

**Pennsylvania Quality of Life Survey
Spring 2012**

**Muhlenberg College/Morning Call
2012 Pennsylvania Quality of Life Survey
Final Frequency Report
Sample - 547 Adult Pennsylvanians
492 Registered Voters**

**Fielding Dates: March 23– April 1, 2012
Margin of Error = +/- 5% at 95% Level of Confidence
AAPOR RR1 – Response Rate = 23%
5 Callback Attempts**

Data Weighted by Age, Race, Educational Attainment and Gender

Q1: In which of the following age categories does your current age fall. READ LIST _____

18-29.....15%
30-49.....35%
50-65.....30%
or Over 65.....20%

Q2: What county do you currently reside in? (CODED INTO REGIONS)

Southeast.....36%
Southwest.....21%
Remainder of State.....43%

Q3: How many years have you lived in Pennsylvania? (CODED INTO CATEGORIES)

1 to 10 Years.....8%
11-20 Years.....11%
Over 20 Years.....80%

Q4: Overall, how would you rate Pennsylvania as a place to live? Would you say it's an excellent, good, not so good, or poor place to live?

1. Excellent.....35%
2. Good.....54%
3. Not So Good9%
4. Poor.....1%
5. Not Sure (Volunteered).....<1%

Q5: Overall, how would you rate Pennsylvania as a place to raise a family? Would you say it's an excellent, good, not so good, or poor place to raise a family?

- 1. Excellent.....38%
- 2. Good.....54%
- 3. Not So Good6%
- 4. Poor.....1%
- 5. Not Sure (Volunteered).....1%

Q6: In general, would you say that life in Pennsylvania is getting better or getting worse?

- 1. Getting Better.....20%
- 2. Getting Worse.....49%
- 3. Staying the Same (Volunteered).....26%
- 4. Not Sure (Volunteered).....4%

Q7: Next, I would like you to rate the quality of various categories of life in Pennsylvania. For each category that I mention, please rate it as excellent, good, not so good, or poor as it pertains to life in Pennsylvania. First, health care services?

- 1. Excellent.....22%
- 2. Good.....56%
- 3. Not So Good.....14%
- 4. Poor.....7%
- 5. Not Sure (Volunteered).....2%

Q8: The economy?

- 1. Excellent.....1%
- 2. Good.....31%
- 3. Not So Good.....44%
- 4. Poor.....22%
- 5. Not Sure (Volunteered).....1%

Q9: Transportation?

- 1. Excellent.....6%
- 2. Good.....55%
- 3. Not So Good.....23%
- 4. Poor.....13%
- 5. Not Sure (Volunteered).....3%

Q10: Public schools?

- 1. Excellent.....14%
- 2. Good.....54%
- 3. Not So Good.....18%
- 4. Poor.....10%
- 5. Not Sure (Volunteered).....4%

Q11: Law enforcement

- 1. Excellent.....18%
- 2. Good.....65%
- 3. Not So Good.....12%
- 4. Poor.....2%
- 5. Not Sure (Volunteered).....2%

Q12: Race relations?

- 1. Excellent.....6%
- 2. Good.....60%
- 3. Not So Good.....21%
- 4. Poor.....5%
- 5. Not Sure (Volunteered).....8%

Q13: The environment?

- 1. Excellent.....9%
- 2. Good.....70%
- 3. Not So Good.....16%
- 4. Poor.....4%
- 5. Not Sure (Volunteered).....1%

Q14: Housing?

- 1. Excellent.....9%
- 2. Good.....61%
- 3. Not So Good.....19%
- 4. Poor.....8%
- 5. Not Sure (Volunteered).....4%

Q15: Government services?

- 1. Excellent.....4%
- 2. Good.....59%
- 3. Not So Good.....21%
- 4. Poor.....9%
- 5. Not Sure (Volunteered).....6%

Q16: Recreational opportunities?

- 1. Excellent.....26%
- 2. Good.....52%
- 3. Not So Good.....14%
- 4. Poor.....5%
- 5. Not Sure (Volunteered).....3%

Q17: Now, I would like to ask you some questions regarding your satisfaction with various aspects of your life. For each aspect that I mention please indicate if you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied. First, how satisfied are you with your current job?

