



New England Survey

Key findings from a survey of 1,650 registered voters in CT, ME, MA, NH, RI and VT including 660 cell phone-only interviews, conducted May 1-5, 2016.

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Methodology

Public Opinion Strategies is pleased to present the key findings of a multi-state telephone survey conducted in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The survey was completed May 1-5, 2016 among 1,650 registered voters and has a margin of error of $\pm 2.41\%$. Three hundred interviews were conducted in CT, ME, MA, NH, and RI, and one hundred fifty interviews were conducted in Vermont. The survey included 660 interviews among cell phone respondents.

Glen Bolger and Jim Hobart were the principal researchers on this project. Kyle Clark was the project director, and Victoria Van de Vate provided analytical support.

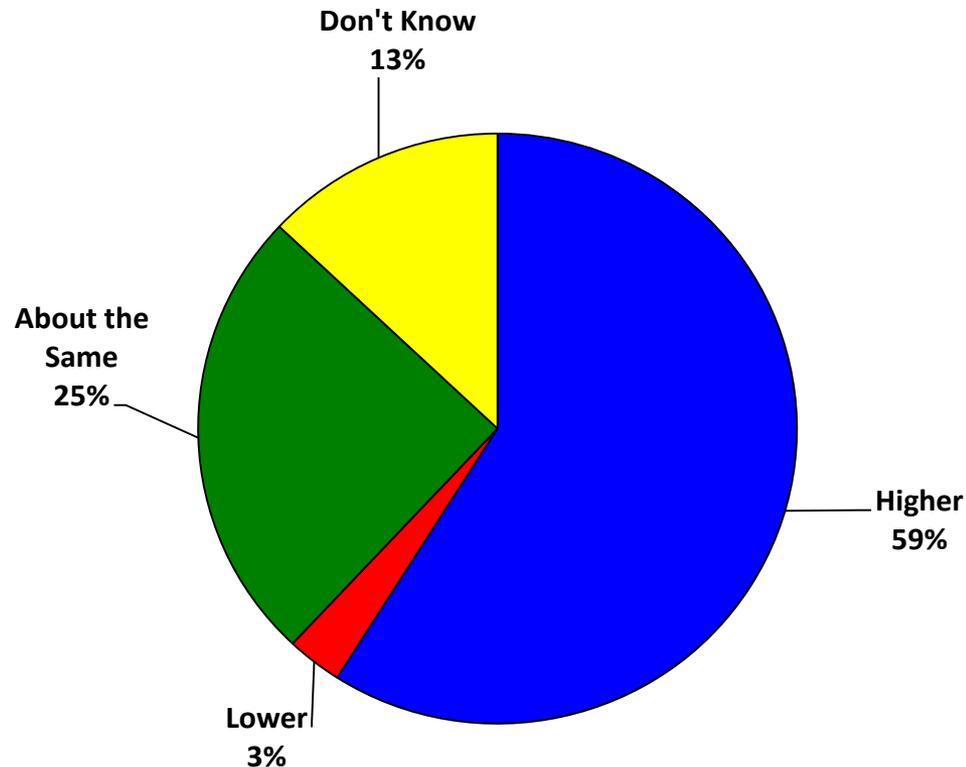


The Cost of Energy

A clear majority of voters say the cost of energy is higher in New England than the rest of the country.

