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I. Background

- Pan Atlantic SMS Group is a Maine-based, independent marketing research and consulting firm which is currently in its 30th year of successful operation.

- This Omnibus Poll™ is the 54th poll in a series conducted by Pan Atlantic SMS Group on public policy, business, economic, technology, and lifestyle issues. Because we have conducted this poll on a frequent basis over a long time period (since 1996), we are in a unique position to provide reliable benchmarking on a range of important issues.

- Media use of the information contained in the Pan Atlantic SMS Group Omnibus Poll™ must identify the source of information.

- All questions reported on herein are non-proprietary and were not commissioned by any party other than Pan Atlantic SMS Group.

- For further information, please contact Patrick O. Murphy, President of Pan Atlantic SMS Group, at (207) 871-8622 or by email at pmurphy@panatlanticsmsgroup.com.
II. Methodology

- The 54th Pan Atlantic SMS Group Omnibus Poll™ was conducted between September 23rd and 29th, 2014. This independent survey data is being released to the Maine media in the public interest.

- A randomly selected, stratified statewide sample of 400 Maine residents was interviewed by telephone. Each of Maine’s two Congressional Districts are represented by approximately half of the sample.

- The survey was administered only to those who fulfilled the following criteria:
  - Are ages 18 and older
  - Do not, nor does anyone in their household, work for a market research, advertising or media firm
  - Describe themselves as “very” or “somewhat” likely to vote in the 2014 elections

- This independent poll was conducted by telephone, at our in-house interviewing center, by Pan Atlantic’s team of experienced interviewers. No outside interviewer resources were used. The sample used comprised a mix of land and cell phones (30% of sample) so as to ensure as representative a sample as possible. Data were weighted according to the eligible voting population to ensure representative age segment distribution.
II. Methodology

• It should be noted that figures may not always equal 100.0 percent due to the rounding of decimals.

• The sample was stratified statewide based on the U.S. Census of Population and Housing data. The sample size has statistical significance of ± 4.9 percent at the 95 percent confidence level. This means that if the survey were to be repeated, 95 times out of 100 the results would reflect the results of this survey within the ± 4.9 percent margin of error.

• The results are broken out by various demographic subsamples, including Congressional District, political party affiliation, age, income level and gender. The margins of error for each of the two individual CDs is ± 6.9 percent at the 95 percent confidence level.

• The gubernatorial election results were previously released on October 9, 2014. Those results, along with the rest of the Omnibus poll questions, are contained herein.

• Finally, we note that as with all surveys, these results are indicative of public opinion at a singular point in time and do not purport to project final election results.
POLL RESULTS
ECONOMY
"Jobs / Unemployment" and the "Economy in general" continue to be viewed as the most important issues facing the State.

What do you think is the most important issue facing the State of Maine today?

- Jobs/Unemployment: 31.0% (Oct 2014) vs 28.9% (Apr 2014)
- Economy in general: 23.0% (Oct 2014) vs 16.8% (Apr 2014)
- High level of taxes: 3.8% (Oct 2014) vs 3.4% (Apr 2014)
- Education / Schools: 3.5% (Oct 2014) vs 7.5% (Apr 2014)
- Balancing the State budget: 3.3% (Oct 2014) vs 5.8% (Apr 2014)
- Accessibility/Cost of health care: 1.5% (Oct 2014) vs 11.0% (Apr 2014)
- Cost of living: 1.5% (Oct 2014) vs 1.8% (Apr 2014)
- Crime/Drugs/Violence: 1.3% (Oct 2014) vs 0.6% (Apr 2014)
- Need for tax reform: 1.0% (Oct 2014) vs 3.6% (Apr 2014)
- Other: 18.8% (Oct 2014) vs 27.3% (Apr 2014)
- Unsure: 3.0% (Oct 2014) vs 1.6% (Apr 2014)

More than one-half of those surveyed (54.0%) indicated (unaided) that either "jobs/unemployment" or the "economy in general" is the most important issue facing the State of Maine.

The importance of "accessibility/cost of health care" has decreased since April 2014 by 9.5 percentage points.
Thirty-seven percent (37.3%) of Mainers think that Maine’s economy has improved over the past 4 years.

Do you think that Maine’s economy has improved, gotten worse, or stayed the same over the past 4 years under the LePage administration?

