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**PENNSYLVANIA GOV. SHAPIRO HITS 60% JOB APPROVAL,
LEADS REPUBLICANS IN 2026, 2028 MATCHUPS,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY PENNSYLVANIA POLL FINDS;
DEMS SOUR ON FETTERMAN WHILE GOP VOTERS APPROVE OF HIM**

As Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro winds down his third year in office, voters 60 – 28 percent approve of the job he’s doing with 11 percent not offering an opinion, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University poll of registered voters in Pennsylvania released today.

This is the highest job approval rating for Shapiro since the Quinnipiac University Poll began asking this question of registered voters in Pennsylvania in June 2023.

Up until today, Shapiro’s highest job approval rating was 59 percent in January 2024.

His disapproval rating of 28 percent is also his highest. His previous high was 27 percent disapproval in October 2023.

In today’s poll, Democrats (93 – 3 percent) and independents (66 – 20 percent) approve of the job Shapiro is doing, while Republicans (57 – 28 percent) disapprove.

2026 GOVERNOR’S RACE

It is widely anticipated that Shapiro will seek re-election as governor in 2026. A hypothetical matchup shows Shapiro ahead of Republican candidate Stacy Garrity 55 – 39 percent.

In another hypothetical 2026 matchup pitting Shapiro against his former 2022 Republican rival Doug Mastriano, should Mastriano run, Shapiro leads 56 – 39 percent.

“Governor Josh Shapiro clinches an enviable 60 percent job approval and leaves his two potential gubernatorial challengers in the rear-view mirror in a very early look at Pennsylvania’s 2026 gubernatorial race,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

2028 PRESIDENTIAL RACE

In a completely hypothetical 2028 presidential matchup pitting Shapiro, the Democrat, against Vice President J.D. Vance, the Republican, in the critical swing state of Pennsylvania, Shapiro leads Vance 53 – 43 percent.

Democrats 97 – 1 percent say they would vote for Shapiro, while Republicans 89 – 10 percent say they would vote for Vance. Coveted independents 58 – 33 percent say they would vote for Shapiro.

“With the caveats that it’s a long way off and it’s a purely hypothetical race, native son Shapiro looks to have a healthy lead over potential opponent Vice President Vance,” added Malloy.

FAVORABILITY RATINGS

Voters were asked whether they have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of:

- Josh Shapiro: 58 percent favorable, 28 percent unfavorable, 11 percent haven't heard enough about him;
- Stacy Garrity: 13 percent favorable, 12 percent unfavorable, 73 percent haven't heard enough about her;
- Doug Mastriano: 23 percent favorable, 35 percent unfavorable, 41 percent haven't heard enough about him;
- J.D. Vance: 43 percent favorable, 47 percent unfavorable, 8 percent haven't heard enough about him.

JOB APPROVALS

Voters are divided on the way Dave McCormick is handling his job as United States Senator, with 39 percent approving, 35 percent disapproving, and 26 percent not offering an opinion.

Voters 46 – 38 percent approve of the way John Fetterman is handling his job as United States Senator, with 16 percent not offering an opinion. This compares to Quinnipiac University's January 10, 2024 poll when 45 percent of voters approved of the job Fetterman was doing, 42 percent disapproved, and 13 percent did not offer an opinion.

In today's poll, Republicans 62 – 21 percent approve of the way Fetterman is handling his job, while Democrats 54 – 33 percent disapprove. Independents are evenly split, with 43 percent approving and 43 percent disapproving.

In January 2024, Republicans 75 – 16 percent disapproved of the way Fetterman was handling his job, while Democrats 80 – 10 percent approved. Independents were mixed, with 42 percent approving and 43 percent disapproving.

“One-time Democratic darling John Fetterman flips the approval script as Republicans embrace him and Democrats give him low marks nearly two years after GOP voters wouldn't give him the time of day,” added Malloy.

STATE BUDGET

Pennsylvania is three months overdue on passing a state budget. When voters were asked who they blame more for the state legislature not yet having passed a budget for the current fiscal year, 46 percent of voters say both the Democratic-controlled House and Republican-controlled Senate equally, 26 percent say the Republican-controlled Senate, and 21 percent say the Democratic-controlled House.

PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMY

Forty-six percent of voters describe the state of Pennsylvania's economy these days as either excellent (2 percent) or good (44 percent), while 52 percent describe it as either not so good (38 percent) or poor (14 percent).

