

State of the State Survey Winter 2018

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**Survey Finds Whitmer and
Ballot Initiatives in the Lead**

About SOSS Wave 75

963 Interviews Completed

September 14, 2017 – January 18, 2018

Margin of Error: $\pm 3.16\%$

Male: 49.2%

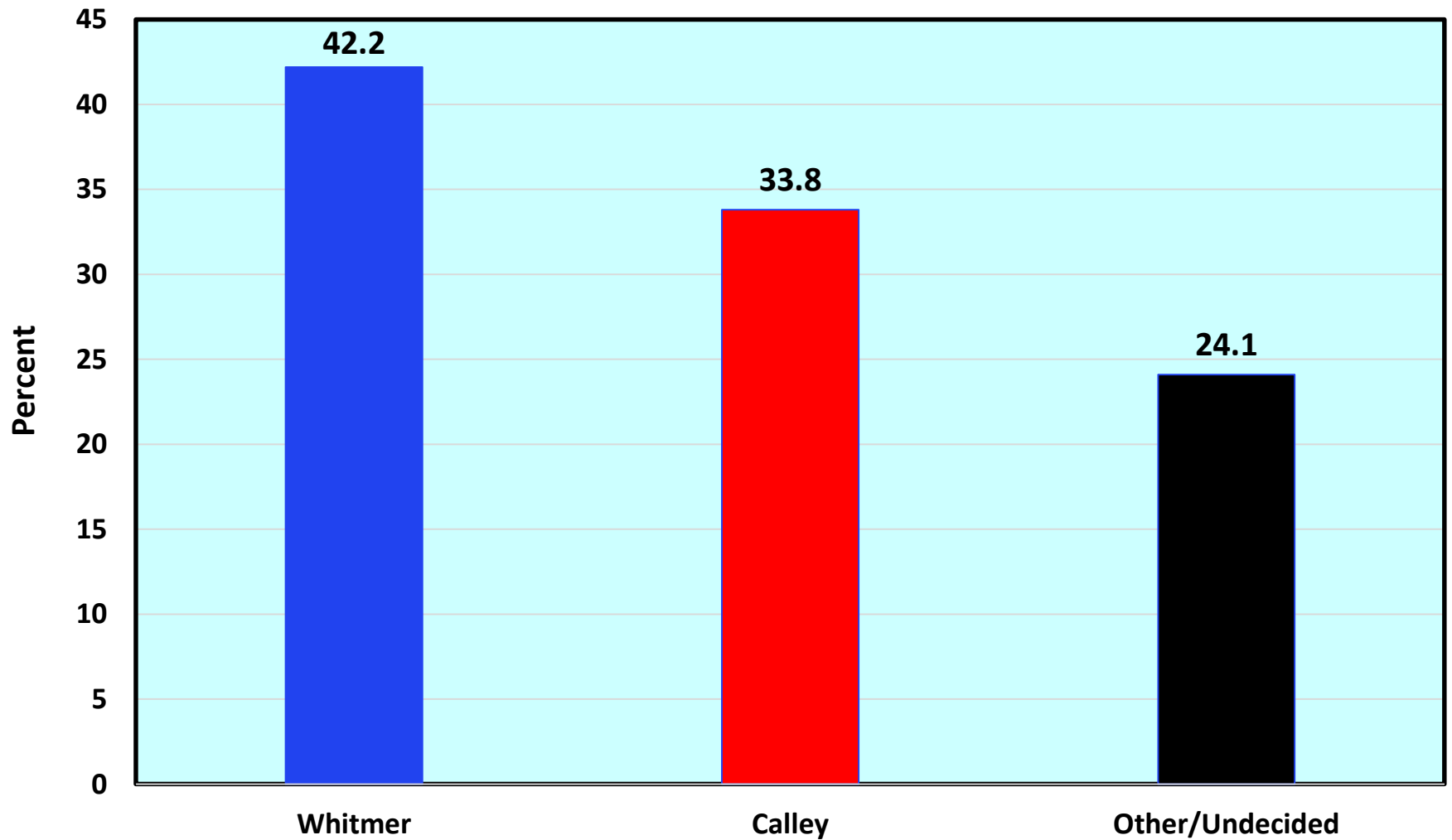
Female: 50.8%

White: 78.4%

Black: 13.7%

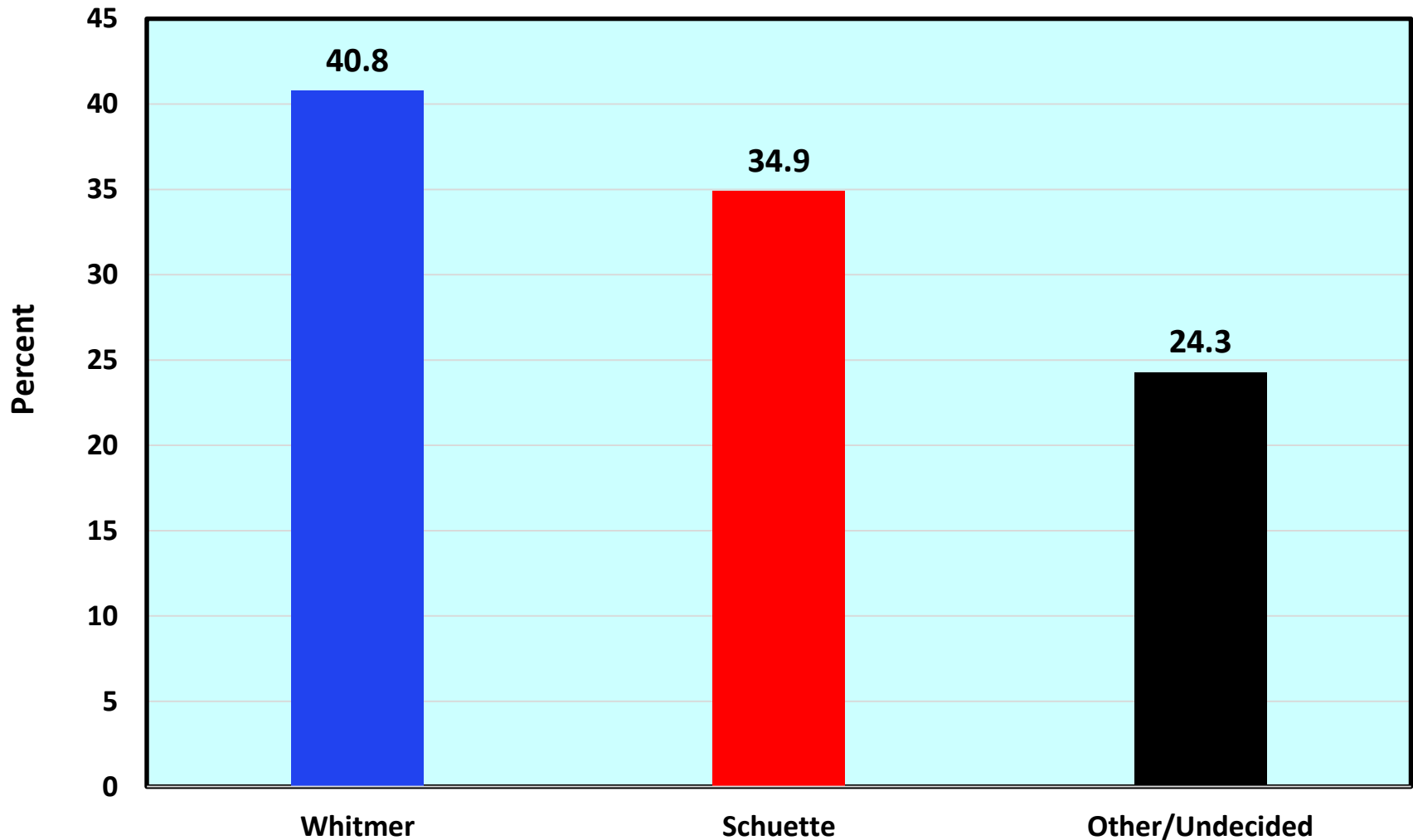
In a possible Governor's race, Gretchen Whitmer has a lead over Brian Calley, but nearly one-fourth of survey respondents are undecided.