- While 37.3% of those surveyed indicated that Maine’s economy has improved over the past 4 years under the LePage administration, 32.3% said that it has stayed the same.
- 29.0% of Mainers think that the state economy has gotten worse in that time.
- Republicans (57.6%) are more likely than Democrats (17.7%) to believe that the economy has improved over the past 4 years.
MAINE PUBLIC POLICY

Gubernatorial Election
While favorability rating levels for the three Gubernatorial candidates are quite close, there are some differences in relation to their levels of un-favorability.

I’m going to read you the names of some people involved in public life in Maine. For each person, I would like you to tell me if you have a “very favorable,” “somewhat favorable,” “somewhat unfavorable,” or “very unfavorable” opinion of them. If you aren’t familiar with that person, just say so.

Paul LePage
- Apr 2014
  - Very favorable: 21.9%
  - Somewhat favorable: 23.4%
  - Somewhat Unfavorable: 15.7%
  - Very Unfavorable: 36.9%
  - Don't know / Not familiar: 2.1%
- Oct 2014
  - Very favorable: 28.5%
  - Somewhat favorable: 21.0%
  - Somewhat Unfavorable: 13.0%
  - Very Unfavorable: 34.5%
  - Don't know / Not familiar: 3.1%

Mike Michaud
- Apr 2014
  - Very favorable: 21.8%
  - Somewhat favorable: 34.3%
  - Somewhat Unfavorable: 18.7%
  - Very Unfavorable: 11.2%
  - Don't know / Not familiar: 14.0%
- Oct 2014
  - Very favorable: 22.0%
  - Somewhat favorable: 28.5%
  - Somewhat Unfavorable: 21.5%
  - Very Unfavorable: 18.8%
  - Don't know / Not familiar: 9.3%

Eliot Cutler
- Apr 2014
  - Very favorable: 9.0%
  - Somewhat favorable: 34.8%
  - Somewhat Unfavorable: 16.7%
  - Very Unfavorable: 8.3%
  - Don't know / Not familiar: 31.2%
- Oct 2014
  - Very favorable: 13.3%
  - Somewhat favorable: 39.5%
  - Somewhat Unfavorable: 15.8%
  - Very Unfavorable: 10.5%
  - Don't know / Not familiar: 21.0%
While favorability rating levels for the three Gubernatorial candidates are quite close, there are some differences in relation to their levels of un-favorability.

**Highlights**

- The favorability ratings (“very” and “somewhat” favorable combined) for the three Gubernatorial candidates are quite close – 52.8% for Eliot Cutler (I), 50.5% for Mike Michaud (D), and 49.5% for Gov. LePage (R). However, there are some differences in the levels of un-favorability (“very” and “somewhat” unfavorable combined) – 47.5% for Gov. LePage, 40.3% for Mike Michaud, and 26.3% for Eliot Cutler.

- Eliot Cutler has an overall favorability level of 52.8%, an increase of nine percentage points since the April 2014 Pan Atlantic SMS Group Omnibus Poll™. Favorability levels for this Gubernatorial candidate are highest among: those with annual household incomes of $100K+ (68.3%), Democrats (61.0%), and those residing in the Southern part of the state (57.4%).

- Congressman Mike Michaud’s favorability rates are highest among: Democrats (76.6%), those with at least a 4-year college degree (59.9%), those with annual household incomes of less than $50K (55.7%), and females (54.5%).

- Gov. LePage has the strongest favorability levels among: Republicans (77.6%), those with annual household incomes of $50K<$100K (57.9%), residents of Northern / Down East Maine (56.4%), those with less than a 4-year college degree (56.3%), and males (56.1%).
Net Favorability Levels \textit{(Favorable – Unfavorable)}

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<td>Mike Michaud</td>
<td>+ 10.2%</td>
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<td>Paul LePage</td>
<td>+ 2.0%</td>
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Governor LePage has a low net favorability score among likely voters.

However, it should be noted in reviewing Eliot Cutler’s net favorability level that there is a high “don’t know” factor of 21.0%, whereas the “don’t know” levels for the other two candidates are much lower.
At this point, Paul LePage has a small lead (5.7 percentage points) over Mike Michaud in the Gubernatorial race. Eliot Cutler is in third place with 19.5% of the anticipated vote.* There is a 7.8% undecided factor.

