



## **Crosstabs Wesleyan SurveyLab CT Poll**

**Field Dates:** April 3-17, 2023

**Sample:** 600 self-identified registered voters in Connecticut

**Margin of error:** Plus or minus 5.13% for the full sample, 6.72% for Democrats, 9.11% for Republicans, and 15.73% for independents (adjusted for design effects).

**Methodology:** The Wesleyan SurveyLab CT Poll was designed by a research team at Wesleyan University and fielded online by YouGov. The YouGov panel, a proprietary opt-in survey panel, is comprised of 1.8 million U.S. residents who have agreed to participate in YouGov's web surveys as well as the YouGov Online community.

YouGov fielded the survey online to 611 panelists who were then matched down to a sample of 600 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The sampling frame is a politically representative "modeled frame" of registered voters in Connecticut, based upon the American Community Survey (ACS) public use microdata file, public voter file records, the 2020 Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration supplements, the 2020 National Election Pool (NEP) exit poll, and the 2020 CES surveys, including demographics and 2020 presidential vote.

The matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, and years of education. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles.

The weights were post-stratified on 2020 Presidential vote choice, a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories). The weights were then weighted by Iterative Proportional Fitting Procedure on gender, education, age, and race to produce the final weight.

The reported percentages are based on the weighted data.

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The following tables show crosstabs by party identification from the Wesleyan SurveyLab CT Poll using the weighted data. Party identification is based on respondents' self-reported party identification with independents who "lean" towards one party or another treated as partisans.

[Q1\_a] Below is a list of some stories covered by Connecticut news organizations in recent weeks. Please indicate how closely you followed each news story – Debate over Governor Lamont's budget proposal:

Q1_a	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Very closely	10	7	7	9
Fairly closely	29	29	38	32
Not too closely	31	30	32	31
Not at all closely	29	34	23	28

[Q1\_b] The increase in black bears in the state:

Q1_b	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Very closely	10	7	9	9
Fairly closely	33	30	29	31
Not too closely	32	33	37	34
Not at all closely	25	30	25	26

[Q1\_c] Teacher shortages in Connecticut schools:

Q1_c	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Very closely	13	9	7	11
Fairly closely	35	26	23	29
Not too closely	29	27	35	30
Not at all closely	22	38	35	30

[Q1\_d] The University of Connecticut men's basketball team's performance in the NCAA tournament:

Q1_d	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Very closely	30	27	21	27
Fairly closely	24	15	24	23
Not too closely	19	23	24	21
Not at all closely	27	34	31	30

[Q1\_e] The University of Connecticut women's basketball team's performance in the NCAA tournament:

Q1_e	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Very closely	20	18	13	17
Fairly closely	24	13	16	20

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Q1_e	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Not too closely	27	26	34	28
Not at all closely	29	43	37	34

[Q2] Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as President?:

Q2	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Strongly approve	34	8	3	20
Somewhat approve	45	20	9	29
Somewhat disapprove	15	22	11	15
Strongly disapprove	4	47	77	34
Not sure	2	3	0	2

[Q3] Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ned Lamont is handling his job as Governor?:

Q3	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Strongly approve	44	18	2	26
Somewhat approve	40	33	21	34
Somewhat disapprove	7	21	37	18
Strongly disapprove	3	14	36	15
Not sure	6	14	4	7

[Q4] Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Connecticut General Assembly is doing?:

Q4	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Strongly approve	19	4	3	12
Somewhat approve	48	27	15	34
Somewhat disapprove	13	27	27	19
Strongly disapprove	2	14	42	16
Not sure	19	28	13	19

[Q5] Did you vote in the 2022 midterm elections in November?:

Q5	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
I did not vote (in the election last November)	10	25	10	13
I thought about voting this time, but didn't	4	8	6	5
I usually vote, but didn't this time	5	4	6	5
I am sure I voted	82	63	78	77

[Q6] In the 2022 election for Governor in Connecticut, for whom did you vote? (Asked of those who are sure they voted in 2022 (n=487)):

Q6	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Ned Lamont (Democrat)	91	46	7	59
Bob Stefanowski (Republican)	2	37	89	33
Robert Hotaling (Independent)	5	3	1	4
Other	0	5	0	1
I did not vote in this race	0	0	3	1
Don't recall	1	9	0	3