- 1. Very Satisfied.....41%
- 2. Somewhat Satisfied.....18%
- 3. Somewhat Dissatisfied.....4%
- 4. Very Dissatisfied.....3%
- 5. Not Sure/Retired/Unemployed (Volunteered).....34%

Q18: Your family income?

- 1. Very Satisfied.....38%
- 2. Somewhat Satisfied.....41%
- 3. Somewhat Dissatisfied.....9%
- 4. Very Dissatisfied.....10%
- 5. Not Sure/Retired/Unemployed (Volunteered)..... 3%

Q19: Next, I have a few questions regarding your level of concern for a variety of issues. For each issue that I mention, please tell me if you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned: First, how concerned are you that you will become unemployed in the next year?

- 1. Very Concerned.....15%
- 2. Somewhat Concerned.....14%
- 3. Not Too Concerned.....16%
- 4. Not At All Concerned.....46%
- 5. Not Sure/Retired/Unemployed (Volunteered).....9%

Q20: How concerned are you with the safety of drinking water in your community?

- 1. Very Concerned.....25%
- 2. Somewhat Concerned.....25%
- 3. Not Too Concerned.....21%
- 4. Not At All Concerned.....26%
- 5. Not Sure/Retired/Unemployed (Volunteered).....2%

Q21: How concerned are you with the air quality in your community?

- 1. Very Concerned.....20%
- 2. Somewhat Concerned.....27%
- 3. Not Too Concerned.....25%
- 4. Not At All Concerned.....27%
- 5. Not Sure/Retired/Unemployed (Volunteered).....2%

Q22: How concerned are you with becoming a victim of a crime?

- 1. Very Concerned.....20%
- 2. Somewhat Concerned.....31%
- 3. Not Too Concerned.....25%
- 4. Very Concerned.....21%
- 5. Not Sure/Retired/Unemployed (Volunteered).....2%

Q23: And how concerned are you with the loss of open spaces such as forests and farms in Pennsylvania?

- 1. Very Concerned.....38%
- 2. Somewhat Concerned.....30%
- 3. Not Too Concerned.....17%
- 4. Not At All Concerned.....12%
- 5. Not Sure (Volunteered).....2%

Q24: Next, I would like for you to rate the performance of a few political officials. For each name that I read, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the way he is doing his job. First, President Barack Obama?

- 1. Approve.....43%
- 2. Disapprove.....50%
- 3. No opinion (Volunteered).....6%

TREND

	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
April 2009	61%	24%	15%
April 2010	45%	46%	9%
September 2010	40%	56%	4%
March 2011	48%	44%	9%
August 2011	35%	58%	7%
December 2011	45%	50%	5%
March/April 2012	43%	50%	6%

Q25: How about Governor Tom Corbett?

1. Approve.....39%
2. Disapprove.....41%
3. No opinion (Volunteered).....20%

TREND

	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
March 2011	36%	15%	49%
August 2011	35%	33%	32%
December 2011	51%	30%	19%
March/April 2012	39%	41%	20%

Q26: Senator Pat Toomey?

1. Approve.....38%
2. Disapprove.....26%
3. No opinion (Volunteered).....35%

TREND

	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
March 2011	39%	19%	42%
August 2011	40%	30%	31%
December 2011	44%	28%	28%
March/April 2012	38%	26%	35%

Q27: And Senator Bob Casey, Jr.?

1. Approve.....45%
 2. Disapprove.....32%
 3. No opinion (Volunteered).....23%
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TREND

	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
March 2011	48%	22%	30%
August 2011	40%	35%	26%
December 2011	54%	24%	22%
March/April 2012	45%	32%	23%

Q28: Which of the following categories best describes your current voting status? Are you registered as a (READ LIST)?

- 1. Democrat41%
- 2. Republican.....36%
- 3. Independent.....12%
- 4. Other Party.....1%
- 5. Not registered to vote in Pennsylvania SKIP to Q36.....7%
- 6. Not Sure (Volunteered) SKIP To Q 36.....3%

QUESTIONS 29 THROUGH 35 ARE ANSWERED ONLY BY REGISTERED VOTERS IN PENNSYLVANIA (SAMPLE SIZE = 492)

(Q29) Do you feel that Barack Obama deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

- 1. Yes.....43%
- 2. No/Does Not.....51%
- 3. Not sure (Volunteered).....6%

TREND

	Yes	No	Not Sure
March 2011	40%	45%	14%
August 2011	36%	55%	9%..
December 2011	41%	51%	8%
March/April 2012	43%	51%	6%

(Q30) If the 2012 election for President were being held today, do you think you would vote for Barack Obama the Democratic candidate, or the Republican candidate?