Michigan Residents' Preferences in a Hypothetical Governor's Race Between Gretchen Whitmer and Brian Calley, Winter 2018



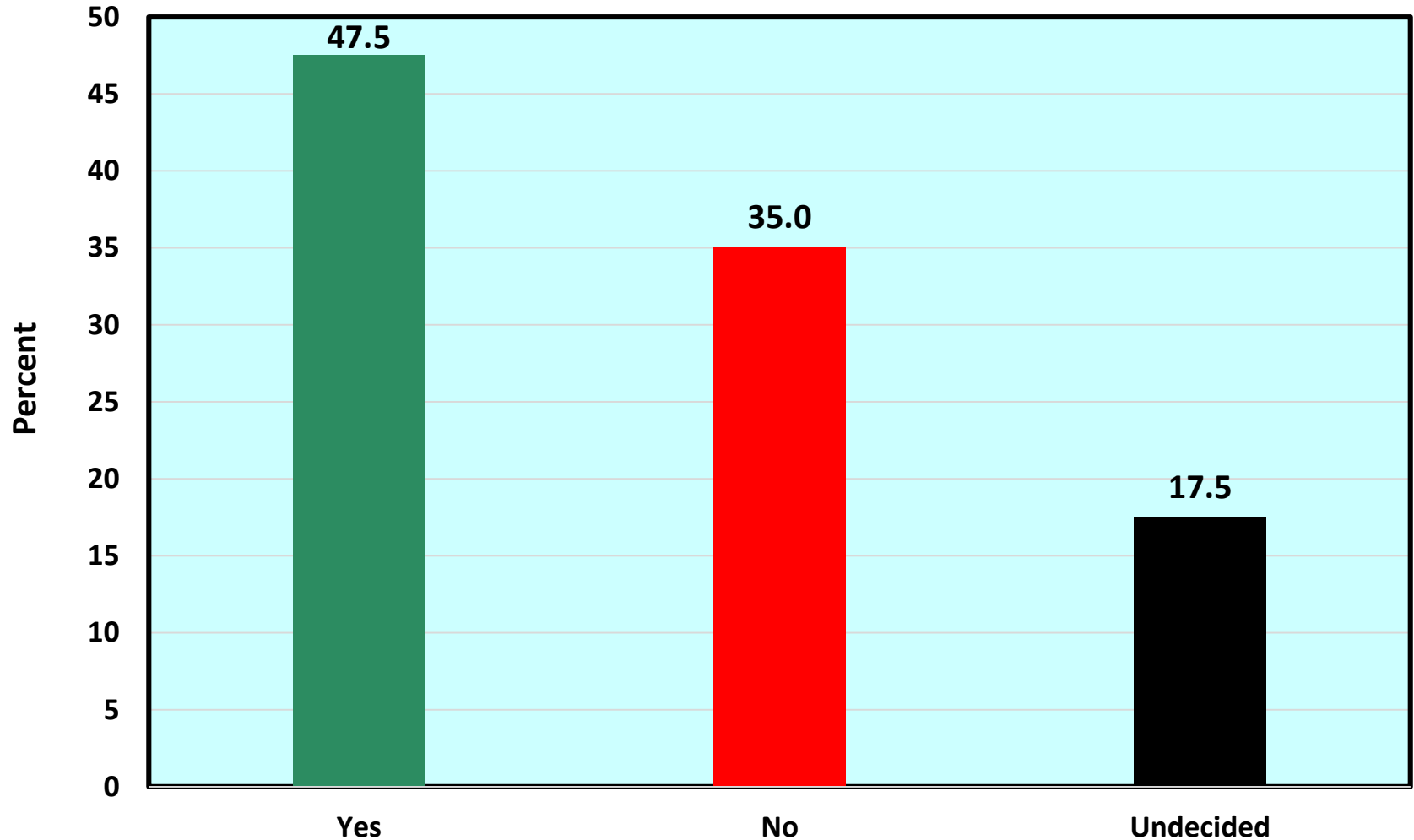
Whitmer also has a lead over Bill Schuette, although it's smaller than her lead over Brian Calley. Once again, nearly a quarter of respondents are undecided.

