Climate Polling Results

December 2019

Poll conducted by Public Policy Polling from December 3-4, 2019. 768 total respondents. Margin of error of +/- 3.5%. Conducted for Vermont Conservation Voters (VCV) and the Vermont Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG).
More than three-quarters are worried about global warming, with 61% “very worried”...

How worried are you about global warming?

Worried
- Very Worried: 61%
- Somewhat Worried: 15%
- Not Very Worried: 76%

Not Worried
- Not Worried: 13%
- Not Worried At All: 11%
... compared to 35% very worried three years ago.

How worried are you about global warming?

- Very Worried: 35%
- Somewhat Worried: 36%
- Not Very Worried: 16%
- Not Worried At All: 13%
Concern is high across the state

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More than three-quarters support expanding the work of Vermont’s Energy Efficiency Utilities

Vermont has several programs, including Efficiency Vermont, that help Vermont families and businesses cut their electricity use and keep rates down for all ratepayers. Recently, there’s been discussion about having these efficiency programs expand their work to focus more on helping Vermonters cut climate pollution by investing in things like weatherization and efficient electric heating and transportation options. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this idea?

- **Support**:
  - Strongly Support: 59%
  - Somewhat Support: 25%
  - Total Support: 84%

- **Oppose**:
  - Somewhat Oppose: 7%
  - Strongly Oppose: 9%
  - Total Oppose: 16%
More than three-quarters support requiring the state to act to hit its climate targets

State leaders from every political party have said they support meeting the 2025 climate pollution reduction targets established in the Paris Climate Accord, and hitting Vermont’s 2050 climate pollution targets. How much do you support requiring state government to take action to meet those goals, and giving state government both the authority and the responsibility to meet them?

Support

Strongly Support: 58%
Somewhat Support: 20%

Oppose

14%
9%
23%

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More than three-quarters support requiring 100% renewable electricity by 2030

Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose requiring electric utilities in Vermont to get 100% of their electricity from clean, renewable energy sources such as wind and solar by 2030?

- Strongly Support: 49%
- Somewhat Support: 27%
- Somewhat Oppose: 10%
- Strongly Oppose: 14%
Close to three-quarters support significantly increasing the requirement for in-state renewables

Under current rules, if Vermont were to implement a 100% renewable energy requirement, only 10% would be required to come from renewables inside Vermont. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose significantly increasing that requirement?
In order to reduce pollution from transportation, about a dozen northeast states are designing a regional program to cap climate pollution from the transportation sector, and charge fossil fuel companies a fee to pollute... Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose Vermont joining this regional program to reduce pollution from transportation?

Support

- Strongly Support: 55%
- Somewhat Support: 20%
- Total Support: 75%

Oppose

- Somewhat Oppose: 16%
- Strongly Oppose: 9%
- Total Oppose: 25%
Partisan Differences:
Ds, Ps, and Is are strongly supportive of action, with Rs split

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Support for action is high across the state

Support for Expanding Efficiency Programs

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Support for 100% Clean Energy by 2030

- Strongly Support
- Somewhat Support

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- Strongly Support
- Somewhat Support

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