*Note: Percentages include “Voting” and “Leaning” totals combined.
At this point, Paul LePage has a small lead (5.7 percentage points) over Mike Michaud in the Gubernatorial race. Eliot Cutler is in third place with 19.5% of the anticipated vote.* There is a 7.8% undecided factor.

**Highlights**

- Paul LePage’s numbers have remained steady in our past three polls, while this latest poll shows a small slippage in Mike Michaud’s numbers.

- However, the race continues to be very tight, with Paul LePage potentially benefiting from the presence of two candidates in the opposition group.

- Though some other recent polls (e.g. Public Policy Polling and Portland Press Herald) have shown Eliot Cutler’s support level in the low teens, the Pan Atlantic SMS Group Omnibus Poll™ just conducted has his support level (19.5%) at approximately the same consistent level of our April 2014 (20.3%) and November 2013 (18.3%) polls.
Gubernatorial Race – Breakdown by Political Party

If the Gubernatorial election were today, who would you vote for?

Choice of Democratic Voters
- Michaud, 59.6%
- LePage, 12.8%
- Cutler, 17.0%
- Undecided / None of the above / Refused, 10.6%

Choice of Independent Voters
- LePage, 41.4%
- Michaud, 28.4%
- Cutler, 21.6%
- Undecided / None of the above / Refused, 8.6%

Choice of Republican Voters
- LePage, 68.8%
- Michaud, 8.0%
- Cutler, 19.2%
- Undecided / None of the above / Refused, 4.0%

Note: Percentages include “Voting” and “Leaning” totals combined.
Gubernatorial Race – Breakdown by Political Party

Highlights

• Mike Michaud is holding six in ten (59.6%) Democratic voters, while Paul LePage has the support of close to seven in ten Republican voters (68.8%)

• Eliot Cutler has the support of 17.0% of Democratic voters, 19.2% of Republican voters, and 21.6% of Independents (an almost equal spread across parties).

• Paul LePage is doing best among independents (41.4%), with Mike Michaud at 28.4% and Eliot Cutler at 21.6%.
Gubernatorial Race – Breakdown by Gender

If the Gubernatorial election were today, who would you vote for?

Females
- LePage, 32.2%
- Michaud, 39.1%
- Cutler, 18.8%
- Undecided / None of the above / Refused, 9.9%

Males
- LePage, 46.5%
- Michaud, 27.8%
- Cutler, 20.2%
- Undecided / None of the above / Refused, 5.6%

Note: Percentages include “Voting” and “Leaning” totals combined.
Gubernatorial Race – Breakdown by Gender

**Highlights**

- There is a stark difference in the male / female voter segments. Paul LePage does well with male voters (46.5%), but has the support of only 32.2% of female voters.

- The opposite effect applies to Mike Michaud – (39.1% of female voters vs. 27.8% of male voters).

- Eliot Cutler has almost even support among males (20.2%) and females (18.8%).
Gubernatorial Race – Breakdown by Congressional District

If the Gubernatorial election were today, who would you vote for?

**CD 1**
- LePage, 36.2%
- Michaud, 32.2%
- Cutler, 24.6%
- Undecided / None of the above / Refused, 7.0%

**CD 2**
- LePage, 42.3%
- Michaud, 34.8%
- Cutler, 14.4%
- Undecided / None of the above / Refused, 8.5%

**Note:** Percentages include “Voting” and “Leaning” totals combined.
Gubernatorial Race – Breakdown by Congressional District

**Highlights**

- Governor LePage has a lead of 7.5 percentage points over Mike Michaud in the 2nd Congressional District, while Eliot Cutler is doing much better in the 1st (24.6%) vs. the 2nd Congressional District (14.4%).
If LePage and Michaud were the only Gubernatorial candidates, Cutler supporters and undecided voters would break more heavily for Michaud than LePage by an almost 2:1 margin (48.6% would vote for Michaud, vs. 26.2% for LePage).

Note: Percentages include “Voting” and “Leaning” totals combined.
Based on the results of two poll questions, there would be a statistical dead heat between Gov. LePage (46.3%) and Mike Michaud (46.5%) if Eliot Cutler were not in the Gubernatorial race.

