>	<u>Bradley (1<sup>st</sup> CD)</u>	<u>Bass (State)</u>	<u>Bass (2<sup>nd</sup> CD)</u>	<u>Lynch (State)</u>	<u>Gregg (State)</u>	<u>Sununu (State)</u>
Feb. 2006	+27%	+35%	+36%	+32%	+70	+44%	+32%
Oct. 2005	+31	+36	+25	+24	+60	+38	+22
July 2005	+31	+29	+29	+30	+58	+43	+26
July 2004	+32	+35	+38	+41	+11	+53	+29
Apr. 2004	+24	+29	+33	+38	-	+44	+31
Feb. 2004	+24	+29	+30	+22	+1	+53	+26
Oct. 2003	+25	+28	+30	+42	-	+49	+31
June 2003	+23	+27	+31	+39	-	+42	+19
Apr. 2003	+29	+35	+39	+36	-	+48	+32
Feb. 2003	+30	+34	+38	+40	-	+40	+26
June 2002	--	--	+36	+37	-	+40	+27
Apr. 2002	--	--	+36	+34	-	+44	+31
Feb. 2002	--	--	+37	+43	-	+47	+36
Oct. 2001	--	--	+39	+41	-	+49	+46

### Most Important Problem Facing New Hampshire

"Let's turn to the State of New Hampshire ... There are many problems facing the STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE today. In general, what do you think is the most IMPORTANT problem facing the STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE today?"

	<u>Jobs, the Economy</u>	<u>Education Funding</u>	<u>Taxes</u>	<u>Health Care</u>	<u>Quality Educ.</u>	<u>Growth/ Sprawl</u>	<u>State Budget</u>	<u>Other/ DK</u>	<u>(N=)</u>
<b>Feb. '06</b>	14%	20%	13%	10%	7%	3%	1%	32%	(498)
<b>Oct. '05</b>	12	17	18	7	6	5	2	33	(503)
<b>July '05</b>	13	27	13	6	5	4	2	28	(496)
<b>Apr. '05</b>	13	31	14	8	6	3	5	21	(487)
<b>Feb. '05</b>	15	24	14	6	9	2	2	28	(541)
<b>July '04</b>	13	31	11	6	5	4	2	28	(504)
<b>Apr. '04</b>	20	20	13	5	7	3	4	29	(536)
<b>Feb. '04</b>	22	20	14	10	7	2	5	21	(502)
<b>Oct. '03</b>	19	21	13	5	10	3	6	23	(490)
<b>June '03</b>	16	27	13	3	6	1	9	25	(513)
<b>Apr. '03</b>	16	28	14	4	8	2	6	22	(497)
<b>Feb. '03</b>	16	29	16	2	12	2	2	21	(644)
<b>June '02</b>	16	31	15	2	12	1	5	18	(424)
<b>Apr. '02</b>	11	31	24	2	7	2	1	22	(684)
<b>Feb. '02</b>	12	27	17	0	21	1	3	19	(312)
<b>Oct. '01</b>	15	42	11	1	4	2	-	25	(519)

### NH - Right Direction or Wrong Track

"Do you think things in New Hampshire are generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?"

	<u>Right Direction</u>	<u>Wrong Track</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>(N=)</u>
<b>Feb. '06</b>	76%	14%	10%	(495)
<b>Oct. '05</b>	75%	17%	9%	(502)
<b>July '05</b>	75%	17%	8%	(494)
<b>May '05</b>	71%	15%	13%	(488)
<b>Feb. '05</b>	74%	13%	13%	(535)
<b>July '04</b>	59%	32%	9%	(503)
<b>Apr. '04</b>	65%	26%	9%	(530)
<b>Feb. '04</b>	61%	28%	11%	(500)
<b>Oct. '03</b>	67%	26%	7%	(485)
<b>Jun. '03</b>	62%	29%	9%	(510)