This compares to February 2020, the last time Quinnipiac University asked this question of Pennsylvania registered voters, when 70 percent of voters described the state of Pennsylvania's economy as either excellent (12 percent) or good (58 percent) and 29 percent described it as either not so good (22 percent) or poor (7 percent).

In today's poll, when asked whether Pennsylvania's economy has gotten better since Donald Trump became president in January, gotten worse, or remained about the same, 41 percent of voters say it has gotten worse, 36 percent say it has remained about the same, and 21 percent say it has gotten better.

PRESIDENT TRUMP

Forty-three percent of registered voters in Pennsylvania approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president, while 54 percent disapprove.

Republicans (90 – 8 percent) approve, while Democrats (96 – 2 percent) and independents (64 – 29 percent) disapprove.

1,579 self-identified registered voters in Pennsylvania were surveyed from September 25th – 29th with a margin of error of +/- 3.3 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D. since 1994, conducts independent, non-partisan national and state polls on politics and issues. Surveys adhere to industry best practices and are based on probability-based samples using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

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1. If the election for governor were being held today, and the candidates were Josh Shapiro the Democrat and Stacy Garrity the Republican, for whom would you vote? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Shapiro	55%	13%	98%	61%	48%	61%	68%	41%
Garrity	39	82	1	27	45	34	30	53
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	2	1	1	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	4	4	1	8	4	4	2	4
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	2	1	1	1
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Shapiro	64%	57%	49%	56%	45%	57%	52%	89%
Garrity	27	38	47	39	50	39	44	7
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
UNDECIDED (VOL)	6	2	4	3	3	3	3	2
REFUSED	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-

2. If the election for governor were being held today, and the candidates were Josh Shapiro the Democrat and Doug Mastriano the Republican, for whom would you vote? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Shapiro	56%	14%	98%	65%	50%	62%	69%	40%
Mastriano	39	82	-	26	44	33	29	54
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	4	3	2	8	4	4	2	5
REFUSED	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	1
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Shapiro	65%	60%	51%	56%	45%	57%	51%	91%
Mastriano	27	38	46	40	50	39	44	6
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
UNDECIDED (VOL)	7	1	3	3	3	4	4	1
REFUSED	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-

3. If the election for president were being held today, and the candidates were Josh Shapiro the Democrat and J.D. Vance the Republican, for whom would you vote? (INCLUDES LEANERS)

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Shapiro	53%	10%	97%	58%	45%	60%	62%	38%
Vance	43	89	1	33	52	35	35	58
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UNDECIDED (VOL)	3	1	1	7	1	4	1	3
REFUSED	1	-	1	1	2	-	1	-

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Shapiro	64%	57%	48%	50%	40%	54%	47%	89%
Vance	29	41	50	48	57	42	49	8
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
UNDECIDED (VOL)	5	1	1	2	2	4	3	1
REFUSED	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	1

4. Is your opinion of Josh Shapiro favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	58%	26%	92%	62%	53%	63%	71%	48%
Unfavorable	28	59	3	16	33	23	23	36
Hvn't hrd enough	11	12	5	19	11	12	5	13
REFUSED	2	3	-	3	2	2	2	3
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	62%	57%	55%	63%	52%	61%	57%	77%
Unfavorable	11	31	34	29	36	27	31	5
Hvn't hrd enough	26	10	9	6	9	10	10	18
REFUSED	1	2	2	2	3	2	2	1

5. Is your opinion of Stacy Garritty favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	13%	26%	3%	8%	14%	12%	14%	15%
Unfavorable	12	4	20	14	12	12	16	9
Hvn't hrd enough	73	70	75	77	72	75	70	75
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	2	1	-	1
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	10%	10%	17%	14%	15%	14%	15%	6%
Unfavorable	14	15	11	10	11	13	12	17
Hvn't hrd enough	75	75	72	75	73	73	73	75
REFUSED	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	2

6. Is your opinion of Doug Mastriano favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	23%	46%	3%	17%	28%	19%	19%	31%
Unfavorable	35	9	61	40	30	39	52	25
Hvn't hrd enough	41	44	36	42	40	41	29	43
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	2	1	-	1
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	18%	18%	29%	25%	30%	23%	27%	7%
Unfavorable	29	37	34	39	31	39	35	43
Hvn't hrd enough	52	44	36	35	38	37	37	48
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	2

