

**University of Texas / Texas Politics Project Poll**  
**Texas Statewide Survey**

Field Dates: December 9-17, 2024

N=1200 Registered Voters

Margin of error: +/- 2.83% (3.46% adjusted for weighting) unless otherwise noted<sup>1</sup>

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**Interest and Engagement**

Q1. Are you registered to vote in the state of Texas?

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Q1	Percent
Yes, registered	100

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Q2. Generally speaking, would you say that you are extremely interested in politics and public affairs, somewhat interested, not very interested, or not at all interested?

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Q2	Percent
Extremely interested	40
Somewhat interested	46
Not very interested	9
Not at all interested	4
Don't know	0

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Q3. There are many elections in the state of Texas. Furthermore, many people intend to vote in a given election, but sometimes personal and professional circumstances keep them from the polls. Thinking back over the past two or three years, would you say that you voted in all elections, almost all, about half, one or two, or none at all?

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Q3	Percent
Every election	38
Almost every election	35
About half	12
One or two	10
None	3
Don't know	2

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<sup>1</sup>In calculating the margin of error (MOE) for the survey, we provide two calculations, one that compensates for the relative standard deviation of the weights and one that does not. Without taking the variance of the weights into account, the margin of error for the full sample is 2.83%. To compensate for the additional uncertainty from weighting, we apply a multiplier derived from the coefficient of variation of the weights:  $\sqrt{1+CV^2}$ , where  $CV=sd(weights)/mean(weights)$ . For this weight sensitive calculation, the MOE for the full sample is 3.46%.

## Most Important Problem

Q4. What would you say is the most important problem facing this country today? [Randomize]

Q4	Percent
Inflation/rising prices	20
The economy	15
Immigration	13
Political corruption/leadership	10
Border security	6
Health care	4
Crime	4
Environment/climate change	3
Gun control/gun violence	3
Moral decline	2
Income inequality	2
Abortion	2
Federal spending/national debt	2
Education	2
National security/terrorism	2
Partisan gridlock	1
Race relations	1
Housing	1
Electoral fraud	1
Taxes	1
Unemployment/jobs	1
Homelessness	1
Russia	0
The media	0
China	0
Social welfare programs	0
Sexual harassment	0
Coronavirus/COVID-19	0
Redistricting	0
Police brutality/police militarization	0
Opioid/drug abuse	0
Middle East instability	0
Energy	0
Gas prices	0
Voting rights	0

Q5. What would you say is the most important problem facing the State of Texas today?  
**[Randomize]**

Q5	Percent
Border security	16
Immigration	16
Inflation/rising prices	15
Political corruption/leadership	10
The economy	8
Health care	4
Gun control/gun violence	4
Taxes	3
Crime	3
Energy/The grid	2
Unemployment/jobs	2
Education	2
Abortion	2
Environment/climate change	2
Moral decline	1
Water supply	1
Homelessness	1
Housing	1
Race relations	1
Opioid/drug abuse	1
State budget cuts	1
Utility rates	1
State government spending	1
Police misconduct	0
Pension funding	0
Property rights	0
Oil prices	0
Redistricting	0
Social welfare programs	0
Gas prices	0
The media	0
Transportation/roads/traffic	0
Electoral fraud	0
Coronavirus/COVID-19	0
Voting rights	0

## Retrospective Assessments

Q6. How would you rate the job Joe Biden is doing as president? Would you say that you...