**Gubernatorial Approval**

<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b><u>Approve</u></b> <b>72%</b>	<b><u>Neutral</u></b> <b>22%</b>	<b><u>Disapprove</u></b> <b>6%</b>	<b><u>(N)</u></b> <b>491</b>
Democrat	77	19	5	221
Independent	67	27	7	84
Republican	71	21	8	172
Liberal	76	17	6	96
Moderate	75	21	4	208
Conservative	71	20	9	147
Union household	81	11	8	65
Non-union	71	23	6	420
5 years or less in NH	65	31	4	68
6 to 10 years	61	29	10	43
11 to 20 years	71	24	5	79
More than 20 years	76	18	6	287
18 to 34	60	34	6	103
35 to 49	75	21	4	160
50 to 64	76	16	8	150
65 and over	84	14	2	57
Male	72	22	6	242
Female	73	21	6	250
High school or less	73	23	4	122
Some college	69	23	8	124
College graduate	71	22	7	141
Post-graduate	78	16	6	97
Less than \$30K	75	19	7	46
\$30K to \$60K	75	19	5	92
\$60K to \$75K	72	21	7	54
\$75K to \$100K	74	19	7	65
More than \$100K	73	22	6	97
Married	75	21	4	333
Divorced/separated	73	18	9	82
Never married	61	28	11	73
Protestant	79	17	4	195
Catholic	71	22	8	152
Other	65	28	7	131
Attend 1 or more/week	75	20	5	130
1-2 times a month	72	15	13	55
Less often	77	21	3	139
Never	68	25	7	154
Northern NH	68	24	8	44
Central/Lakes	75	17	8	85
Connecticut Valley	68	21	11	68
Massachusetts Border	72	21	6	121
Seacoast	73	24	3	89
Greater Manchester	76	22	1	84
1st Cong. District	75	21	4	261
2nd Cong. District	70	22	8	230
1st E.C. District	67	21	13	100
2nd E.C. District	77	17	6	109
3rd E.C. District	68	29	3	93
4th E.C. District	77	19	4	92
5th E.C. District	73	22	5	94

**Favorability Rating - Charlie Bass**

<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b><u>Favorable</u></b> <b>49%</b>	<b><u>Neutral</u></b> <b>16%</b>	<b><u>Unfavorable</u></b> <b>13%</b>	<b><u>Don't Know</u></b> <b>22%</b>	<b><u>(N)</u></b> <b>501</b>
Democrat	42	17	19	22	225
Independent	40	18	11	30	87
Republican	63	13	8	16	174
Liberal	31	15	27	27	99
Moderate	55	14	14	17	208
Conservative	58	17	4	21	150
Union household	48	16	20	16	66
Non-union	49	16	12	23	431
5 years or less in NH	30	10	5	55	73
6 to 10 years	41	21	13	25	44
11 to 20 years	50	20	18	12	81
More than 20 years	53	16	15	16	289
18 to 34	42	17	14	27	108
35 to 49	50	16	12	22	164
50 to 64	50	17	14	19	151
65 and over	48	12	17	23	58
Male	53	13	15	19	244
Female	45	19	12	25	257
High school or less	41	21	11	26	126
Some college	49	9	16	25	127
College graduate	52	14	14	20	145
Post-graduate	54	19	13	14	98
Less than \$30K	35	22	19	25	45
\$30K to \$60K	48	14	20	18	96
\$60K to \$75K	53	13	14	20	56
\$75K to \$100K	59	15	9	17	66
More than \$100K	50	20	10	19	98
Married	53	17	11	19	337
Divorced/separated	43	14	18	26	84
Never married	37	14	20	28	77
Protestant	54	15	11	20	197
Catholic	51	16	10	23	156
Other	37	17	21	25	134
Attend 1 or more/week	55	19	10	16	133
1-2 times a month	52	18	13	18	55
Less often	48	17	15	20	141
Never	42	13	15	30	160
Northern NH	56	17	17	9	46
Central/Lakes	42	16	25	18	88
Connecticut Valley	49	19	17	16	69
Massachusetts Border	50	18	13	20	123
Seacoast	49	10	9	32	91
Greater Manchester	51	15	4	30	84
1st Cong. District	47	14	9	29	269
2nd Cong. District	51	18	19	13	232
1st E.C. District	54	14	14	18	104
2nd E.C. District	44	17	21	17	111
3rd E.C. District	48	14	8	30	95
4th E.C. District	54	16	4	27	93
5th E.C. District	46	19	18	17	95

