



**Survey of Michigan Statewide  
Likely November 2016 General Election Voters  
Tuesday, November 3-Thursday, November 5, 2015  
600 sample of voters, plus/minus 4%  
25% completes by cell phone**

Hello, this is \_\_\_\_\_ from a research firm located in Michigan. We're conducting a random survey about important issues in your community. This is NOT a sales call, you will not be asked for a donation and you will not be called again because you participated in this survey. This is strictly research and I'd like to take a few minutes to include the opinions of your household.

We need to have an equal number of males and females and we also need to have young voters represented. May I please speak to the youngest (MALE/ FEMALE, depending on specified quota) registered voter, age 18 or older, who is home now?

IF LANDLINE: Are you registered to vote at the address I'm calling?

IF CELL PHONE: are you registered to vote at (offer street address off phone list \_\_\_\_\_?)

IF YES: GO TO QUESTION 1

IF NO: Is there any other (male/ female, as specified) registered voter at home who I can talk to?  
(IF NOT, TERMINATE INTERVIEW)

1. Do you plan on voting in 2016 elections, when Michigan will be voting for President?

Very Certain	600	100.0 %
No/Maybe/Other/Unsure (THANK AND TERMINATE INTERVIEW)	0	0.0 %

4. How concerned are you about the safety of the water in your home?

Very concerned	138	23.0 %
Somewhat concerned	137	22.8 %
Somewhat unconcerned	96	16.0 %
Very unconcerned	224	37.3 %
Other/Unsure/DNK (DO NOT ASK)	5	0.8 %

TOTAL CONCERNED	275	46%
TOTAL NOT CONCERNED	320	53%

5. Last year, the City of Flint switched from Detroit's water system to the Flint River, awaiting completion of a new system that will use water from Lake Huron. After the switch, it was found that the water supply had elevated lead levels. Given what happened in Flint, how important do you think it is to have the



State of Michigan examine the water systems in other densely populated areas for signs of failing water infrastructure?

Very important	427	71.2 %
Somewhat important	119	19.8 %
Somewhat unimportant	14	2.3 %
Very unimportant	25	4.2 %
Other/Unsure/DNK (DO NOT ASK)	15	2.5 %
TOTAL IMPORTANT	546	91%
TOTAL UNIMPORTANT	39	7%

6. Thinking about Michigan's public schools, how often do you think water quality should be tested in each K-12 building?

More than once a year	176	29.3 %
Once a year	327	54.5 %
Once every couple of years	54	9.0 %
Only if there is a complaint	20	3.3 %
Other/Unsure/DNK (DO NOT ASK)	23	3.8 %

7. Under state law, holders of concealed pistol licenses are not allowed to carry concealed weapons at schools; at day care centers, sports arenas or stadiums; at entertainment facilities that seat 2,500 or more; at bars, churches, hospitals, casinos and dormitories or classrooms of colleges or universities. How supportive are you in lifting the ban on concealed weapons in these public places? Are you:

Supportive of lifting the ban in all of these places	136	22.7 %
Supportive of lifting the ban in some of these places	140	23.3 %
Unsupportive of lifting the ban in most of these places	50	8.3 %
Very unsupportive of lifting the ban in all of these places	241	40.2 %
Other/Unsure/DNK (DO NOT ASK)	33	5.5 %
TOTAL SOME SUPPORT	276	46%
TOTAL UNSUPPORTIVE	291	49%

8. How would you gauge your support for allowing concealed pistols in day care centers, K12 schools and college dormitories and classrooms?

Very supportive	129	21.5 %
Somewhat supportive	111	18.5 %
Somewhat unsupportive	52	8.7 %
Very unsupportive	275	45.8 %
Other/Unsure/DNK (DO NOT ASK)	33	5.5 %
TOTAL SUPPORT	240	40%
TOTAL UNSUPPORTIVE	327	55%

[ROTATE Q9&10]

9. The Michigan House recently passed a bill that allows for “presumptive parole.” This means that low-risk felons are paroled automatically after serving their minimum sentence in prison. Currently, prisoners eligible for parole are not released until a parole board recommends them for release, which could be well after their minimum sentence is served. How would you gauge your support for presumptive parole?

Very supportive	111	18.5 %
Somewhat supportive	207	34.5 %
Somewhat unsupportive	87	14.5 %
Very unsupportive	143	23.8 %
Other/Unsure/DNK (DO NOT ASK)	52	8.7 %
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>53%</b>
<b>TOTAL UNSUPPORTIVE</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>38%</b>

10. There are currently about 2,500 youth offenders serving life sentences without the possibility of parole in the United States. Do you think that people convicted of violent crimes, who were under the age of 18 when they committed their crime, should be eligible for parole?