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Dec. 2024	14	24	8	11	42	1	38	53
Oct. 2024	17	20	9	10	43	1	37	53
Aug. 2024	18	21	9	11	41	0	39	52
June 2024	16	23	8	9	43	2	39	52
Apr. 2024	20	23	5	9	42	1	43	51
Feb. 2024	20	22	7	9	41	1	42	50
Dec. 2023	18	20	7	11	43	1	38	54
Oct. 2023	14	23	10	10	43	1	37	53
Aug. 2023	17	21	8	9	43	1	38	52
June 2023	16	22	11	7	43	1	38	50
Apr. 2023	17	23	9	7	42	2	40	49
Feb. 2023	18	23	8	8	42	2	41	50
Dec. 2022	18	24	7	7	43	1	42	50
Oct. 2022	17	22	8	8	44	2	39	52
Aug. 2022	18	22	8	8	44	1	40	52
June 2022	15	20	10	8	47	1	35	55
Apr. 2022	17	20	8	9	45	1	37	54
Feb. 2022	15	21	10	9	43	1	36	52
Oct. 2021	16	19	9	7	48	2	35	55
Aug. 2021	20	20	8	5	46	1	40	51
June 2021	24	19	8	5	42	2	43	47
Apr. 2021	27	17	10	5	41	1	44	46
Mar. 2021	26	18	11	5	39	1	44	44

Q7. How would you rate the job the U.S. Congress is doing? Would you say that you...

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Dec. 2024	5	21	25	24	22	4	26	46
Oct. 2024	3	18	22	26	27	3	21	53
Aug. 2024	4	17	22	27	26	3	21	53
June 2024	4	16	20	24	33	4	20	57
Apr. 2024	5	20	18	23	31	3	25	54
Feb. 2024	5	21	17	22	31	4	26	53
Dec. 2023	4	16	17	26	34	3	20	60
Oct. 2023	3	16	18	24	36	2	19	60
Aug. 2023	4	17	20	26	30	3	21	56
June 2023	5	19	22	26	26	3	24	52
Apr. 2023	5	20	20	27	25	4	25	52
Feb. 2023	4	18	23	23	27	4	22	50
Dec. 2022	5	24	17	19	31	3	29	50
Oct. 2022	5	19	18	21	34	3	24	55
Aug. 2022	7	19	17	18	37	2	26	55
June 2022	3	15	17	22	40	3	18	62
Apr. 2022	3	17	20	19	37	3	20	56
Feb. 2022	4	17	18	21	37	4	21	58
Oct. 2021	3	16	17	19	42	4	19	61
Aug. 2021	4	17	17	19	40	4	21	59
June 2021	3	14	18	20	41	3	17	61
Apr. 2021	4	20	17	18	37	3	24	55
Mar. 2021	7	22	19	13	36	3	29	49
Feb. 2021	7	15	17	14	43	4	22	57
Oct. 2020	5	15	17	23	37	3	20	60
June 2020	4	15	16	26	36	3	19	62
Apr. 2020	6	17	18	24	32	3	23	56
Feb. 2020	5	13	16	19	42	4	18	61
Oct. 2019	7	14	18	23	35	4	21	58
June 2019	4	14	19	21	39	3	18	60
Feb. 2019	4	14	18	26	35	3	18	61
Oct. 2018	4	22	16	19	38	2	26	57
June 2018	3	15	18	21	38	4	18	59
Feb. 2018	2	17	16	22	39	3	19	61
Oct. 2017	2	10	15	24	45	3	12	69
June 2017	2	13	15	24	43	4	15	67
Feb. 2017	5	21	20	18	32	5	26	50
Oct. 2016	2	8	18	27	41	4	10	68
June 2016	2	8	16	24	45	5	10	69
Feb. 2016	2	10	17	24	43	4	12	67
Oct. 2015	2	8	17	25	46	3	10	71
June 2015	2	13	21	26	36	2	15	62

Feb. 2015	3	17	19	24	34	3	20	58
Oct. 2014	2	12	13	30	41	2	14	71
June 2014	3	8	15	24	48	3	11	72
Feb. 2014	3	8	15	23	49	2	11	72
Oct. 2013	2	6	12	21	56	3	8	77
June 2013	2	10	16	23	46	2	12	69
Feb. 2013	3	11	12	23	48	3	14	71
Oct. 2012	1	10	18	26	43	3	11	69
May 2012	1	9	16	23	48	3	10	71
Feb. 2012	1	10	14	26	47	2	11	73
Oct. 2011	2	9	10	26	51	2	11	77
May 2011	1	15	19	27	35	3	16	62
Feb. 2011	1	17	19	26	32	4	18	58
Oct. 2009	2	12	11	22	49	4	14	71
June 2009	2	18	22	22	36	0	20	58
Mar. 2009	4	22	22	15	37	0	26	52

Q7A. How would you rate the job the U.S. Supreme Court is doing? Would you say that you...

