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COVID-19 RESPONSE: BIPARTISAN APPROVAL OF SUNUNU'S HANDLING, MAJORITY DISAPPROVE OF TRUMP'S

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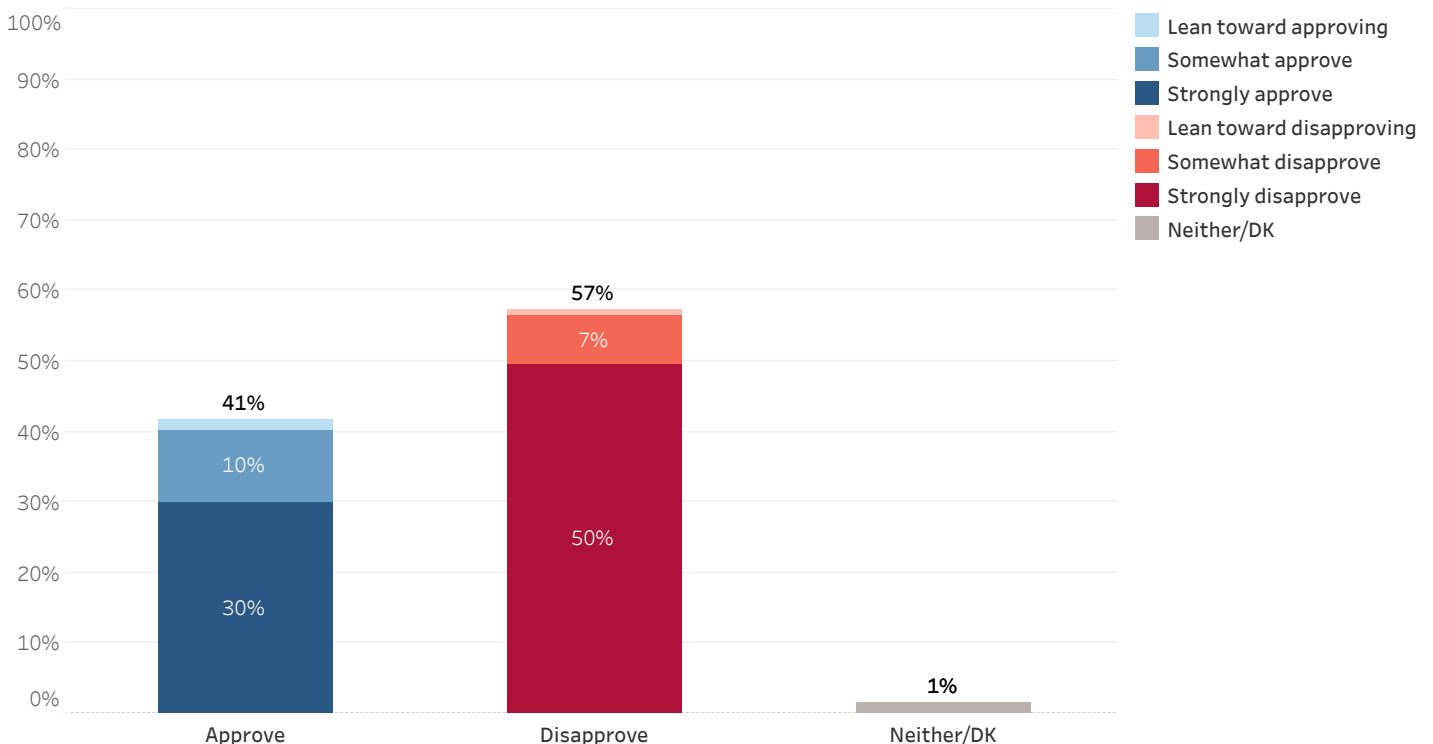
DURHAM, NH - As the state and country struggle to deal with the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, a majority of New Hampshire residents disapprove of how President Donald Trump is handling the situation. However, nearly three-quarters approve of Governor Chris Sununu's performance dealing with COVID-19 in New Hampshire. The UNH Survey Center will be following New Hampshire attitudes during this health crisis and will be releasing more reports in coming weeks.