- 1. Obama.....43%
- 2. Republican.....41%
- 3. Depends on the candidate (Volunteered).....12%
- 4. No opinion/Not sure.....5%

TREND

	Obama	Republican	Depends on Candidate (vol)	Not Sure
March 2011	37%	33%	22%	8%
August 2011	36%	31%	31%	3%
December 2011	45%	37%	14%	5%
March/April	43%	41%	12%	5%

(Q31): Now, if the 2012 presidential election was being held today and the race was between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney, who would you vote for?

1. Barack Obama.....45%
2. Mitt Romney.....40%
3. Some other Candidate.....11%
4. Not sure.....4%

TREND

	Obama	Romney	Some Other Candidate	Not Sure
December 2011	45%	41%	8%	6%
February 2012	48%	37%	9%	6%
March/April 2012	45%	40%	11%	4%

(Q32) Next, if the 2012 presidential election was being held today and the race was between Barack Obama and Newt Gingrich, who would you vote for?

1. Barack Obama.....47%
2. Newt Gingrich35%
3. Some other Candidate.....15%
4. Not sure.....4%

TREND

	Obama	Gingrich	Some Other Candidate	Not Sure
December 2011	52%	35%	6%	6%
March/April 2012	47%	35%	15%	4%

(Q33) And if the 2012 presidential election was being held today and the race was between Barack Obama and Rick Santorum, who would you vote for?

- 1. Barack Obama.....47%
- 2. Rick Santorum.....41%
- 3. Some other Candidate.....7%
- 4. Not sure.....5%

TREND

	Obama	Santorum	Some Other Candidate	Not Sure
February 2012	49%	41%	4%	5%
March/April 2012	47%	41%	7%	5%

(Q34) Do you feel that Bob Casey Jr. deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

- 1. Yes.....43%
- 2. No/Does Not.....29%
- 3. Not sure (Volunteered).....28%

TREND

	Yes	No	Not Sure/Refused
March 2011	48%	24%	28%
August 2011	41%	30%	30%
December 2011	54%	27%	19%
February 2012	42%	25%	32%
March/April 2012	43%	29%	28%

(Q35) If the 2012 election for United States Senator were being held today, do you think you would vote for Bob Casey Jr. the Democratic candidate, or the Republican candidate?

- 1. Casey.....39%
- 2. Republican.....29%
- 3. Depends on the candidate (Volunteered).....15%
- 4. No opinion/Not sure (Volunteered).....16%

TREND

	Casey	Republican	Depends on Candidate (vol)	Not Sure/Refused
March 2011	41%	27%	18%	24%
August 2011	33%	25%	25%	18%
December 2011	51%	28%	14%	6%
February 2012	40%	25%	20%	14%
March/April 2012	39%	29%	15%	16%

(Q36) How would you describe the state of the nation's economy today? Would you say that it is excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

1. Excellent.....<1%
2. Good.....15%
3. Not so good.....45%
4. Poor.....38%
5. Not sure (Volunteered).....3%

TREND

	Excellent	Good	Not So Good	Poor	Not Sure/Refused
April 2011	<1%	11%	51%	31%	5%
August 2011	<1%	3%	32%	64%	1%
December 2011	<1%	7%	27%	64%	1%
March/April 2012	<1%	15%	45%	38%	3%

(Q37) Do you think the nation's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

1. Getting better.....31%
2. Getting worse.....34%
3. Staying about the same.....35%
4. Not sure (Volunteered).....1%

	Getting Better	Getting Worse	Staying About The Same	Not Sure/Refused
April 2011	28%	27%	38%	5%
August 2011	12%	55%	29%	3%
December 2011	16%	34%	50%	<1%
March/April 2012	31%	34%	35%	1%

(Q38) Do you think President Obama's policies have helped the economy, hurt the economy, or haven't made a difference?