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Dec. 2024	12	33	20	11	20	3	45	31
Oct. 2024	11	28	18	12	27	3	39	39
Aug. 2024	11	29	15	15	28	2	40	43
June 2024	9	27	18	15	27	4	36	42
Apr. 2024	10	31	18	13	25	3	41	38
Feb. 2024	7	27	20	19	23	4	34	42
Dec. 2023	8	27	19	17	26	3	35	43
Oct. 2023	9	30	20	15	24	3	39	39
Aug. 2023	10	28	18	14	28	3	38	42

Q8A. How would you rate the job Greg Abbott is doing as Governor? Would you say that you...

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Dec. 2024	25	30	10	9	25	1	55	34
Oct. 2024	25	26	10	7	31	2	51	38
Aug. 2024	22	27	8	8	34	1	49	42
June 2024	25	25	9	7	32	2	50	39
Apr. 2024	28	27	8	7	30	2	55	37
Feb. 2024	28	25	8	6	31	2	53	37
Dec. 2023	22	26	9	10	31	2	48	41
Oct. 2023	22	27	9	9	31	1	49	40
Aug. 2023	21	24	8	9	36	2	45	45
June 2023	19	28	10	8	34	2	47	42
Apr. 2023	22	24	10	8	33	2	46	41
Feb. 2023	21	25	10	8	35	2	46	43
Dec. 2022	24	25	9	7	34	1	49	41
Oct. 2022	23	24	7	9	35	2	47	44
Aug. 2022	22	24	8	8	36	2	46	44
June 2022	18	25	11	9	37	1	43	46
Apr. 2022	22	25	11	7	34	2	47	41
Feb. 2022	17	27	12	10	32	3	44	42
Oct. 2021	19	24	8	10	38	2	43	48
Aug. 2021	19	22	7	9	41	2	41	50
June 2021	24	20	10	8	36	1	44	44
Apr. 2021	19	24	11	13	32	2	43	45
Mar. 2021	22	23	10	9	34	1	45	43
Feb. 2021	21	25	12	12	27	3	46	39
Oct. 2020	20	27	12	16	24	2	47	40
June 2020	29	20	10	13	26	3	49	39
Apr. 2020	31	25	9	14	18	4	56	32
Feb. 2020	30	18	11	10	24	7	48	34
Oct. 2019	30	22	15	9	19	6	52	28
June 2019	29	22	13	11	20	5	51	31
Feb. 2019	33	18	12	11	21	5	51	32
Oct. 2018	36	16	12	9	23	5	52	32
June 2018	27	20	13	12	24	5	47	36
Feb. 2018	28	18	18	8	23	5	46	31
Oct. 2017	27	21	14	11	22	5	48	33
June 2017	27	18	12	9	29	4	45	38
Feb. 2017	27	18	17	9	24	5	45	33
Oct. 2016	21	21	17	10	23	8	42	33
June 2016	20	22	19	10	21	8	42	31
Feb. 2016	18	23	24	9	20	6	41	29
Oct. 2015	20	22	21	10	19	7	42	29
June 2015	22	24	19	8	20	7	46	28
Oct. 2014	22	24	13	11	27	3	46	38

Q8B. How would you rate the job Dan Patrick is doing as Lieutenant Governor? Would you say that you...