**Favorability Rating - Jeb Bradley**

<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b><u>Favorable</u></b> <b>43%</b>	<b><u>Neutral</u></b> <b>18%</b>	<b><u>Unfavorable</u></b> <b>16%</b>	<b><u>Don't Know</u></b> <b>24%</b>	<b><u>(N)</u></b> <b>500</b>
Democrat	40	15	22	22	223
Independent	35	18	16	31	87
Republican	51	20	8	21	174
Liberal	34	16	26	24	99
Moderate	45	18	17	20	206
Conservative	51	18	7	24	150
Union household	48	14	23	15	65
Non-union	42	18	15	25	431
5 years or less in NH	33	11	11	45	73
6 to 10 years	36	18	15	31	44
11 to 20 years	47	12	17	23	81
More than 20 years	46	21	16	18	288
18 to 34	44	20	18	18	108
35 to 49	40	20	12	27	162
50 to 64	44	15	16	25	151
65 and over	52	12	17	19	58
Male	46	14	17	23	242
Female	40	21	14	25	257
High school or less	46	16	11	26	126
Some college	42	17	12	29	125
College graduate	39	23	18	20	145
Post-graduate	46	15	22	18	98
Less than \$30K	18	31	15	36	45
\$30K to \$60K	52	16	14	18	96
\$60K to \$75K	51	9	18	21	56
\$75K to \$100K	45	18	17	21	66
More than \$100K	41	18	16	25	96
Married	46	17	16	21	335
Divorced/separated	37	20	12	30	84
Never married	36	19	19	26	77
Protestant	45	20	9	25	197
Catholic	48	13	16	23	154
Other	34	20	24	22	134
Attend 1 or more/week	50	22	12	16	133
1-2 times a month	45	16	16	23	55
Less often	43	15	16	26	141
Never	36	18	18	28	158
Northern NH	45	14	21	20	46
Central/Lakes	35	25	16	24	88
Connecticut Valley	32	11	17	40	69
Massachusetts Border	44	15	10	31	122
Seacoast	53	16	20	10	91
Greater Manchester	47	23	14	17	84
1st Cong. District	51	16	16	17	269
2nd Cong. District	33	20	15	32	230
1st E.C. District	41	14	17	27	104
2nd E.C. District	37	23	15	25	111
3rd E.C. District	51	15	15	19	95
4th E.C. District	49	17	17	17	92
5th E.C. District	39	18	13	29	95

**Favorability Rating - Judd Gregg**

<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b><u>Favorable</u></b> <b>59%</b>	<b><u>Neutral</u></b> <b>14%</b>	<b><u>Unfavorable</u></b> <b>15%</b>	<b><u>Don't Know</u></b> <b>12%</b>	<b><u>(N)</u></b> <b>501</b>
Democrat	49	12	28	11	225
Independent	51	24	6	19	87
Republican	79	10	4	7	174
Liberal	49	11	28	12	99
Moderate	61	15	16	8	207
Conservative	72	9	7	12	150
Union household	62	14	19	5	66
Non-union	59	14	15	13	431
5 years or less in NH	35	18	7	40	73
6 to 10 years	51	17	11	21	44
11 to 20 years	59	17	20	4	81
More than 20 years	67	11	16	6	289
18 to 34	55	18	12	15	108
35 to 49	63	17	8	12	164
50 to 64	57	9	20	14	151
65 and over	61	8	27	4	58
Male	63	12	14	11	244
Female	56	15	16	13	257
High school or less	52	19	13	16	126
Some college	62	10	16	13	127
College graduate	63	14	15	8	145
Post-graduate	59	12	19	10	98
Less than \$30K	45	24	17	13	45
\$30K to \$60K	58	13	19	10	95
\$60K to \$75K	70	15	9	6	56
\$75K to \$100K	60	18	11	12	66
More than \$100K	62	11	15	12	98
Married	62	14	14	10	337
Divorced/separated	56	12	18	14	84
Never married	51	17	15	17	77
Protestant	63	18	12	7	197
Catholic	61	9	17	13	156
Other	51	14	17	18	134
Attend 1 or more/week	63	15	18	5	133
1-2 times a month	62	17	15	6	55
Less often	63	13	13	11	141
Never	52	13	14	21	160
Northern NH	60	19	14	7	46
Central/Lakes	60	12	18	10	88
Connecticut Valley	54	22	12	12	69
Massachusetts Border	58	9	14	19	123
Seacoast	57	13	23	7	90
Greater Manchester	66	13	9	12	84
1st Cong. District	61	12	16	11	269
2nd Cong. District	57	15	14	13	232
1st E.C. District	62	19	11	8	104
2nd E.C. District	57	13	19	11	111
3rd E.C. District	53	15	19	13	95
4th E.C. District	62	14	11	13	93
5th E.C. District	63	7	15	16	95

