Rhode Island Survey Results

Q1 Generally speaking, would you say things in Rhode Island are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

- Headed in the right direction: 39%
- Off on the wrong track: 52%
- Not sure: 9%

Q2 How much of a problem do you consider air pollution to be: a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, not that much of a problem, or not a problem at all?

- A very serious problem: 33%
- A somewhat serious problem: 40%
- Not that much of a problem: 22%
- Not a problem at all: 3%
- Not sure: 2%

Q3 In general, how much do you think cars and trucks contribute to air pollution -- a great deal, somewhat, a minor amount, or not at all?

- A great deal: 40%
- Somewhat: 45%
- A minor amount: 14%
- Not at all: 1%
- Not sure: 1%

Q4 Do you think your state government is doing too little, too much, or the right amount to address air pollution from cars and trucks?

- Too little: 39%
- Too much: 12%
- The right amount: 29%
- Not sure: 20%

Q5 In general, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose your state taking action to reduce air pollution from cars and trucks by investing in our transportation system and relying more on fuel-efficient and electric cars and trucks, mass transit, and other public transportation options?

- Strongly support: 40%
- Somewhat support: 37%
- Somewhat oppose: 11%
- Strongly oppose: 6%
- Not sure: 6%

Q6 As you may already know, there have already been some public listening sessions in our area to consider a regional plan for modernizing our approaches to moving goods and people around the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. Many in the region agree that modernizing our transportation system would help reduce air pollution, improve health, reduce climate impacts, and create other benefits. Some of the components of the plan aim to limit pollution by investing in electric vehicles, public transportation, and safer communities for walking and biking. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose moving forward with a regional transportation modernization plan?

- Strongly support: 45%
- Somewhat support: 34%
- Somewhat oppose: 10%
- Strongly oppose: 6%
- Not sure: 5%
Q7 Based on what you know, do you think this regional transportation modernization plan would have a positive effect on jobs in the region, a negative effect, or would it not have much of an effect either way?

- Positive effect: 50%
- Negative effect: 13%
- Not much of an effect: 26%
- Not sure: 10%

Q8 Based on what you know, do you think this regional transportation modernization plan would have a positive effect on people's health in the region, a negative effect, or would it not have much of an effect either way?

- Positive effect: 58%
- Negative effect: 6%
- Not much of an effect: 29%
- Not sure: 7%

Q9 I'm going to read you statements from both supporters and opponents of a regional transportation modernization plan in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. Supporters say it could reduce carbon pollution by 40 percent by 2030, increase economic growth by nearly $18 billion by 2030, and create around 100,000 jobs in the region, all in the next dozen years. Opponents say it could raise gas and energy prices in the region and particularly hurt lower-income residents. After hearing these statements, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose moving forward with a regional transportation modernization plan?

- Strongly support: 32%
- Somewhat support: 37%
- Somewhat oppose: 15%
- Strongly oppose: 8%
- Not sure: 8%

Q10 As you may know, current national fuel efficiency standards require that cars manufactured in 2011 or later are required to get an average of 25 miles per gallon, and that by 2025 cars must get 40 miles per gallon. Based on what you know, do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose requiring the auto industry to continue to meet these increased fuel efficiency standards for new cars, minivans, SUVs, and pickup trucks?

- Strongly favor: 55%
- Somewhat favor: 25%
- Somewhat oppose: 8%
- Strongly oppose: 7%
- Not sure: 5%

Q11 How much of a problem do you consider the issue of climate change to be: a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, not that much of a problem, or not a problem at all?

- Very serious problem: 47%
- Somewhat serious problem: 24%
- Not that much of a problem: 16%
- Not a problem at all: 10%
- Not sure: 4%

Q12 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2. If another gender, press 3.

- Woman: 52%
- Man: 47%
- Another gender: 1%

Q13 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

- Democrat: 40%
- Republican: 11%
- Independent: 49%
Q14 If you are Hispanic or Latinx, press 1. If white and not Hispanic, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic / Latinx ............................................ 10%
White ............................................................. 77%
African-American ........................................... 7%
Other............................................................... 6%


18 to 29............................................................. 13%
30 to 39........................................................... 15%
40 to 49............................................................ 17%
50 to 59............................................................ 19%
60 to 69............................................................ 20%
70 or older....................................................... 16%

Q16 Do you live in a rural area, a suburban area, or an urban area?

Rural area.......................................................... 21%
Suburban area .................................................... 61%
Urban area.......................................................... 18%

Q17 Do you have children under the age of 18 living in your household?

Yes................................................................. 29%
No................................................................. 71%

Q18 What is your household’s annual income: is it less than $25,000, is it between $25,000 and $50,000, is it between $50,000 and $100,000, or is it more than $100,000?

Less than $25,000........................................... 17%
$25,000 to $50,000.......................................... 22%
$50,000 to $100,000........................................ 31%
More than $100,000........................................ 17%
Don't care to say............................................. 13%

Q19 Mode

Phone .......................................................... 60%
Internet ......................................................... 40%