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Dec. 2024	16	25	23	7	20	9	41	27
Oct. 2024	15	24	18	6	26	10	39	32
Aug. 2024	16	20	18	7	29	10	36	36
June 2024	16	23	16	7	27	12	39	34
Apr. 2024	18	26	15	6	27	9	44	33
Feb. 2024	18	24	16	5	29	8	42	34
Dec. 2023	15	25	18	6	28	8	40	34
Oct. 2023	14	26	18	7	28	7	40	35
Aug. 2023	14	21	18	8	32	8	35	40
June 2023	15	23	18	6	29	9	38	35
Apr. 2023	18	24	14	7	29	9	42	36
Feb. 2023	15	23	14	7	32	8	38	39
Dec. 2022	19	24	14	5	31	7	43	36
Oct. 2022	19	18	14	7	32	10	37	39
Aug. 2022	17	21	16	5	32	9	38	37
June 2022	16	19	16	6	34	9	35	40
Apr. 2022	17	20	16	6	30	10	37	36
Feb. 2022	14	19	20	7	27	12	33	34
Oct. 2021	17	18	15	6	33	10	35	39
Aug. 2021	17	16	13	7	35	11	33	42
June 2021	19	17	16	6	31	11	36	37
Apr. 2021	19	16	15	6	33	11	35	39
Mar. 2021	22	15	17	6	31	10	37	37
Feb. 2021	20	17	15	5	31	12	37	36
Oct. 2020	18	19	13	6	31	12	37	37
June 2020	22	17	12	6	32	11	39	38
Apr. 2020	20	20	13	7	29	11	40	36
Feb. 2020	21	18	13	7	28	12	39	35
Oct. 2019	22	17	15	9	23	14	39	32
June 2019	22	19	18	6	25	11	41	31
Feb. 2019	24	18	16	6	25	10	42	31
Oct. 2018	27	17	14	5	26	11	44	31
June 2018	18	18	18	8	26	12	36	34
Feb. 2018	19	17	21	8	25	10	36	33
Oct. 2017	16	20	19	7	24	13	36	31
June 2017	15	19	18	8	28	11	34	36
Feb. 2017	16	16	24	8	23	14	32	31
Oct. 2016	12	19	20	9	22	18	31	31
June 2016	12	19	24	8	22	15	31	30
Feb. 2016	8	19	30	7	20	16	27	27
Oct. 2015	10	19	28	9	17	16	29	26
June 2015	13	19	28	8	16	15	32	24



Q8C. How would you rate the job Dade Phelan is doing as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives? Would you say that you...

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Dec. 2024	7	20	31	9	15	19	27	24
Oct. 2024	5	16	28	13	15	23	21	28
Aug. 2024	5	16	27	11	16	25	21	27
June 2024	6	18	24	11	19	23	24	30
Apr. 2024	7	20	23	11	19	19	27	30
Feb. 2024	7	19	23	11	18	21	26	29
Dec. 2023	6	16	28	13	18	19	22	31
Oct. 2023	5	17	25	11	20	21	22	31
Aug. 2023	5	15	27	11	20	22	20	31
June 2023	6	16	27	11	18	23	22	29
Apr. 2023	8	18	22	8	16	26	26	24
Feb. 2023	6	15	25	9	16	28	21	25
Dec. 2022	7	17	25	8	16	26	24	24
Oct. 2022	7	14	23	9	18	29	21	27
Aug. 2021	8	15	21	9	23	24	23	32
June 2021	5	15	25	8	19	28	20	27
Apr. 2021	6	14	26	8	14	31	20	22
Mar. 2021	6	13	29	8	13	31	19	21
Feb. 2021	7	15	30	6	12	30	22	18

Q8D. How would you rate the job Ken Paxton is doing as Attorney General? Would you say that you...

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Dec. 2024	16	24	22	7	23	8	40	30
Oct. 2024	15	21	18	7	29	10	36	36
Aug. 2024	14	19	17	8	30	11	33	38
June 2024	15	21	14	8	30	11	36	38
Apr. 2024	18	23	15	7	28	9	41	35
Feb. 2024	17	24	15	7	30	7	41	37
Dec. 2023	14	21	16	7	31	10	35	38
Oct. 2023	15	18	16	8	34	9	33	42
Aug. 2023	12	15	18	9	37	10	27	46
June 2023	12	18	18	8	33	10	30	41
Apr. 2023	17	22	15	7	28	11	39	35
Feb. 2023	14	21	15	6	32	11	35	38
Dec. 2022	19	22	13	6	31	8	41	37
Oct. 2022	17	19	13	9	30	13	36	39
Aug. 2022	18	19	15	7	31	10	37	38
June 2022	16	18	17	5	34	10	34	39
Apr. 2022	17	17	19	7	29	11	34	36
Feb. 2022	16	16	20	8	27	13	32	35