**Favorability Rating - John Lynch**

<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b><u>Favorable</u></b> <b>76%</b>	<b><u>Neutral</u></b> <b>12%</b>	<b><u>Unfavorable</u></b> <b>6%</b>	<b><u>Don't Know</u></b> <b>6%</b>	<b><u>(N)</u></b> <b>499</b>
Democrat	82	8	5	5	225
Independent	72	15	5	8	87
Republican	71	15	8	7	174
Liberal	77	10	6	7	99
Moderate	83	10	3	3	208
Conservative	70	13	9	8	150
Union household	85	9	2	4	66
Non-union	74	13	6	7	430
5 years or less in NH	67	19	6	8	72
6 to 10 years	70	16	4	10	44
11 to 20 years	73	12	7	8	81
More than 20 years	80	10	5	5	289
18 to 34	67	17	9	6	107
35 to 49	77	11	3	8	163
50 to 64	78	13	5	4	151
65 and over	80	8	3	8	58
Male	79	9	8	4	244
Female	72	16	4	8	256
High school or less	68	18	7	6	125
Some college	72	10	8	10	127
College graduate	78	11	6	4	145
Post-graduate	86	10	0	4	98
Less than \$30K	66	20	5	9	45
\$30K to \$60K	74	13	8	4	96
\$60K to \$75K	75	13	8	4	56
\$75K to \$100K	78	5	7	9	66
More than \$100K	84	10	1	5	97
Married	78	12	6	5	335
Divorced/separated	74	14	4	8	84
Never married	68	14	9	9	77
Protestant	81	7	3	9	197
Catholic	70	17	8	4	155
Other	73	16	6	5	134
Attend 1 or more/week	71	15	7	7	132
1-2 times a month	74	9	8	9	55
Less often	80	10	3	7	140
Never	76	15	6	4	160
Northern NH	73	10	8	9	46
Central/Lakes	73	14	10	3	88
Connecticut Valley	72	15	8	4	69
Massachusetts Border	75	12	3	10	123
Seacoast	77	8	6	9	91
Greater Manchester	82	13	3	2	82
1st Cong. District	76	12	5	7	267
2nd Cong. District	75	13	7	5	232
1st E.C. District	68	14	10	8	104
2nd E.C. District	80	12	6	2	111
3rd E.C. District	73	12	5	11	95
4th E.C. District	80	13	2	5	91
5th E.C. District	77	11	5	6	95