Michigan Residents' Preferences in a Hypothetical Governor's Race Between Gretchen Whitmer and Bill Schuette, Winter 2018



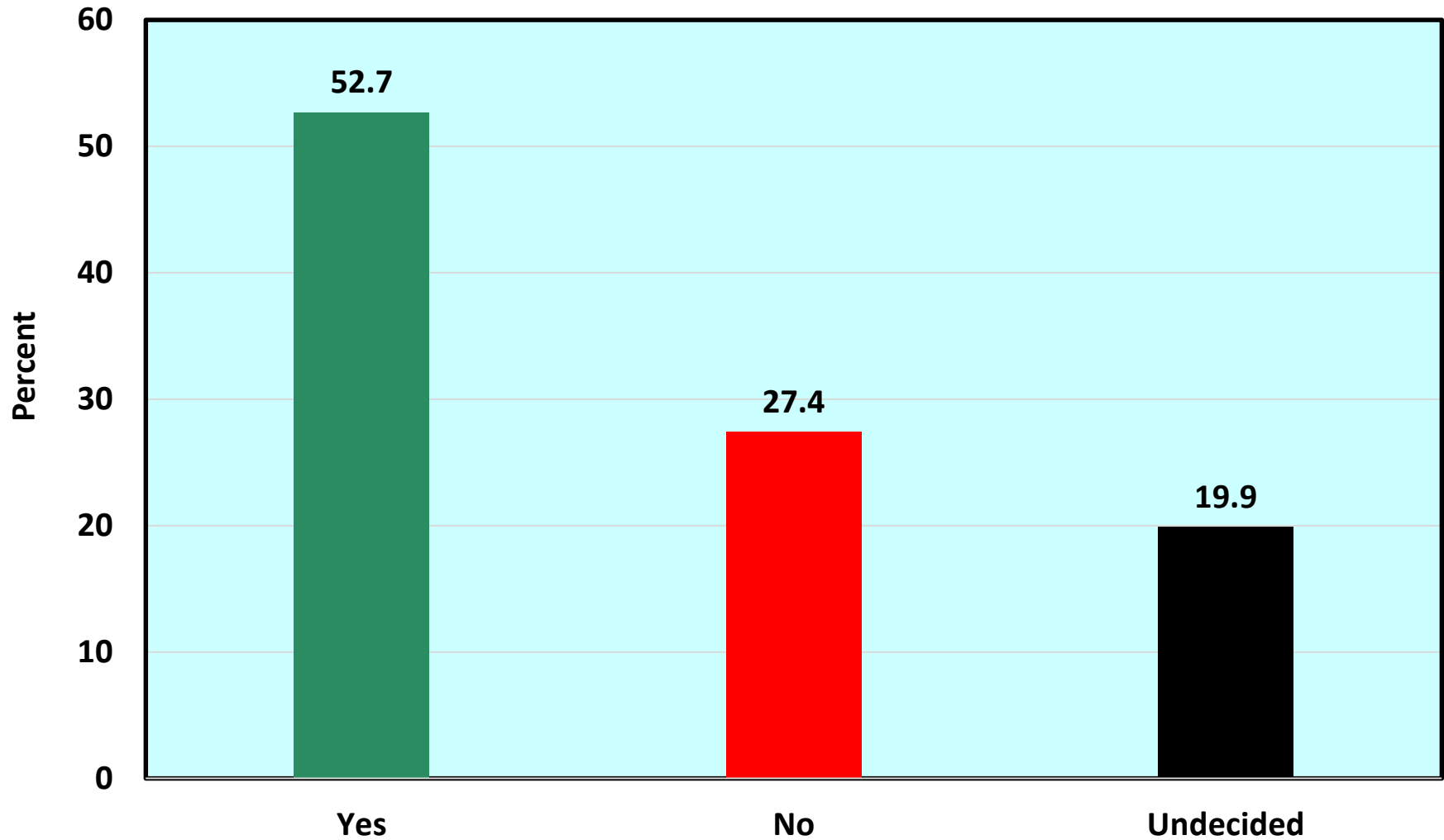
A possible ballot initiative calling for a part-time legislature has a double-digit lead.

