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Background and Methodology

Patrick E. Gonzales graduated magna cum laude from the University of Baltimore with a degree in political science.

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 thousands of elections in Maryland and across the country over the past forty years. Further, 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 decades of 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.

Mr. Gonzales appears frequently on radio and television in the Baltimore-D.C. region as a guest commentator.

This poll was conducted by ***Gonzales Research & Media Services, Inc.*** from December 27th, 2024 through January 4th, 2025. A total of 811 registered voters in Maryland, who indicated they are likely to vote in the next election, were queried by live telephone interviews, utilizing both landline and cell phone numbers. A cross-section of interviews was conducted throughout the state, reflecting general election voting patterns.

The margin of error (MOE), per accepted statistical standards, is a range of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. If the entire population was surveyed, there is a 95% probability that the true numbers would fall within this range.

Gonzales Maryland Poll – January 2025 TCA Results

Transportation Climate Alignment

Among Maryland voters, 68% agree having access to better public transit, and safer and more convenient walking and biking, would help them and their families reduce time sitting in traffic or save money on transportation expenses (41% strongly agree and 27% somewhat agree), while 24% disagree (14% strongly disagree and 10% somewhat disagree), with 8% offering no response.
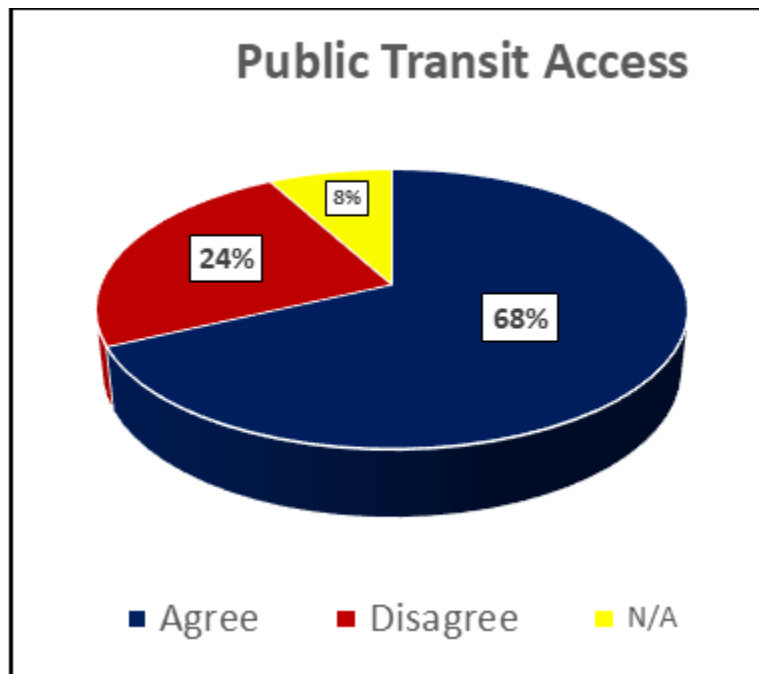
Eighty-three percent of Democrats agree that having better public transit would help them and their families reduce time sitting in traffic or save money, as do 68% of unaffiliated voters.

Among Republicans, 40% agree and 44% disagree.

Commissioned by: Maryland Sierra Club

Public Transit Access	Agree	Disagree
Statewide	68%	24%
Democrat	83%	11%
Republican	40%	44%
Independent	68%	28%
White	65%	26%
African American	74%	20%
Other	69%	22%
Women	68%	25%
Men	68%	21%
18-34	74%	19%
35-49	70%	21%
50-64	65%	28%
65 and older	66%	24%
Rural Maryland	57%	29%
Baltimore City	82%	16%
Baltimore Suburbs	65%	27%
Washington Suburbs	73%	19%

Seventy-eight percent of Marylanders say that they support investing in more public transit, plus walking and biking infrastructure, to offset pollution caused by increased driving (52% strongly support and 26% somewhat support), while 19% oppose this (9% strongly oppose and 10% somewhat oppose).

Invest in Public Transit	Support	Oppose
Statewide	78%	19%
Democrat	84%	12%
Republican	63%	36%
Independent	83%	13%
White	78%	20%
African American	79%	16%
Other	79%	18%

An overarching 88% say they support the state investing more in projects that give people additional choices to get to work, school, healthcare and other locations by taking public transit, walking and biking (62% strongly support and 26% somewhat support), while only 10% oppose (3% strongly oppose and 7% somewhat oppose).