Yes	245	40.8 %
No	232	38.7 %
Other/Unsure/DNK (DO NOT ASK)	123	20.5 %

11. Autonomous cars, sometimes called driverless cars or robotic cars, are being tested in some states. These cars use technology to sense traffic, road signs and other obstacles to drive the vehicle without human input. How comfortable are you with the idea of having driverless cars on Michigan's roads?

Very comfortable	54	9.0 %
Somewhat comfortable	119	19.8 %
Somewhat uncomfortable	106	17.7 %
Very uncomfortable	303	50.5 %
Other/Unsure/DNK (DO NOT ASK)	18	3.0 %
<b>TOTAL COMFORTABLE</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>TOTAL UNCOMFORTABLE</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>68%</b>

12. Compared to humans driving on Michigan's roads right now, do you think driverless cars would make driving in Michigan much safer, safer, dangerous, or more dangerous?

Much safer	29	4.8 %
Safer	133	22.2 %



Dangerous	137	22.8 %
More dangerous	201	33.5 %
Other/Unsure/DNK (DO NOT ASK)	100	16.7 %
<b>TOTAL SAFE</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>TOTAL UNSAFE</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>56%</b>

13. When do you think that driverless cars will be common in Michigan?

In a couple of years	24	4.0 %
5-10 years from now	160	26.7 %
10-20 years from now	185	30.8 %
More than 20 years from now	87	14.5 %
Never	98	16.3 %
Other/Unsure/DNK (DO NOT ASK)	46	7.7 %

14. How would you rate the way the Michigan Legislature has worked to address road funding this year?

Excellent	3	0.5 %
Good	98	16.3 %
Bad	123	20.5 %
Terrible	348	58.0 %
Other/Unsure/DNK (DO NOT ASK)	28	4.7 %

15. Which of the following possible reforms would do the most to increase Michigan's legislative effectiveness? (ROTATE) (ONE ANSWER ONLY)

Switch to a part-time legislature	126	21.0 %
Change the length of term limits by allowing members to serve up to 12 years in either chamber	106	17.7 %
Do nothing because legislators can always be voted out of office if they are doing a poor job	124	20.7 %
Stricter campaign finance and/or ethics laws	150	25.0 %
Other/Unsure/DNK (DO NOT ASK)	94	15.7 %

16. Before we officially say goodbye to Halloween 2015, we'd like to know what has scared you the most so far this year? Was it (ROTATE)...

A movie	19	3.2 %
A television show	11	1.8 %
Something posted on social media	40	6.7 %
The Detroit Lions	129	21.5 %
Any of the presidential candidate debates	249	41.5 %
Other/Unsure/DNK (DO NOT ASK)	152	25.3 %



I'd now like to ask you a few quick questions for statistical purposes only.

17. In general, do you consider yourself to be a Democrat or a Republican?

Democrat	216	36.0 %
Independent	181	30.2 %
Republican	173	28.8 %
Other/Unsure/ Do Not Know/ Refused (DO NOT OFFER)	30	5.0 %

18. What is your race -- do you consider yourself African-American, Hispanic/Latino, white, or some other race?

African-American	70	11.7 %
White	470	78.3 %
Hispanic/Latino	8	1.3 %
Other (DO NOT OFFER)	21	3.5 %
Unsure/Do Not Know (DO NOT OFFER)	31	5.2 %

19. Gender of Respondent (do not ask, determine from conversation)

Male	273	45.5 %
Female	327	54.5 %

20. What is your age?

18-34 years old	64	10.7 %
35-49 years old	161	26.8 %
50-64 years old	186	31.0 %
65 years old and older	176	29.3 %
Unsure/Refused (DO NOT OFFER)	13	2.2 %

21. Which portion of the state are you from? (DO NOT ASK, indicate county unless they are from Detroit, indicate Detroit)

22. Type of call (do not ask, determine from list)

Land Line	450	75.0 %
Cell Phone	150	25.0 %



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME (AND TERMINATE)

**Methodology:**

This was a Public Sector Consultants survey of the Michigan electorate, conducted by Denno Research. 600 respondents in the state of Michigan were surveyed between November 3-5, 2015, with a margin of error of plus/minus 4%, and the participation was stratified based on census data and past voter behavior. 150 respondents (25%) were from cell phone users, in an attempt to gather younger voters who do not have a land line. A screen was employed to include only those participants who said they would vote, either at the polls or by absentee ballot, in the November 2016 General Election. All numbers are rounded and may exceed 100%.