

THE WMUR GRANITE STATE POLL

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NH CONGRESSIONAL INCUMBENTS - LIKELY REELECTION

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DURHAM, NH – Republican Congressmen Charlie Bass and Jeb Bradley and Senator Judd Gregg are all poised to win reelection in November. All lead their Democratic challengers by wide margins.

These findings are based on the latest **WMUR Granite State Poll**,[?] conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center. The Granite State Poll is sponsored by WMUR-TV, Manchester and the University of New Hampshire. Five hundred seventy-nine (579) randomly selected adults were interviewed by telephone between September 27 and October 3, 2004. The margin of sampling error for the survey is +/-4.1 percent. Included in this sample were 538 likely November 2004 voters. The margin of error for the likely voter sub-sample is +/- 4.3 percent. (For more detailed results, visit the Survey Center web site at www.unh.edu/survey-center/nhelect100604.pdf)

US Senate

Two-term Republican Senator Judd Gregg holds a commanding lead over his Democratic challenger, Doris “Granny D” Haddock. Haddock, a political activist from Dublin, is best known for her support of campaign finance reform legislation. It was widely believed that Gregg would prevail for a third-term reelection even before Granny D registered as a candidate and her candidacy has made little headway against the incumbent. In the latest WMUR Granite State Poll, 62 percent of likely New Hampshire voters say they would vote for Gregg, 21 percent would vote for Haddock, and 16 percent are undecided.

Gregg receives strong support from most New Hampshire voters, especially from Republicans, conservatives, men, and upper income voters. Granny D’s strongest supporters are Democrats and liberals. An indication of the breadth of support for Gregg is that union households prefer him by a 60 percent to 20 percent margin.

First Congressional District

In New Hampshire’s First Congressional District, first term Republican Jeb Bradley appears to be on his way to a second term. His Democratic challenger is Justin Nadeau, an attorney from Portsmouth. Currently, 58 percent of First District voters say they will vote for Bradley, only 25 percent prefer Nadeau, and 17 percent are undecided. Support for Nadeau is slightly higher than it was in July while Representative Bradley’s numbers are unchanged.

Bradley receives his strongest support from Republicans, conservatives, and men. Nadeau’s strongest supporters include Democrats, liberals, and voters with post-graduate educations.

[?] We ask that this copyrighted information be referred to as *the WMUR Granite State Poll*, sponsored by WMUR-TV and the University of New Hampshire.

Second Congressional District

In the Second Congressional District, 5-term Republican Charlie Bass is also well-positioned to hold his seat against Democrat Paul Hodes, an attorney from Concord. Currently, 53 percent of 2nd District voters say they will vote for Bass, 28 percent prefer Hodes, and 18 percent are undecided. The race in the 2nd District is relatively unchanged since July.

Representative Bass' strongest support comes from Republicans and conservatives. Hodes strongest supporters include Democrats and liberals. Bass is known as a moderate Republican and his political moderation is appealing to political independents who currently favor Bass by a 62 percent to 9 percent margin.

Granite State Poll Methodology

These findings are based on the most recent Granite State Poll conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center from September 27 to October 3 2004. A random sample of 579 New Hampshire adults was interviewed by telephone. In 95 of 100 cases, the statewide estimates will be accurate to plus or minus 4.1 percent. Included in this sample were 538 likely November 2004 voters. The margin of error for the likely voter sub-sample is +/- 4.3 percent. Results reported for other subgroups have potential for somewhat larger variation than those for the entire population.

The data have been weighted to adjust for numbers of adults and telephone lines within households, respondent sex, and region of the state. In addition to potential sampling error, all surveys have other potential sources of non-sampling error including question order effects, question wording effects, and non-response.

Trail Heat – Gregg vs. Haddock (Likely Voters)

"Now, suppose the 2004 election for U.S. Senator for New Hampshire was being held TODAY. If you had to choose between Judd Gregg, the Republican or Doris Haddock, the Democrat, whom would you vote for?"

	<u>Gregg</u>	<u>Haddock</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>(N)</u>
Statewide					
Sept. '04 (Latest)	62%	21%	0%	16%	(527)
July '04	65	20	0	15	(456)

Trail Heat – Bradley vs. Nadeau (Likely Voters in 1st C.D.)

"Now, suppose the 2004 election for the U.S. House of Representatives from the FIRST DISTRICT was being held TODAY. If you had to choose between Jeb Bradley, the Republican or Justin Nadeau, the Democrat, whom would you vote for?"

	<u>Bradley</u>	<u>Nadeau</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>(N)</u>
1st C.D.					
Sept. '04 (Latest)	58%	25%	0%	17%	(270)
July '04	58	21	1	19	(239)

Trail Heat – Bass vs. Hodes (Likely Voters in 2nd C.D.)

"Now, suppose the 2004 election for the U.S. House of Representatives from the SECOND DISTRICT was being held TODAY. If you had to choose between Charlie Bass, the Republican or Paul Hodes, the Democrat, whom would you vote for?"