These findings are based on the latest **Granite State Panel*** survey, conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center. Six hundred fifty (650) Granite State Panel members completed the survey online between March 17 and March 25, 2020. This survey was conducted prior to Governor Sununu's issuance of a "stay-at-home" order on March 26, 2020. Data were weighted by respondent sex, age, education, and region of the state to targets from the most recent American Community Survey (ACS) conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, as well as party registration levels provided by the New Hampshire Secretary of State. The Granite State Panel is part of an effort by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center to investigate new ways of gathering and understanding the opinion of New Hampshire residents. Granite State Panel members are recruited from randomly-selected landline and cell phone numbers across New Hampshire and surveys are sent periodically to panel members.

Handling of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation by President Trump

A majority of New Hampshire residents (57%) disapprove of President Trump's handling of the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, with the vast majority strongly disapproving. Forty-one percent approve of Trump's handling of the situation while 1% neither agree nor disagree or don't know.

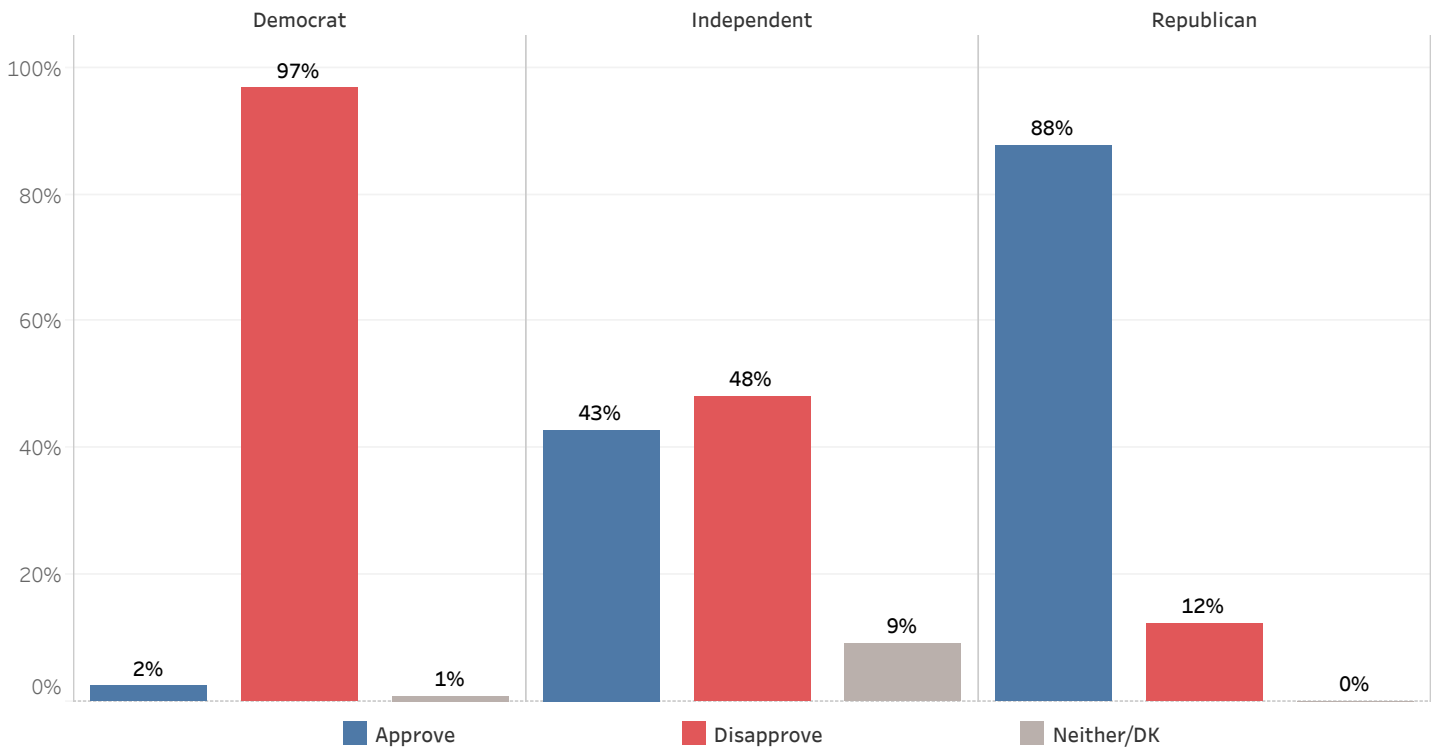
Approval of President Trump's Handling of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation



