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Background and Methodology

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His career in the field of public opinion research began in the mid-1980s as an analyst with *Mason-Dixon Opinion Research*. During this time, Mr. Gonzales helped develop, craft and implement election surveys and exit polls for television and radio in the Baltimore-Washington D.C. metro area.

Mr. Gonzales has polled and analyzed well over a thousand elections in Maryland and across the country since that time. Furthermore, he and his associates have conducted numerous market research projects, crafting message development plans and generating strategy blueprints for businesses and organizations throughout the state.

Over his 35 years conducting public opinion polls, Patrick Gonzales has been widely recognized by his peers for his ability to conduct unbiased surveys, and analyze the results in an impartial, evenhanded manner.

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This poll was conducted by ***Gonzales Research & Media Services*** from December 19th through December 21st, 2020. A total of 416 registered voters in Anne Arundel County, Maryland were queried by live telephone interviews, utilizing both landline and cell phone numbers.

The margin of error (MOE), per accepted statistical standards, is a range of plus or minus 4.9 percentage points. If the entire population was surveyed, there is a 95% probability that the true numbers would fall within this range.

Synopsis

Among Anne Arundel County residents, 82% agree with Governor Larry Hogan and his health experts, who have determined that it is safe for Maryland restaurants to be open at a limited capacity, following strict safety guidelines, while only 14% disagree with Hogan's decision to keep restaurants open.

Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman issued an executive order to close all restaurants in the county to indoor dining. We asked residents if they approve or disapprove of this action.

One-in-four citizens (26%) approve of the order to close restaurants to indoor dining, but a solid 70% majority of the county disapproves of the action to close restaurants...55% “**strongly** disapprove.”

Robust opposition to closing Anne Arundel county restaurants to indoor dining is found amongst all demographic groups.

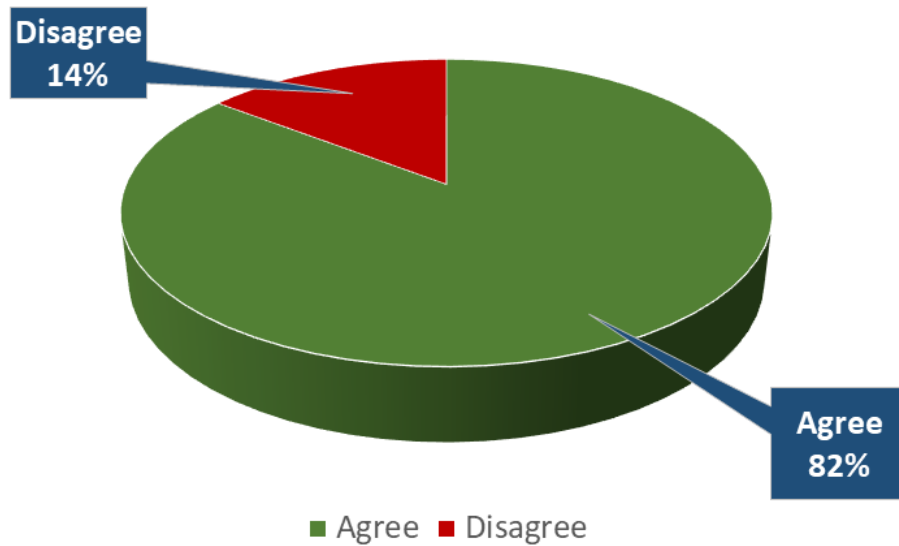
Eighty-three percent of Anne Arundel residents are “**very**” concerned that the closing of restaurants in Anne Arundel County to indoor dining is going to negatively impact industry workers, 15% are “somewhat” concerned, and less than 1% are not concerned

Gonzales Poll – December 2020 Results

Restaurants Open, Strict Safety Guidelines

Eighty-two percent of Anne Arundel County voters agree with Governor Larry Hogan and his health experts, who have determined that it is safe for Maryland restaurants to be open at a limited capacity, following strict safety guidelines (57% “strongly agree” and 25% “somewhat agree”), while 14% disagree with this decision (10% “strongly disagree” and 4% “somewhat disagree”).