Oct. 2021	19	16	13	7	30	15	35	37
Aug. 2021	19	16	16	6	32	12	35	38
June 2021	17	16	19	6	30	13	33	36
Apr. 2021	17	15	16	6	30	15	32	36

**[RANDOMIZE Q9A-Q9B]**

Q9A. How would you rate the job Ted Cruz is doing as U.S. Senator? Would you say that you...

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Dec. 2024	23	26	12	7	30	2	49	37
Oct. 2024	23	22	12	6	34	3	45	40
Aug. 2024	24	21	9	8	36	3	45	44
June 2024	25	21	8	6	36	3	46	42
Apr. 2024	27	22	10	5	33	3	49	38
Feb. 2024	25	23	10	5	34	3	48	39
Dec. 2023	22	22	10	6	35	3	44	41
Oct. 2023	23	22	10	7	35	3	45	42
Aug. 2023	22	20	10	7	38	3	42	45
June 2023	23	22	11	6	36	3	45	42
Apr. 2023	23	22	10	7	34	4	45	41
Feb. 2023	21	19	9	7	39	4	40	46
Dec. 2022	25	19	8	8	36	3	44	44
Oct. 2022	24	19	9	7	37	4	43	44
Aug. 2022	22	20	10	7	37	3	42	44
June 2022	22	19	10	5	40	3	41	45
Apr. 2022	24	19	10	6	37	3	43	43
Feb. 2022	21	18	13	8	35	5	39	43
Oct. 2021	30	15	7	6	38	5	45	44
Aug. 2021	28	14	8	5	41	3	42	46
June 2021	31	12	8	6	40	3	43	46
Apr. 2021	31	12	6	8	40	3	43	48
Mar. 2021	28	15	8	5	41	4	43	46
Feb. 2021	33	12	8	5	38	4	45	43
Oct. 2020	31	15	8	6	36	4	46	42
June 2020	30	16	9	9	33	4	46	42
Apr. 2020	29	16	9	7	32	6	45	39
Feb. 2020	29	13	7	8	36	7	42	44
Oct. 2019	28	18	8	9	30	7	46	39
June 2019	27	20	10	8	31	4	47	39
Feb. 2019	31	15	9	7	34	4	46	41
Oct. 2018	34	13	8	5	37	3	47	42
June 2018	21	18	13	8	33	7	39	41
Feb. 2018	22	18	12	9	32	7	40	41
Oct. 2017	19	19	13	12	31	5	38	43
June 2017	21	17	12	9	35	6	38	44

Feb. 2017	20	18	14	10	29	9	38	39
Oct. 2016	16	19	13	11	34	7	35	45
June 2016	18	17	13	12	31	9	35	43
Feb. 2016	18	19	15	10	32	6	37	42
Oct. 2015	27	17	11	9	28	9	44	37

Q9B. How would you rate the job John Cornyn is doing as U.S. Senator? Would you say that you...