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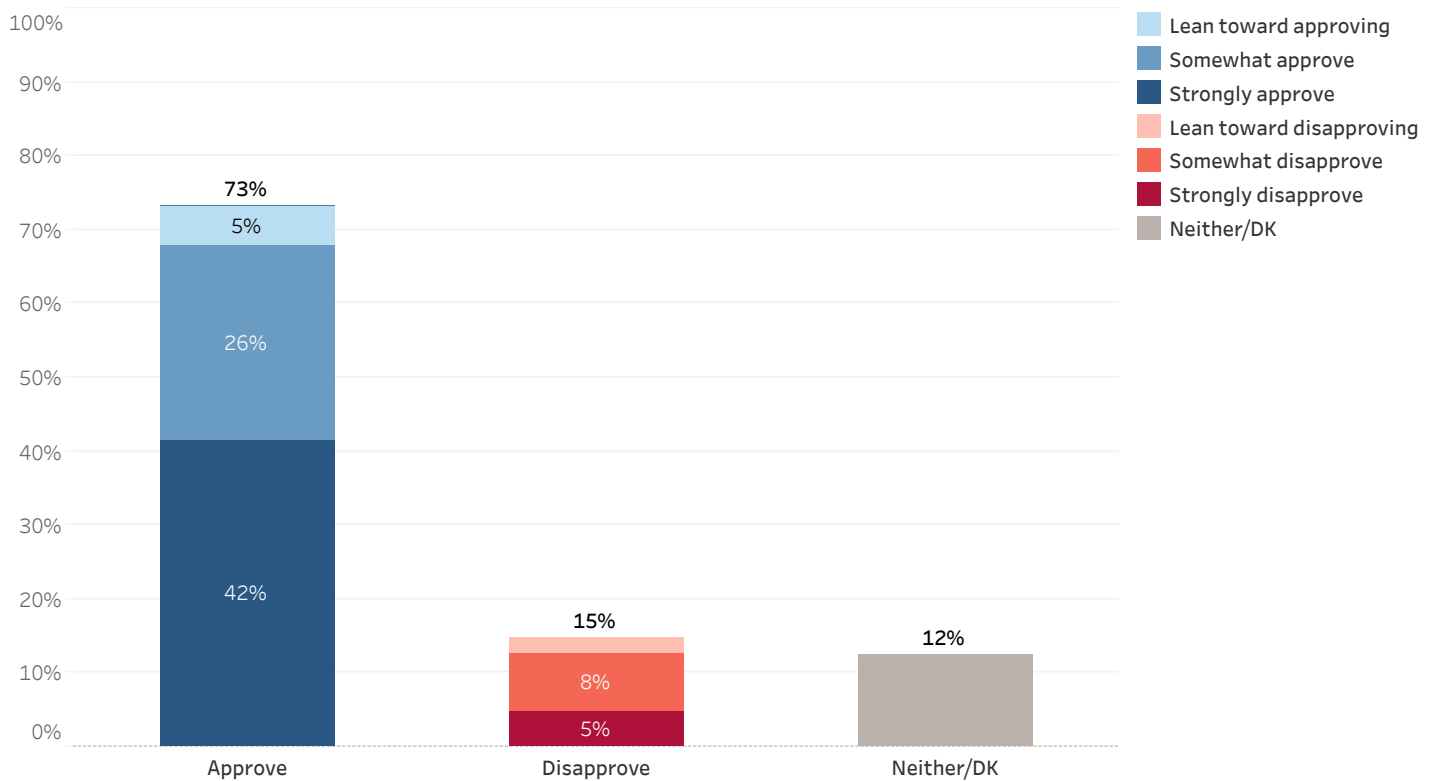
Granite Staters are sharply divided by party in their assessment of how well Trump is handling the situation; nearly all Democrats (97%) disapprove and the vast majority of Republicans (88%) approve, while Independents are divided (43% approve, 48% disapprove).