- 1. Helped the economy.....30%
- 2. Hurt the economy.....37%
- 3. Haven't made a difference.....30%
- 4. Not sure (Volunteered).....4%

TREND

	Helped the Economy	Hurt the Economy	Haven't Made a Difference	Not Sure /Refused
April 2011	28%	28%	31%	13%
August 2011	23%	41%	32%	5%
December 2011	25%	38%	33%	5%
March/April 2012	30%	37%	30%	4%

(Q39) Do you think President Obama's policies have helped your personal financial situation, hurt your personal financial situation, or haven't made a difference?

- 1. Helped my situation.....14%
- 2. Hurt my situation.....29%
- 3. Haven't made a difference.....55%
- 4. Not sure (Volunteered).....2%

(Q40) Pennsylvania legislators have recently proposed a bill that would allow low-income families to apply for state scholarships in order to send their children to the school of their choice. The plan, which would give students a chance to transfer out of significantly underperforming schools, would be phased in over three years, and the costs to taxpayers would be lower than traditional costs of education in public schools. Do you support or oppose allowing students and parents to choose a school to attend at public expense?

- 1. Support.....55%
- 2. Oppose.....34%
- 3. No opinion (Volunteered).....11%

(Q41) In order to help reduce the state's budget shortfalls some have called for Pennsylvania to sell its state-owned liquor stores. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the sale of the state's liquor stores?

- 1. Strongly support32%
- 2. Somewhat support.....25%
- 3. Somewhat oppose16%
- 4. Strongly oppose15%
- 5. Not sure (Volunteered)12%

TREND

	Strongly Support	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly Oppose	Not Sure/Ref
September 2010	37%	28%	10%	10%	13%
March 2011	34%	24%	12%	15%	16%
August 2011	36%	27%	16%	13%	9%
December 2011	34%	24%	16%	15%	11%
March/April 2012	32%	25%	16%	15%	12%

(Q42) Pennsylvania is currently experiencing a shortfall in funds to repair and maintain the state's transportation system. Would you be willing to pay higher drivers license and motor vehicle registration fees if the money raised from those fees went directly towards the state's transportation system?

1. Would pay more.....48%
2. Would not pay more41%
3. Not sure (Volunteered)11%

TREND

	Willing to Pay	Unwilling To Pay	No Opinion/Not Sure
March 2011	53%	31%	15%
August 2011	46%	45%	9%
December 2011	57%	35%	9%
March/April 2012	48%	41%	11%

(Q43) Pennsylvania recently passed a law that allows local governments to require natural gas drillers to pay a fee to local governments to cover the cost of impacts of drilling on the local environment and infrastructure. The law did not establish a statewide tax on the extraction of natural gas from Pennsylvania wells. Which of the following best describes your view on the use of impact fees and taxes on natural gas drilling in Pennsylvania?

1. The state should allow impact fees but not tax natural gas drilling.....17%
2. The state should tax natural gas drilling but not allow impact fees.....14%
3. The state should allow impact fees and tax natural gas drilling.....41%
4. Or the state should not allow impact fees or tax natural gas drilling.....12%
5. Not sure.....17%

(Q44) The state's new natural gas law gives the state the power to establish the rules on where drilling can occur in a municipality. In the past the power to regulate the citing of natural gas drilling was primarily with local governments. Which of the following statements best describes your views on the regulation of drilling site locations?

- 1. The state should have control over the location of drilling sites.....15%
- 2. Or Local governments should have control over the location of drilling sites.....51%
- 3. Both should have control (VOL).....18%
- 4. Neither should have control (VOL).....4%
- 5. Not Sure.....12%

Q45. Now I would like to read you a list of statements regarding natural gas drilling. For each statement that I read please indicate if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree wit these statements. First, natural gas reserves under Pennsylvania soil are a public resource and should benefit the citizens of the state.

- 1. Strongly Agree.....62%
- 2. Somewhat Agree.....24%
- 3. Somewhat Disagree.....5%
- 4. Strongly Disagree.....6%
- 5. Not Sure (Vol).....4%

Q46: Tighter regulations on the extraction of natural gas in Pennsylvania will lead drilling firms to leave the state.

