

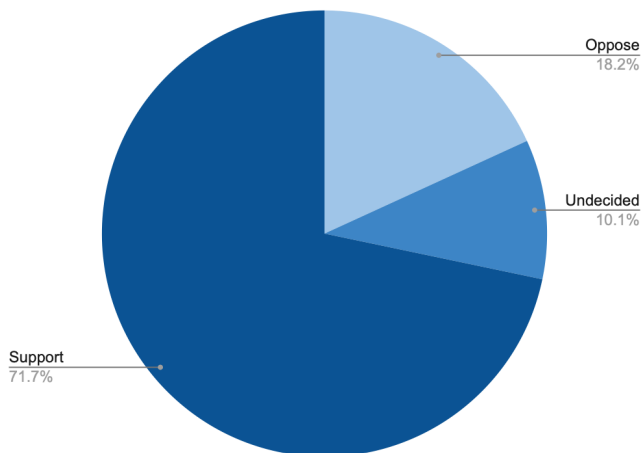
# Poll: Mainers want Background Checks & 72 Hour Waiting Periods

## Overview

New poll shows broad support among Mainers for the Maine legislature to pass universal background checks and 72 hour waiting periods. The poll, conducted by Pan Atlantic Research and released in June 2023, shows that four times as many Mainers support background checks as oppose them. 72 hour waiting periods garnered even more relative support, with nearly five times as many Mainers supporting them as opposing them. Among Republicans, gun owners, and in the most conservative districts, support for these gun safety measures is, at minimum, twice that of opposition, and in most cases considerably higher.

## Poll Results

Background Checks - Poll: Maine (All)