[Q7] Would you say that over the past twelve months, the state of the economy in the United States has gotten much better, gotten somewhat better, stayed about the same, gotten somewhat worse, or gotten much worse?:

Q7	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Much better	7	3	1	5
Somewhat better	32	8	6	19
About the same	35	35	22	31
Somewhat worse	19	18	23	21
Much worse	7	36	48	24

[Q8] Would you say that over the past twelve months, the state of the economy in Connecticut has gotten much better, gotten somewhat better, stayed about the same, gotten somewhat worse, or gotten much worse?:

Q8	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Much better	6	3	2	4
Somewhat better	37	8	11	24
About the same	35	40	21	32
Somewhat worse	16	33	38	26
Much worse	6	16	27	14

[Q9] What do you think is the most important problem facing the state of Connecticut today?:

Q9	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Economy/Inflation	19	34	32	26
Coronavirus	3	1	0	2
Guns/Gun Control	9	2	2	5
Crime/Violence	4	12	12	8
Education	8	3	4	6
Healthcare	6	4	1	5
Abortion	1	0	2	1
Immigration	1	4	3	2
Race/Race Relations	1	0	0	0
Poverty/Inequality	12	5	0	7
Taxes	13	16	25	17
Government spending	1	6	12	5

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Q9	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Housing/Homelessness	10	3	6	7
Environment/Climate Change	9	6	0	6
Other	4	3	2	4

[Q10] Connecticut is projected to have a budget surplus of \$3.2 billion this year. In response, the state could increase spending in areas such as education and healthcare, pay down long-term debt, or cut taxes for Connecticut residents. Which option would you most prefer?:

Q10	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Increase spending	24	14	5	16
Pay down long-term debt	25	26	24	25
Cut taxes	40	53	68	51
Not sure	10	7	2	8

[Q11\_a] Below is a list of potential tax cuts proposed by Governor Lamont and/or state legislators. Do you support or oppose the following proposals? Lowering the tax rates on income below \$50,000 for individuals and \$100,000 for families:

Q11_a	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Strongly oppose	4	4	8	5
Somewhat oppose	3	8	9	5
Somewhat support	33	30	41	35
Strongly support	57	52	39	51
Not Sure	3	6	4	4

[Q11\_b] Cutting taxes on small businesses:

Q11_b	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Strongly oppose	2	2	3	2
Somewhat oppose	8	5	6	7
Somewhat support	46	37	33	40
Strongly support	39	44	56	45
Not Sure	4	11	3	5

[Q11\_c] Providing a tax credit to low- and middle-income households with children under 18:

Q11_c	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Strongly oppose	3	9	14	7
Somewhat oppose	8	6	15	10
Somewhat support	39	43	42	40
Strongly support	47	38	23	38
Not Sure	3	5	6	5

[Q11\_d] Expanding the state Earned Income Tax Credit for lower-income workers:

Q11_d	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Strongly oppose	3	9	17	8
Somewhat oppose	5	12	19	10
Somewhat support	36	41	33	36
Strongly support	48	30	20	36
Not Sure	8	9	11	9

[Q12\_a] Below is a list of areas where the state government spends money on services and programs. Do you think state spending in this area should be increased, decreased, or kept about the same: Child care:

Q12_a	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Increased	64	36	22	47
Decreased	5	9	26	12
Kept About the Same	31	55	52	41

[Q12\_b] K-12 Education:

Q12_b	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Increased	64	52	35	53
Decreased	3	7	19	9
Kept About the Same	33	41	46	38

[Q12\_c] Public colleges and universities:

Q12_c	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Increased	43	33	10	31
Decreased	8	21	39	20
Kept About the Same	49	47	51	49

[Q12\_d] Healthcare:

Q12_d	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Increased	71	67	32	59
Decreased	3	4	25	10
Kept About the Same	25	29	43	31

[Q12\_e] Transportation (roads, rail, buses):

Q12_e	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Increased	62	67	49	58

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Q12_e	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Decreased	4	1	16	7
Kept About the Same	34	32	36	34

[Q12\_f] Job training programs:

