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Subject: St. Petersburg, Florida survey conducted for FloridaPolitics.com

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Executive Summary:

This poll of 509 St. Petersburg, Florida likely voters was conducted on August 31-September 1, 2026. This poll used the registered voter lists supplied by the state of Florida as of August 11, 2026. The sample of voters that were contacted included random samples of registered voters within the boundaries of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida.

The issues surveyed included questions related to the 2026 election for Mayor for the City of St. Petersburg, Florida.

Methodology:

The poll was conducted through a combination of an automated phone call polling system and a manual P2P SMS polling system. The results were then weighted to account for proportional differences between the respondents' demographics and the demographics of the active voter population for St. Petersburg, Florida. The weighting demographics used were: political party, race, age and gender.

The respondents who stated that they were not planning to vote for Mayor in 2026 were excluded from these results.

The share of respondents by contact method: Phone call = 39% SMS texting = 61%

The scientific results shown for the questions below have a sample size of 509 and a 4.3% Margin of Error at a 95% confidence level.

Respondents' Demographics and Weighting Demographics:

Summary of the demographic breakdown of the registered voters who responded to this survey as well as the active voter demographics used to weight this survey, and the demographics for all registered voters in the city:

	RESPONDENTS	WEIGHTING	REGISTERED
Political Party:			
Democratic =	44.2%	44.5%	42.2%
Republican =	28.5%	28.6%	27.4%
Other =	27.3%	26.9%	30.4%
Race Breakdown:			
White, Not Hispanic =	73.7%	71.9%	68.8%
Black, Not Hispanic =	16.9%	15.8%	17.6%
Asian or Pacific Islander =	1.2%	2.5%	2.8%
Hispanic =	4.5%	5.3%	5.7%
Other or Unknown =	3.7%	4.5%	5.2%
Gender Breakdown:			
Female =	54.4%	53.8%	52.4%
Male =	45.2%	44.2%	45.3%
Age Breakdown:			
18 to 29 =	10.4%	11.9%	15.8%
30 to 49 =	29.3%	33.0%	34.4%
50 to 69 =	37.7%	34.2%	31.6%
70 and up =	22.6%	20.8%	18.1%

Summary of Scientific Results:

Do you plan to vote in the election for Mayor of St Petersburg this year?

Yes:	92.5%
Unsure:	7.5%

Do you approve of the job Ken Welch is doing as Mayor of St Petersburg?

Yes:	23.8%
No:	49.3%
Unsure:	26.9%

If the election for Mayor of St Petersburg were held today, and the candidates were Charlie Crist and Ken Welch, who would you vote for?

	FIRST QUESTION	WITH LEANERS
Charlie Crist:	48.4%	51.8%
Ken Welch:	26.0%	27.0%
Won't say/Undecided:	25.6%	21.2%

Detailed Results with Demographic Breakdowns for Each Question:

Do you plan to vote in the election for Mayor of St Petersburg this year?

Yes:	92.5%
Unsure:	7.5%

Non-Weighted Results and Demographic Breakdowns:

Plan to vote:	92.5%
Unsure:	7.5%

Political Party Breakdown:

Democratic Party	225 responses	
Plan to vote:	94.7%	Unsure: 5.3%
Republican Party	145 responses	
Plan to vote:	95.2%	Unsure: 4.8%
Independent Voter	139 responses	
Plan to vote:	86.3%	Unsure: 13.7%

Race Breakdown:

White, Not Hispanic	375 responses	
Plan to vote:	95.2%	Unsure: 4.8%
Black, Not Hispanic	86 responses	
Plan to vote:	82.6%	Unsure: 17.4%
Asian or Pacific Islander	6 responses	
Plan to vote:	83.3%	Unsure: 16.7%
Hispanic	23 responses	
Plan to vote:	95.7%	Unsure: 4.3%
Other or Unknown	19 responses	
Plan to vote:	84.2%	Unsure: 15.8%

Gender Breakdown:

Male	230 responses	
Plan to vote:	93.5%	Unsure: 6.5%
Female	277 responses	
Plan to vote:	91.7%	Unsure: 8.3%

Age Breakdown:

18 to 29	53 responses	
Plan to vote:	86.8%	Unsure: 13.2%
30 to 49	149 responses	
Plan to vote:	96.6%	Unsure: 3.4%
50 to 69	192 responses	
Plan to vote:	91.7%	Unsure: 8.3%
70 and up	115 responses	
Plan to vote:	91.3%	Unsure: 8.7%

Do you approve of the job Ken Welch is doing as Mayor of St Petersburg?

