

USA TODAY/GALLUP POLL

ELECTION 2012 SWING STATES POLLING-- WAVE 9

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 11-17, 2012, on the Gallup Daily tracking survey, with a random sample of -1,216—adults, aged 18+, living in Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin, selected using random-digit dial sampling. The data represent a subset of Gallup’s national daily tracking survey for September 11-17.

For results based on the total sample of “swing state” residents, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ±4 percentage points.

For results based on the total sample of -1,096—registered voters in battleground states, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ±4 percentage points.

| <i>2012 Sep 11-17</i> | <i>Unweighted sample size (all adults)</i> | <i>Weighted sample size (all adults)</i> | <i>Weighted percentage of sample (all adults)</i> |
|-----------------------|--|--|---|
| Colorado | 70 | 67 | 6 |
| Florida | 241 | 249 | 21 |
| Iowa | 50 | 45 | 4 |
| Michigan | 136 | 145 | 12 |
| Nevada | 18 | 32 | 3 |
| New Hampshire | 8 | 12 | 1 |
| New Mexico | 31 | 27 | 2 |
| North Carolina | 143 | 124 | 10 |
| Ohio | 143 | 166 | 14 |
| Pennsylvania | 171 | 173 | 14 |
| Virginia | 131 | 108 | 9 |
| Wisconsin | 74 | 67 | 6 |

Comparison results from the national sample are based on telephone interviews conducted September 16-17, 2012, on the Gallup Daily tracking survey, with a random sample of -1,066—adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, selected using random-digit dial sampling.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ±4 percentage points.

For results based on the total sample of -954—national registered voters, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ±4 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each daily sample of 1,000 national adults includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

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Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2011 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in telephone households in the 12 battleground states. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

Question(s) were asked of a random half-sample of the Gallup Daily tracking survey.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

For more details on Gallup's polling methodology, visit www.gallup.com

6. Turning now to Medicare, are you optimistic or pessimistic that, 20 years from now, the Medicare program will still provide all Americans over age 65 with adequate healthcare coverage?

| | <u>Optimistic</u> | <u>Pessimistic</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <u>SWING STATES</u> | | | |
| Registered voters | | | |
| 2012 Sep 11-17 | 44 | 53 | 3 |
| All Swing State adults | | | |
| 2012 Sep 11-17 | 43 | 53 | 4 |
| <u>NATIONAL</u> | | | |
| Registered voters | | | |
| 2012 Sep 16-17 | 43 | 55 | 3 |
| National adults | | | |
| 2012 Sep 16-17 | 43 | 53 | 4 |

7. From what you know or have read, do you think each of the following has or has not put forth a specific plan to address issues facing the Medicare system? How about—[RANDOM ORDER]?

A. Barack Obama and Joe Biden

| | <u>Yes, has</u> | <u>No, has not</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <u>SWING STATES</u> | | | |
| Registered voters | | | |
| 2012 Sep 11-17 | 51 | 46 | 3 |
| All Swing State adults | | | |
| 2012 Sep 11-17 | 51 | 44 | 5 |
| <u>NATIONAL</u> | | | |
| Registered voters | | | |
| 2012 Sep 16-17 | 49 | 48 | 4 |
| National adults | | | |
| 2012 Sep 16-17 | 47 | 46 | 7 |

B. Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan

| | <u>Yes, has</u> | <u>No, has not</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <u>SWING STATES</u> | | | |
| Registered voters | | | |
| 2012 Sep 11-17 | 44 | 50 | 7 |
| All Swing State adults | | | |
| 2012 Sep 11-17 | 41 | 52 | 8 |
| <u>NATIONAL</u> | | | |
| Registered voters | | | |
| 2012 Sep 16-17 | 43 | 50 | 7 |
| National adults | | | |
| 2012 Sep 16-17 | 39 | 50 | 11 |

8. Do you think any changes made to the Medicare system by – [RANDOM ORDER]— over the next four years would strengthen Medicare, weaken it, or not make much difference?

A. Barack Obama and Joe Biden

| | <u>Strengthen</u> | <u>Weaken</u> | <u>Not make much difference</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|---|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>SWING STATES</u> | | | | |
| Registered voters 2012 Sep 11-17 | 33 | 32 | 32 | 4 |
| All Swing State adults 2012 Sep 11-17 | 32 | 29 | 34 | 5 |
| <u>NATIONAL</u> | | | | |
| Registered voters 2012 Sep 16-17 | 33 | 35 | 29 | 4 |
| National adults 2012 Sep 16-17 | 32 | 32 | 31 | 5 |

B. Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan

| | <u>Strengthen</u> | <u>Weaken</u> | <u>Not make much difference</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|---|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>SWING STATES</u> | | | | |
| Registered voters 2012 Sep 11-17 | 31 | 36 | 28 | 5 |
| All Swing State adults 2012 Sep 11-17 | 28 | 35 | 31 | 6 |
| <u>NATIONAL</u> | | | | |
| Registered voters 2012 Sep 16-17 | 32 | 33 | 29 | 5 |
| National adults 2012 Sep 16-17 | 30 | 33 | 31 | 7 |

9. All in all, which presidential candidate do you trust more to address issues facing the Medicare system – [ROTATED: Barack Obama (or) Mitt Romney]?

| | <u>Obama</u> | <u>Romney</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|
| <u>SWING STATES</u> | | | |
| Registered voters | | | |
| 2012 Sep 11-17 | 50 | 44 | 6 |
| All Swing State adults | | | |
| 2012 Sep 11-17 | 53 | 40 | 7 |
| <u>NATIONAL</u> | | | |
| Registered voters | | | |
| 2012 Sep 16-17 | 51 | 43 | 6 |
| National adults | | | |
| 2012 Sep 16-17 | 52 | 39 | 10 |