Q12_f	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Increased	53	50	38	48
Decreased	3	6	20	8
Kept About the Same	44	44	42	43

[Q12\_g] Renewable energy (solar, wind):

Q12_g	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Increased	63	38	14	44
Decreased	8	21	53	24
Kept About the Same	29	41	32	32

[Q12\_h] State police:

Q12_h	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Increased	21	36	54	35
Decreased	19	20	17	18
Kept About the Same	60	45	28	47

[Q13] Politicians in Connecticut have debated raising taxes on individuals making more than \$250,000 a year and couples making more than \$500,000 a year. Supporters say that this would help pay for needed government services in the state. Opponents say that this will lead to more high-income taxpayers leaving the state for states with lower taxes. Would you support or oppose raising taxes on individuals making more than \$250,000 a year and couples making more than \$500,000 a year?:

Q13	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Strongly support	57	33	19	41
Somewhat support	30	32	18	26
Somewhat oppose	7	13	24	13
Strongly oppose	3	10	35	14
Not sure	3	12	4	5

[Q14\_a] How much of a problem do you think the following issues are in the state of Connecticut? Inequality:

Q14_a	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
A big problem	38	18	9	26
Somewhat of a problem	53	36	33	44
Not a problem	9	46	58	30

[Q14\_b] Crime:

Q14_b	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
A big problem	30	43	54	40
Somewhat of a problem	57	54	39	51
Not a problem	14	2	7	10

[Q14\_c] Affordability of housing:

Q14_c	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
A big problem	68	64	38	58
Somewhat of a problem	29	30	49	35
Not a problem	3	6	13	6

[Q14\_d] Racism:

Q14_d	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
A big problem	31	15	5	21
Somewhat of a problem	59	41	38	49
Not a problem	10	44	57	30

[Q14\_e] Energy costs:

Q14_e	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
A big problem	67	76	67	69
Somewhat of a problem	30	21	25	27
Not a problem	3	3	8	5

[Q15] Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: It is the responsibility of the government to reduce income differences between the richest and poorest households.:

Q15	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Strongly agree	34	16	6	23
Somewhat agree	44	22	13	31
Somewhat disagree	13	24	16	16
Strongly disagree	5	27	60	25
Not sure	5	11	4	6



[Q16\_a] Please tell us whether you would support or oppose the following changes to gun laws in the state of Connecticut. Requiring higher bail and immediate revocation of parole for individuals convicted of repeated firearm offenses:

Q16_a	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Strongly oppose	4	1	9	5
Somewhat oppose	2	1	4	3
Somewhat support	19	32	21	22
Strongly support	71	59	60	65
Not Sure	3	7	6	5

[Q16\_b] Increasing the age to purchase all firearms to 21:

Q16_b	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Strongly oppose	3	4	20	8
Somewhat oppose	0	9	14	6
Somewhat support	13	18	16	14
Strongly support	81	68	45	68
Not Sure	2	2	5	3

[Q16\_c] Banning the open carry of firearms:

Q16_c	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Strongly oppose	11	25	49	25
Somewhat oppose	10	17	19	14
Somewhat support	11	8	11	11
Strongly support	64	28	12	42
Not Sure	4	21	9	9

[Q16\_d] Limiting gun purchases to one a month:

Q16_d	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Strongly oppose	6	7	38	16
Somewhat oppose	7	5	10	7
Somewhat support	16	17	23	18
Strongly support	64	54	23	49
Not Sure	8	17	7	10

[Q16\_e] Establishing the right to carry a pistol in any state park or forest:

Q16_e	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Strongly oppose	58	19	12	37
Somewhat oppose	13	10	7	11
Somewhat support	11	27	32	20

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Q16_e	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Strongly support	11	20	41	21
Not Sure	8	24	8	11

[Q16\_f] Recognizing gun permits issued in other states:

Q16_f	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Strongly oppose	36	14	10	24
Somewhat oppose	18	15	14	16
Somewhat support	21	29	24	23
Strongly support	14	24	44	24
Not Sure	11	19	9	13

[Q17\_a] Please tell us whether you would support or oppose the following changes to housing laws in the state of Connecticut. Capping rent increases at 4% per year:

