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### **The Dartmouth Poll Shows Democrats Continue to Lead in Top Races**

**HANOVER, N.H. – Nov. 4, 2024** – Vice President Kamala Harris has a double-digit lead over former President Donald Trump in the presidential election among New Hampshire voters, according to the final pre-election survey conducted by [The Dartmouth Poll](#) from the [Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy and the Social Sciences](#) at Dartmouth.

In the survey of 587 registered voters conducted between Nov. 1 and 3, the weekend leading up to the election, Democrat Joyce Craig continues to lead Republican Kelly Ayotte in one of the most competitive gubernatorial races nationally. The results also show Democrats ahead in the race for New Hampshire's two seats in the U.S. House.

When asked who they would support for president, 61.9% of Granite State voters say they would vote for Harris, 33.5% report that they would vote for Trump, and 4.6% report that they would vote for another candidate.

Craig, the former mayor of Manchester, New Hampshire's largest city, has 57.7% support for governor, compared to 40.2% for Ayotte, a former U.S. senator and state attorney general. The winner of this race will succeed Republican Gov. Chris Sununu, who is finishing his fourth term and not seeking re-election.

Many national media outlets and political pundits have said that the race for governor in New Hampshire will be among the most closely watched contests beyond the national presidential race.

The results from the recent poll also show that New Hampshire voters mostly have not heard much about a proposed state constitutional amendment to raise the mandatory judicial retirement age from 70 to 75. Less than 40% of the sample had heard a lot or some about the amendment, and only 12.9% thought they understood it very well. When asked if they would support the amendment, only 24.8% said they would vote yes as compared to 47.4% who would vote against it. 27.7% were unsure of whether they would support the amendment.

[The Dartmouth Poll](#) project was created in conjunction with an Election Polling course taught by [Jason Barabas '93](#), a professor of government and the director of the Rockefeller Center at Dartmouth.

The results are from an online survey in which respondents were panelists recruited during an initial survey in mid-October with more than 2,000 interviews. Respondents in both waves of the poll were sampled randomly from the New Hampshire voter file maintained by L2, a national supplier of processed and enhanced registered voter data.

In New Hampshire's First Congressional District, U.S. Rep. Chris Pappas, the Democratic incumbent, leads Republican challenger Russell Prescott in the survey, 62.2% to 34.3%, with 3.4% of voters saying they would vote for another candidate.

In the Second Congressional District, an open seat that could help determine control of the U.S. House, Democrat Maggie Goodlander, a former deputy assistant attorney general in the Justice Department, holds a solid lead over her Republican opponent, Lily Tang Williams. Goodlander has the backing of 64.1% of New Hampshire voters, while Tang Williams has 33.6% support, with 2.3% going to other candidates. U.S. Rep. Ann McLane Kuster, D-N.H., is stepping down from Congress after six terms.

The previous survey, conducted between Oct. 5 and 18, also showed Democrats ahead by double digits in both races for the state's two seats in the U.S. House and the gubernatorial race.

In the recent poll, respondents indicated that the five most important issues facing America are: democracy, the economy (jobs, inflation, and taxes), immigration, abortion, and housing.

The margin of sampling error for the recent survey is 4.0% for the overall results and roughly 5.4 to 6.2% for the smaller samples in each of the two congressional districts. The survey was weighted to match the population characteristics of New Hampshire registered voters and adjusted for respondents' likelihood of voting.

For more information, please visit [The Dartmouth Poll](#)'s website. For more information, please email [the.dartmouth.poll@dartmouth.edu](mailto:the.dartmouth.poll@dartmouth.edu) or call (603) 646-0996.

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