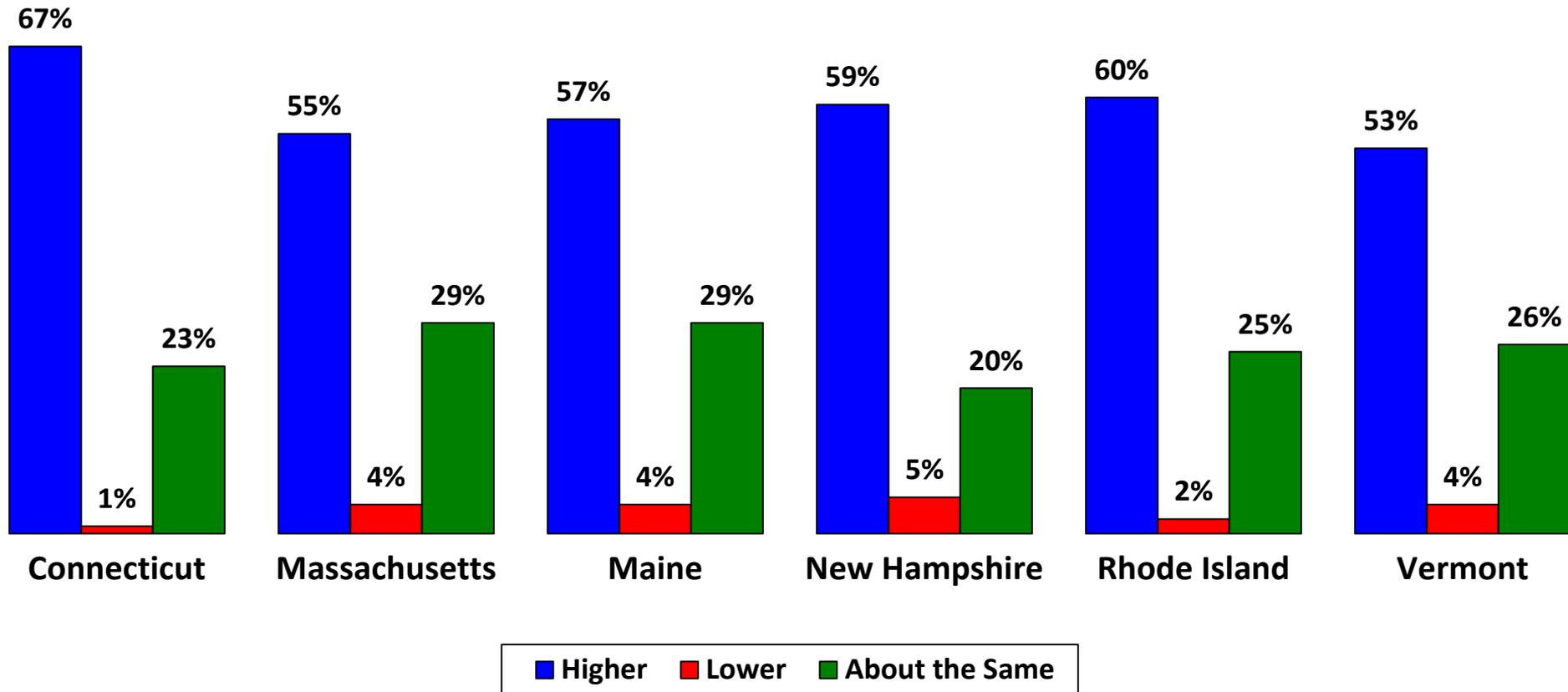
“Would you say that the cost of energy in New England is higher than the rest of the country, lower than the rest of the country, or about the same as the rest of the country?”

Overall



Across New England, a majority of voters say the cost of energy is higher than in the rest of the country.

Cost of Energy by State

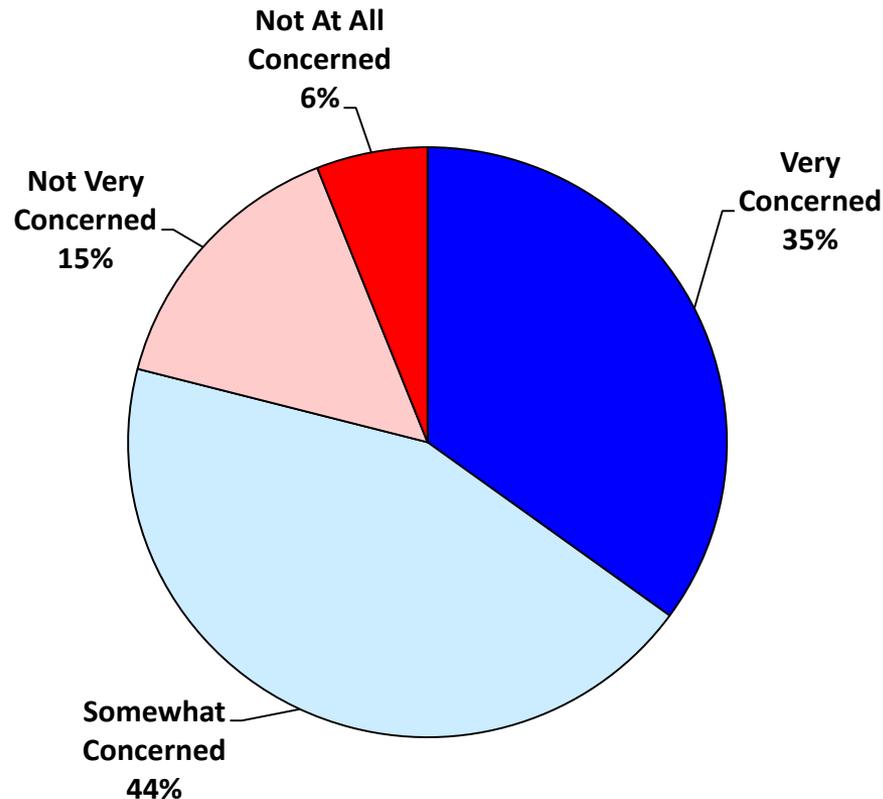


An overwhelming number of voters are concerned about the affordability of energy.

