



## MASON-DIXON POLLING & STRATEGY

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### HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

**This poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida from April 17 through April 19, 2018. A total of 625 registered Tennessee voters were interviewed statewide by telephone.**

**Those interviewed were randomly selected from a phone-matched Tennessee voter registration list that included both land-line and cell phone numbers. Quotas were assigned to reflect voter registration by county.**

**The margin for error, according to standards customarily used by statisticians, is no more than  $\pm 4$  percentage points. This means that there is a 95 percent probability that the "true" figure would fall within that range if all voters were surveyed. The margin for error is higher for any subgroup, such as a gender or age grouping.**

**QUESTION: Tennessee has the option to join Kentucky, Arkansas and 30 other states that accepted federal funds to expand their Medicaid programs. Doing so would provide health care for qualified adults, under the age of 65, who have annual incomes of \$16,600 or less for a single person and \$22,400 or less for a family of two. Do you support or oppose expanding Medicaid in Tennessee?**

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b><u>REGION</u></b>	<b><u>SUPPORT</u></b>	<b><u>OPPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>UNDECIDED</u></b>
East Tennessee	57%	26%	17%
Middle Tennessee	51%	28%	21%
West Tennessee	62%	19%	19%
<b><u>SEX</u></b>	<b><u>SUPPORT</u></b>	<b><u>OPPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>UNDECIDED</u></b>
Men	48%	29%	23%
Women	63%	21%	16%
<b><u>AGE</u></b>	<b><u>SUPPORT</u></b>	<b><u>OPPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>UNDECIDED</u></b>
<50	60%	19%	21%
50+	53%	30%	17%
<b><u>RACE</u></b>	<b><u>SUPPORT</u></b>	<b><u>OPPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>UNDECIDED</u></b>
White	50%	28%	22%
Black	87%	10%	3%
<b><u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u></b>	<b><u>SUPPORT</u></b>	<b><u>OPPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>UNDECIDED</u></b>
Democrat	89%	6%	5%
Republican	39%	36%	35%
Independent	47%	28%	25%

**QUESTION: University of Tennessee research estimates that expanding Medicaid will bring in \$1.4 billion a year into the state economy and create 15,000 new jobs. Does that make you more likely to support expanding the state Medicaid program, less likely to support expanding it, or does it have no effect on your view?**

	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>37%</b>

<u>REGION</u>	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
East Tennessee	56%	9%	35%
Middle Tennessee	49%	13%	38%
West Tennessee	50%	11%	39%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
Men	45%	14%	41%
Women	58%	8%	34%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
<50	58%	9%	33%
50+	47%	13%	40%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
White	47%	12%	41%
Black	80%	4%	16%

<u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u>	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
Democrat	83%	2%	15%
Republican	35%	14%	51%
Independent	44%	15%	41%

**QUESTION: Tennessee leads the nation in the closure of rural hospitals, which is decreasing health care access for many citizens. In 18 states that have not expanded Medicaid, including Tennessee, hospitals are six times more likely to close than in the 32 states that have expanded their programs. Does that make you more likely to support expanding the state Medicaid program, less likely to support expanding it, or does it have no effect on your view?**

	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>41%</b>
<b><u>REGION</u></b>	<b><u>MORE LIKELY</u></b>	<b><u>LESS LIKELY</u></b>	<b><u>NO EFFECT/DK</u></b>
East Tennessee	56%	3%	41%
Middle Tennessee	51%	7%	42%
West Tennessee	55%	5%	40%
<b><u>SEX</u></b>	<b><u>MORE LIKELY</u></b>	<b><u>LESS LIKELY</u></b>	<b><u>NO EFFECT/DK</u></b>
Men	49%	7%	44%
Women	58%	3%	39%
<b><u>AGE</u></b>	<b><u>MORE LIKELY</u></b>	<b><u>LESS LIKELY</u></b>	<b><u>NO EFFECT/DK</u></b>
<50	55%	3%	42%
50+	53%	7%	40%
<b><u>RACE</u></b>	<b><u>MORE LIKELY</u></b>	<b><u>LESS LIKELY</u></b>	<b><u>NO EFFECT/DK</u></b>
White	47%	6%	47%
Black	87%	1%	12%
<b><u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u></b>	<b><u>MORE LIKELY</u></b>	<b><u>LESS LIKELY</u></b>	<b><u>NO EFFECT/DK</u></b>
Democrat	77%	2%	21%
Republican	40%	6%	54%
Independent	50%	6%	44%

**QUESTION: Accepting federal funding to expand Medicaid coverage would provide addiction treatment to some people who currently don't have insurance. Does that make you more likely to support expanding the state Medicaid program, less likely to support expanding it, or does it have no effect on your view?**

