



**S1.** Are you at least 18 years old and registered to vote in Virginia?

	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Coastal</b>
Yes .....	100%	100%
No .....	-	-
Don't know/Refused .....	-	-

**S2.** As you may know, there will be an election for Governor, state legislature, and other offices in November this year. Many people vote in presidential and congressional elections that happen in even-numbered years but not in state elections like this one that happen in odd-numbered years. But how about you - how likely are you to vote in the election for Governor in November? Will you definitely vote, probably vote, are the chances 50-50, will you probably not vote, or will you definitely not vote?

	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Coastal</b>
Definitely .....	81%	84%
Probably .....	12	10
Chance 50-50 .....	7	5
Probably not .....	-	-
Definitely not .....	-	-
Don't know/Refused .....	*	1

**PARTYID.** No matter how you may be planning to vote, when it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as a strong Democrat, not very strong Democrat, strong Republican, not very strong Republican, or an independent? [IF IND/DK] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Coastal</b>
Strong Democrat .....	28%	33%
Weak Democrat .....	7	4
Independent / Closer to the Democrats .....	9	8
Independent .....	15	12
Independent / Closer to the Republicans .....	10	13
Weak Republican .....	20	21
Strong Republican .....	9	6
<b>VOL:</b> (DK/Refused) .....	2	3
DEMOCRAT (NET) .....	35%	37
INDEPENDENT (NET) .....	34	34
REPUBLICAN (NET) .....	29	27
DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET) .....	44%	45
REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET) .....	39	40

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	<b>PRIORITY</b>		<b>NOT IMPORTANT PRIORITY</b>			<b>(DK/Ref.)</b>	<b>NET</b>	
	<b>One of the top</b>	<b>Important</b>	<b>Lower</b>	<b>Not a priority</b>	<b>Shouldn't be done</b>		<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>NOT IMPORTANT PRIORITY</b>
• Improving the economy and creating jobs .....	67%	26	4	2	*	1	93%	6
<b>Coastal</b>	66%	26	4	1	1	2	92%	6
• Improving education in Virginia .....	53%	36	8	2	1	1	89%	10
<b>Coastal</b>	61%	29	6	3	1	1	90%	9
• Distributing the vaccine and dealing with the ongoing public health threat from the COVID-19 pandemic .....	60%	23	10	4	2	2	83%	15
<b>Coastal</b>	60%	21	10	6	1	2	81%	17

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	One of the top	Important	Lower	Not a priority	Shouldn't be done		PRIORITY	NOT IMPORTANT PRIORITY
• Ensuring that all Virginians have access to quality, affordable health care .....	52%	32	10	4	2	1	83%	16
<b>Coastal</b>	56%	24	10	5	3	2	80%	17
• Protecting Virginia's air and water from pollution.....	40%	40	14	5	1	*	80%	19
<b>Coastal</b>	46%	36	11	6	1	*	82%	18
• Protecting Virginia's coastal areas, beaches, and wetlands.....	28%	46	20	4	1	1	74%	25
<b>Coastal</b>	38%	44	13	4	*	1	82%	18
• [SPLIT] Addressing the risk of flooding in Virginia's coastal communities.....	23%	45	21	9	1	2	68%	30
<b>Coastal</b>	38%	32	17	7	1	4	70%	26
• Taking action to combat climate change.....	32%	30	20	12	5	2	62%	36
<b>Coastal</b>	34%	28	20	11	5	1	62%	37
• [SPLIT] Addressing the risk of flooding in communities across Virginia.....	19%	41	27	10	2	1	60%	40
<b>Coastal</b>	30%	47	13	7	1	3	77%	21

B2. Below is a series of statements about the effects of climate change in Virginia. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each.

	AGREE		DISAGREE		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	Strongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly		AGREE	DISAGREE
• [SPLIT] It is important for the Commonwealth to have a plan to deal with the risk of flooding that is updated regularly to keep up with the latest science.....	44%	37	9	7	3	81%	16
<b>Coastal</b>	61%	26	4	7	2	86%	11
• [SPLIT] With climate change causing more flooding, storms, and rising sea levels, it is important for the Commonwealth to have a plan to deal with the risk of flooding that is updated regularly to keep up with the latest science.....	49%	31	8	11	1	80%	19
<b>Coastal</b>	56%	25	7	12	*	81%	19
• [SPLIT] I want to see the next governor take action to protect Virginia's communities from the risk of flooding.....	34%	43	10	10	3	77%	20
<b>Coastal</b>	45%	36	5	10	3	81%	16