**Favorability Rating - John Sununu**

<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b><u>Favorable</u></b> <b>55%</b>	<b><u>Neutral</u></b> <b>13%</b>	<b><u>Unfavorable</u></b> <b>23%</b>	<b><u>Don't Know</u></b> <b>8%</b>	<b><u>(N)</u></b> <b>500</b>
Democrat	43	15	36	6	224
Independent	51	22	13	14	87
Republican	74	8	13	6	174
Liberal	43	14	38	5	99
Moderate	54	13	25	8	208
Conservative	70	10	13	7	149
Union household	53	12	34	0	65
Non-union	55	14	22	9	431
5 years or less in NH	38	20	15	27	73
6 to 10 years	45	12	36	6	42
11 to 20 years	56	10	30	5	81
More than 20 years	61	13	22	5	289
18 to 34	52	12	21	15	108
35 to 49	60	16	17	7	163
50 to 64	53	13	28	6	151
65 and over	51	10	35	4	58
Male	60	12	22	6	244
Female	51	15	25	10	256
High school or less	52	17	23	9	126
Some college	53	10	23	13	126
College graduate	63	13	20	5	145
Post-graduate	51	13	30	6	98
Less than \$30K	36	20	27	17	45
\$30K to \$60K	48	11	32	8	96
\$60K to \$75K	68	8	17	7	56
\$75K to \$100K	67	13	14	5	66
More than \$100K	56	14	22	8	98
Married	58	13	21	7	337
Divorced/separated	54	14	23	9	84
Never married	41	15	33	12	76
Protestant	58	16	18	7	197
Catholic	57	13	24	6	155
Other	46	11	30	12	134
Attend 1 or more/week	57	14	22	7	133
1-2 times a month	55	18	20	7	55
Less often	55	14	26	6	141
Never	52	12	24	12	158
Northern NH	45	13	27	15	46
Central/Lakes	55	13	27	5	88
Connecticut Valley	57	14	17	11	69
Massachusetts Border	59	11	22	8	122
Seacoast	49	13	32	6	91
Greater Manchester	61	18	14	7	84
1st Cong. District	57	13	22	8	269
2nd Cong. District	53	14	25	8	231
1st E.C. District	58	14	19	10	104
2nd E.C. District	50	16	28	6	111
3rd E.C. District	48	14	30	7	95
4th E.C. District	61	15	14	10	93
5th E.C. District	60	8	25	7	94

**Favorability Rating - Paul Hodes**

<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b><u>Favorable</u></b> <b>6%</b>	<b><u>Neutral</u></b> <b>10%</b>	<b><u>Unfavorable</u></b> <b>2%</b>	<b><u>Don't Know</u></b> <b>82%</b>	<b><u>(N)</u></b> <b>502</b>
Democrat	10	9	1	80	225
Independent	5	9	2	84	87
Republican	3	11	4	82	174
Liberal	12	12	1	75	100
Moderate	5	10	2	82	208
Conservative	4	8	3	85	150
Union household	8	12	4	76	66
Non-union	6	9	2	83	432
5 years or less in NH	7	3	2	89	73
6 to 10 years	1	7	0	91	44
11 to 20 years	2	11	1	86	81
More than 20 years	8	12	3	77	291
18 to 34	6	8	3	83	108
35 to 49	3	14	4	78	164
50 to 64	10	10	1	79	152
65 and over	6	1	0	93	58
Male	7	11	2	81	244
Female	5	8	3	83	258
High school or less	5	13	0	82	127
Some college	4	5	3	88	128
College graduate	6	10	4	79	145
Post-graduate	10	10	1	78	98
Less than \$30K	4	11	2	83	46
\$30K to \$60K	10	11	0	79	96
\$60K to \$75K	2	3	8	86	56
\$75K to \$100K	2	17	5	75	66
More than \$100K	9	8	1	82	98
Married	8	10	3	80	337
Divorced/separated	5	6	2	87	85
Never married	2	12	0	86	77
Protestant	5	10	1	84	198
Catholic	7	9	3	81	156
Other	7	11	3	78	135
Attend 1 or more/week	9	9	3	79	133
1-2 times a month	4	18	1	76	55
Less often	6	9	1	85	142
Never	6	8	3	83	160
Northern NH	12	10	0	78	46
Central/Lakes	11	7	0	82	88
Connecticut Valley	8	8	1	84	69
Massachusetts Border	4	11	3	82	123
Seacoast	3	8	4	85	91
Greater Manchester	4	13	4	79	84
1st Cong. District	3	8	3	86	270
2nd Cong. District	10	11	1	78	232
1st E.C. District	5	9	0	86	105
2nd E.C. District	13	10	2	75	111
3rd E.C. District	2	7	2	90	96
4th E.C. District	3	7	6	84	93
5th E.C. District	7	15	1	76	95