“How concerned are you about the affordability of energy here in New England?”

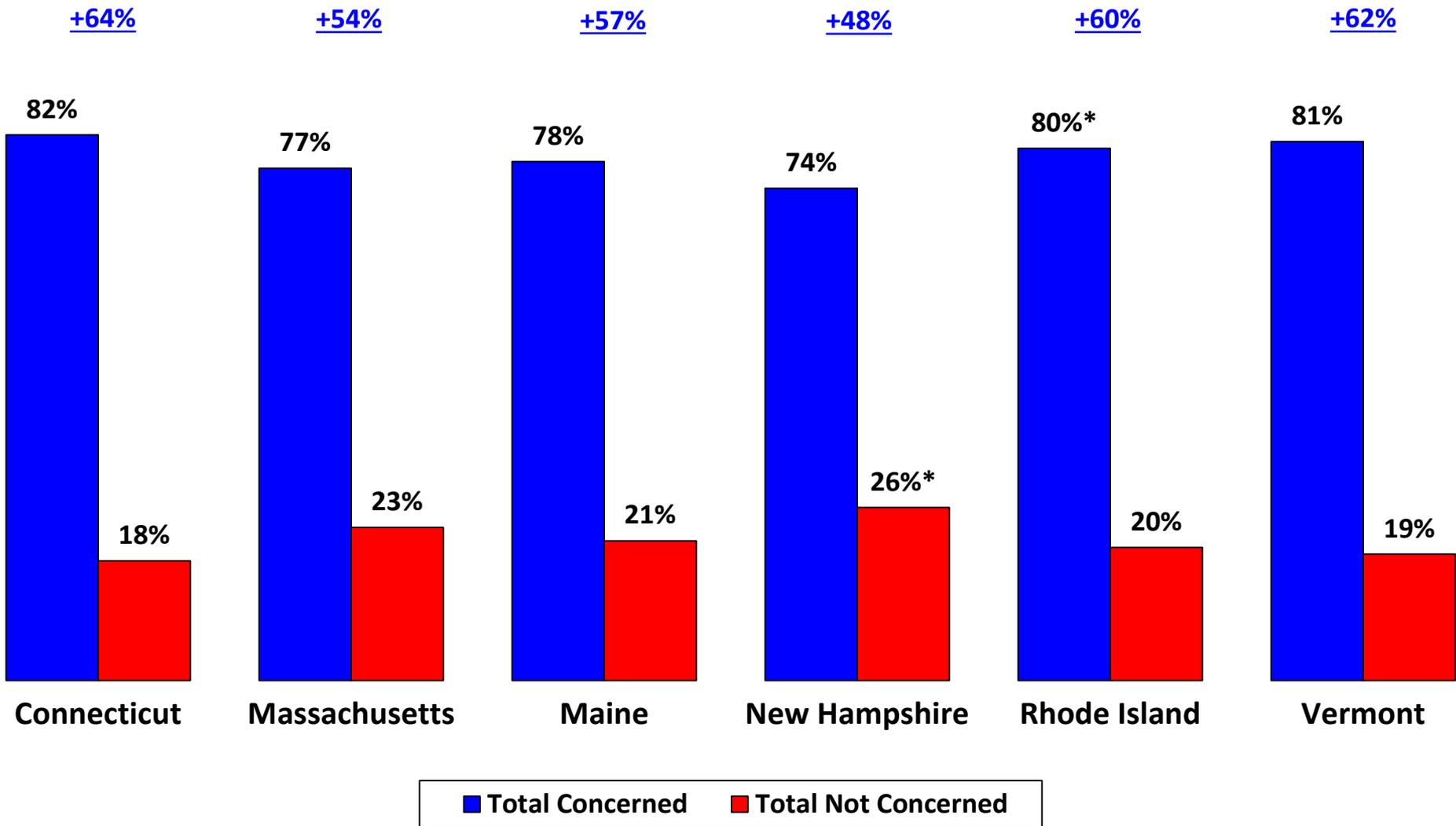
Overall

Concerned	79%
Not Concerned	21%



Voters across New England are concerned about the affordability of energy.