7. Is your opinion of J.D. Vance favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	43%	87%	3%	32%	50%	36%	37%	56%
Unfavorable	47	7	88	52	41	53	60	33
Hvn't hrd enough	8	6	8	11	7	9	3	9
REFUSED	2	-	-	4	2	2	1	2
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	29%	41%	49%	47%	56%	42%	48%	8%
Unfavorable	59	48	43	45	37	49	43	73
Hvn't hrd enough	10	10	7	6	6	7	7	18
REFUSED	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	-

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Josh Shapiro is handling his job as governor?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	60%	28%	93%	66%	54%	65%	72%	50%
Disapprove	28	57	3	20	34	23	23	37
DK/NA	11	14	4	15	11	12	6	14
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	61%	57%	61%	64%	52%	63%	58%	86%
Disapprove	17	32	32	26	38	26	31	5
DK/NA	22	11	7	9	10	11	11	8

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dave McCormick is handling his job as United States Senator?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	39%	64%	14%	39%	46%	33%	35%	50%
Disapprove	35	13	61	33	32	38	46	26
DK/NA	26	24	26	28	22	30	20	24
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	26%	32%	46%	49%	53%	37%	44%	22%
Disapprove	42	38	30	32	28	38	33	41
DK/NA	32	30	24	19	18	26	22	37

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Fetterman is handling his job as United States Senator?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	46%	62%	33%	43%	51%	42%	43%	53%
Disapprove	38	21	54	43	38	38	46	32
DK/NA	16	16	13	15	11	20	11	14
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	28%	41%	54%	59%	56%	43%	49%	43%
Disapprove	52	43	35	27	34	41	38	38
DK/NA	20	16	11	14	10	16	13	19

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

REGISTERED VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	43%	90%	2%	29%	51%	36%	33%	59%
Disapprove	54	8	96	64	45	61	64	38
DK/NA	4	2	2	7	4	3	3	3
AGE IN YRS.....					WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	27%	42%	48%	48%	57%	42%	49%	4%
Disapprove	68	56	50	50	40	55	48	91
DK/NA	5	3	2	2	3	2	3	6

12. Would you describe the state of Pennsylvania's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

REGISTERED VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Excellent	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Good	44	42	46	45	47	40	57	40
Not so good	38	41	39	33	35	42	32	42
Poor	14	14	11	18	14	14	6	16
DK/NA	2	1	2	3	2	2	3	2
AGE IN YRS.....					WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Excellent	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Good	29	47	44	53	49	44	46	28
Not so good	45	34	40	37	36	40	38	49
Poor	21	17	15	6	11	13	12	20
DK/NA	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	1

13. Would you say Pennsylvania's economy has gotten better since Donald Trump became president in January, gotten worse, or remained about the same?

REGISTERED VOTERS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Better	21%	46%	1%	14%	27%	16%	17%	29%
Worse	41	7	75	44	31	49	48	31
The same	36	46	23	39	40	32	33	38
DK/NA	2	2	1	3	2	3	1	2
AGE IN YRS.....					WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Better	12%	22%	26%	23%	30%	19%	24%	2%
Worse	47	39	38	42	29	45	37	65
The same	40	38	35	33	40	33	36	32
DK/NA	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	1

13a. Would you say Pennsylvania's economy has gotten better since Donald Trump became president in January, gotten worse, or remained about the same? COMBINED WITH: (If better/worse q13) Would you say it has gotten much better/worse or better/worse but not much?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Much better	11%	25%	-	5%	13%	9%	10%	14%
Better but not much	10	19	1	8	13	7	7	14
The same	36	46	23	39	40	32	33	38
Worse but not much	13	4	20	17	12	13	18	8
Much worse	26	3	52	24	18	33	29	22
DK/NA	5	4	4	7	4	6	4	5

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Much better	4%	10%	12%	14%	15%	10%	12%	1%
Better but not much	8	10	13	8	14	9	11	-
The same	40	38	35	33	40	33	36	32
Worse but not much	22	13	9	10	11	12	12	21
Much worse	20	23	28	30	16	31	24	37
DK/NA	6	5	4	4	4	5	4	8

14. The state legislature has not yet passed a budget for the current fiscal year. Who do you blame more for this: the Democratic-controlled House, the Republican-controlled Senate, or both equally?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
House	21%	45%	2%	11%	27%	16%	17%	27%
Senate	26	2	54	25	21	31	33	16
Both equally	46	45	40	58	47	45	45	49
DK/NA	7	8	4	6	5	8	5	7
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
House	8%	24%	26%	21%	29%	18%	23%	3%
Senate	25	27	26	27	19	26	23	52
Both equally	59	43	42	47	47	48	48	41
DK/NA	8	6	6	4	5	8	7	4