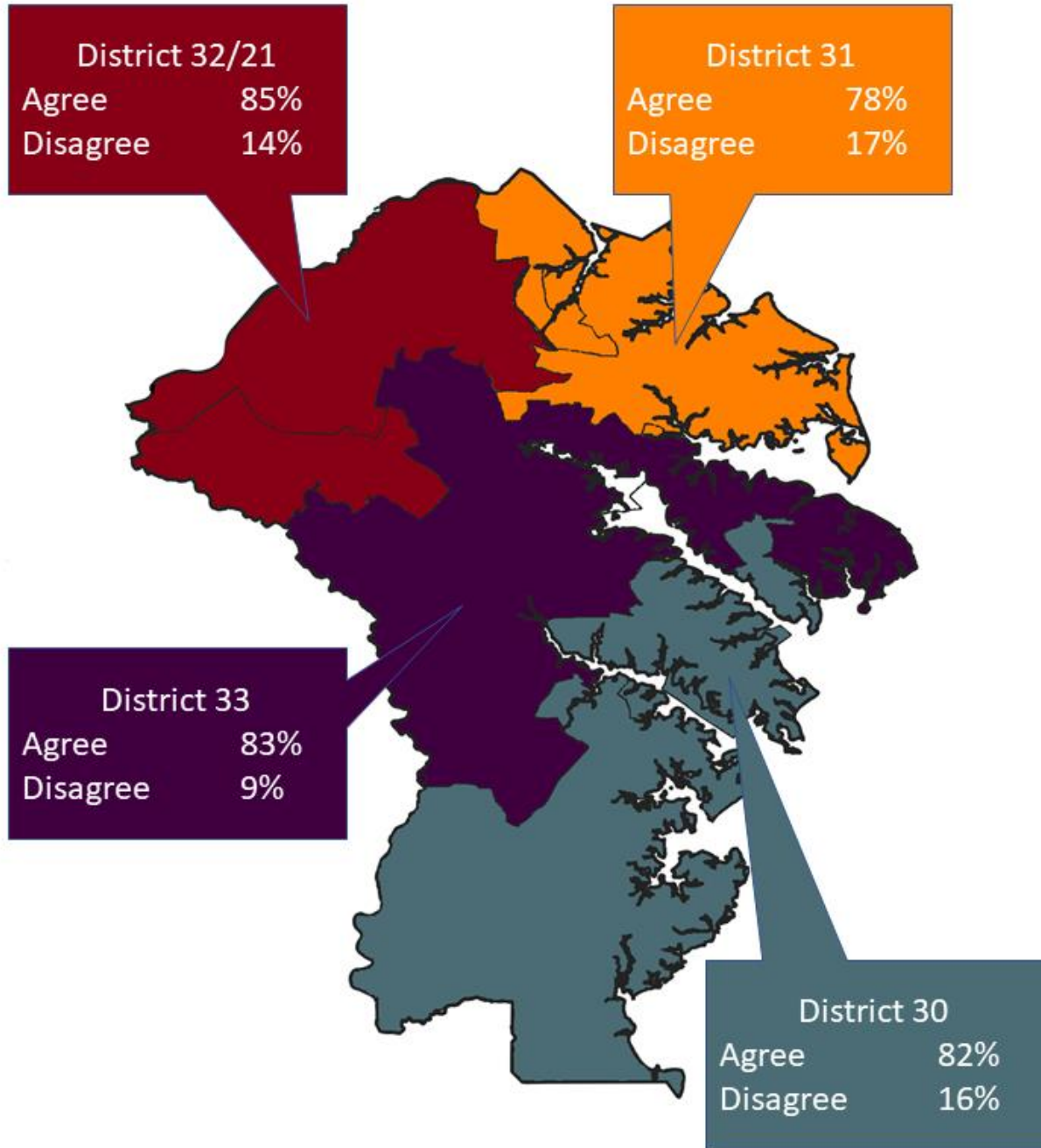
Restaurants Open with Safety Guidelines



The results by gender and age:

Restaurants Open, Guidelines	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>
Women	82%	15%
Men	82%	13%
18 to 34	83%	13%
35 to 49	82%	15%
50 to 65	81%	15%