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
Dec. 2024	8	26	24	15	18	10	34	33
Oct. 2024	9	23	23	13	20	12	32	33
Aug. 2024	8	24	19	15	21	13	32	36
June 2024	10	22	18	14	24	13	32	38
Apr. 2024	12	24	17	14	24	11	36	38
Feb. 2024	11	23	18	15	24	10	34	39
Dec. 2023	9	19	19	17	25	10	28	42
Oct. 2023	9	21	20	14	25	10	30	39
Aug. 2023	8	20	19	15	27	11	28	42
June 2023	10	23	18	15	24	10	33	39
Apr. 2023	11	22	18	13	25	11	33	38
Feb. 2023	10	20	16	15	28	11	30	43
Dec. 2022	13	22	16	15	25	9	35	40
Oct. 2022	11	21	15	16	26	12	32	42
Aug. 2022	8	21	19	15	27	10	29	42
June 2022	7	17	16	18	32	10	24	50
Apr. 2022	10	22	19	13	26	10	32	39
Feb. 2022	9	22	22	11	24	12	31	35
Oct. 2021	10	19	16	16	28	11	29	44
Aug. 2021	10	18	17	13	31	10	28	44
June 2021	13	21	16	12	29	8	34	41
Apr. 2021	12	19	15	13	30	10	31	43
Mar. 2021	12	21	16	14	28	9	33	42
Feb. 2021	12	20	18	13	29	8	32	42
Oct. 2020	18	21	12	11	28	10	39	39
June 2020	15	21	13	13	27	11	36	40
Apr. 2020	15	23	13	10	26	13	38	36
Feb. 2020	16	20	13	9	30	12	36	39
Oct. 2019	15	20	16	10	24	15	35	34
June 2019	14	23	17	11	23	12	37	34
Feb. 2019	15	21	18	13	22	11	36	35
Oct. 2018	17	22	15	9	25	13	39	34
June 2018	8	19	21	14	24	13	27	38
Feb. 2018	10	19	23	15	23	10	29	38
Oct. 2017	7	21	18	15	27	12	28	42

June 2017	9	19	18	14	27	12	28	41
Feb. 2017	11	19	22	12	22	14	30	34
Oct. 2016	8	20	22	14	22	15	28	36
June 2016	7	17	24	14	21	17	24	35
Feb. 2016	7	20	26	14	18	15	27	32
Oct. 2015	7	20	22	16	18	16	27	34

Q10. Thinking about the country, do you think that things are headed in the right direction, or do you think that things are headed off on the wrong track?

	Right direction	Wrong track	Don't know
Dec. 2024	31	56	13
Oct. 2024	26	63	11
Aug. 2024	29	61	10
June 2024	25	66	9
Apr. 2024	29	62	10
Feb. 2024	28	62	11
Dec. 2023	24	67	9
Oct. 2023	20	71	9
Aug. 2023	22	68	10
June 2023	22	70	9
Apr. 2023	21	68	11
Feb. 2023	25	65	10
Dec. 2022	23	65	12
Oct. 2022	21	69	10
Aug. 2022	21	69	10
June 2022	16	76	8
Apr. 2022	23	66	11
Feb. 2022	23	66	10
Oct. 2021	20	70	10
Aug. 2021	25	64	11
June 2021	31	57	12
Apr. 2021	32	57	12
Mar. 2021	32	56	12
Feb. 2021	31	56	12
Oct. 2020	29	62	9
June 2020	30	62	9
Apr. 2020	39	52	9
Feb. 2020	40	49	11
Oct. 2019	37	54	9
June 2019	40	50	10
Feb. 2019	39	53	9
Oct. 2018	42	49	9
June 2018	41	47	11
Feb. 2018	39	50	11
Oct. 2017	29	61	10
June 2017	34	54	12

Feb. 2017	39	49	12
Oct. 2016	22	67	11
June 2016	18	70	12
Feb. 2016	22	66	12
Oct. 2015	22	68	10
June 2015	23	64	14
Feb. 2015	26	59	15
Oct. 2014	25	65	10
June 2014	23	65	13
Feb. 2014	25	63	12
Oct. 2013	20	69	11
June 2013	28	60	11
Feb. 2013	29	62	9
Oct. 2012	31	58	11
May 2012	25	61	14
Feb. 2012	28	61	11
Oct. 2011	14	75	11
May 2011	24	63	14
Feb. 2011	26	59	15
Oct. 2010	25	64	11
May 2010	26	62	11
Feb. 2010	31	56	13
Oct. 2009	32	59	10

Q11. Compared to a year ago, would you say that the national economy is a lot better off, somewhat better off, about the same, somewhat worse off, or a lot worse off?