	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>39%</b>

<u>REGION</u>	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
East Tennessee	48%	15%	37%
Middle Tennessee	48%	15%	37%
West Tennessee	47%	7%	46%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
Men	41%	20%	39%
Women	54%	7%	39%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
<50	52%	7%	41%
50+	45%	18%	37%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
White	41%	14%	45%
Black	83%	6%	11%

<u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u>	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
Democrat	74%	4%	22%
Republican	35%	19%	46%
Independent	39%	15%	46%

**QUESTION: Governor Bill Haslam proposed, with the agreement of the Tennessee Hospital Association, to assessing hospitals for the state’s share of the cost of Medicaid expansion. Does that make you more likely to support expanding the state Medicaid program, less likely to support expanding it, or does it have no effect on your view?**

	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>47%</b>

<u>REGION</u>	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
East Tennessee	42%	8%	50%
Middle Tennessee	39%	17%	44%
West Tennessee	46%	6%	48%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
Men	35%	16%	49%
Women	49%	6%	45%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
<50	46%	6%	48%
50+	39%	15%	46%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
White	39%	13%	48%
Black	57%	3%	40%

<u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u>	<u>MORE LIKELY</u>	<u>LESS LIKELY</u>	<u>NO EFFECT/DK</u>
Democrat	64%	2%	34%
Republican	28%	17%	55%
Independent	38%	12%	50%

**QUESTION: Based on the arguments presented, do you support or oppose expanding Medicaid in Tennessee?**

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b><u>REGION</u></b>	<b><u>SUPPORT</u></b>	<b><u>OPPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>UNDECIDED</u></b>
East Tennessee	63%	20%	17%
Middle Tennessee	60%	25%	15%
West Tennessee	67%	17%	16%
<b><u>SEX</u></b>	<b><u>SUPPORT</u></b>	<b><u>OPPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>UNDECIDED</u></b>
Men	58%	25%	17%
Women	68%	17%	15%
<b><u>AGE</u></b>	<b><u>SUPPORT</u></b>	<b><u>OPPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>UNDECIDED</u></b>
<50	66%	14%	20%
50+	60%	28%	12%
<b><u>RACE</u></b>	<b><u>SUPPORT</u></b>	<b><u>OPPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>UNDECIDED</u></b>
White	57%	24%	19%
Black	90%	8%	2%
<b><u>PARTY IDENTIFICATION</u></b>	<b><u>SUPPORT</u></b>	<b><u>OPPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>UNDECIDED</u></b>
Democrat	91%	5%	4%
Republican	49%	27%	24%
Independent	54%	28%	18%

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### **PARTY IDENTIFICATION:**

<b>Democrat</b>	<b>182 (29%)</b>
<b>Republican</b>	<b>238 (38%)</b>
<b>Independent or Other</b>	<b>205 (33%)</b>

### **AGE:**

<b>18-34</b>	<b>107 (17%)</b>
<b>35-49</b>	<b>186 (30%)</b>
<b>50-64</b>	<b>185 (30%)</b>
<b>65+</b>	<b>140 (22%)</b>
<b>Refused</b>	<b>7 (1%)</b>

### **RACE/ETHNICITY:**

<b>White/Caucasian</b>	<b>496 (79%)</b>
<b>Black/African American</b>	<b>100 (16%)</b>
<b>Other/Refused</b>	<b>29 (5%)</b>

### **SEX:**

<b>Male</b>	<b>297 (48%)</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>328 (52%)</b>

### **REGION:**

<b>East Tennessee</b>	<b>225 (36%)</b>
<b>Middle Tennessee</b>	<b>245 (39%)</b>
<b>West Tennessee</b>	<b>155 (25%)</b>



## TENNESSEE POLL REGIONS

**EAST TENNESSEE: Voters in Johnson, Sullivan, Carter, Washington, Union, Greene, Hamlin, Hawkins, Hancock, Claiborne, Grainger, Jefferson, Cocke, Sevier, Blount, Knox, Campbell, Scott, Morgan, Anderson, Cumberland, Roane, Loudoun, Monroe, Polk, Meigs, McMinn, Bradley, Hamilton, Marion, Sequatchie, Rhea and Bledsoe counties.**

**MIDDLE TENNESSEE: Voters in Pickett, Fentress, Overton, Clay, Jackson, Putnam, White, Van Buren, Warren, Grundy, Franklin, Coffee, Moore, Cannon, DeKalb, Smith, Macon, Trousdale, Sumner, Wilson, Davidson, Robertson, Cheatham, Rutherford, Williamson, Maury, Marshall, Bedford, Lincoln, Giles, Lawrence, Wayne, Lewis, Perry, Hickman, Humphreys, Dickson, Houston, Montgomery and Stewart counties.**

**WEST TENNESSEE: Voters in Henry, Benton, Decatur, Hardin, McNairy, Chester, Henderson, Carroll, Weakley, Obion, Lake, Dyer, Gibson, Crockett, Madison, Henderson, Fayette, Haywood, Lauderdale, Dyer, Tipton and Shelby counties.**