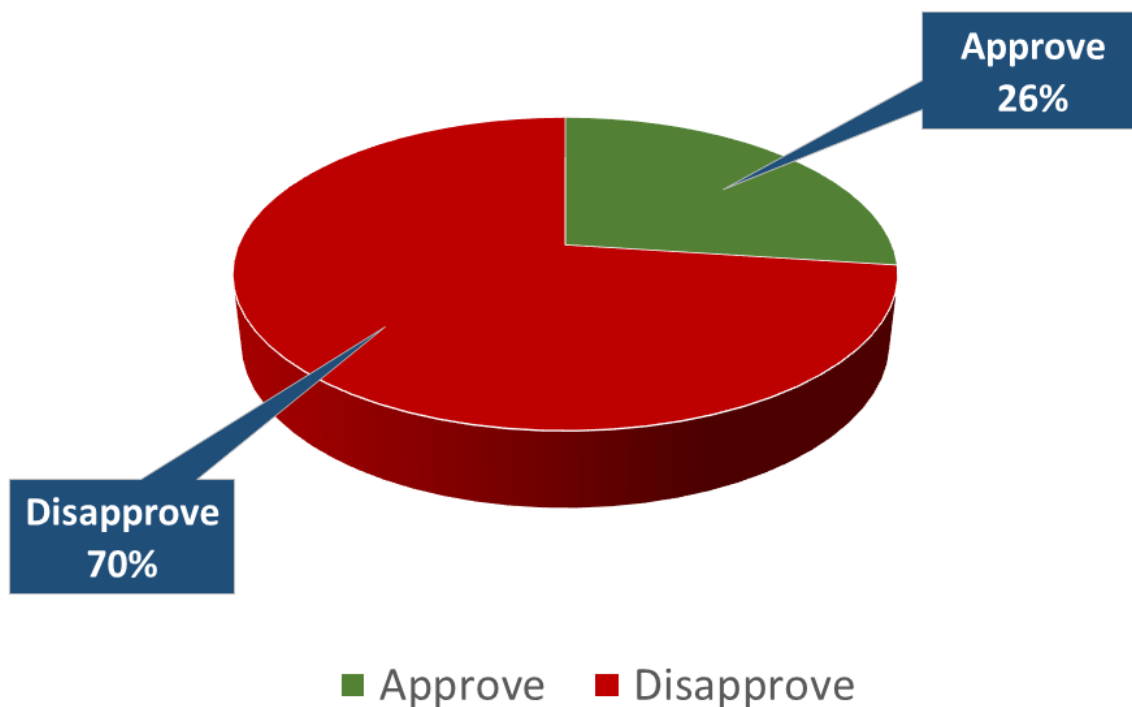
Restaurants Open with Safety Guidelines



Anne Arundel County Restaurants Closed to Indoor Dining

Anne Arundel County Executive Stuart Pittman issued an executive order to close all restaurants to indoor dining. We asked residents if they approve or disapprove of this action. Countywide, 26% approve of the order to close restaurants to indoor dining (19% “strongly approve” and 7% “somewhat approve”), while 70% disapprove of the action to close county restaurants to indoor dining (55% “strongly disapprove” and 15% “somewhat disapprove”), with 4% providing no response.