Q17_a	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Strongly oppose	4	10	25	11
Somewhat oppose	9	5	22	12
Somewhat support	30	20	22	26
Strongly support	48	53	23	42
Not Sure	8	12	9	9

[Q17\_b] Requiring each city or town in Connecticut to build more affordable housing:

Q17_b	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Strongly oppose	2	9	38	14
Somewhat oppose	9	12	22	13
Somewhat support	29	36	24	28
Strongly support	56	32	14	40
Not Sure	5	10	2	5

[Q17\_c] Limiting landlords' access to the eviction history of potential tenants:

Q17_c	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Strongly oppose	14	24	46	25
Somewhat oppose	20	12	22	19
Somewhat support	29	19	13	22
Strongly support	24	18	11	19
Not Sure	13	27	7	14

[Q18] In 2017, the state of Connecticut passed budget controls or guardrails that put caps on spending and borrowing by the state government and require surplus funds over a certain amount to pay down Connecticut's debt. Prior to taking this survey, how much had you heard or read about these fiscal guardrails?:

Q18	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
A lot	3	4	2	3
Some	20	9	18	18
Only a little	29	29	27	28
Nothing at all	48	59	52	51

[Q19] Supporters of keeping the guardrails in place say they have led to state budget surpluses and fiscal stability. Opponents of keeping the guardrails in place say they prevent the state from accessing funds needed to address inequities in the state. What about you? Do you support or oppose keeping the guardrails in place?:

Q19	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Strongly support	16	20	40	24
Somewhat support	35	32	29	32
Somewhat oppose	10	3	9	9
Strongly oppose	4	7	2	4
Not sure	35	38	20	32

[Q20] In 2020, the state of Connecticut passed the Police Accountability Law. The law created a legal duty for police to intervene and report police misconduct, tightened standards for use of force, and replicated in state law a federal right to sue police for violations of individual rights. Prior to taking this survey, how much had you heard or read about the Police Accountability Law?:

Q20	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
A lot	9	7	19	12
Some	33	26	25	30
Only a little	25	36	31	29
Nothing at all	32	32	24	30

[Q21] Supporters of the Police Accountability Law say it enhances transparency and professionalism in policing. Opponents of the Police Accountability Law say it hurts police morale and makes it harder to recruit police officers in the state. What about you? Do you support or oppose the Police Accountability Law?:

Q21	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Strongly support	59	34	10	39
Somewhat support	24	23	23	24
Somewhat oppose	4	11	26	12
Strongly oppose	5	4	31	12
Not sure	9	29	10	14

[Q22] In 2019, the state of Connecticut passed a family and medical leave law that pays replacement wages for employees who take time off to care for a new child or sick family member. The program receives funding through a 0.5-percent increase in payroll taxes. Prior to taking this survey, how much had you heard or read about the state family and medical leave law?:

Q22	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
A lot	16	12	22	17
Some	31	22	35	31
Only a little	27	36	24	27
Nothing at all	27	30	20	25

[Q23] Supporters of the family and medical leave law say the bill ensures people will not have to choose between a paycheck and taking care of a family member. Opponents say it puts a burden on Connecticut businesses, especially small businesses. What about you? Do you support or oppose the Connecticut family and medical leave law?:

Q23	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Strongly support	55	28	10	37
Somewhat support	28	30	28	29
Somewhat oppose	6	7	31	13
Strongly oppose	2	8	20	8
Not sure	8	27	10	12

[Q24] Relative to governors in other states, how well do you think Governor Lamont managed the state's response to the Covid-19 pandemic?:

Q24	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Much better	52	25	8	34
Somewhat better	29	30	21	27
About the same	13	24	32	21
Somewhat worse	0	4	22	7
Much worse	2	7	13	7
Not sure	3	10	4	5

[Q25] How would you rate the public schools in your local school district?:

Q25	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Excellent	21	18	19	20
Good	42	29	40	39
Fair	25	31	17	24
Poor	6	10	19	11
Not sure	6	12	5	7

[Q26] How would you rate the public schools in the state?:

Q26	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Excellent	11	8	7	10
Good	54	34	34	44
Fair	23	25	34	27

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Q26	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Poor	6	10	16	9
Not sure	6	22	9	10