Additional Choices	Support	Oppose
Statewide	88%	10%
Democrat	96%	3%
Republican	72%	25%
Independent	89%	7%
White	87%	11%
African American	93%	6%
Other	84%	11%
Women	89%	9%
Men	88%	11%
18-34	94%	4%
35-49	90%	8%
50-64	85%	13%
65 and older	86%	11%
Rural Maryland	83%	12%
Baltimore City	94%	5%
Baltimore Suburbs	85%	14%
Washington Suburbs	93%	6%

Appendix A: Data Tables

QUESTION 1: Public Transit Access *Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statement:*

"Having access to better public transit, and safer and more convenient walking and biking, would help me and my family reduce our time sitting in traffic or save us money on our transportation expenses?"

ACCESS TO BETTER PUBLIC TRANSIT	Number	Percent
Agree	553	68.2 %
Disagree	191	23.6 %
No answer	67	8.3 %
Total	811	100.0 %

N=811

RESULTS	ACCESS TO BETTER PUBLIC TRANSIT		
	Agree	Disagree	No answer
Statewide	553	191	67
	68.2%	23.6%	8.3%

N=811

PARTY REGISTRATION	ACCESS TO BETTER PUBLIC TRANSIT		
	Agree	Disagree	No answer
Democrat	357	48	26
	82.8%	11.1%	6.0%
Republican	90	99	35
	40.2%	44.2%	15.6%
Unaffiliated	106	44	6
	67.9%	28.2%	3.8%

N=811

RACE/ETHNICITY	ACCESS TO BETTER PUBLIC TRANSIT		
	Agree	Disagree	No answer
White	309	122	45
	64.9%	25.6%	9.5%
African American	181	49	14
	74.2%	20.1%	5.7%
Other/No answer	63	20	8
	69.2%	22.0%	8.8%

N=811

ACCESS TO BETTER PUBLIC TRANSIT

	Agree	Disagree	No answer
GENDER			
Female	297	111	29
	68.0%	25.4%	6.6%
Male	256	80	38
	68.4%	21.4%	10.2%

N=811

ACCESS TO BETTER PUBLIC TRANSIT

	Agree	Disagree	No answer
AGE			
18 to 34	107	27	11
	73.8%	18.6%	7.6%
35 to 49	139	42	18
	69.8%	21.1%	9.0%
50 to 64	156	67	16
	65.3%	28.0%	6.7%
65 and older	151	55	22
	66.2%	24.1%	9.6%

N=811

ACCESS TO BETTER PUBLIC TRANSIT

	Agree	Disagree	No answer
REGION			
Rural Maryland	72	37	17
	57.1%	29.4%	13.5%
Baltimore City	51	10	1
	82.3%	16.1%	1.6%
Baltimore Suburbs	208	86	24
	65.4%	27.0%	7.5%
Washington Suburbs	222	58	25
	72.8%	19.0%	8.2%

INTENSITY - *Is that strongly or somewhat agree/disagree?*

ACCESS TO TRANSIT - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Strongly agree	329	40.6 %
Somewhat agree	224	27.6 %
Somewhat disagree	80	9.9 %
Strongly disagree	111	13.7 %
No answer	67	8.3 %
Total	811	100.0 %

N=811

	ACCESS TO TRANSIT - INTENSITY				
	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer

RESULTS

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer
Statewide	329 40.6%	224 27.6%	80 9.9%	111 13.7%	67 8.3%

N=811

	ACCESS TO TRANSIT - INTENSITY				
	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer

PARTY REGISTRATION

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer
Democrat	228 52.9%	129 29.9%	22 5.1%	26 6.0%	26 6.0%
Republican	51 22.8%	39 17.4%	33 14.7%	66 29.5%	35 15.6%
Unaffiliated	50 32.1%	56 35.9%	25 16.0%	19 12.2%	6 3.8%

N=811

	ACCESS TO TRANSIT - INTENSITY				
	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer

RACE/ETHNICITY

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer
White	180 37.8%	129 27.1%	51 10.7%	71 14.9%	45 9.5%
African American	114 46.7%	67 27.5%	21 8.6%	28 11.5%	14 5.7%
Other/No answer	35 38.5%	28 30.8%	8 8.8%	12 13.2%	8 8.8%