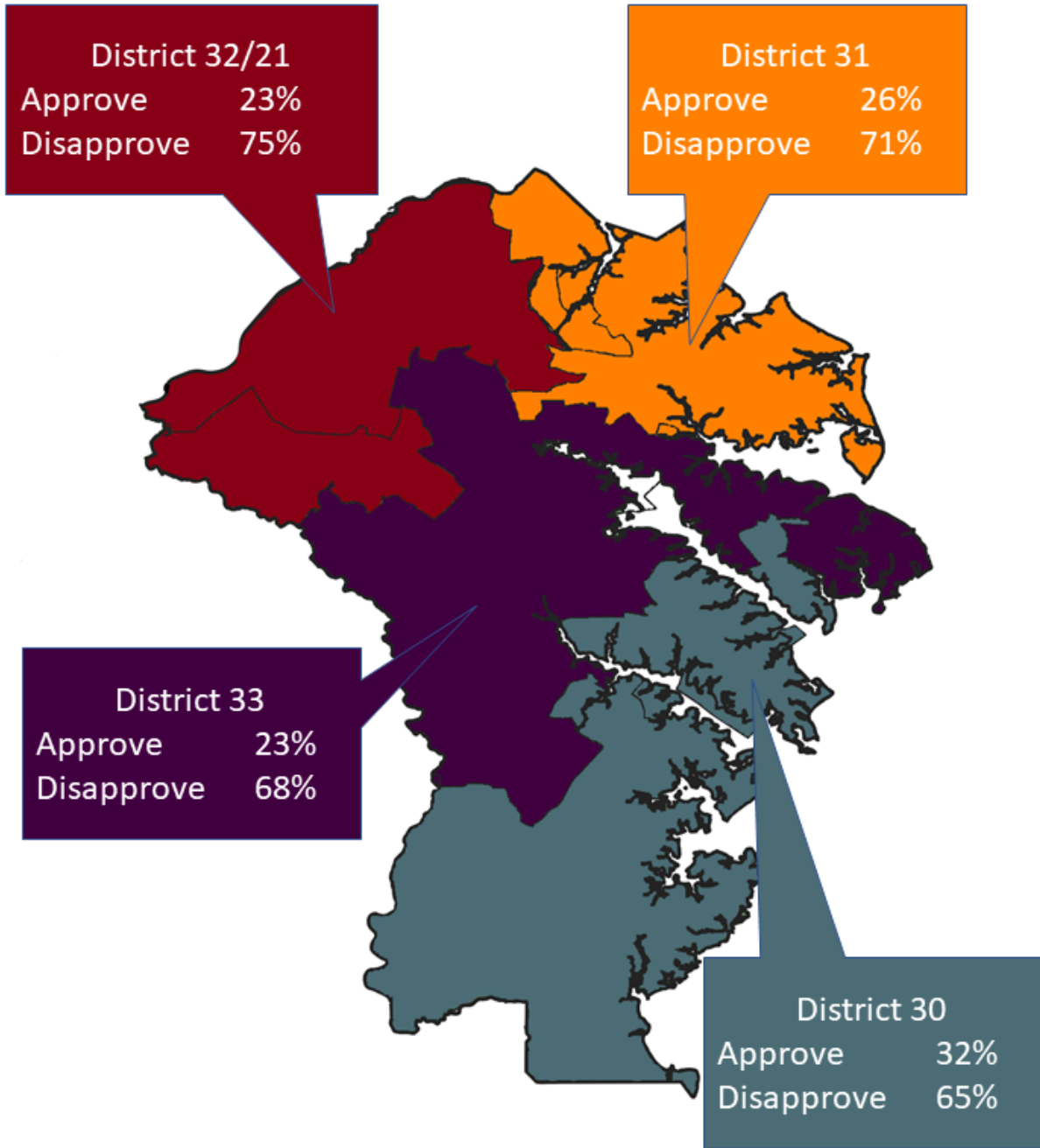
Anne Arundel Restaurants Closed to Indoor Dining



The results by gender and age:

Anne Arundel Restaurants Closed	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
Women	26%	70%
Men	26%	70%
18 to 34	26%	73%
35 to 49	24%	69%
50 to 65	27%	68%

Anne Arundel Restaurants Closed to Indoor Dining



Hurt Workers If Restaurants Close

Among residents, 83% are **very concerned** that the closing of restaurants in Anne Arundel County is going to negatively impact workers, 15% are “somewhat” concerned, and less than 1% are not concerned.

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Concerned
18 to 34	83%	14%	1%
35 to 49	81%	18%	0%
50 to 65	85%	13%	1%
Women	86%	13%	1%
Men	81%	17%	1%
Democrat	85%	12%	1%
GOP	84%	14%	1%
IND	78%	21%	0%
District 30	81%	17%	0%
District 31	86%	11%	1%
District 32/21	86%	12%	1%
District 33	80%	18%	1%

Appendix A: Data Tables

QUESTION: Governor Hogan Decision *Governor Larry Hogan and his health experts have determined that it is safe for Maryland restaurants to be open at a limited capacity, following strict safety guidelines.*

Do you agree or disagree with Governor Larry Hogan's decision?

<u>HOGAN DECISION</u>	Number	Percent
Agree	341	82.0 %
Disagree	59	14.2 %
No answer	16	3.8 %
Total	416	100.0 %

N=416

HOGAN DECISION

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No answer</u>
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AGE GROUP

18 to 34	109 82.6%	17 12.9%	6 4.5%
35 to 49	116 82.3%	21 14.9%	4 2.8%
50 to 65	116 81.1%	21 14.7%	6 4.2%

N=416

HOGAN DECISION

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No answer</u>
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GENDER

Female	172 81.5%	32 15.2%	7 3.3%
Male	169 82.4%	27 13.2%	9 4.4%

N=416	HOGAN DECISION		
	Agree	Disagree	No answer
<u>PARTY</u>			
Democrat	141 79.2%	30 16.9%	7 3.9%
Republican	124 84.9%	15 10.3%	7 4.8%
Independent	76 82.6%	14 15.2%	2 2.2%

N=416	HOGAN DECISION		
	Agree	Disagree	No answer
<u>LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT</u>			
District 30	82 82.0%	16 16.0%	2 2.0%
District 31	80 77.7%	18 17.5%	5 4.9%
District 32/21	89 84.8%	15 14.3%	1 1.0%
District 33	90 83.3%	10 9.3%	8 7.4%