Affordability of Energy by State



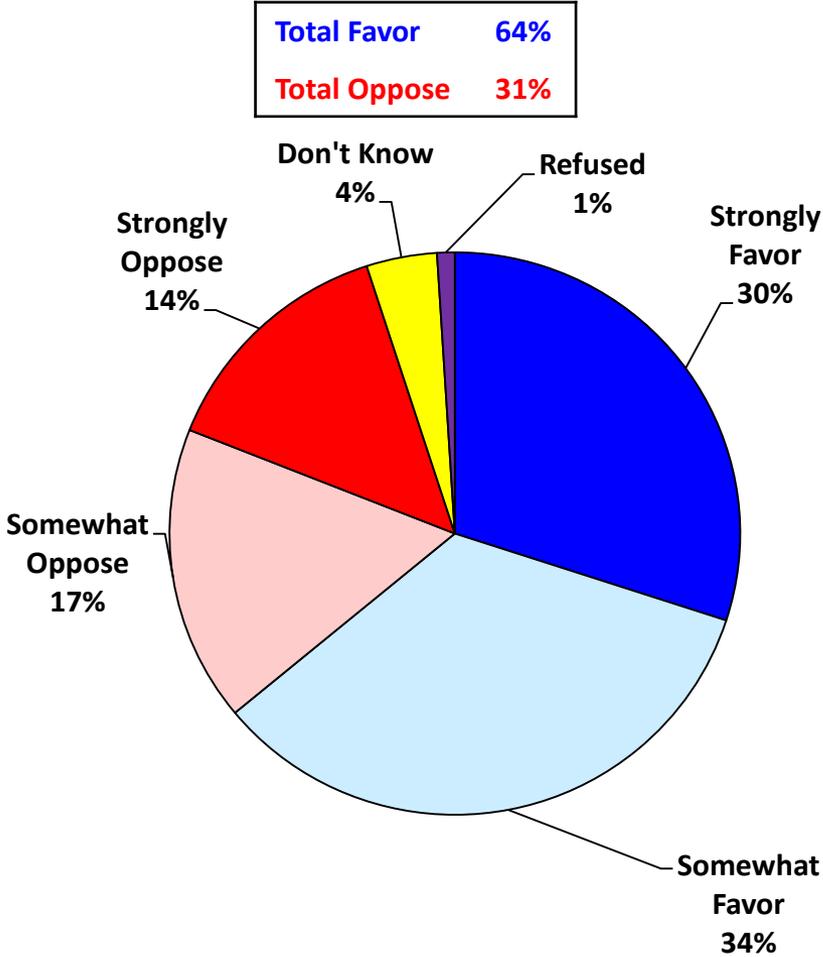
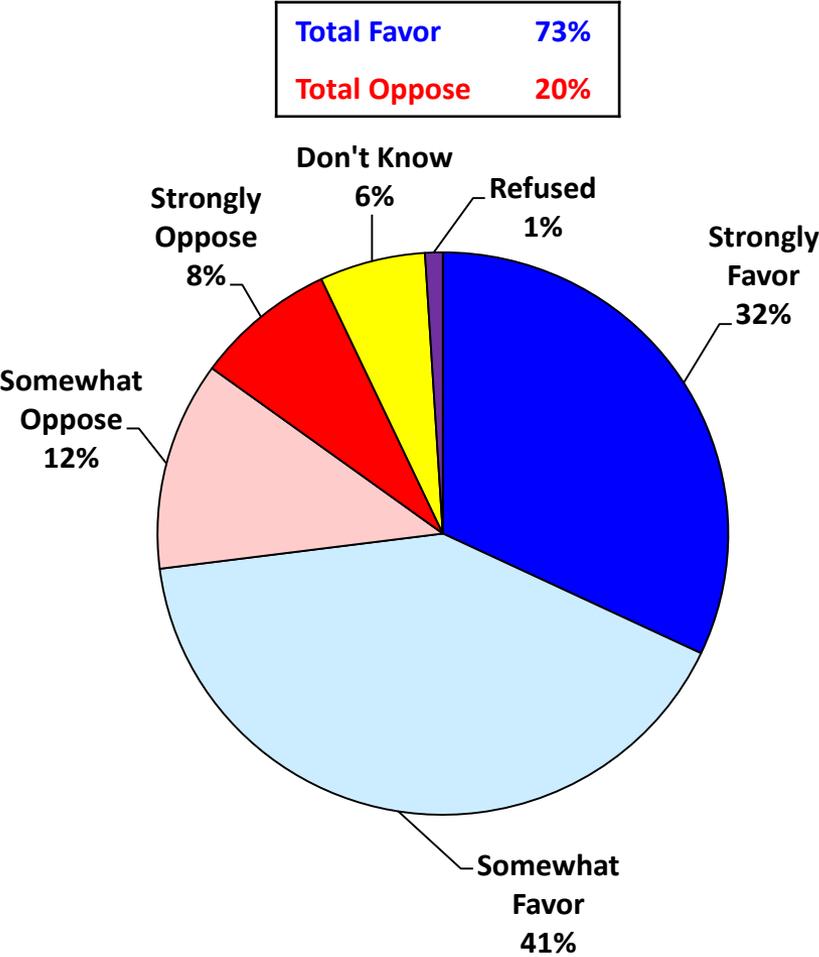


Views on Additional Infrastructure

Support for additional electricity and natural gas infrastructure is strong.