**Favorability Rating – Brett Clemens**

<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b><u>Favorable</u></b> <b>2%</b>	<b><u>Neutral</u></b> <b>7%</b>	<b><u>Unfavorable</u></b> <b>2%</b>	<b><u>Don't Know</u></b> <b>89%</b>	<b><u>(N)</u></b> <b>501</b>
Democrat	3	6	2	90	225
Independent	1	9	4	86	87
Republican	2	8	1	89	174
Liberal	5	5	4	86	99
Moderate	1	7	1	92	208
Conservative	2	9	2	88	150
Union household	1	6	2	91	66
Non-union	2	8	1	89	431
5 years or less in NH	9	5	0	86	73
6 to 10 years	0	8	0	92	44
11 to 20 years	2	4	2	91	81
More than 20 years	1	8	2	88	289
18 to 34	6	6	3	85	108
35 to 49	2	11	3	84	164
50 to 64	1	6	0	93	151
65 and over	0	1	1	98	58
Male	2	8	3	87	244
Female	2	6	1	91	257
High school or less	2	10	3	85	126
Some college	1	4	1	94	127
College graduate	3	10	1	85	145
Post-graduate	3	6	1	91	98
Less than \$30K	3	12	0	85	45
\$30K to \$60K	3	11	1	85	96
\$60K to \$75K	0	2	7	91	56
\$75K to \$100K	1	14	0	85	66
More than \$100K	3	6	0	91	98
Married	2	7	1	90	337
Divorced/separated	1	5	4	90	84
Never married	5	10	2	84	77
Protestant	1	8	2	89	197
Catholic	5	6	1	88	156
Other	1	7	2	90	134
Attend 1 or more/week	3	7	2	87	133
1-2 times a month	4	20	1	76	55
Less often	3	5	1	92	141
Never	1	5	2	92	160
Northern NH	5	10	0	85	46
Central/Lakes	3	3	1	93	88
Connecticut Valley	2	9	3	86	69
Massachusetts Border	3	9	0	88	123
Seacoast	1	5	3	90	91
Greater Manchester	0	8	2	89	84
1st Cong. District	1	6	2	91	269
2nd Cong. District	3	9	1	86	232
1st E.C. District	4	9	0	87	104
2nd E.C. District	3	3	3	90	111
3rd E.C. District	0	4	2	94	95
4th E.C. District	1	9	2	88	93
5th E.C. District	3	11	0	86	95



**Are Things in NH on Right/Wrong Track**

	<b><u>Right</u></b> <b><u>Direction</u></b> <b>76%</b>	<b><u>Wrong</u></b> <b><u>Track</u></b> <b>14%</b>	<b><u>Don't</u></b> <b><u>Know</u></b> <b>10%</b>	<b><u>(N)</u></b> <b>495</b>
<b>STATEWIDE</b>				
Democrat	77	12	10	218
Independent	68	20	12	87
Republican	80	12	8	175
Liberal	73	17	10	98
Moderate	76	13	12	205
Conservative	82	11	7	148
Union household	81	10	9	64
Non-union	76	14	11	425
5 years or less in NH	75	6	19	72
6 to 10 years	75	12	14	41
11 to 20 years	77	18	5	81
More than 20 years	77	14	10	286
18 to 34	78	14	8	105
35 to 49	76	15	9	161
50 to 64	75	14	11	149
65 and over	78	3	19	58
Male	79	13	8	244
Female	73	14	13	251
High school or less	73	13	14	123
Some college	67	22	10	125
College graduate	84	9	7	143
Post-graduate	81	9	10	97
Less than \$30K	62	20	18	47
\$30K to \$60K	80	14	6	92
\$60K to \$75K	74	17	9	56
\$75K to \$100K	87	6	6	66
More than \$100K	87	8	6	96
Married	80	11	9	332
Divorced/separated	64	18	17	85
Never married	75	17	8	74
Protestant	77	11	12	198
Catholic	80	11	9	152
Other	69	20	11	131
Attend 1 or more/week	75	11	14	132
1-2 times a month	75	20	5	55
Less often	81	9	10	141
Never	74	16	10	154
Northern NH	72	23	6	45
Central/Lakes	73	11	16	85
Connecticut Valley	74	17	9	68
Massachusetts Border	83	8	9	121
Seacoast	73	16	11	90
Greater Manchester	78	13	9	86
1st Cong. District	76	15	9	268
2nd Cong. District	76	12	12	227
1st E.C. District	75	14	11	101
2nd E.C. District	73	14	13	110
3rd E.C. District	71	14	15	94
4th E.C. District	82	10	8	94
5th E.C. District	80	15	4	94