QUESTION: Governor Hogan Decision - Intensity***Is that strongly or somewhat agree/disagree?***

<u>HOGAN DECISION - INTENSITY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Strongly Agree	237	57.0 %
Somewhat Agree	104	25.0 %
Somewhat Disagree	18	4.3 %
Strongly Disagree	41	9.9 %
No answer	16	3.8 %
Total	416	100.0 %

N=416

HOGAN DECISION – INTENSITY

<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Somewhat Agree</u>	<u>Somewhat Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>No answer</u>
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AGE GROUP

18 to 34	74 56.1%	35 26.5%	5 3.8%	12 9.1%	6 4.5%
35 to 49	79 56.0%	37 26.2%	6 4.3%	15 10.6%	4 2.8%
50 to 65	84 58.7%	32 22.4%	7 4.9%	14 9.8%	6 4.2%

N=416

HOGAN DECISION – INTENSITY

<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Somewhat Agree</u>	<u>Somewhat Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>No answer</u>
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GENDER

Female	120 56.9%	52 24.6%	9 4.3%	23 10.9%	7 3.3%
Male	117 57.1%	52 25.4%	9 4.4%	18 8.8%	9 4.4%

N=416

HOGAN DECISION - INTENSITY

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No answer
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PARTY

Democrat	98 55.1%	43 24.2%	9 5.1%	21 11.8%	7 3.9%
Republican	89 61.0%	35 24.0%	6 4.1%	9 6.2%	7 4.8%
Independent	50 54.3%	26 28.3%	3 3.3%	11 12.0%	2 2.2%

N=416

HOGAN DECISION - INTENSITY

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No answer
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LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

District 30	56 56.0%	26 26.0%	3 3.0%	13 13.0%	2 2.0%
District 31	56 54.4%	24 23.3%	5 4.9%	13 12.6%	5 4.9%
District 32/21	69 65.7%	20 19.0%	6 5.7%	9 8.6%	1 1.0%
District 33	56 51.9%	34 31.5%	4 3.7%	6 5.6%	8 7.4%

QUESTION: Close Anne Arundel Co. Restaurants *In Anne Arundel County, however, County Executive Steuart Pittman issued an executive order to close all indoor dining.*

Do you approve or disapprove of Steuart Pittman's action to close all restaurants?

DECISION TO CLOSE ANNE ARUNDEL RESTAURANTS		
	Number	Percent
Approve	108	26.0 %
Disapprove	290	69.7 %
No answer	18	4.3 %
Total	416	100.0 %

N=416

DECISION TO CLOSE ANNE ARUNDEL RESTAURANTS

Approve	Disapprove	No answer
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AGE GROUP

18 to 34	35 26.5%	96 72.7%	1 0.8%
35 to 49	34 24.1%	97 68.8%	10 7.1%
50 to 65	39 27.3%	97 67.8%	7 4.9%

N=416

DECISION TO CLOSE ANNE ARUNDEL RESTAURANTS

Approve	Disapprove	No answer
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GENDER

Female	54 25.6%	147 69.7%	10 4.7%
Male	54 26.3%	143 69.8%	8 3.9%

N=416

	DECISION TO CLOSE ANNE ARUNDEL RESTAURANTS		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
<u>PARTY</u>			
Democrat	59 33.1%	110 61.8%	9 5.1%
Republican	26 17.8%	113 77.4%	7 4.8%
Independent	23 25.0%	67 72.8%	2 2.2%

N=416

	DECISION TO CLOSE ANNE ARUNDEL RESTAURANTS		
	Approve	Disapprove	No answer
<u>LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT</u>			
District 30	32 32.0%	65 65.0%	3 3.0%
District 31	27 26.2%	73 70.9%	3 2.9%
District 32/21	24 22.9%	79 75.2%	2 1.9%
District 33	25 23.1%	73 67.6%	10 9.3%

QUESTION: Close Anne Arundel Co. Restaurants - Intensity

Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?