N=811

ACCESS TO TRANSIT - INTENSITY

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer
GENDER					
Female	171 39.1%	126 28.8%	44 10.1%	67 15.3%	29 6.6%
Male	158 42.2%	98 26.2%	36 9.6%	44 11.8%	38 10.2%

N=811

ACCESS TO TRANSIT - INTENSITY

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer
AGE					
18 to 34	68 46.9%	39 26.9%	12 8.3%	15 10.3%	11 7.6%
35 to 49	87 43.7%	52 26.1%	13 6.5%	29 14.6%	18 9.0%
50 to 64	80 33.5%	76 31.8%	31 13.0%	36 15.1%	16 6.7%
65 and older	94 41.2%	57 25.0%	24 10.5%	31 13.6%	22 9.6%

N=811

ACCESS TO TRANSIT - INTENSITY

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer
REGION					
Rural Maryland	40 31.7%	32 25.4%	13 10.3%	24 19.0%	17 13.5%
Baltimore City	37 59.7%	14 22.6%	5 8.1%	5 8.1%	1 1.6%
Baltimore Suburbs	123 38.7%	85 26.7%	38 11.9%	48 15.1%	24 7.5%
Washington Suburbs	129 42.3%	93 30.5%	24 7.9%	34 11.1%	25 8.2%

QUESTION 2: Investment In Public Transit *Would you support or oppose the state investing in more public transit, walking and biking infrastructure to offset pollution caused by highway expansion projects that increase driving?*

INVEST TO OFFSET POLUTION	Number	Percent
Support	635	78.3 %
Oppose	152	18.7 %
No answer	24	3.0 %
Total	811	100.0 %

N=811

	INVEST TO OFFSET POLUTION		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

RESULTS

	Support	Oppose	No answer
Statewide	635	152	24
	78.3%	18.7%	3.0%

N=811

	INVEST TO OFFSET POLUTION		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

PARTY REGISTRATION

	Support	Oppose	No answer
Democrat	363	52	16
	84.2%	12.1%	3.7%
Republican	142	80	2
	63.4%	35.7%	0.9%
Unaffiliated	130	20	6
	83.3%	12.8%	3.8%

N=811

	INVEST TO OFFSET POLUTION		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

RACE/ETHNICITY

	Support	Oppose	No answer
White	370	97	9
	77.7%	20.4%	1.9%
African American	193	39	12
	79.1%	16.0%	4.9%
Other/No answer	72	16	3
	79.1%	17.6%	3.3%

N=811   INVEST TO OFFSET POLUTION

	Support	Oppose	No answer

GENDER

	Support	Oppose	No answer
Female	341 78.0%	82 18.8%	14 3.2%
Male	294 78.6%	70 18.7%	10 2.7%

N=811   INVEST TO OFFSET POLUTION

	Support	Oppose	No answer

AGE

	Support	Oppose	No answer
18 to 34	122 84.1%	22 15.2%	1 0.7%
35 to 49	160 80.4%	30 15.1%	9 4.5%
50 to 64	181 75.7%	50 20.9%	8 3.3%
65 and older	172 75.4%	50 21.9%	6 2.6%

N=811   INVEST TO OFFSET POLUTION

	Support	Oppose	No answer

REGION

	Support	Oppose	No answer
Rural Maryland	94 74.6%	27 21.4%	5 4.0%
Baltimore City	53 85.5%	7 11.3%	2 3.2%
Baltimore Suburbs	239 75.2%	72 22.6%	7 2.2%
Washington Suburbs	249 81.6%	46 15.1%	10 3.3%

Invest to Offset Pollution **by** Access to Better Public Transit

N=811	INVEST TO OFFSET POLUTION		
	Support	Oppose	No answer
ACCESS TO BETTER PUBLIC TRANSIT			
Agree	503	45	5
	91.0%	8.1%	0.9%
Disagree	97	85	9
	50.8%	44.5%	4.7%
No answer	35	22	10
	52.2%	32.8%	14.9%

51% of those who initially "disagree" about access to better transit "support" investing to offset pollution

INTENSITY - *Is that strongly or somewhat support/oppose?*

OFFSET POLUTION - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Strongly support	421	51.9 %
Somewhat support	214	26.4 %
Somewhat oppose	78	9.6 %
Strongly oppose	74	9.1 %
No answer	24	3.0 %
Total	811	100.0 %