If the Gubernatorial election were today and Paul LePage (Republican) and Mike Michaud (Democrat) were the only candidates, who would you vote for? Those who initially answered “Don’t know” were asked which candidate they would lean towards voting or if the election were held today.

- Respondents were first asked who they would vote for in the Gubernatorial election (with LePage, Michaud, and Cutler as candidates). Then, respondents who indicated that they would vote for Cutler or were undecided were asked a follow up question about who they would vote for if LePage and Michaud were the only candidates.

- The chart on the right shows how the Gubernatorial race would look for the entire sample (n=400) if LePage and Michaud were the only candidates. The darker color shows those who would vote for LePage and Michaud if Cutler was also running (first poll question), while the lighter colors represent the portion of respondents that LePage and Michaud would pick up if Cutler was not running.

Note: Percentages include “Voting” and “Leaning” totals combined.
Gov. LePage’s job approval rating is almost equal positive vs. negative – 48.3% approve and 46.0% disapprove.

Gov. Paul LePage has been in office for the past four years. Do you approve or disapprove of his job performance? Is that strongly or somewhat?

- Oct 2014: 22.3% Strongly Approve, 26.0% Somewhat Approve, 10.3% Somewhat Disapprove, 35.8% Strongly Disapprove, 5.8% Don’t know / Refused
- Apr 2014: 21.0% Strongly Approve, 26.6% Somewhat Approve, 14.9% Somewhat Disapprove, 36.0% Strongly Disapprove, 1.5% Don’t know / Refused
- Nov 2013: 20.5% Strongly Approve, 26.1% Somewhat Approve, 15.7% Somewhat Disapprove, 36.5% Strongly Disapprove, 1.2% Don’t know / Refused

- Gov. LePage’s approval rating is highest among: Republicans (74.4%), residents of the Northern / Down East part of the state (55.6%), those in Congressional District 2 (54.7%), and males (54.5%).
- Among those who disapprove, the intensity level is high (35.8% strongly disapprove).
Over half of Mainers approve of Governor LePage’s policies. While some of these also approve of his governing style, a strong majority overall do not.

Which of the following statements best describes your opinion of Governor Paul LePage?

- In general, I do not approve of either his policies or his style of governing (38.8%)
- In general, I approve of his policies but not his style of governing (29.3%)
- In general, I approve of his policies and his personal style of governing (25.8%)
- Other/Unsure (6.3%)

- While 38.8% of Mainers do not approve of either the Governor’s policies or style of governing, just over half (55.1%) approve of his policies.
- Those who least approve of Gov. LePage’s policies / style of governing include: Democrats (68.1%), those with at least a 4-year college degree (51.7%), females (47.0%), and those under the age of 35 (46.9%).
MAINE PUBLIC POLICY

U.S. Congressional Elections - Maine
Susan Collins continues to have the highest favorability level of several Maine politicians / political figures listed below.

I’m going to read you the names of some people involved in public life in Maine. For each person, I would like you to tell me if you have a “very favorable,” “somewhat favorable,” “somewhat unfavorable,” or “very unfavorable” opinion of them. If you aren’t familiar with that person, just say so.

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*Pan Atlantic SMS Group – 54th Omnibus Poll – October 2014*
Susan Collins continues to have the highest favorability level of several Maine politicians / political figures.

**Highlights**

- Senator Collins has a very high overall favorability level of 79.3%, consistent with the findings from our April 2014 Omnibus Poll™ (79.4%).

- Shenna Bellows’ familiarity ratings have improved since April 2014 (29.3% unfamiliar now versus 71.5% in April), as have her favorability ratings (30.0% favorable now versus 8.1% in April).

- Bruce Poliquin has an overall favorability level of 34.0%, compared with 29.8% for Emily Cain.

- Close to seven in ten of those surveyed (68.0%) have either a ‘very favorable’ or ‘somewhat favorable’ opinion of Senator Angus King. This is a high favorability level.
Susan Collins holds a very strong lead of 43.3 percentage points over Shenna Bellows in Maine’s U.S. Senate race.

If the election for Maine’s U.S. Senator were held today, who would you vote for? Those who initially answered “Don’t know” were asked which candidate they would lean towards voting for if the election were held today.

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*Note:* Lighter colors represent “leaning” voters.
Chellie Pingree is currently leading Maine’s 1st Congressional District Representative race by a very wide margin.