Approval of President Trump's Handling of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation - By Party ID



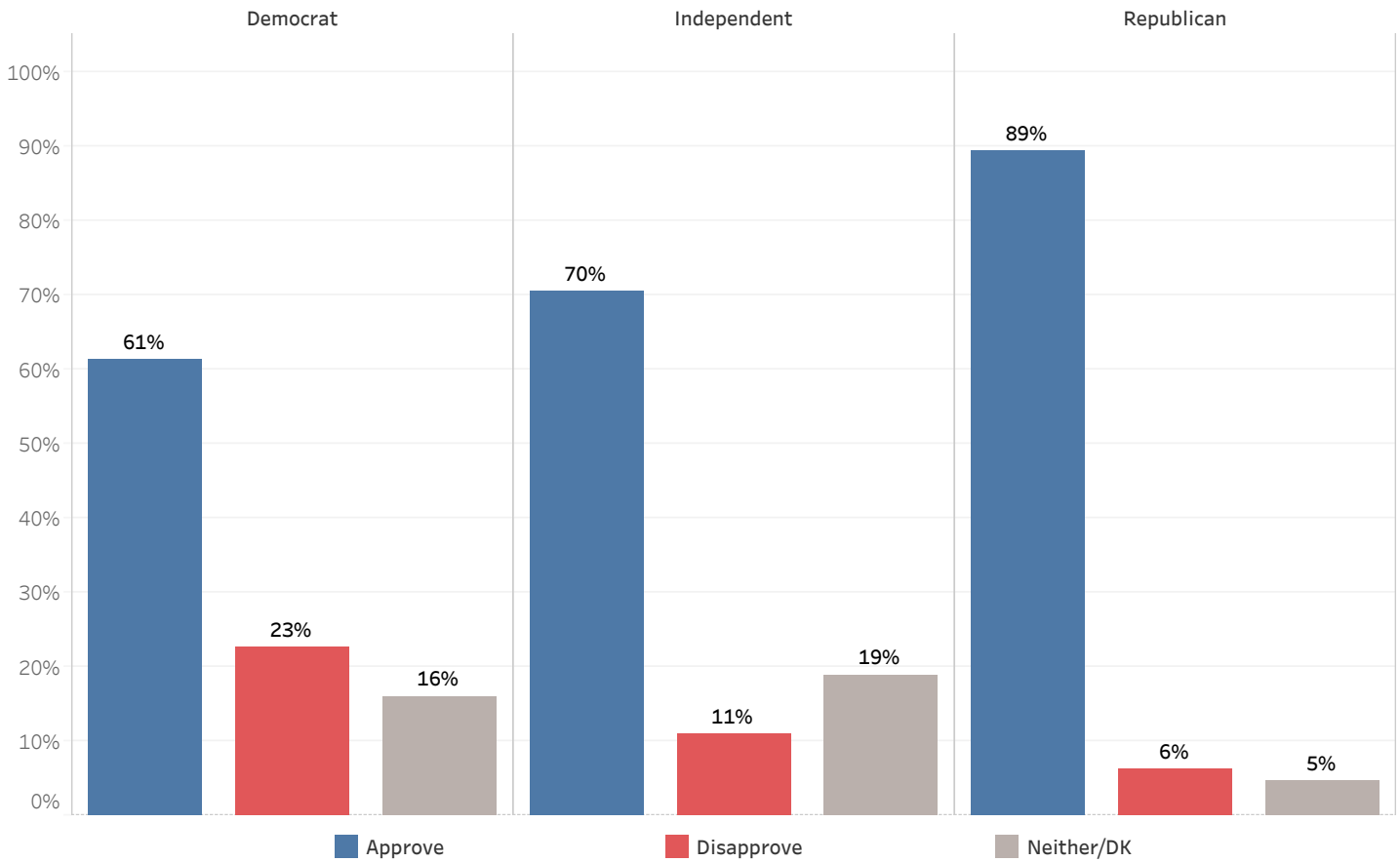
While a slight majority of New Hampshire residents disapprove of President Trump's handling of the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, nearly three-quarters (73%) of Granite Staters approve of Governor Sununu's handling of the situation. Only 15% disapprove of his handling of it while 12% neither agree nor disagree or don't know.

