



Vermont Water Cooler - December Poll

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Quick facts:

Survey date: 12/18-20/2019

Survey Population: 17025

Sample size: 415

Method: IVR

Number of questions (nom): 3

Number of question (tot): 5

Weighted for: Age & Gender

Web Version: Yes

Description of purpose:

The Vermont Water Cooler December survey is intended to gather Vermonter's feelings towards recent legislation passed by the Vermont Legislature. To this end, the Water Cooler team developed three questions intended help to inform policy makers about Vermonter's take on initiatives such as remote worker relocation, water quality, and All-Payer health care.

Methodology:

The poll was conducted by IVR phone call to landline telephones on **December 18th and 20th of 2019** (see Appendix A for full list of questions). Questions were presented to respondents in a multi-choice format in order to standardize results. Instructions for entering the intended response were included with each question. For example, "Press 1 if you think that...."

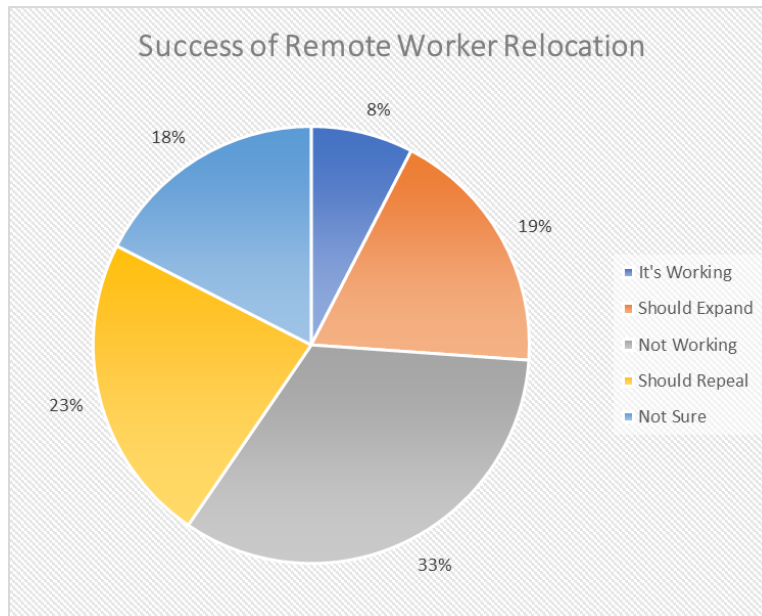
The survey population of **17,025** households was randomly selected from Vermont's registered voter list. The phone list was limited to just 802 area code numbers and deduped so individual households were not called multiple times.

The final number of respondents to the survey totaled **415**. The survey responses were then weighed for age and gender using a raking method to compensate for oversampling in either of these demographics.

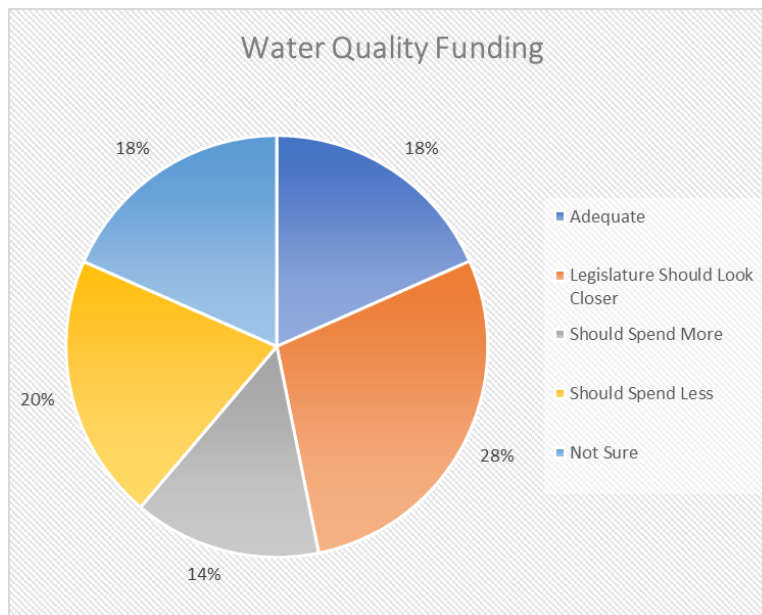
An accompanying web survey was launched on vtwatercooler.com on **December 17th, 2019**. Data from that version of the survey is not included in these results.

Survey Results:

Remote Workers – Perhaps the most surprising result of the survey was how unpopular the Remote Worker Relocation program was. Particularly given how heavily advertised it was by Governor Scott, even to the point of gathering national attention. Over 50% of respondents thought the program was not working or should be repealed.