If the election for Maine’s 1st Congressional District’s Representative were held today, who would you vote for? Those who initially answered “Don’t know” were asked which candidate they would lean towards voting if the election were held today. [Asked only of respondents in CD 1; Excludes “Refused” and “No Response”]

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<td>Isaac Misiuk</td>
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Emily Cain (36.2%) holds a slight lead of 3.5 percentage points over Bruce Poliquin (32.7%) in Maine’s 2nd Congressional District Representative race.

If the election for Maine’s 2nd Congressional District’s Representative were held today, who would you vote for? Those who initially answered “Don’t know” were asked which candidate they would lean towards voting if the election were held today. [Asked only of respondents in CD 2; Excludes “Refused” and “No Response”]

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<th>Bruce Poliquin</th>
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**Highlights**

- This race has a very high undecided level of 25% and is wide open at this point.

- The independent candidate Blaine Richardson has a support level of 6.3%. His supporters in this poll are all either Republicans or Independents.
MAINE PUBLIC POLICY

Ballot Questions: Citizens’ Initiative and Bond Issues

Bond Questions are Presented in Ballot Order
Now, let me read you a ballot initiative that will be on the November ballot: “Do you want to make it a crime to hunt bears with bait, traps or dogs, except to protect property, public safety, or for research?”

If the elections were today, how would you vote on this ballot initiative? Those who initially answered “Don’t know” were asked which way they were leaning towards voting.

Opposition for this ballot initiative has increased from 48.1% in the April 2014 SMS Omnibus Poll to the current figure of 57.3%. Meanwhile, support for this issue has decreased from 46.7% to 37.5%.

Those opposing the bear baiting ballot initiative are more likely to: be registered Republicans (69.6%), be male (67.2%), and live in the Northern / Down East part of the state (65.8%).

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<th>43.7% Yes</th>
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<td>CD2</td>
<td>31.3% Yes</td>
<td>64.7% No</td>
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Support for the clean water bond issue has a strong 4:1 margin over those opposing the bond issue.

The first bond question reads as follows: “Do you favor a $10,000,000 bond issue to ensure clean water and safe communities across Maine; to protect drinking water sources; to restore wetlands; to create jobs and vital public infrastructure; and to strengthen the State's long-term economic base and competitive advantage?”

If today were Election Day, how would you vote on this bond issue? Those who initially answered “Don’t know” were asked which way they were leaning towards voting.

While 75.1% of those surveyed indicated that they would vote or are leaning to vote to support this bond issue, 18.8% said that they would oppose it or are leaning to oppose.

Support for this bond is strongest among: Democrats (85.8%), those under the age of 35 (84.4%), females (80.2%), and those with household incomes under $50K (80.0%).
Nearly seven in ten (68.8%) respondents support passage of the research center / job growth bond issue (55.5% Voting, 13.3% Leaning).

The next bond question reads as follows: “Do you favor a $10,000,000 bond issue to be awarded through a competitive process, and to be matched by $11,000,000 in private and other funds, to build a research center and to discover genetic solutions for cancer and the diseases of aging, to promote job growth and private sector investment in this State, to attract and retain young professionals, and make the state a global leader in genomic medicine?”

If today were Election Day, how would you vote on this bond issue? Those who initially answered “Don’t know” were asked which way they were leaning towards voting.

Support for this bond question is highest among those who: are under the age of 35 (82.8%), have an annual household income of $100K+ (76.2%), are registered Democrats (75.2%), and live in the Northern / Down East part of the state (74.4%).
There is strong support for the passage of the agricultural / UMO Cooperative Extension Service bond (63.5% Voting, 9.5% Leaning).

The next bond question reads as follows: “Do you favor an $8,000,000 bond issue to provide funds to assist Maine agriculture and to protect Maine farms through the creation of an animal and plant disease and insect control facility administered by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service?”

If today were Election Day, how would you vote on this bond issue? Those who initially answered “Don’t know” were asked which way they were leaning towards voting.

Total Support: 73.0%

- Vote for 63.5%
- Lean for 9.5%

Total Oppose: 21.6%

- Vote against 17.8%
- Lean against 3.8%
- Undecided 5.4%

21.6% of respondents oppose this bond issue (17.8% Voting, 3.8% Leaning), and 5.4% are undecided.