Approval of Governor Sununu's Handling of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation

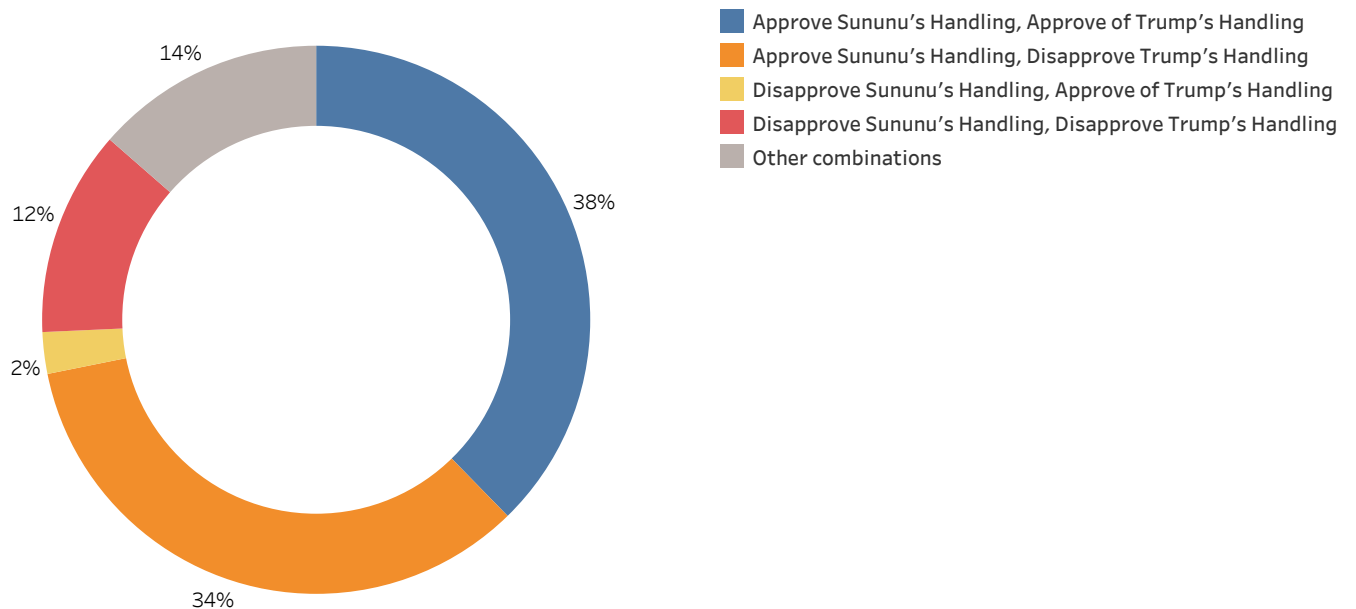


Support for Sununu's handling of the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation is bipartisan: 61% of Democrats, 70% of Independents, and 89% of Republicans approve of his handling of the situation.

Approval of Governor Sununu's Handling of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation - By Party ID



Overall, 38% of Granite Staters approve of both President Trump's and Governor Sununu's handling of the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, but nearly an equal number (34%) approve of Sununu's handling of the situation but disapprove of Trump's handling of it. Two percent approve of Trump's handling of the situation but not Sununu's while 12% disapprove of both Trump's and Sununu's handling of the situation.



Granite State Panel Methodology

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For each survey which they complete, panel members are entered into quarterly drawings to earn rewards, such as gift certificates from statewide and internet companies. Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100%. The number of respondents in each demographic below may not equal the number reported in cross-tabulation tables as some respondents choose not to answer some questions.