Michigan Residents' Preferences Toward a Possible Ballot Initiative Calling for a Part-Time Legislature, Winter 2018



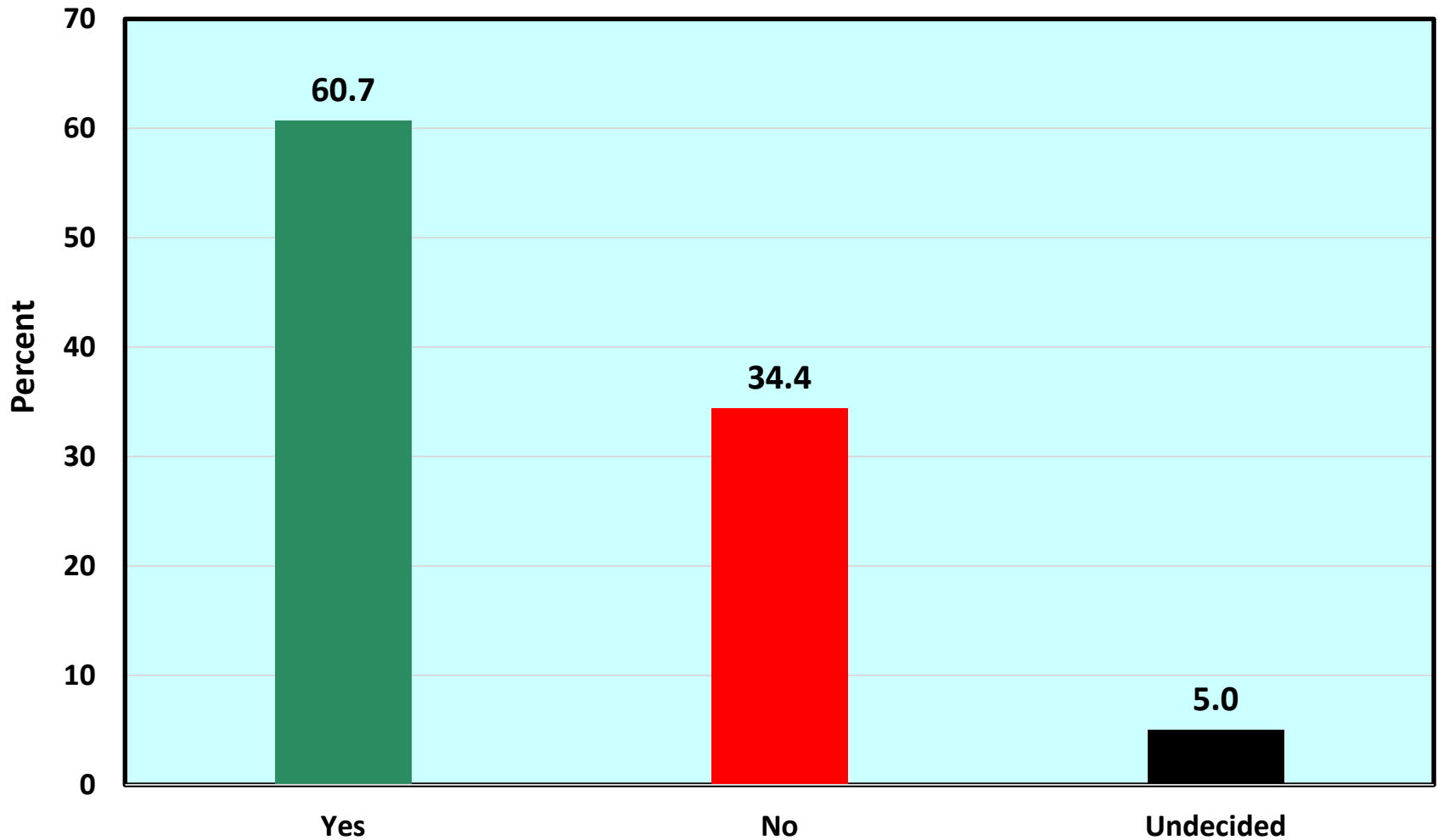
A possible ballot initiative calling for an end to gerrymandering leads by nearly two to one.