	A lot better off	Somewhat better off	About the same	Somewhat worse off	A lot worse off	Don't know	TOTAL BETTER	TOTAL WORSE
Dec. 2024	7	20	30	23	17	3	27	40
Oct. 2024	8	19	23	22	26	2	27	48
Aug. 2024	6	21	23	22	27	2	27	49
June 2024	8	20	20	21	29	2	28	50
Apr. 2024	8	20	23	21	27	1	28	48
Feb. 2024	11	22	22	18	25	2	33	43
Dec. 2023	7	21	21	23	26	2	28	49
Oct. 2023	6	17	20	22	33	2	23	55
Aug. 2023	7	18	19	23	31	1	25	54
June 2023	6	17	22	23	31	1	23	54
Apr. 2023	5	18	19	24	31	3	23	55
Feb. 2023	6	18	19	22	31	3	24	53
Dec. 2022	5	15	18	23	36	3	20	59
Oct. 2022	4	13	17	22	40	4	17	62
Aug. 2022	5	15	17	21	39	3	20	60
June 2022	4	10	11	25	48	2	14	73
Apr. 2022	6	15	15	21	42	2	21	63
Feb. 2022	7	17	19	21	32	3	24	53

Oct. 2021	5	19	18	19	36	4	24	55
Aug. 2021	8	22	19	19	28	4	30	47
June 2021	11	23	19	19	24	0	34	43
Apr. 2021	8	23	22	20	23	0	31	43
Feb. 2021	4	11	20	26	35	4	15	61
Oct. 2020	8	9	13	29	38	2	17	67
June 2020	6	11	10	29	41	3	17	70
Apr. 2020	10	11	11	19	45	4	21	64
Feb. 2020	26	22	25	16	8	3	48	24
Oct. 2019	24	21	24	16	8	6	45	24
June 2019	26	21	23	18	8	3	47	26
Feb. 2019	27	22	23	15	9	3	49	24
Oct. 2018	32	19	26	12	7	4	51	19
June 2018	26	25	23	14	8	4	51	22
Feb. 2018	25	28	26	13	6	2	53	19
Oct. 2017	18	25	33	16	6	3	43	22
June 2017	14	28	30	18	7	3	42	25
Feb. 2017	12	28	36	11	9	4	40	20
Oct. 2016	8	20	29	25	15	4	28	40
June 2016	6	20	29	23	17	5	26	40
Feb. 2016	8	22	27	25	15	3	30	40
Oct. 2015	7	25	28	23	14	3	32	37
June 2015	7	24	33	21	13	3	31	34
Feb. 2015	11	25	33	18	11	3	36	29
Oct. 2014	6	25	30	23	14	2	31	37
June 2014	7	24	26	25	16	2	31	41
Feb. 2014	5	24	28	23	17	2	29	40
Oct. 2013	5	20	25	25	24	1	25	49
June 2013	7	28	31	18	15	1	35	33
Oct. 2012	7	25	25	19	23	1	32	42
May 2012	4	24	29	20	19	4	28	39
Feb. 2012	4	25	30	19	20	2	29	39
Oct. 2011	2	12	25	28	31	2	14	59
May 2011	2	20	25	24	25	3	22	49
Feb. 2011	3	24	30	24	17	2	27	41
Oct. 2010	3	19	20	23	33	2	22	56
May 2010	5	23	24	15	32	1	28	47
Feb. 2010	3	25	19	23	29	1	28	52
Oct. 2009	5	19	16	23	36	1	24	59
Mar. 2009	2	4	13	33	48	0	6	81
Oct. 2008	1	3	10	34	52	0	4	86

Q12. Thinking about the State of Texas, do you think that things are headed in the right direction, or do you think that things are headed off on the wrong track?