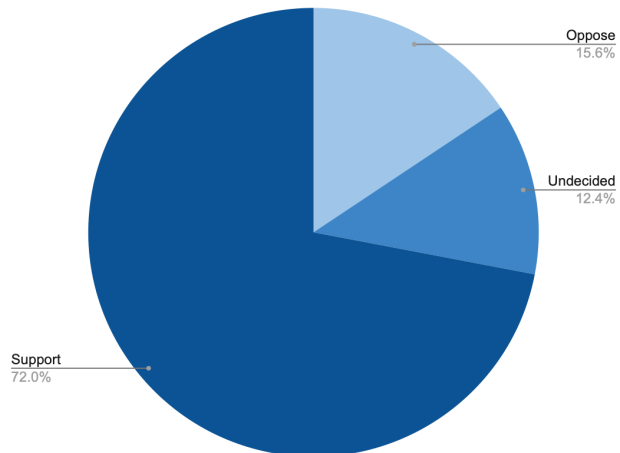
### Background Checks

**Mainers Support: 72%**

**Mainers Oppose: 18%**

**Mainers Undecided: 10%**

72 Hour Waiting Period - Poll: Maine (All)



### 72 Hour Waiting Periods

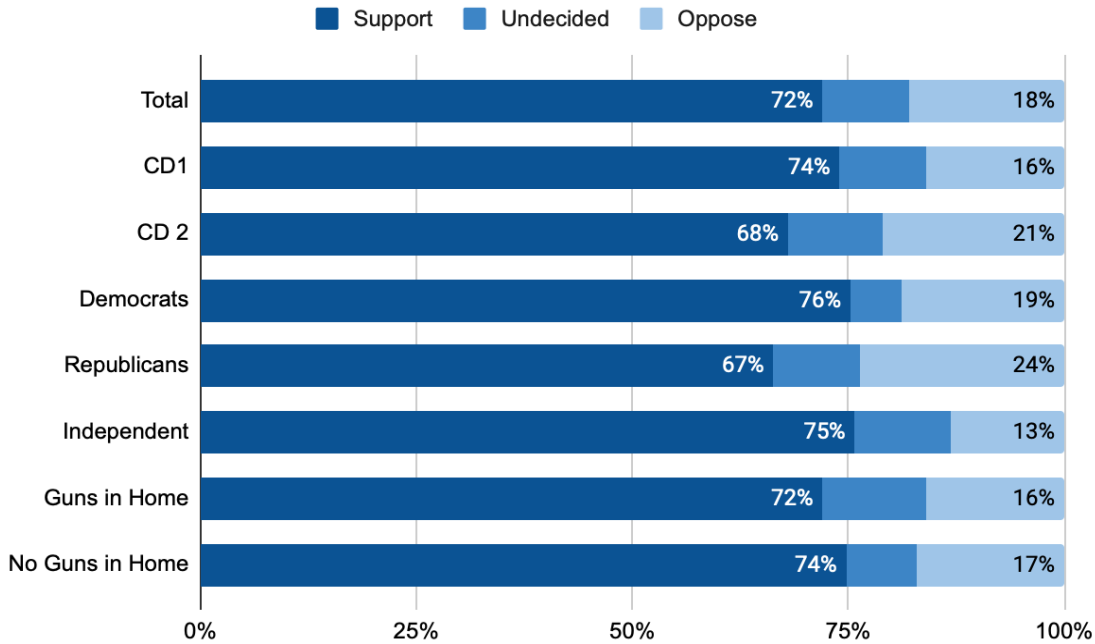
**Mainers Support: 72%**

**Mainers Oppose: 16%**

**Mainers Undecided: 12%**

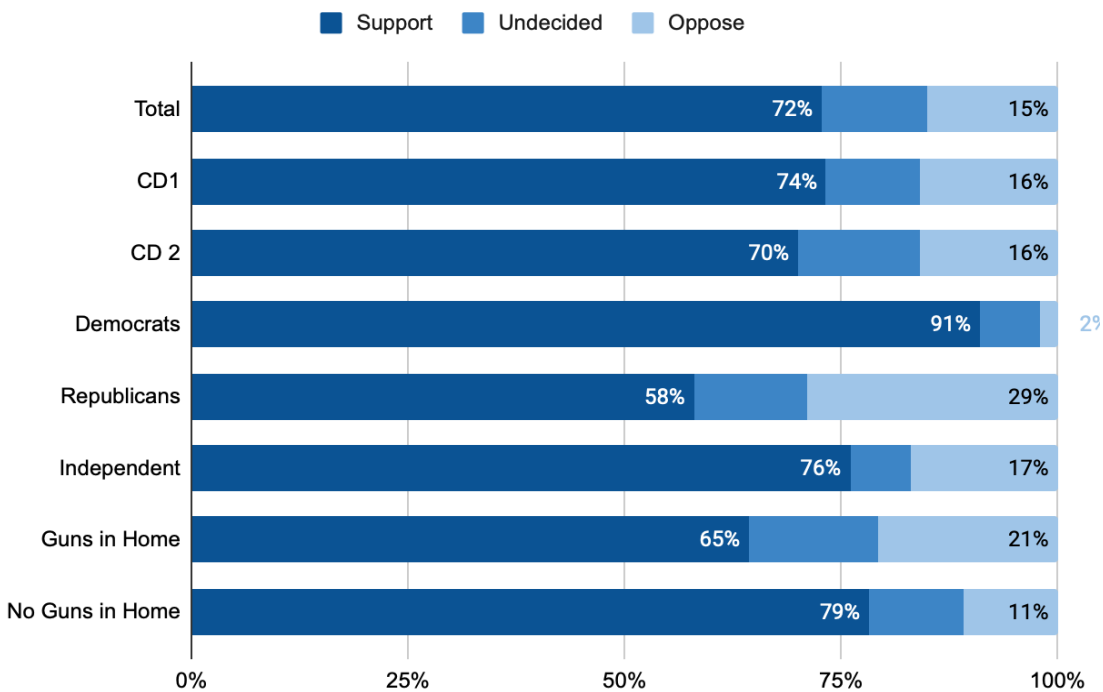
**Q1:** There is a proposal in the Maine legislature that would require a criminal background check of every person who buys a gun in Maine. In this proposed legislation, background checks would not be necessary for purchases by law enforcement or transfers between family members. Based on what you know, would you support or oppose such legislation?

### Background Checks: CD, Political Affiliation, Gun in Home Y/N



**Q2:** There is a proposal in the Maine legislature that would require a 72-hour waiting period between purchase of a firearm in Maine and delivery of the firearm. The intent of this legislation is to limit firearm suicides by those in crisis. Based on what you know, would you support or oppose such legislation?