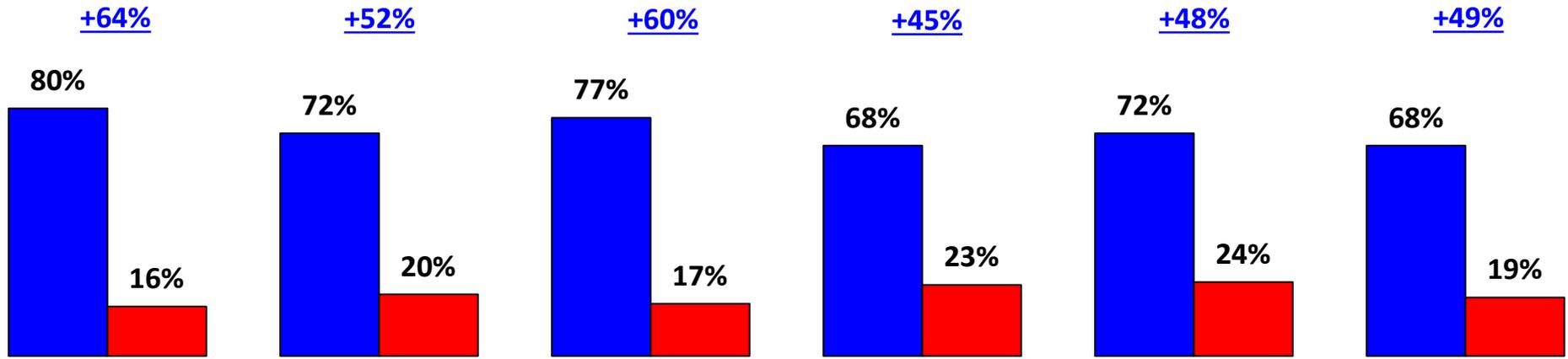
“Thinking now just about electrical infrastructure, would you favor or oppose the construction of additional electricity infrastructure in New England?”

“Thinking now just about natural gas infrastructure, would you favor or oppose the construction of additional natural gas infrastructure to fuel electricity generating plants and homes and businesses in New England?”

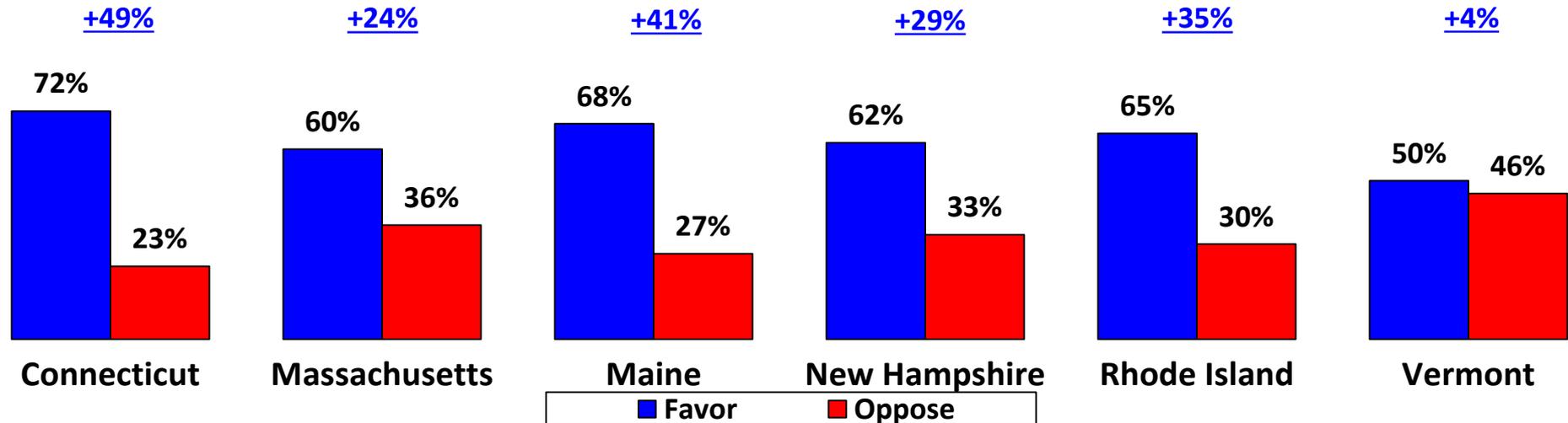


Majorities in all states support the construction of additional electrical and natural gas infrastructure.