Yes:	23.8%
No:	49.3%
Unsure:	26.9%

Non-Weighted Results and Demographic Breakdowns:

Yes:	23.8%
No:	49.3%
Unsure:	26.9%

Political Party Breakdown:

Democratic Party 225 responses

Yes:	34.7%	No:	37.8%	Unsure:	27.6%
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Republican Party 145 responses

Yes:	12.4%	No:	72.4%	Unsure:	15.2%
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Independent Voter 139 responses

Yes:	18.0%	No:	43.9%	Unsure:	38.1%
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Race Breakdown:

White, Not Hispanic 375 responses

Yes:	17.3%	No:	55.7%	Unsure:	26.9%
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Black, Not Hispanic 86 responses

Yes:	48.8%	No:	27.9%	Unsure:	23.3%
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Asian or Pacific Islander 6 responses

Yes:	33.3%	No:	66.7%	Unsure:	0%
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Hispanic 23 responses

Yes:	30.4%	No:	47.8%	Unsure:	21.7%
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Other or Unknown 19 responses

Yes:	26.3%	No:	15.8%	Unsure:	57.9%
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Gender Breakdown:

Male 230 responses

Yes:	22.2%	No:	53.5%	Unsure:	24.3%
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Female 277 responses

Yes:	25.3%	No:	46.2%	Unsure:	28.5%
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Age Breakdown:

18 to 29 53 responses

Yes:	18.9%	No:	47.2%	Unsure:	34.0%
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30 to 49 149 responses

Yes:	23.5%	No:	48.3%	Unsure:	28.2%
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50 to 69 192 responses

Yes:	21.9%	No:	50.5%	Unsure:	27.6%
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70 and up 115 responses

Yes:	29.6%	No:	49.6%	Unsure:	20.9%
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If the election for Mayor of St Petersburg were held today, and the candidates were Charlie Crist and Ken Welch, who would you vote for?

FIRST QUESTION

Charlie Crist:	48.4%
Ken Welch:	26.0%
Won't say/Undecided:	25.6%

Non-Weighted Results and Demographic Breakdowns:

Crist:	48.5%
Welch:	25.9%
Undecided:	25.5%

Political Party Breakdown:

Democratic Party	225 responses			
Crist:	39.1%	Welch:	35.6%	Undecided:
Republican Party	145 responses			
Crist:	61.4%	Welch:	14.5%	Undecided:
Independent Voter	139 responses			
Crist:	50.4%	Welch:	22.3%	Undecided:

Race Breakdown:

White, Not Hispanic	375 responses			
Crist:	52.0%	Welch:	21.3%	Undecided:
Black, Not Hispanic	86 responses			
Crist:	38.4%	Welch:	39.5%	Undecided:
Asian or Pacific Islander	6 responses			
Crist:	50.0%	Welch:	33.3%	Undecided:
Hispanic	23 responses			
Crist:	43.5%	Welch:	43.5%	Undecided:
Other or Unknown	19 responses			
Crist:	31.6%	Welch:	31.6%	Undecided:

Gender Breakdown:

Male	230 responses			
Crist:	53.0%	Welch:	21.7%	Undecided:
Female	277 responses			
Crist:	45.1%	Welch:	29.2%	Undecided:

Age Breakdown:

18 to 29	53 responses			
Crist:	35.8%	Welch:	28.3%	Undecided:
30 to 49	149 responses			
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Crist:	50.5%	Welch:	24.5%	Undecided:
70 and up	115 responses			
Crist:	53.9%	Welch:	24.3%	Undecided:

If the election for Mayor of St Petersburg were held today, and the candidates were Charlie Crist and Ken Welch, who would you vote for?

WITH LEANERS

Charlie Crist:	51.8%
Ken Welch:	27.0%
Won't say/Undecided:	21.2%

Non-Weighted Results and Demographic Breakdowns:

Crist:	51.9%
Welch:	26.9%
Unsure:	21.2%

Political Party Breakdown:

Democratic Party	225 responses				
Crist:	42.7%	Welch:	36.9%	Unsure:	20.4%
Republican Party	145 responses				
Crist:	62.8%	Welch:	15.2%	Unsure:	22.1%
Independent Voter	139 responses				
Crist:	55.4%	Welch:	23.0%	Unsure:	21.6%

Race Breakdown:

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Crist:	55.7%	Welch:	22.7%	Unsure:	21.6%
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Crist:	40.7%	Welch:	39.5%	Unsure:	19.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	6 responses				
Crist:	50.0%	Welch:	33.3%	Unsure:	16.7%
Hispanic	23 responses				
Crist:	47.8%	Welch:	43.5%	Unsure:	8.7%
Other or Unknown	19 responses				
Crist:	31.6%	Welch:	31.6%	Unsure:	36.8%

Gender Breakdown:

Male	230 responses				
Crist:	58.7%	Welch:	23.0%	Unsure:	18.3%
Female	277 responses				
Crist:	46.6%	Welch:	30.0%	Unsure:	23.5%

Age Breakdown:

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30 to 49	149 responses				
Crist:	51.7%	Welch:	30.9%	Unsure:	17.4%
50 to 69	192 responses				
Crist:	51.6%	Welch:	25.0%	Unsure:	23.4%
70 and up	115 responses				
Crist:	55.7%	Welch:	24.3%	Unsure:	20.0%