- 1. Strongly Agree.....20%
- 2. Somewhat Agree.....21%
- 3. Somewhat Disagree.....19%
- 4. Strongly Disagree.....30%
- 5. Not Sure (Vol).....11%

Q47: Natural gas drilling in Pennsylvania poses a major risk to the state's water resources.

- 1. Strongly Agree.....31%
- 2. Somewhat Agree.....27%
- 3. Somewhat Disagree.....14%
- 4. Strongly Disagree.....15%
- 5. Not Sure (Vol).....13%

Q48: Natural gas drilling companies should not have to disclose the chemicals they inject underground in the drilling process because they contend that those chemicals are a trade secret that belong to them.

- 1. Strongly Agree.....6%
- 2. Somewhat Agree.....4%
- 3. Somewhat Disagree.....9%
- 4. Strongly Disagree.....76%
- 5. Not Sure (Vol).....5%

Q49: A tax on natural gas drillers in Pennsylvania will cause drilling companies to decrease the number of employees that they hire in the state.

- 1. Strongly Agree.....14%
- 2. Somewhat Agree.....21%
- 3. Somewhat Disagree.....19%
- 4. Strongly Disagree.....33%
- 5. Not Sure (Vol).....13%

Q:50: Concerns regarding the environmental impacts of natural gas drilling in Pennsylvania are being overstated by the media.

- 1. Strongly Agree.....24%
- 2. Somewhat Agree.....24%
- 3. Somewhat Disagree.....16%
- 4. Strongly Disagree.....25%
- 5. Not Sure (Vol).....12%

Q51: Governor Corbett's decisions on natural gas drilling in Pennsylvania are influenced too much by natural gas companies.

- 1. Strongly Agree.....31%
- 2. Somewhat Agree.....23%
- 3. Somewhat Disagree.....10%
- 4. Strongly Disagree.....13%
- 5. Not Sure (Vol).....23%

Q52: Next, I would like to ask you a few questions on the issue of global warming. From what you've read and heard. Is there solid evidence that the average temperature on earth has been getting warmer over the past four decades?

- 1. Yes 69%
- 2. No (SKIP TO Q54)..... 25%
- 3. Not Sure (SKIP TO Q 55).....7%

Q53. What is the primary factor that has caused you to believe that temperatures on earth are increasing?

(OPN) THE CODED RESULTS WILL BE RELEASED AT A LATER DATE

(SKIP to Q 55)

Q54. What is the primary factor that makes you believe that temperatures on earth are not increasing?

(OPN) THE CODED RESULTS WILL BE RELEASED AT A LATER DATE

Q55. Finally, I have a few questions about yourself. First, what is your current marital status?

1. Single20%
2. Married.....53%
3. Separated.....3%
4. Divorced.....8%
5. Widowed.....14%
6. Partnered.....1%

Q56. What is your highest level of education? Is it (READ LIST)?

1. Less than HS..... 5%
2. Hs grad.....38%
3. Some college..... 26%
4. College graduate.....17%
5. Graduate or professional degree.....12%
6. Not sure.....<1%

Q57. Which of the following categories best describes your racial identity? (READ LIST)

1. White/Caucasian.....80%
2. African-American..... 8%
3. Hispanic.....6%
4. Asian American.....2%
5. Native-American.....1%
6. Mixed Race..... 3%
7. Other.....<1%

Q58. Which of the following categories best describes your religious affiliation? Are you (READ LIST)?

- 1. Catholic.....36%
- 2. Protestant.....40%
- 3. Jewish..... 2%
- 4. Muslim.....<1%
- 5. Hindu.....<1%
- 6. Other Religion (Including agnostic).....12%
- 7. or Atheist 6%
- 8. Not Sure(Volunteered).....3%

Q59. Which of the following categories best describes your family income? (READ LIST)

- 1. Under \$20,000.....12%
- 2. \$20-40,000.....28%
- 3. \$40-60,000.....22%
- 4. \$60-80,000.....13%
- 5. \$80-100,000.....13%
- 6. Over \$100,000.....10%
- 7. Not sure.....2%

Q60. How many children do you have under 18? _____

- None 69%
- 1 Child12%
- 2 or more Children.....19%

Q61. Thank you for your help with the survey. We appreciate your time. (DO NOT ASK!)

- 1. Male.....48%
- 2. Female.....52%