**Michigan Residents' Preferences
Toward a Possible Ballot Initiative Calling for an
Independent Commission to Draw Legislative District Lines, Winter 2018**



A possible ballot initiative calling for legalization of marijuana leads by 26 percentage points, with only five percent undecided.

Michigan Residents' Preferences Toward a Possible Ballot Initiative Calling for Legalization of Marijuana, Winter 2018





Attitudes by Race and Gender

	State of Michigan	Women	Men	Whites	Blacks
Whitmer	42.2%	48.7%	37.0%	38.4%	69.8%
Calley	33.8%	27.9%	39.3%	38.6%	12.4%

	State of Michigan	Women	Men	Whites	Blacks
Whitmer	40.8%	44.3%	37.1%	33.8%	73.5%
Schuette	34.9%	32.2%	37.6%	39.1%	11.9%

	State of Michigan	Women	Men	Whites	Blacks
Yes on Part-Time Legislature	47.5%	43.8%	51.3%	49.1%	39.2%
No on Part-Time Legislature	35.0%	34.4%	35.6%	34.1%	43.6%

	State of Michigan	Women	Men	Whites	Blacks
Yes on end to Gerrymandering	52.7%	48.0%	57.4%	53.3%	47.1%
No on End to Gerrymandering	27.4%	27.5%	27.2%	27.0%	36.1%

	State of Michigan	Women	Men	Whites	Blacks
Yes on Legalization Of Marijuana	60.7%	56.5%	64.8%	60.7%	57.5%
No on Legalization Of Marijuana	34.4%	36.9%	31.9%	34.7%	37.8%

Attitudes by Political Party



	State of Michigan	Republican	Independent	Democrat
Whitmer	42.2%	3.9%	34.4%	94.0%
Calley	33.8%	87.4%	30.7%	2.4%

	State of Michigan	Republican	Independent	Democrat
Whitmer	40.8%	0.3%	33.8%	85.0%
Schuette	34.9%	81.7%	31.5%	6.3%

	State of Michigan	Republican	Independent	Democrat
Yes on Part-Time Legislature	47.5%	59.5%	50.0%	45.9%
No on Part-Time Legislature	35.0%	22.8%	39.6%	40.3%

	State of Michigan	Republican	Independent	Democrat
Yes on end to Gerrymandering	52.7%	45.0%	59.7%	61.7%
No on End to Gerrymandering	27.4%	33.4%	25.1%	26.0%

	State of Michigan	Republican	Independent	Democrat
Yes on Legalization Of Marijuana	60.7%	38.5%	67.1%	67.3%
No on Legalization Of Marijuana	34.4%	57.7%	28.9%	28.9%

Regional Attitudes

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	State of Michigan	City of Detroit	Wayne, Oakland, Macomb	Grand Rapids Area
Whitmer	42.2%	66.8%	54.3%	29.0%
Calley	33.8%	13.5%	19.4%	51.1%

	State of Michigan	City of Detroit	Wayne, Oakland, Macomb	Grand Rapids Area
Whitmer	40.8%	70.1%	54.5%	24.9%
Schuette	34.9%	10.1%	25.6%	37.0%

	State of Michigan	City of Detroit	Wayne, Oakland, Macomb	Grand Rapids Area
Yes on Part-Time Legislature	47.5%	41.1%	44.1%	42.3%
No on Part-Time Legislature	35.0%	33.9%	36.0%	40.6%

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Yes on End to Gerrymandering	52.7%	52.2%	52.2%	51.6%
No on End to Gerrymandering	27.4%	20.2%	25.9%	35.1%

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Attitudes by Age Group



	State of Michigan	Young (18-29)	Middle (30-64)	Elderly (65 and over)
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