Electrical Infrastructure



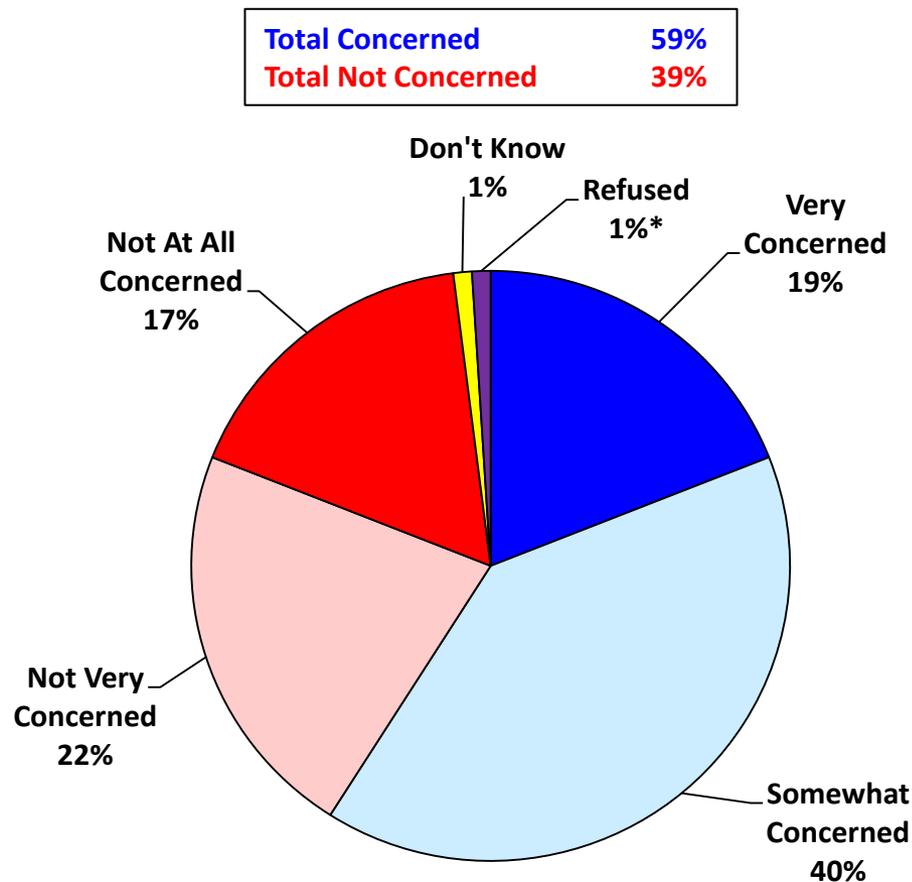
Natural Gas Infrastructure



A majority of voters are concerned about natural gas pipelines not being allowed to expand.

“Today, almost fifty percent of electricity in New England is generated by natural gas, compared to fifteen percent in the year 2000. However, the region’s natural gas pipelines have not been allowed to expand during that time. How concerned are you about New England’s natural gas pipelines not being allowed to expand?”