[Q27] In the last year, have you attended a board of education meeting in your local school district (either in person or live online)?:

Q27	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Yes	13	8	14	12
No	85	91	84	86
Not sure	2	1	2	2

[Q28\_1] What do you think are the biggest challenges facing public education in Connecticut? Please select up to three. Funding differences between school districts:

Q28_1	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
selected	43	21	10	29
not selected	57	79	90	71

[Q28\_2] Lack of parent control over education :

Q28_2	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
selected	5	12	43	17
not selected	95	88	57	83

[Q28\_3] Limited school choice:

Q28_3	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
selected	4	9	21	10
not selected	96	91	79	90

[Q28\_4] Racial segregation in schools:

Q28_4	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
selected	12	4	0	7
not selected	88	96	100	93

[Q28\_5] Socioeconomic segregation in schools:

Q28_5	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
selected	21	5	2	13
not selected	79	95	98	87

[Q28\_6] School facilities/infrastructure:

Q28_6	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
selected	16	20	9	14
not selected	84	80	91	86

[Q28\_7] Transportation to/from schools:

Q28_7	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
selected	4	1	2	3
not selected	96	99	98	97

[Q28\_8] School safety:

Q28_8	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
selected	30	34	26	30
not selected	70	66	74	70

[Q28\_9] Student absenteeism:

Q28_9	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
selected	9	6	10	9
not selected	91	94	90	91

[Q28\_10] Student behavior/discipline:

Q28_10	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
selected	26	41	45	34
not selected	74	59	55	66

[Q28\_11] Student mental health/well-being:

Q28_11	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
selected	36	41	20	32
not selected	64	59	80	68

[Q28\_12] Students' performance on state assessments :

Q28_12	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
selected	6	11	19	11
not selected	94	89	81	89

[Q28\_13] Recruiting and retaining teachers:

Q28_13	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
selected	46	30	19	35
not selected	54	70	81	65

[Q28\_14] Something else:

Q28_14	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
selected	5	5	12	7
not selected	95	95	88	93

[Q28\_15] Not sure:

Q28_15	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
selected	6	8	6	7
not selected	94	92	94	93

[Q29] Charter schools are publicly funded schools that are run independently of the school district and may also have a specialized focus. Would you support or oppose the formation of more charter schools with public funds in Connecticut?:

Q29	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Strongly support	17	24	32	23
Somewhat support	29	24	29	28
Somewhat oppose	19	9	13	15
Strongly oppose	15	10	8	12
Not sure	19	33	18	21

[Q30] Which comes closest to your view (see topline PDF for exact wording of response options):

Q30	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Americans are united	26	17	24	24
Americans are divided	74	83	76	76

[Q31] Which comes closest to your view (see topline PDF for exact wording of response options):

Q31	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
People in Connecticut are united	61	30	27	46
People in Connecticut are divided	39	70	73	54

[Q32\_a] How familiar are you with the following minor or third parties in the state of Connecticut: Green Party:

Q32_a	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Very familiar	7	8	11	8
Somewhat familiar	43	38	33	39
Not too familiar	30	21	33	29
Not at all familiar	20	34	23	24

[Q32\_b] Independent Party:

Q32_b	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Very familiar	15	21	14	16
Somewhat familiar	36	35	33	34
Not too familiar	32	21	32	30
Not at all familiar	18	22	21	20

[Q32\_c] Libertarian Party:

Q32_c	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Very familiar	8	11	12	10
Somewhat familiar	41	32	32	36
Not too familiar	26	27	36	28
Not at all familiar	26	29	20	25

[Q32\_d] Working Families Party:

Q32_d	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Very familiar	11	7	9	10
Somewhat familiar	31	28	26	29
Not too familiar	29	21	29	27
Not at all familiar	29	44	36	34

[Q33] Some states, including Connecticut, permit multiple political parties to nominate the same political candidate in an election. For instance, John Smith is the nominee for Party A and also the nominee for Party B on the same ballot. In general, does more than one party nominating the same person make the voting process easier or harder for a voter like you?:



Q33	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Total
Easier	19	14	14	17
Harder	28	15	30	26
Neither	53	70	57	57