Support for this bond is highest in the Southern part of the state (78.7%)
The biomedical research funding bond issue has the support of more than half of Maine voters (44.0% Voting, 13.5% Leaning).

The next bond question reads as follows: "Do you favor a $3,000,000 bond issue, to be awarded through a competitive process and to be matched by $5,700,000 in private and public funds, to modernize and expand infrastructure in a biological laboratory specializing in tissue repair and regeneration located in the State in order to increase biotechnology workforce training, retain and recruit to the State multiple biomedical research and development groups, and create a drug discovery and development facility that will improve human health and stimulate biotechnology job growth and economic activity?"

If today were Election Day, how would you vote on this bond issue? Those who initially answered “Don’t know” were asked which way they were leaning towards voting.

30.8% of respondents oppose this bond question (23.5% Voting, 7.3% Leaning). This bond has the lowest level of support among all six bonds. It also has the highest undecided contingent, at 11.8%.

Support for this bond question is highest among those who: have annual household incomes of $100K+ (69.8%), are registered Democrats (66.7%), have at least a 4-year college degree (62.8%), and are male (62.1%).
Seven in ten Mainers indicated support for the marine businesses bond issue (60.3% Voting, 11.8% Leaning).

The final bond question reads as follows: “Do you favor a $7,000,000 bond issue to facilitate the growth of marine businesses and commercial enterprises that create jobs and improve the sustainability of the State’s marine economy and related industries through capital investments, to be matched by at least $7,000,000 in private and other funds?”

If today were Election Day, how would you vote on this bond issue? Those who initially answered “Don’t know” were asked which way they were leaning towards voting.

The bond issue has the highest support levels among: those under the age of 35 (78.1%), Independents (77.6%), those with at least a 4-year college degree (76.7%), and those with annual household incomes of $100K+ (76.2%).

22.3% of respondents oppose this bond issue (16.3% Voting, 6.0% Leaning), and 5.8% are undecided.
Bond Issues

Conclusion

• Mainers appear to be likely to support passage of most or all of the six bond issues (total package of $50M).

• However, it should be noted that historically poll numbers in support of bond issues a month before election day tend to be higher than those actually recorded.

*Please Note: though we did poll Question 3 on the ballot, it was done on a proprietary basis for a client.
53.5% of Mainers disapprove of the way President Obama is handling his job, vs. 43.5% who approve. However, his approval levels have increased by 7.3 percentage points since our November, 2013 poll to the current level of 43.5%.

Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Obama is handling his job?

Approval by Political Affiliation

- **64.5%, Democrats**
  (A 0.8 percentage point increase since April 2014)

- **45.7%, Independents**
  (A 7.4 percentage point increase since April 2014)

- **15.2%, Republicans**
  (An 2.6 percentage point decrease since April 2014)
POLL DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE
## Poll Demographic Profile

### Congressional District
- CD1: 49.8%
- CD2: 50.2%

### Political Affiliation
- Democrats: 35.3%
- Republicans: 31.3%
- Independents / Unenrolled: 29.0%
- Other / Prefer not to answer: 4.4%

### Age
- 18 to 34: 16.0%
- 35 to 54: 47.0%
- 55+ : 37.0%

### Gender
- Female: 50.5%
- Male: 49.5%

### 2013 Household Income
- $25,000 or less: 15.0%
- $25,000 to < $50,000: 20.0%
- $50,000 to < $75,000: 21.3%
- $75,000 to < $100,000: 15.0%
- $100,000+: 15.8%
- Don’t know / Prefer not to answer: 13.0%

### Highest Level of Education
- Less than high school: 3.0%
- High school: 21.3%
- Vocational / Trade school: 4.0%
- Some college / Two-year college degree: 27.8%
- Four-year college degree: 26.0%
- Post-graduate work: 17.0%
- Prefer not to answer: 1.0%
Nate Silver’s Polling Website

2008, 2010, and 2012 Elections:
“Top Ranked Pollster on Maine’s Elections”

2012 Elections:
“Most accurate polls on Presidential and CD1 and CD2 elections”

“Most Accurate Pollster on Maine’s 2010 Gubernatorial Race”

“Closest in predicting the actual results of the Governor’s race and the 1st Congressional District race in 2010”

“Maine’s Best Pollster 2008”