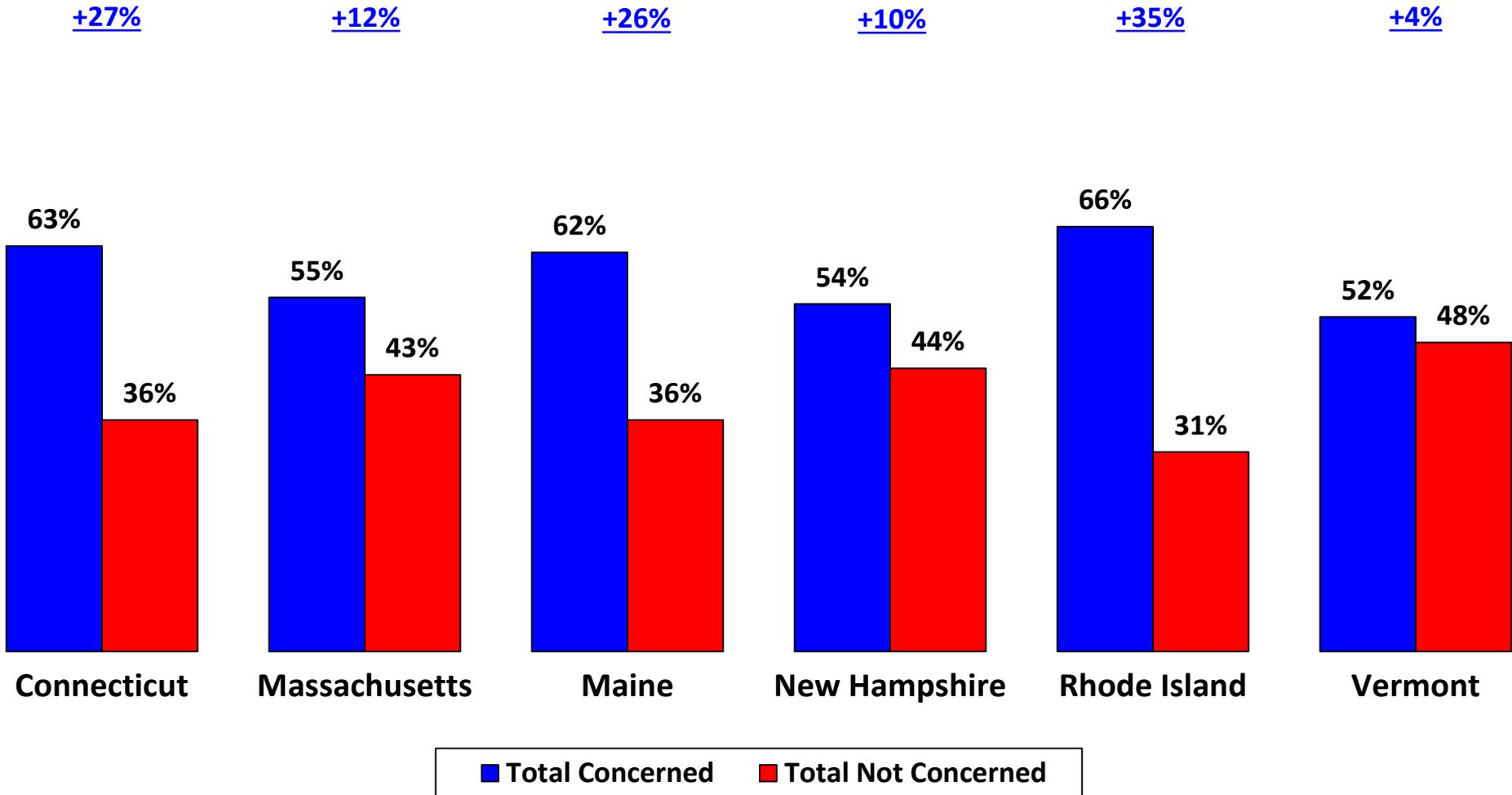
Overall



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Voters in all states are concerned about natural gas pipelines in the region not being allowed to expand.

Pipeline Expansion by State

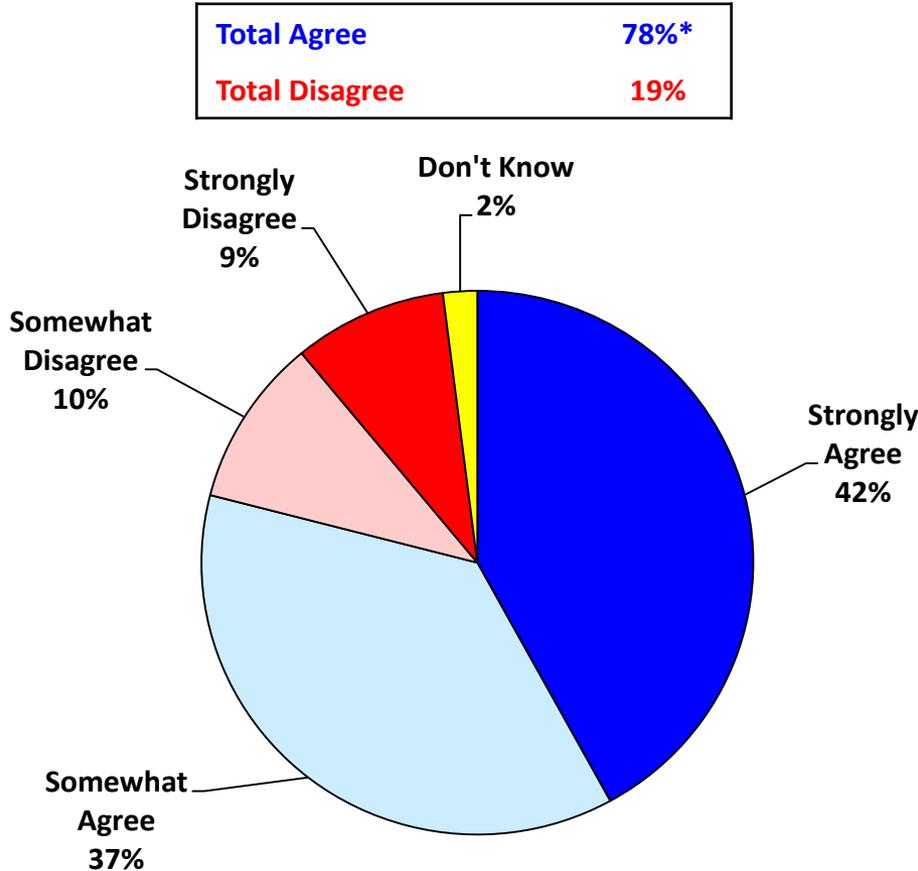




Views on an All Resource Strategy

An overwhelming number of voters agree that New England should pursue an all-resource strategy.