### 72 Hr Waiting Period - Poll: CD, Political Affiliation, Gun in Home

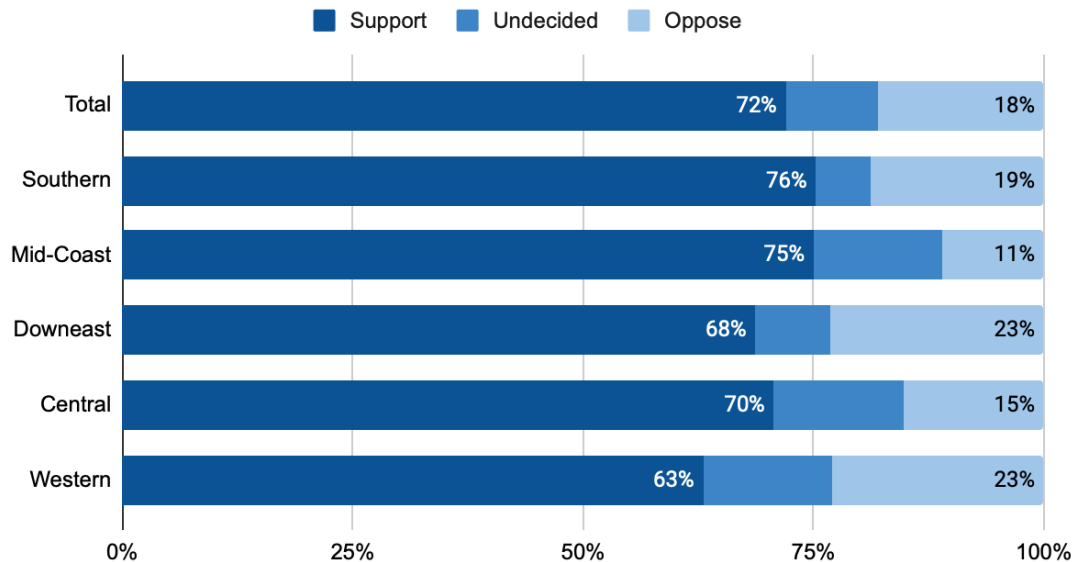


Poll: Pan Atlantic Research, June 2023

# Poll Results by Regions in Maine:

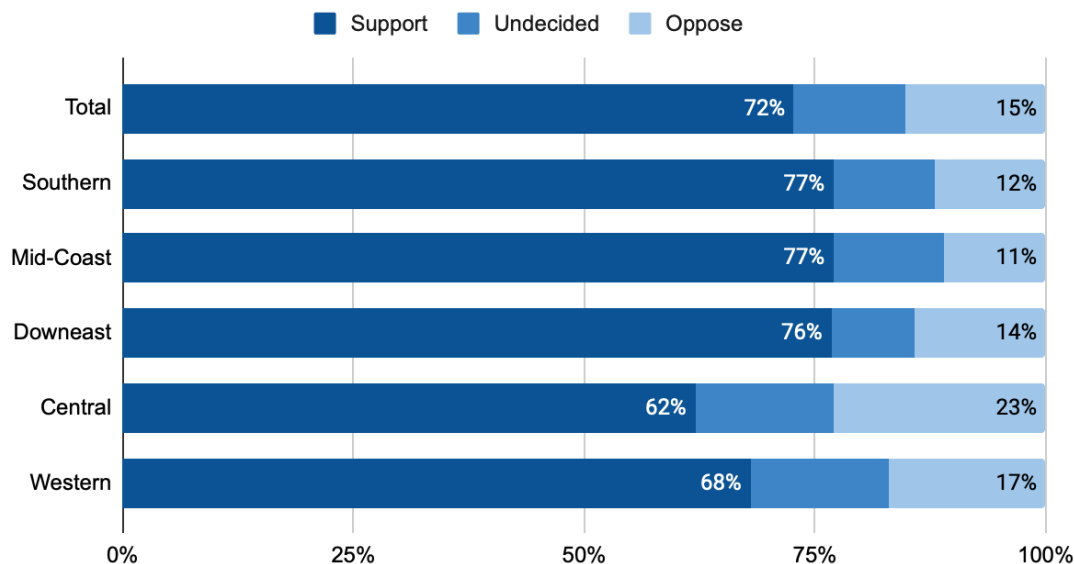
Pan Atlantic Research poll shows that support for Background Checks is 7 times greater than opposition for it in the most favorable region, Midcoast Maine. Support for Background Checks is nearly 3 times greater than opposition to it in the least favorable regions in the state, Downeast and Western Maine.

### Background Checks - Poll: Maine Regions



Pan Atlantic Research poll shows that support for 72 hr Waiting Periods is 7 times greater than opposition for it in the most favorable regions, Southern and Midcoast Maine. Support for Waiting Periods is more than 2.5 times greater than opposition to it in the least favorable region in the state, Central Maine.

### 72 Waiting Period - Poll: Maine Regions



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