N=811

	OFFSET POLUTION - INTENSITY				
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

RESULTS

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
Statewide	421 51.9%	214 26.4%	78 9.6%	74 9.1%	24 3.0%

N=811

	OFFSET POLUTION - INTENSITY				
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

PARTY REGISTRATION

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
Democrat	270 62.6%	93 21.6%	23 5.3%	29 6.7%	16 3.7%
Republican	76 33.9%	66 29.5%	45 20.1%	35 15.6%	2 0.9%
Unaffiliated	75 48.1%	55 35.3%	10 6.4%	10 6.4%	6 3.8%

N=811

	OFFSET POLUTION - INTENSITY				
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

RACE/ETHNICITY

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
White	241 50.6%	129 27.1%	53 11.1%	44 9.2%	9 1.9%
African American	132 54.1%	61 25.0%	16 6.6%	23 9.4%	12 4.9%
Other/No answer	48 52.7%	24 26.4%	9 9.9%	7 7.7%	3 3.3%

N=811 | OFFSET POLUTION - INTENSITY | | | |
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

GENDER

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
Female	228 52.2%	113 25.9%	43 9.8%	39 8.9%	14 3.2%
Male	193 51.6%	101 27.0%	35 9.4%	35 9.4%	10 2.7%

N=811 | OFFSET POLUTION - INTENSITY | | | |
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

AGE

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
18 to 34	88 60.7%	34 23.4%	19 13.1%	3 2.1%	1 0.7%
35 to 49	112 56.3%	48 24.1%	14 7.0%	16 8.0%	9 4.5%
50 to 64	110 46.0%	71 29.7%	28 11.7%	22 9.2%	8 3.3%
65 and older	111 48.7%	61 26.8%	17 7.5%	33 14.5%	6 2.6%

N=811 | OFFSET POLUTION - INTENSITY | | | |
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

REGION

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
Rural Maryland	59 46.8%	35 27.8%	10 7.9%	17 13.5%	5 4.0%
Baltimore City	38 61.3%	15 24.2%	6 9.7%	1 1.6%	2 3.2%
Baltimore Suburbs	155 48.7%	84 26.4%	43 13.5%	29 9.1%	7 2.2%
Washington Suburbs	169 55.4%	80 26.2%	19 6.2%	27 8.9%	10 3.3%

QUESTION 3: Investment In Additional Choices *Would you support or oppose the state investing more in projects that give people additional choices to get to work, school, healthcare and other locations by taking public transit, walking and biking?*

INVEST FOR ADDITIONAL CHOICES	Number	Percent
Support	716	88.3 %
Oppose	79	9.7 %
No answer	16	2.0 %
Total	811	100.0 %

N=811

	INVEST FOR ADDITIONAL CHOICES		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

RESULTS

	Support	Oppose	No answer
Statewide	716 88.3%	79 9.7%	16 2.0%

N=811

	INVEST FOR ADDITIONAL CHOICES		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

PARTY REGISTRATION

	Support	Oppose	No answer
Democrat	415 96.3%	12 2.8%	4 0.9%
Republican	162 72.3%	56 25.0%	6 2.7%
Unaffiliated	139 89.1%	11 7.1%	6 3.8%

N=811

	INVEST FOR ADDITIONAL CHOICES		
	Support	Oppose	No answer

RACE/ETHNICITY

	Support	Oppose	No answer
White	413 86.8%	54 11.3%	9 1.9%
African American	227 93.0%	15 6.1%	2 0.8%
Other/No answer	76 83.5%	10 11.0%	5 5.5%

N=811   **INVEST FOR ADDITIONAL CHOICES**

	Support	Oppose	No answer

GENDER

	Support	Oppose	No answer
Female	388	39	10
	88.8%	8.9%	2.3%
Male	328	40	6
	87.7%	10.7%	1.6%

N=811   **INVEST FOR ADDITIONAL CHOICES**

	Support	Oppose	No answer

AGE

	Support	Oppose	No answer
18 to 34	136	6	3
	93.8%	4.1%	2.1%
35 to 49	179	15	5
	89.9%	7.5%	2.5%
50 to 64	204	32	3
	85.4%	13.4%	1.3%
65 and older	197	26	5
	86.4%	11.4%	2.2%