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	AGREE		DISAGREE		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	Strongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly		AGREE	DISAGREE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [SPLIT] We should make investments to reduce the impact of flooding in all communities in Virginia, including low-income, Black, and Hispanic communities.....</li> </ul>	47%	28	7	12	5	76%	19
<b>Coastal</b>	55%	23	5	14	3	78%	19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [SPLIT] The Commonwealth of Virginia can take actions now that will reduce the future impacts of increased flooding, heavy rainfall, and rising sea levels .....</li> </ul>	36%	40	9	12	2	76%	22
<b>Coastal</b>	48%	26	8	14	4	74%	22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [SPLIT] If we fail to act, climate change will have a serious impact on future generations of Virginians.....</li> </ul>	48%	26	10	14	2	73%	25
<b>Coastal</b>	53%	25	7	13	1	78%	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [SPLIT] The Commonwealth of Virginia can take actions now that will reduce the future impacts of climate change .....</li> </ul>	43%	29	11	14	3	72%	24
<b>Coastal</b>	42%	29	13	12	3	71%	26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [SPLIT] I want to see the next governor take action to protect Virginia's coastal communities from the risk of rising sea levels and flooding.....</li> </ul>	34%	38	15	12	2	71%	27
<b>Coastal</b>	44%	30	8	16	2	75%	24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [SPLIT] Increased flooding, heavy rainfall, and rising sea levels are already having a serious impact on Virginia.....</li> </ul>	30%	32	17	13	8	62%	30
<b>Coastal</b>	42%	26	13	13	6	69%	25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [SPLIT] Climate change is already having a serious impact on Virginia .....</li> </ul>	33%	28	14	19	6	61%	33
<b>Coastal</b>	36%	25	13	19	7	61%	32

**Q20. [SPLIT]** Which of the following statements do you agree with more, even if neither is exactly right?

	<u>Statewide</u>	<u>Coastal</u>
When addressing the risk of flooding in Virginia, we should prioritize natural solutions like restoring coastal wetlands.....	51%	56%
When addressing the risk of flooding in Virginia, we should prioritize structural solutions like levees and floodwalls.....	30	30
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	19	14

**B3A.** How much of a threat would you say that flooding poses to each of the following?

	<b>SERIOUS THREAT</b>		<b>MINOR/NO THREAT</b>		<b>(DK/Ref.)</b>	<b>NET</b>	
	<b>Very</b>	<b>Somewhat</b>	<b>Minor</b>	<b>No threat at all</b>		<b>SERIOUS THREAT</b>	<b>MINOR/NO THREAT</b>
• [SPLIT] Virginia's coastal cities and communities .....	38%	37	16	5	4	75	21
<b>Coastal</b>	36%	36	16	9	3	72	25
• [SPLIT] Virginia's beaches and tourism industry.....	32%	35	20	8	4	68	28
<b>Coastal</b>	31%	33	24	9	3	64	33
• [SPLIT] Virginia's wetlands, marshes, and coastal ecosystems.....	34%	32	20	7	7	66	27
<b>Coastal</b>	33%	35	17	10	6	68	26
• [SPLIT] Virginia's wildlife and fish habitats.....	31%	34	21	9	4	66	30
<b>Coastal</b>	27%	35	19	16	4	62	34
• [SPLIT] Virginia's economy.....	25%	37	26	9	3	62	35
<b>Coastal</b>	28%	36	19	14	4	63	32

**B4B.** Below is a list of reasons that some people give for why it is important to address the risk of flooding in Virginia. Please indicate how important a reason each of these is for the Commonwealth to address the risk of flooding.

	<b>IMPORTANT</b>			<b>Not an important reason</b>	<b>(DK/Ref.)</b>	<b>NET</b>
	<b>Most</b>	<b>Very</b>	<b>Somewhat</b>			<b>IMPORTANT</b>
• [SPLIT] To protect Virginia's economy .....	34%	39	20	5	2	73%
<b>Coastal</b>	32%	38	24	5	1	70%
• [SPLIT] To protect Virginia's coastal cities and communities .....	29%	42	20	7	2	71%
<b>Coastal</b>	32%	37	25	5	1	69%
• [SPLIT] To protect Virginia's wetlands, marshes, and coastal ecosystems.....	26%	45	19	7	2	71%
<b>Coastal</b>	31%	38	22	7	1	69%
• [SPLIT] To protect Virginia's wildlife and fish habitats.....	24%	46	20	7	2	70%
<b>Coastal</b>	31%	39	25	5	1	70%

**B4B.** Below is a list of reasons that some people give for why it is important to address the risk of flooding in Virginia. Please indicate how important a reason each of these is for the Commonwealth to address the risk of flooding.

	IMPORTANT		Somewhat	Not an important reason	(DK/Ref.)	NET
	Most	Very				IMPORTANT
• [SPLIT] To protect Virginia's beaches and tourism industry.....	23%	37	31	7	2	60%
Coastal	20%	37	34	9	1	56%

**Q31.** How soon do you think rising sea levels or flooding will directly impact you and your family?

	Statewide	Coastal
This year .....	6%	9%
In the next 5 years .....	14	20
In the next 10 years .....	21	19
In the next 20 years .....	16	16
Longer than 20 years .....	18	19
Never .....	23	14
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	3	4
10 YEARS OR LESS (NET) .....	40%	47
MORE THAN 10 YEARS (NET) .....	34	35
IMPACT (NET).....	74%	82

**Q32.** As far as you know, how much progress has been made on projects in Virginia aimed at reducing the risk of flooding? [IF NOT SURE] Even if you aren't sure, please make your best guess.