<u>DECISION TO CLOSE - INTENSITY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Strongly Approve	79	19.0 %
Somewhat Approve	29	7.0 %
Somewhat Disapprove	63	15.1 %
Strongly Disapprove	227	54.6 %
No answer	18	4.3 %
Total	416	100.0 %

N=416

<u>DECISION TO CLOSE – INTENSITY</u>				
<u>Strongly Approve</u>	<u>Somewhat Approve</u>	<u>Somewhat Disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly Disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>

AGE GROUP

18 to 34	27 20.5%	8 6.1%	26 19.7%	70 53.0%	1 0.8%
35 to 49	26 18.4%	8 5.7%	15 10.6%	82 58.2%	10 7.1%
50 to 65	26 18.2%	13 9.1%	22 15.4%	75 52.4%	7 4.9%

N=416

<u>DECISION TO CLOSE – INTENSITY</u>				
<u>Strongly Approve</u>	<u>Somewhat Approve</u>	<u>Somewhat Disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly Disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>

GENDER

Female	42 19.9%	12 5.7%	32 15.2%	115 54.5%	10 4.7%
Male	37 18.0%	17 8.3%	31 15.1%	112 54.6%	8 3.9%

N=416

DECISION TO CLOSE - INTENSITY

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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PARTY

Democrat	48 27.0%	11 6.2%	27 15.2%	83 46.6%	9 5.1%
Republican	16 11.0%	10 6.8%	17 11.6%	96 65.8%	7 4.8%
Independent	15 16.3%	8 8.7%	19 20.7%	48 52.2%	2 2.2%

N=416

DECISION TO CLOSE - INTENSITY

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No answer
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LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

District 30	23 23.0%	9 9.0%	14 14.0%	51 51.0%	3 3.0%
District 31	19 18.4%	8 7.8%	18 17.5%	55 53.4%	3 2.9%
District 32/21	19 18.1%	5 4.8%	16 15.2%	63 60.0%	2 1.9%
District 33	18 16.7%	7 6.5%	15 13.9%	58 53.7%	10 9.3%

QUESTION: Negatively Impact Workers – Level of Concern *How concerned are you that the closing of restaurants in Anne Arundel is going to negatively impact many workers in the restaurant industry: very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?*

NEGATIVELY IMPACT WORKERS - LEVEL OF CONCERN		
	Number	Percent
Very Concerned	346	83.2 %
Somewhat Concerned	61	14.7 %
Not Too Concerned	2	0.5 %
Not At All Concerned	1	0.2 %
No answer	6	1.4 %
Total	416	100.0 %

N=416

NEGATIVELY IMPACT WORKERS – LEVEL OF CONCERN

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Too Concerned	Not At All Concerned	No answer
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AGE GROUP

18 to 34	110 83.3%	18 13.6%	1 0.8%	1 0.8%	2 1.5%
35 to 49	114 80.9%	25 17.7%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	2 1.4%
50 to 65	122 85.3%	18 12.6%	1 0.7%	0 0.0%	2 1.4%

N=416

NEGATIVELY IMPACT WORKERS – LEVEL OF CONCERN

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Too Concerned	Not At All Concerned	No answer
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GENDER

Female	181 85.8%	27 12.8%	1 0.5%	0 0.0%	2 0.9%
Male	165 80.5%	34 16.6%	1 0.5%	1 0.5%	4 2.0%

N=416

NEGATIVELY IMPACT WORKERS - LEVEL OF CONCERN

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Too Concerned	Not At All Concerned	No answer
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PARTY

Democrat	152 85.4%	22 12.4%	0 0.0%	1 0.6%	3 1.7%
Republican	122 83.6%	20 13.7%	2 1.4%	0 0.0%	2 1.4%
Independent	72 78.3%	19 20.7%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 1.1%

N=416

NEGATIVELY IMPACT WORKERS - LEVEL OF CONCERN

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Too Concerned	Not At All Concerned	No answer
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LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

District 30	81 81.0%	17 17.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	2 2.0%
District 31	89 86.4%	11 10.7%	1 1.0%	0 0.0%	2 1.9%
District 32/21	90 85.7%	13 12.4%	0 0.0%	1 1.0%	1 1.0%
District 33	86 79.6%	20 18.5%	1 0.9%	0 0.0%	1 0.9%

Appendix B: Anne Arundel Poll Sample Demographics

<u>AGE GROUP</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
18 to 34	132	31.7 %
35 to 49	141	33.9 %
50 to 65	143	34.4 %
Total	416	100.0 %

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Democrat	178	42.8 %
Republican	146	35.1 %
Independent	92	22.1 %
Total	416	100.0 %

<u>GENDER</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Female	211	50.7 %
Male	205	49.3 %
Total	416	100.0 %

<u>LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
District 30	100	24.0 %
District 31	103	24.8 %
District 32/21	105	25.2 %
District 33	108	26.0 %
Total	416	100.0 %