N=811   **INVEST FOR ADDITIONAL CHOICES**

	Support	Oppose	No answer

REGION

	Support	Oppose	No answer
Rural Maryland	104	16	6
	82.5%	12.7%	4.8%
Baltimore City	58	3	1
	93.5%	4.8%	1.6%
Baltimore Suburbs	271	43	4
	85.2%	13.5%	1.3%
Washington Suburbs	283	17	5
	92.8%	5.6%	1.6%

INTENSITY - *Is that strongly or somewhat support/oppose?*

ADDITIONAL CHOICES - INTENSITY	Number	Percent
Strongly support	503	62.0 %
Somewhat support	213	26.3 %
Somewhat oppose	56	6.9 %
Strongly oppose	23	2.8 %
No answer	16	2.0 %
Total	811	100.0 %

N=811

	ADDITIONAL CHOICES - INTENSITY				
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

RESULTS

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
Statewide	503 62.0%	213 26.3%	56 6.9%	23 2.8%	16 2.0%

N=811

	ADDITIONAL CHOICES - INTENSITY				
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

PARTY REGISTRATION

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
Democrat	325 75.4%	90 20.9%	8 1.9%	4 0.9%	4 0.9%
Republican	89 39.7%	73 32.6%	42 18.8%	14 6.3%	6 2.7%
Unaffiliated	89 57.1%	50 32.1%	6 3.8%	5 3.2%	6 3.8%

N=811

	ADDITIONAL CHOICES - INTENSITY				
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

RACE/ETHNICITY

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
White	280 58.8%	133 27.9%	35 7.4%	19 4.0%	9 1.9%
African American	168 68.9%	59 24.2%	12 4.9%	3 1.2%	2 0.8%
Other/No answer	55 60.4%	21 23.1%	9 9.9%	1 1.1%	5 5.5%

N=811

	ADDITIONAL CHOICES - INTENSITY				
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

GENDER

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
Female	285 65.2%	103 23.6%	30 6.9%	9 2.1%	10 2.3%
Male	218 58.3%	110 29.4%	26 7.0%	14 3.7%	6 1.6%

N=811

	ADDITIONAL CHOICES - INTENSITY				
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

AGE

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
18 to 34	116 80.0%	20 13.8%	5 3.4%	1 0.7%	3 2.1%
35 to 49	124 62.3%	55 27.6%	7 3.5%	8 4.0%	5 2.5%
50 to 64	134 56.1%	70 29.3%	24 10.0%	8 3.3%	3 1.3%
65 and older	129 56.6%	68 29.8%	20 8.8%	6 2.6%	5 2.2%

N=811

	ADDITIONAL CHOICES - INTENSITY				
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer

REGION

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
Rural Maryland	64 50.8%	40 31.7%	12 9.5%	4 3.2%	6 4.8%
Baltimore City	45 72.6%	13 21.0%	2 3.2%	1 1.6%	1 1.6%
Baltimore Suburbs	191 60.1%	80 25.2%	29 9.1%	14 4.4%	4 1.3%
Washington Suburbs	203 66.6%	80 26.2%	13 4.3%	4 1.3%	5 1.6%

Appendix B: Maryland Poll Sample Demographics

AGE	Number	Percent
18 to 34	145	17.9 %
35 to 49	199	24.5 %
50 to 64	239	29.5 %
65 and older	228	28.1 %
Total	811	100.0 %

PARTY REGISTRATION	Number	Percent
Democrat	431	53.1 %
Republican	224	27.6 %
Unaffiliated	156	19.2 %
Total	811	100.0 %

RACE/ETHNICITY	Number	Percent
White	476	58.7 %
African American	244	30.1 %
Other/No answer	91	11.2 %
Total	811	100.0 %

GENDER	Number	Percent
Female	437	53.9 %
Male	374	46.1 %
Total	811	100.0 %

REGION	Number	Percent
Rural Maryland	126	15.5 %
Baltimore City	62	7.6 %
Baltimore Suburbs	318	39.2 %
Washington Suburbs	305	37.6 %
Total	811	100.0 %

Regional Groupings

Rural Maryland – includes Allegany, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester counties.

Baltimore City – includes Baltimore City.

Baltimore Suburbs – includes Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard counties.

Washington Suburbs – includes Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties.