



*All questions are for release after 6PM/ET Thursday, October 22, 2026.*

## **MAINE SENATE AND GOVERNOR**

### **Methodology**

Conducted October 16-20, 2026 under the joint direction of Beacon Research (D) and Shaw & Company Research (R), this Fox News Poll includes interviews with a sample of 1,689 Maine registered voters randomly selected from a statewide voter file. Respondents spoke with live interviewers on landlines (226) and cellphones (1,035) or completed the survey online by following a link received via text message (428).

Telephone numbers were randomly selected from a statewide voter file of registered Maine voters using a probability proportionate to size method, which means phone numbers are proportionally representative to the number of voters in all regions across the city. Telephone fieldwork conducted by Braun Research, Inc. of Princeton, NJ.

Results based on the full sample have a margin of sampling error of  $\pm 2$  percentage points. A subsample of 1,514 has been defined as likely voters (LV), with a margin of error of  $\pm 2.5$  percentage points. Sampling error associated with subgroup results is higher. In addition to sampling error, question wording and order can influence results. Results among subgroups are only shown when the sample size is at least  $N=100$ .

When necessary, weights are generally applied to age, race, education, and area variables to ensure the demographics of survey respondents are representative of the registered voter population. Sources for developing weight targets include the most recent American Community Survey, Fox News Voter Analysis, and voter file data.

Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted. Likely voters are based on a probabilistic statistical model that relies on past vote history, interest in the current election, intention to vote, age, education, race, ethnicity, and marital status.

*Web-based survey wording may differ slightly from telephone wording for improved clarity.*

*An asterisk (\*) is used for percentages of less than one-half percent. A dash (-) represents a value of zero. Some percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. In the same way, percentages in "total" columns may be one point more or less than the sum of their parts due to rounding.*

1. How interested are you in the 2026 midterm elections? Are you:
- |  | -----Interested----- |                  |             | -----Not interested----- |                 |                   | (Don't know) |
|--|----------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
|  | <u>TOTAL</u>         | <u>Extremely</u> | <u>Very</u> | <u>TOTAL</u>             | <u>Not very</u> | <u>Not at all</u> |              |

**Likely Voters**

|              |     |    |    |   |   |   |   |
|--------------|-----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| 16-20 Oct 26 | 93% | 68 | 25 | 6 | 5 | 1 | * |
|--------------|-----|----|----|---|---|---|---|

**Registered Voters**

|              |     |    |    |    |    |   |   |
|--------------|-----|----|----|----|----|---|---|
| 16-20 Oct 26 | 92% | 67 | 25 | 8  | 6  | 2 | * |
| 6-10 Aug 26  | 82% | 51 | 32 | 17 | 12 | 5 | 1 |

2. There are a range of reasons why people do or do not vote. Thinking about November's election for senate, governor, and other offices, please tell me how likely it is that you will vote on a scale from zero to 10, where 10 means you're certain you will vote and zero means there is no chance you will vote. If you have already voted, either early or by sending in a mail or absentee ballot, please just say so.

**Likely Voters**

|                         | <u>16-20 Oct 26</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 10 – Certain to vote    | 73%                 |
| 9                       | 3                   |
| 8                       | 1                   |
| 7                       | 1                   |
| 6                       | *                   |
| 5                       | 1                   |
| 4                       | *                   |
| 3                       | *                   |
| 2                       | *                   |
| 1                       | *                   |
| 0 – No chance will vote | *                   |
| Already voted           | 19                  |
| (Don't know / Refused)  | *                   |

**Registered Voters**

|                         | <u>16-20 Oct 26</u> | <u>6-10 Aug 26</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 10 – Certain to vote    | 72%                 | 76%                |
| 9                       | 3                   | 5                  |
| 8                       | 2                   | 5                  |
| 7                       | 2                   | 3                  |
| 6                       | *                   | 2                  |
| 5                       | 2                   | 3                  |
| 4                       | *                   | 1                  |
| 3                       | *                   | 1                  |
| 2                       | *                   | 1                  |
| 1                       | *                   | 1                  |
| 0 – No chance will vote | 1                   | 2                  |
| Already voted           | 17                  | N/A                |
| (Don't know / Refused)  | *                   | *                  |

3. **[IF ALREADY VOTED:** When you cast your early or absentee ballot, did you vote in person or by mail?] **[IF NOT ALREADY VOTED:** This year, will you vote early or on Election Day?] **[IF EARLY:** Will you vote early in person, or by submitting a mail or absentee ballot?] **[IF ELECTION DAY:** Will you vote in person, or by submitting a mail or absentee ballot on Election Day?]

|                 | <u>Early,<br/>in person</u> | <u>Early, mail<br/>/ absentee</u> | <u>Election<br/>Day,<br/>in person</u> | <u>Election<br/>Day, mail /<br/>absentee</u> | <u>(Don't plan<br/>on voting)</u> | <u>(Don't<br/>know)</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 16-20 Oct 26 LV | 30%                         | 16                                | 52                                     | 1                                            | *                                 | 1                       |
| 16-20 Oct 26 RV | 30%                         | 16                                | 52                                     | 1                                            | *                                 | 1                       |

4. **[IF NOT ALREADY VOTED:** If the Maine election for U.S. Senator were today, would you vote for: **[IF DON'T KNOW:** Do you lean closer to one candidate?]] **[IF ALREADY VOTED:** When you cast your early or absentee ballot in the election for U.S. Senator, did you vote for:] **[RANDOMIZE NAMES]**

#### Likely Voters

|                          | <u>16-20 Oct 26</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Democrat Troy Jackson    | 49%                 |
| Republican Susan Collins | 49                  |
| (Other)                  | 1                   |
| (Wouldn't vote)          | *                   |
| (Don't know)             | 1                   |

#### Registered Voters

|                          | <u>16-20 Oct 26</u> | <u>6-10 Aug 26</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Democrat Troy Jackson    | 50%                 | 48%                |
| Republican Susan Collins | 48                  | 46                 |
| (Other)                  | 1                   | 1                  |
| (Wouldn't vote)          | *                   | *                  |
| (Don't know)             | 2                   | 4                  |

*For reference:*

|                          | <u>23-27 June 26</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Democrat Graham Platner  | 47%                  |
| Republican Susan Collins | 50                   |
| (Other)                  | *                    |
| (Wouldn't vote)          | *                    |
| (Don't know)             | 2                    |

**[SKIP IF OTHER, WOULDN'T VOTE, OR DON'T KNOW IN Q4 AND CODE AS DON'T KNOW. SKIP IF LEAN TOWARD CANDIDATE IN Q4 AND CODE AS MAY CHANGE MIND.] [SKIP AND CODE AS CERTAIN IF ALREADY VOTED IN Q2] [JACKSON SUPPORTERS LV  $\pm 3\%$  RV  $\pm 3\%$ , COLLINS SUPPORTERS LV  $\pm 4\%$  RV  $\pm 3.5\%$ ]**

5. Are you certain to support **[Q4 ANSWER: Jackson / Collins]**, or do you think you may change your mind and support someone else? **[IF DON'T KNOW: Re-read question and probe for answer]**

|                          | <u>Certain to support</u> | <u>May change mind</u> | <u>(Don't know)</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Likely Voters</b>     |                           |                        |                     |
| 16-20 Oct 26             | 90%                       | 8                      | 3                   |
| Jackson supporters       | 92%                       | 7                      | 1                   |
| Collins supporters       | 90%                       | 9                      | 1                   |
| <b>Registered Voters</b> |                           |                        |                     |
| 16-20 Oct 26             | 89%                       | 8                      | 3                   |
| Jackson supporters       | 91%                       | 8                      | 1                   |
| Collins supporters       | 90%                       | 9                      | 1                   |
| 6-10 Aug 26              | 76%                       | 17                     | 6                   |
| Jackson supporters       | 77%                       | 21                     | 2                   |
| Collins supporters       | 85%                       | 15                     | *                   |

*For reference: Are you certain to support [Platner / Collins], or do you think you may change your mind and support someone else? [IF DON'T KNOW: Re-read question and probe for answer]*

|                    | <u>Certain to support</u> | <u>May change mind</u> | <u>(Don't know)</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 23-27 June 26      | 77%                       | 19                     | 4                   |
| Platner supporters | 81%                       | 19                     | *                   |
| Collins supporters | 79%                       | 20                     | 1                   |

**[ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS]**

6. Regardless of how you plan to vote, how concerned are you that Troy Jackson's positions on the issues are too liberal?

|                 | -----Concerned----- |                  |             | -----Not concerned----- |                 |                   | (Don't        |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
|                 | <u>TOTAL</u>        | <u>Extremely</u> | <u>Very</u> | <u>TOTAL</u>            | <u>Not very</u> | <u>Not at all</u> | <u>know</u> ) |
| 16-20 Oct 26 LV | 46%                 | 32               | 14          | 52                      | 20              | 32                | 2             |
| 16-20 Oct 26 RV | 46%                 | 31               | 15          | 52                      | 20              | 32                | 2             |

*For reference: Regardless of how you plan to vote, how concerned are you that Troy Jackson is too close to the Democratic Socialist movement?*

|             | -----Concerned----- |                  |             | -----Not concerned----- |                 |                   | (Don't        |
|-------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
|             | <u>TOTAL</u>        | <u>Extremely</u> | <u>Very</u> | <u>TOTAL</u>            | <u>Not very</u> | <u>Not at all</u> | <u>know</u> ) |
| 6-10 Aug 26 | 43%                 | 25               | 18          | 53                      | 24              | 29                | 4             |

*For reference: Regardless of how you plan to vote, how concerned are you that Graham Platner lacks the judgment to serve as a U.S. Senator?*

|               | -----Concerned----- |                  |             | -----Not concerned----- |                 |                   | (Don't        |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
|               | <u>TOTAL</u>        | <u>Extremely</u> | <u>Very</u> | <u>TOTAL</u>            | <u>Not very</u> | <u>Not at all</u> | <u>know</u> ) |
| 23-27 June 26 | 54%                 | 38               | 16          | 44                      | 24              | 20                | 2             |

7. Regardless of how you plan to vote, how concerned are you that Susan Collins votes with Donald Trump too often?

|                          | -----Concerned----- |                  |             | -----Not concerned----- |                 |                   | (Don't        |
|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
|                          | <u>TOTAL</u>        | <u>Extremely</u> | <u>Very</u> | <u>TOTAL</u>            | <u>Not very</u> | <u>Not at all</u> | <u>know</u> ) |
| <b>Likely Voters</b>     |                     |                  |             |                         |                 |                   |               |
| 16-20 Oct 26             | 53%                 | 42               | 12          | 45                      | 15              | 29                | 2             |
| <b>Registered Voters</b> |                     |                  |             |                         |                 |                   |               |
| 16-20 Oct 26             | 54%                 | 42               | 12          | 45                      | 16              | 29                | 2             |
| 6-10 Aug 26              | 55%                 | 40               | 15          | 43                      | 16              | 27                | 2             |

*For reference: Regardless of how you plan to vote, how concerned are you that Susan Collins has been in office too long?*

|               | -----Concerned----- |                  |             | -----Not concerned----- |                 |                   | (Don't        |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
|               | <u>TOTAL</u>        | <u>Extremely</u> | <u>Very</u> | <u>TOTAL</u>            | <u>Not very</u> | <u>Not at all</u> | <u>know</u> ) |
| 23-27 June 26 | 53%                 | 31               | 22          | 46                      | 21              | 24                | 1             |

8. Which political party do you want to win control of the U.S. Senate in the upcoming election? **[ROTATE]**

|                 | <u>Democratic Party</u> | <u>Republican Party</u> | <u>(Don't know)</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 16-20 Oct 26 LV | 53%                     | 45                      | 3                   |
| 16-20 Oct 26 RV | 53%                     | 44                      | 3                   |

***Moving on...***

9. [IF NOT ALREADY VOTED: If the Maine election for governor were today, would you vote for: [IF DON'T KNOW: Do you lean closer to one candidate?]] [IF ALREADY VOTED: When you cast your early or absentee ballot in the election for governor, did you vote for:] [ROTATE NAMES]

**Likely Voters**

|                                    | <u>16-20 Oct 26</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Democrat Hannah Pingree            | 49%                 |
| Republican Robert “Bobby” Charles  | 39                  |
| Independent candidate Rick Bennett | 9                   |
| (Other)                            | *                   |
| (Wouldn’t vote)                    | *                   |
| (Don’t know)                       | 2                   |

**Registered Voters**

|                                     | <u>16-20 Oct 26</u> | <u>6-10 Aug 26</u> | <u>23-27 June 26</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Democrat Hannah Pingree             | 49%                 | 49%                | 53%                  |
| Republican Robert “Bobby” Charles   | 39                  | 38                 | 42                   |
| Independent candidate Rick Bennett^ | 9                   | 9                  | N/A                  |
| (Other)                             | *                   | *                  | *                    |
| (Wouldn’t vote)                     | *                   | *                  | 1                    |
| (Don’t know)                        | 2                   | 3                  | 4                    |