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

Granite State Panel, March 2020 Demographics

		N	%
Gender of Respondent	Female	323	51%
	Male	311	49%
Age of Respondent	18 to 34	172	27%
	35 to 49	147	23%
	50 to 64	189	30%
	65 and older	131	21%
Level of Education	High school or less	234	36%
	Tech school/Some college	200	31%
	College graduate	133	21%
	Postgraduate work	79	12%
Region of State	Central / Lakes	112	18%
	Connecticut Valley	91	14%
	Manchester Area	106	17%
	Mass Border	149	23%
	North Country	48	7%
	Seacoast	129	20%
Party ID	Democrat	309	48%
	Independent	70	11%
	Republican	261	41%
Voting Registration	Registered Democrat	177	28%
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	270	43%
	Registered Republican	185	29%

Approval of President Trump's Handling of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation

Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>	<u>N</u>
March 2020	41%	57%	1%	645

Approval of Governor Sununu's Handling of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation

Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the way Governor Sununu is handling the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>	<u>N</u>
March 2020	73%	15%	12%	643

Approval of President Trump's Handling of Coronavirus Crisis

		Approve	Disapprove	Neither/DK	N
STATEWIDE		41%	57%	1%	645
Voting Registration	Registered Democrat	3%	95%	1%	173
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	36%	63%	0%	270
	Registered Republican	86%	13%	0%	185
Party ID	Democrat	2%	97%	1%	305
	Independent	43%	48%	9%	70
	Republican	88%	12%	0%	261
Ideology	Liberal	6%	93%	1%	290
	Moderate	25%	65%	10%	63
	Conservative	83%	17%	0%	279
Media Usage	Boston Globe reader	3%	97%		52
	NHPR listener	33%	65%	2%	400
	Union Leader reader	54%	45%	0%	91
	WMUR viewer	45%	53%	1%	559
	Fox News viewer	74%	23%	2%	272
Age of Respondent	18 to 34	32%	65%	4%	172
	35 to 49	47%	53%		146
	50 to 64	48%	51%	1%	186
	65 and older	39%	61%	1%	130
Gender of Respondent	Female	39%	58%	3%	319
	Male	43%	57%	0%	311
Level of Education	High school or less	47%	51%	2%	231
	Tech school/Some college	42%	57%	0%	199
	College graduate	41%	57%	2%	133
	Postgraduate work	27%	73%	1%	79
Region of State	Central / Lakes	37%	57%	6%	112
	Connecticut Valley	43%	57%		91
	Manchester Area	43%	57%		106
	Mass Border	51%	48%	1%	148
	North Country	49%	49%	1%	45
	Seacoast	27%	73%		129

Approval of Governor Sununu's Handling of Coronavirus Crisis

		Approve	Disapprove	Neither/DK	N
STATEWIDE		73%	15%	12%	643
Voting Registration	Registered Democrat	63%	22%	15%	172
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	66%	18%	16%	270
	Registered Republican	94%	3%	3%	183
Party ID	Democrat	61%	23%	16%	305
	Independent	70%	11%	19%	70
	Republican	89%	6%	5%	260
Ideology	Liberal	59%	21%	20%	290
	Moderate	68%	21%	10%	63
	Conservative	90%	7%	3%	277
Media Usage	Boston Globe reader	81%	17%	3%	51
	NHPR listener	73%	18%	9%	399
	Union Leader reader	81%	18%	1%	91
	WMUR viewer	75%	15%	10%	557
	Fox News viewer	85%	7%	8%	270
Age of Respondent	18 to 34	61%	15%	24%	172
	35 to 49	73%	20%	7%	147
	50 to 64	79%	10%	10%	186
	65 and older	80%	13%	7%	128
Gender of Respondent	Female	78%	12%	9%	321
	Male	69%	17%	14%	307
Level of Education	High school or less	67%	10%	23%	234
	Tech school/Some college	79%	14%	7%	194
	College graduate	76%	19%	5%	133
	Postgraduate work	73%	22%	6%	79
Region of State	Central / Lakes	69%	18%	13%	111
	Connecticut Valley	67%	24%	9%	89
	Manchester Area	79%	14%	7%	106
	Mass Border	87%	10%	3%	147
	North Country	76%	6%	18%	48
	Seacoast	58%	14%	27%	128