	<u>Bass</u>	<u>Hodes</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>(N)</u>
2nd C.D.					
Sept. '04 (Latest)	53%	28%	1%	18%	(256)
July '04	57	28	0	15	(217)

NH Senate: Gregg vs. Haddock

	<u>Judd Gregg</u> 62%	<u>Doris Haddock</u> 21%	<u>Other</u> 0%	<u>DK/ Not Sure</u> 16%	<u>(N)</u> 527
STATEWIDE					
Registered Democrat	29	46	2	23	119
Undeclared	58	23	0	19	246
Registered Republican	93	0	0	6	153
Democrat	38	45	1	17	204
Independent	55	16	0	28	71
Republican	86	2	0	12	242
Liberal	31	53	1	14	107
Moderate	63	19	0	18	214
Conservative	87	3	0	10	166
Union household	60	20	2	18	76
Non-union	63	21	0	16	445
5 years or less in NH	54	22	0	24	61
6 to 10 years	59	19	0	22	41
11 to 20 years	59	23	1	17	96
More than 20 years	64	21	0	15	319
18 to 34	51	21	0	28	109
35 to 49	66	18	1	15	174
50 to 64	64	21	0	15	147
65 and over	63	26	1	10	77
Male	66	20	0	13	254
Female	59	22	0	19	273
High school or less	61	15	0	24	127
Some college	68	20	0	12	125
College graduate	63	21	1	15	186
Post-graduate	51	33	0	16	87
Less than \$30K	56	23	0	21	56
\$30K to \$60K	60	22	0	18	128
\$60K to \$75K	57	27	2	14	57
\$75K to \$100K	70	16	0	14	74
More than \$100K	65	20	1	14	85
Married	63	22	1	15	383
Divorced/separated	68	15	0	17	79
Never married	49	26	0	25	63
Protestant	64	20	0	16	200
Catholic	68	16	1	16	190
Other	47	34	0	20	116
Northern NH	58	24	0	18	67
Western NH	54	30	0	15	49
Central/Lakes	66	19	1	14	87
Hillsborough County	69	14	0	17	157
Seacoast	58	25	1	17	166
1st Cong. District	62	22	0	15	274
2nd Cong. District	62	20	0	18	253
1st E.C. District	62	22	0	15	101
2nd E.C. District	63	20	1	16	121
3rd E.C. District	50	31	1	18	106
4th E.C. District	76	13	0	10	90
5th E.C. District	60	17	0	23	102

NH 1st Congressional District: Bradley vs. Nadeau

1st Cong. District	Jeb Bradley 58%	Justin Nadeau 25%	Other 0%	DK/ Not Sure 17%	(N) 270
Registered Democrat	23	59	0	18	63
Undeclared	50	22	0	27	116
Registered Republican	94	4	0	2	86
Democrat	30	51	0	20	102
Independent	34	31	2	34	33
Republican	88	3	0	10	130
Liberal	24	60	0	16	55
Moderate	61	19	0	19	103
Conservative	85	8	0	7	89
Union household	52	31	0	17	34
Non-union	58	24	0	17	233
5 years or less in NH	43	26	2	29	23
6 to 10 years	68	20	0	12	28
11 to 20 years	58	27	0	15	53
More than 20 years	60	24	0	17	164
18 to 34	45	26	0	29	63
35 to 49	63	22	0	15	85
50 to 64	63	21	0	16	70
65 and over	63	32	0	5	43
Male	67	20	0	13	129
Female	50	29	0	20	141
High school or less	57	16	1	26	57
Some college	69	19	0	13	70
College graduate	56	26	0	18	98
Post-graduate	48	45	0	7	44
Less than \$30K	34	39	2	26	31
\$30K to \$60K	59	22	0	19	77
\$60K to \$75K	56	42	0	3	22
\$75K to \$100K	74	12	0	14	33
More than \$100K	53	29	0	18	48
Married	61	24	0	15	182
Divorced/separated	52	27	1	19	47
Never married	50	27	0	24	39
Protestant	67	17	0	16	88
Catholic	62	24	0	14	102
Other	42	36	1	22	69

NH 2nd Congressional District: Bass vs. Hodes

2nd Cong. District	Charlie Bass 53%	Paul Hodes 28%	Other 1%	DK/ Not Sure 18%	(N) 256
Registered Democrat	25	60	0	15	56
Undeclared	51	24	1	23	132
Registered Republican	81	9	1	9	66
Democrat	27	54	0	18	101
Independent	62	9	4	25	40
Republican	74	11	0	15	111
Liberal	29	58	0	13	53
Moderate	55	24	2	19	114
Conservative	72	16	0	12	74
Union household	52	28	0	20	43
Non-union	53	27	1	18	211
5 years or less in NH	49	24	0	27	38
6 to 10 years	60	26	0	14	15
11 to 20 years	45	26	1	28	44
More than 20 years	55	30	1	14	153
18 to 34	45	25	0	30	46
35 to 49	60	24	0	15	88
50 to 64	50	34	0	17	78
65 and over	49	32	5	14	35
Male	54	30	2	14	124
Female	52	26	0	22	132
High school or less	52	25	3	20	72
Some college	50	33	0	17	54
College graduate	59	24	0	17	87
Post-graduate	46	35	0	20	42
Less than \$30K	49	38	0	13	26
\$30K to \$60K	61	25	0	14	51
\$60K to \$75K	56	34	0	9	35
\$75K to \$100K	52	25	1	22	41
More than \$100K	47	34	0	19	37
Married	55	29	1	15	201
Divorced/separated	49	18	0	33	32
Never married	41	35	0	25	23
Protestant	56	28	2	15	112
Catholic	58	21	0	21	87
Other	35	42	0	23	47