*^Wording in August and June: “Third-party candidate Rick Bennett”*

10. Compared to two years ago, is your family’s financial situation better today, worse today, or about the same?

|                 | <u>Better</u> | <u>Worse</u> | <u>About<br/>the same</u> | <u>(Don’t know)</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 16-20 Oct 26 LV | 12%           | 51           | 37                        | 1                   |
| 16-20 Oct 26 RV | 12%           | 51           | 37                        | 1                   |

*For reference: Thinking about your personal financial situation, do you feel like you are getting ahead financially, holding steady, or falling behind?*

|               | <u>Getting ahead</u> | <u>Holding steady</u> | <u>Falling behind</u> | <u>(Don’t know)</u> |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 6-10 Aug 26   | 11%                  | 48                    | 41                    | 1                   |
| 23-27 June 26 | 9%                   | 48                    | 43                    | *                   |

11.-12. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following? If you've never heard of one, please just say so. **[IF FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE:** Is that strongly (favorable / unfavorable) or only somewhat?] **[RANDOMIZE]**

|                          |     | -----Favorable----- |                 |                 | -----Unfavorable----- |                 |                 | (Can't      | Never           |
|--------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
|                          |     | <u>TOTAL</u>        | <u>Strongly</u> | <u>Somewhat</u> | <u>TOTAL</u>          | <u>Somewhat</u> | <u>Strongly</u> | <u>say)</u> | <u>heard of</u> |
| Troy Jackson             |     |                     |                 |                 |                       |                 |                 |             |                 |
| <b>Likely Voters</b>     |     |                     |                 |                 |                       |                 |                 |             |                 |
| 16-20 Oct 26             | 47% | 24                  | 23              | 49              | 10                    | 40              | 4               | -           |                 |
| <b>Registered Voters</b> |     |                     |                 |                 |                       |                 |                 |             |                 |
| 16-20 Oct 26             | 47% | 23                  | 24              | 49              | 10                    | 39              | 4               | -           |                 |
| 6-10 Aug 26              | 47% | 20                  | 27              | 46              | 16                    | 30              | 3               | 4           |                 |
| Susan Collins            |     |                     |                 |                 |                       |                 |                 |             |                 |
| <b>Likely Voters</b>     |     |                     |                 |                 |                       |                 |                 |             |                 |
| 16-20 Oct 26             | 47% | 29                  | 18              | 51              | 11                    | 40              | 2               | -           |                 |
| <b>Registered Voters</b> |     |                     |                 |                 |                       |                 |                 |             |                 |
| 16-20 Oct 26             | 47% | 29                  | 18              | 51              | 11                    | 41              | 2               | -           |                 |
| 6-10 Aug 26              | 44% | 24                  | 20              | 54              | 15                    | 38              | 2               | -           |                 |
| 23-27 June 26            | 47% | 27                  | 20              | 50              | 16                    | 34              | 3               | *           |                 |

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president? **[IF APPROVE / DISAPPROVE:** Is that strongly (approve/disapprove), or only somewhat?]

|                 | -----Approve----- |                 |                 | -----Disapprove----- |                 |                 | (Don't       |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                 | <u>TOTAL</u>      | <u>Strongly</u> | <u>Somewhat</u> | <u>TOTAL</u>         | <u>Somewhat</u> | <u>Strongly</u> | <u>know)</u> |
| 16-20 Oct 26 LV | 37%               | 20              | 18              | 62                   | 8               | 54              | *            |
| 16-20 Oct 26 RV | 38%               | 19              | 18              | 62                   | 8               | 54              | *            |

## POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION

|                          |     | -----Democrat----- |              |             | -----Republican----- |              |             | Independent / |
|--------------------------|-----|--------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
|                          |     | <u>TOTAL</u>       | <u>Solid</u> | <u>Lean</u> | <u>TOTAL</u>         | <u>Solid</u> | <u>Lean</u> | <u>Other</u>  |
| <b>Likely Voters</b>     |     |                    |              |             |                      |              |             |               |
| 16-20 Oct 26             | 48% | 33                 | 15           | 43          | 32                   | 11           | 10          |               |
| <b>Registered Voters</b> |     |                    |              |             |                      |              |             |               |
| 16-20 Oct 26             | 47% | 32                 | 15           | 42          | 32                   | 10           | 10          |               |
| 6-10 Aug 26              | 44% | 34                 | 10           | 41          | 31                   | 10           | 15          |               |
| 23-27 June 26            | 43% | 31                 | 12           | 41          | 32                   | 9            | 16          |               |