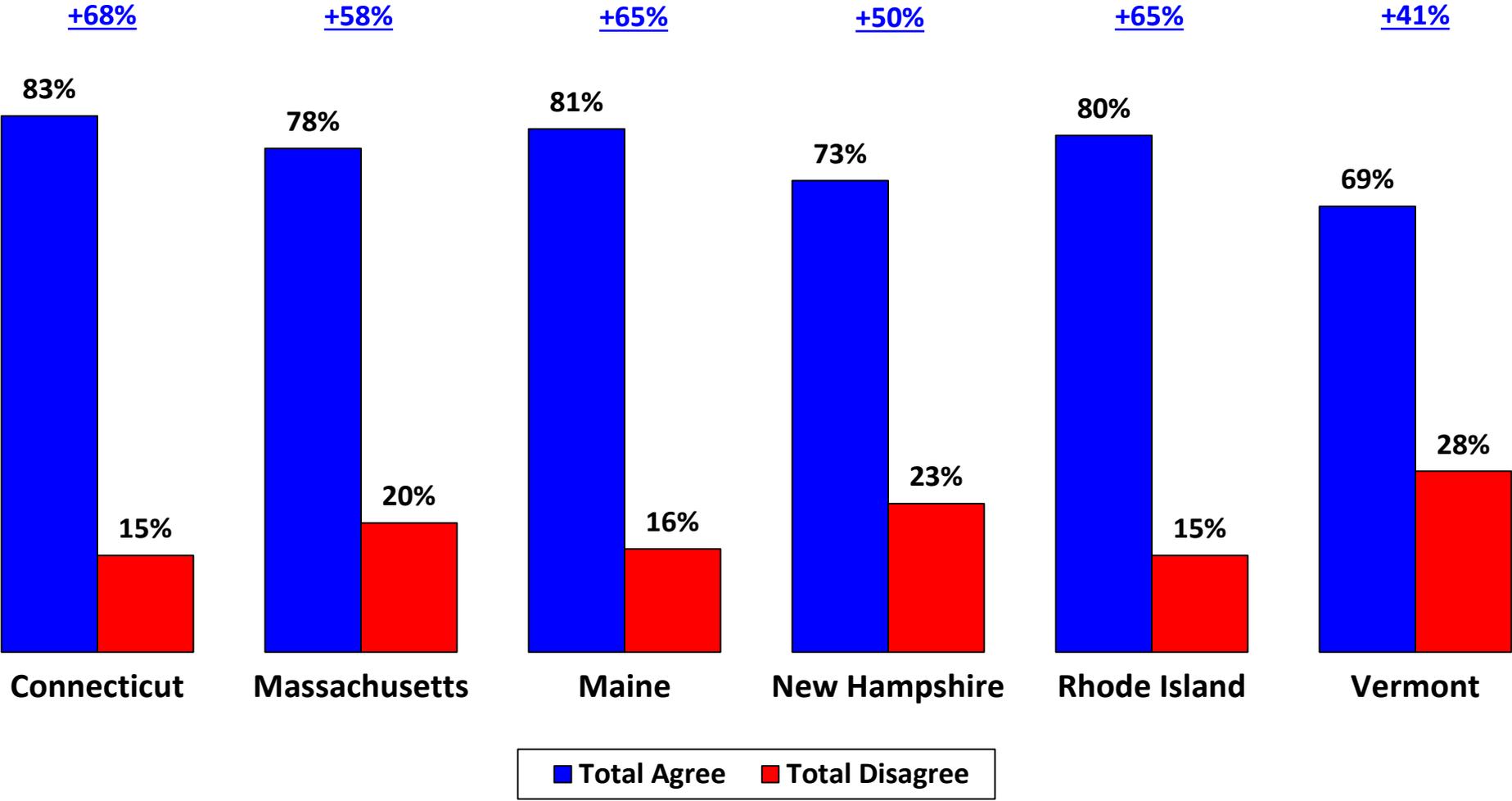
“Still thinking about energy, I would like to read you a statement. After I read it, please tell me if you agree or disagree with that statement. New England should pursue an all-resource strategy that includes expanded pipelines to bring natural gas, construction of large-scale wind projects, additional natural gas-fired power plants, new transmission lines for hydropower and wind energy, and increased use of solar power.”



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Support for an all-resource strategy is strong across New England.

All-Resource Strategy by State



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