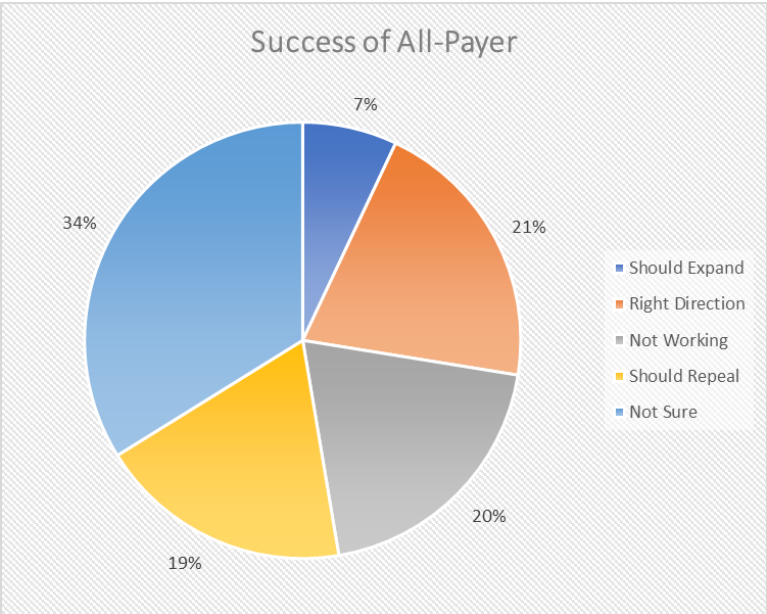


Water Quality – After a number of years, the Governor and Legislature fully funded water cleanup efforts in 2018. Most Vermonters think this level of funding is adequate, however they question how efficiently the funds are being spent. That being said, 1 in 5 respondents thought we should spend less on water quality.



All-Payer Health Care – In a nod to how confusing health care policy can be, most respondents didn't know what to think of the 2016 All-Payer legislation or how to evaluate it. Less than 30% of respondents thought this effort to reduce costs and complexity was working. Closer to 40% thought All-Payer was either not working or should be repealed.





Appendix A

Survey questions and allowed responses.

- 1. The Remote Worker Relocation Program, which pays out-of-state workers up to \$10,000 in moving expenses to relocate to Vermont, passed in 2018. With the promise of helping reverse the state's demographic crisis. Is it working?**
 - a. **Press 1** if you think the current remote worker program is contributing to the state's economy and is working to bring more families to the state.
 - b. **Press 2** if you think the current remote worker program is working and should be expanded to bring more families to the state.
 - c. **Press 3** if you think the current remote worker program is not working. And, we should scrap it and try something else.
 - d. **Press 4** if you think incentivizing people to move to the state is not a government responsibility and should be repealed.
 - e. **Press 5** if you are not sure.

- 2. Act 76 passed in 2019, committing the state to \$20 million per year in funding for cleaning up Vermont's waterways. Do you think this the right approach?**
 - a. **Press 1** if you think \$20 million per year is enough to address the problem.
 - b. **Press 2** if you think the funding is adequate but the Legislature should look more closely at where it's being spent.
 - c. **Press 3** if you think \$20 million is not enough to address the problem. We should spend more.
 - d. **Press 4** if you think \$20 million is not necessary. We should spend less.
 - e. **Press 5** if you are not sure.

- 3. All payer health care passed in 2016 with the promise of lowering healthcare costs and improving patient outcomes by paying hospitals based on their patient base instead of individual services. This paved the way for "OneCare," a reimbursement group run by UVM Medical Center. Do you believe this legislation is working to reduce cost and complexity, and improve outcomes?**
 - a. **Press 1** if you believe all-payer is working as promised and should be expanded.
 - b. **Press 2** if you believe all-payer has not lived up to all its promises, but it is moving in the right direction.
 - c. **Press 3** if you believe all-payer has not lived up to its promises, other options should be considered.
 - d. **Press 4** if you believe all-payer has failed to live up its promises, and should be repealed.
 - e. **Press 5** if you are not sure.



Appendix B – Results Tables

Unweighted Results					
	Question	Count	%	Responses	
Q1	Success of Act 46	Successful	70	17%	415
		RightDirection	150	36%	
		FallShort	69	17%	
		Repeal	58	14%	
		NotSure	68	16%	
Q2	Success of Gun Control	Working	128	35%	368
		Expand	103	28%	
		Repeal	98	27%	
		NotSure	39	11%	
Q3	Success of Universal Pre-K	Working	95	28%	342
		Expand	80	23%	
		NotWorking	56	16%	
		Repeal	36	11%	
		TooEarly	36	11%	
		NotSure	39	11%	

Weighted Results					
	Question	Weighted	Percentage	Total	
Q1	Success of Act 46	Successful	126.03269	16%	775.293
		RightDirection	278.38433	36%	
		FallShort	132.56777	17%	
		Repeal	105.62466	14%	
		NotSure	132.68335	17%	
Q2	Success of Gun Control	Working	207.10132	34%	605.333
		Expand	168.93767	28%	
		Repeal	172.64369	29%	
		NotSure	56.65012	9%	
Q3	Success of Universal Pre-K	Working	164.63558	28%	579.333
		Expand	134.91333	23%	
		NotWorking	101.01655	17%	
		Repeal	58.612687	10%	
		TooEarly	55.949242	10%	
		NotSure	64.205412	11%	