	Statewide	Coastal
A lot.....	5%	6%
Some.....	31	30
A little .....	26	25
Hardly any.....	24	27
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	13	13
A LOT/SOME (NET) .....	36%	36
A LITTLE/HARDLY ANY (NET) .....	50	51

**Q33.** As you may have heard, the Commonwealth of Virginia is developing a Master Plan to protect and restore Virginia's coastal areas and make them more resilient to rising sea levels and flooding. Before taking this survey, how much had you heard about this plan?

	Statewide	Coastal
A lot.....	5%	7%
Some.....	14	15
A little .....	23	30
Nothing at all.....	57	46
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	2	2
A LOT/SOME (NET) .....	18%	22
A LITTLE/NOTHING (NET) .....	80	75

**Q34.** As you may have heard, the Commonwealth of Virginia has a new statewide Community Preparedness Flood Fund that will pay for some projects aimed at addressing the risk of flooding in Virginia. Before taking this survey, how much had you heard about this fund?

	Statewide	Coastal
A lot.....	3%	3%
Some.....	10	11
A little .....	17	21
Nothing at all.....	68	63
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	2	2
A LOT/SOME (NET) .....	13%	14
A LITTLE/NOTHING (NET) .....	85	84

**Q35.** While there is a primary revenue source for the Virginia Community Preparedness Flood Fund, it is not enough to meet all of the Commonwealth's long-term flood preparedness needs. Given that, do you support or oppose investing Commonwealth money to fund the projects identified as necessary by the new Master Plan? Is that strongly [SUPPORT/OPPOSE] or just somewhat?

	<u>Statewide</u>	<u>Coastal</u>
Strongly support.....	26%	31%
Somewhat support.....	40	31
Somewhat oppose.....	11	11
Strongly oppose.....	12	15
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused).....	11	12
SUPPORT (NET).....	66%	62
OPPOSE (NET).....	23	27

**Q36.** Which of the following apply to you and your personal connection to Virginia's coast and Tidewater region?

	<u>Statewide</u>	<u>Coastal</u>
I vacation there.....	29%	15%
I live there.....	25	76
I have family who lives there.....	19	22
I work there.....	7	21
I have no connection to the coast.....	35	10
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused).....	1	1

**Q37.** Do you currently have flood insurance?

	<u>Statewide</u>	<u>Coastal</u>
Yes.....	17%	33%
No.....	81	65
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused).....	2	3

**D100.** Gender

	<u>Statewide</u>	<u>Coastal</u>
Male.....	48%	46%
Female.....	52	54
Prefer not to answer/Other.....	-	-

**DAGE.** Derived Age

	<u>Statewide</u>	<u>Coastal</u>
18-29.....	10%	6%
30-44.....	21	18
45-54.....	17	17
55-64.....	22	22
65+.....	31	36
<b>VOL:</b> (Refused).....	-	-

**D102.** What is the last grade of school or level of education you completed?

	<u>Statewide</u>	<u>Coastal</u>
Did not complete high school.....	3%	1%
Graduated high school.....	16	17
Attended technical/vocational school.....	3	4
Attended some college but no degree.....	17	21
Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree.....	14	16
Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree.....	26	22
Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.).....	20	17
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused).....	1	1

**DRACE. Derived Race**

	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Coastal</b>
Black/African-American .....	18%	31%
White/Caucasian .....	72	63
Hispanic/Latino .....	4	4
Asian-American.....	6	2
Native American.....	*	*
Other .....	-	-
<b>VOL:</b> (Refused).....	-	-

**D105. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as:**

	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Coastal</b>
Very liberal .....	12%	13%
Somewhat liberal .....	16	15
Moderate.....	34	28
Somewhat conservative.....	17	22
Very conservative .....	17	18
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	3	4
LIBERAL (NET).....	28%	28
CONSERVATIVE (NET) .....	34	40

**D112. Are you the parent or guardian of a child under the age of 18?**

	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Coastal</b>
Yes.....	19%	17%
No .....	80	82
<b>VOL:</b> (Refused).....	1	1

**REGNUM. Region**

	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Coastal</b>
Coastal - North.....	8%	37%
Coastal - South .....	13	63
Outer Markets/Non-Coastal Norfolk.....	10	-
Richmond DMA.....	19	-
Roanoke DMA.....	13	-
Washington DMA - Metro .....	19	-
Washington DMA - Rest .....	19	-