**Most Important Problem Facing NH**

	<u>Educ. Funding</u> 20%	<u>Taxes</u> 13%	<u>Jobs/ Economy</u> 14%	<u>Health Care</u> 10%	<u>Quality of Educ.</u> 7%	<u>Growth/ Sprawl</u> 3%	<u>Other</u> 20%	<u>Don't Know</u> 13%	<u>(N=)</u> 498
<b>STATEWIDE</b>									
Democrat	20	9	14	11	5	3	25	12	222
Independent	27	9	18	5	7	4	16	13	85
Republican	18	18	11	10	10	4	18	12	174
Liberal	23	13	11	10	6	5	23	8	98
Moderate	24	12	15	9	7	4	19	11	205
Conservative	15	16	14	11	8	2	18	17	150
Union household	25	9	19	12	8	2	18	7	66
Non-union	19	13	13	10	7	4	21	14	426
5 years or less in NH	20	7	11	7	7	1	20	28	71
6 to 10 years	23	14	5	11	3	5	26	14	44
11 to 20 years	28	12	12	8	10	5	17	8	79
More than 20 years	18	14	17	11	7	3	19	10	288
18 to 34	20	6	11	8	8	2	28	18	104
35 to 49	24	14	16	8	9	1	16	13	162
50 to 64	17	16	16	12	6	6	17	10	152
65 and over	19	14	9	12	4	4	21	17	58
Male	20	15	14	11	5	3	19	12	239
Female	19	10	14	10	9	4	21	14	259
High school or less	9	17	16	11	8	1	18	19	126
Some college	15	12	16	11	5	4	25	13	126
College graduate	25	13	11	6	6	6	20	14	142
Post-graduate	32	7	12	15	10	3	16	4	98
Less than \$30K	9	12	16	11	4	1	28	19	47
\$30K to \$60K	21	8	22	10	7	2	24	6	94
\$60K to \$75K	21	19	12	9	5	0	23	11	56
\$75K to \$100K	18	19	16	13	13	4	13	6	62
More than \$100K	35	9	8	5	11	5	14	13	98
Married	25	14	12	9	7	4	20	10	337
Divorced/separated	7	13	21	11	6	2	21	18	84
Never married	13	8	15	11	6	4	22	20	73
Protestant	22	13	10	10	5	4	20	16	194
Catholic	16	15	15	10	8	4	18	14	155
Other	22	9	17	10	10	1	23	9	134
Attend 1 or more/week	22	11	13	8	8	3	22	14	133
1-2 times a month	25	15	7	8	11	4	23	7	54
Less often	19	15	16	13	5	5	13	16	138
Never	19	10	15	10	7	2	24	13	158
Northern NH	12	3	18	12	10	6	27	12	44
Central/Lakes	11	12	8	15	7	8	25	14	88
Connecticut Valley	21	11	12	3	10	0	25	17	69
Massachusetts Border	27	15	13	10	6	2	12	15	123
Seacoast	16	15	18	14	7	2	19	9	88
Greater Manchester	26	13	17	7	4	3	21	9	86
1st Cong. District	20	13	15	11	7	2	20	11	268
2nd Cong. District	20	11	13	9	7	5	20	16	230
1st E.C. District	12	8	15	9	11	3	27	15	103
2nd E.C. District	18	12	12	12	6	7	18	15	111
3rd E.C. District	17	12	17	15	8	4	22	6	94
4th E.C. District	25	14	14	9	5	1	21	11	95
5th E.C. District	29	17	13	6	5	1	12	17	94