	Right direction	Wrong track	Don't know
Dec. 2024	47	38	14
Oct. 2024	40	44	16
Aug. 2024	40	46	14
June 2024	41	48	11
Apr. 2024	43	45	12
Feb. 2024	44	44	13
Dec. 2023	38	49	13
Oct. 2023	37	50	13
Aug. 2023	33	55	12
June 2023	38	49	13
Apr. 2023	37	50	13
Feb. 2023	35	51	14
Dec. 2022	39	46	14
Oct. 2022	37	50	13
Aug. 2022	36	52	12
June 2022	31	59	10
Apr. 2022	39	51	11
Feb. 2022	40	46	14
Oct. 2021	40	48	12
Aug. 2021	35	52	13
June 2021	41	43	16
Apr. 2021	42	42	16
Mar. 2021	41	46	14
Feb. 2021	39	41	20
Oct. 2020	41	44	15
June 2020	41	47	13
Apr. 2020	43	43	15
Feb. 2020	48	37	16
Oct. 2019	47	35	17
June 2019	49	34	17
Feb. 2019	49	35	16
Oct. 2018	50	35	16
June 2018	46	37	16
Feb. 2018	48	36	15
Oct. 2017	43	40	16
June 2017	43	40	17
Feb. 2017	46	36	18
Oct. 2016	42	40	17
June 2016	41	38	22
Feb. 2016	42	37	21
Oct. 2015	45	36	19
June 2015	50	32	18
Feb. 2015	50	30	20

Oct. 2014	48	35	18
June 2014	49	33	17
Feb. 2014	45	35	20
Oct. 2013	42	39	19
June 2013	50	32	18
Feb. 2013	45	39	16
Oct. 2012	43	34	23
May 2012	38	42	21
Feb. 2012	43	38	19
Oct. 2011	39	43	17
May 2011	36	46	18
Feb. 2011	41	41	18
Oct. 2010	45	37	18
May 2010	45	38	17
Feb. 2010	43	37	20
Oct. 2009	38	39	23

Q14. Compared to a year ago, would you say that the Texas economy is a lot better off, somewhat better off, about the same, somewhat worse off, or a lot worse off?

	A lot better off	Somewhat better off	About the same	Somewhat worse off	A lot worse off	Don't know	TOTAL BETTER	TOTAL WORSE
Dec. 2024	7	21	43	18	7	5	28	25
Oct. 2024	4	19	37	24	11	5	23	35
Aug. 2024	3	19	39	24	12	4	22	36
June 2024	5	17	37	26	12	4	22	38
Apr. 2024	6	19	38	23	10	4	25	33
Feb. 2024	7	21	36	21	11	5	28	32
Dec. 2023	3	17	38	25	11	5	20	36
Oct. 2023	3	16	36	27	12	5	19	39
Aug. 2023	4	15	34	28	13	5	19	41
June 2023	6	15	40	24	11	4	21	35
Apr. 2023	5	16	37	24	13	6	21	37
Feb. 2023	4	15	37	26	12	6	19	38
Dec. 2022	3	13	36	30	12	6	16	42
Oct. 2022	3	12	32	32	15	6	15	47
Aug. 2022	5	12	33	31	13	6	17	44
June 2022	3	10	24	37	21	5	13	58
Apr. 2022	4	16	30	29	14	6	20	43
Feb. 2022	4	19	34	26	11	6	23	37
Oct. 2021	5	16	34	29	9	8	21	38
Aug. 2021	4	21	34	24	10	7	25	34
June 2021	6	25	32	22	6	9	31	28
Apr. 2021	5	18	37	26	7	7	23	33
Mar. 2021	5	11	36	30	12	6	16	42
Feb. 2021	3	10	31	32	17	7	13	49
Oct. 2020	5	10	24	34	22	4	15	56



June 2020	5	11	21	36	21	6	16	57
Apr. 2020	7	15	19	26	28	6	22	54
Feb. 2020	20	23	36	11	4	6	43	15
Oct. 2019	17	25	35	13	3	8	42	16
June 2019	16	27	35	12	5	6	43	17
Feb. 2019	17	28	35	10	5	5	45	15
Oct. 2018	20	29	31	10	4	5	49	14
June 2018	13	30	34	12	4	7	43	16
Feb. 2018	13	30	38	13	3	3	43	16
Oct. 2017	8	27	41	16	3	5	35	19
June 2017	6	28	39	17	4	6	34	21
Feb. 2017	6	22	49	11	5	6	28	16
Oct. 2016	3	22	45	19	5	5	25	24

Q13. Compared to a year ago, would you say that you and your family are economically a lot better off, somewhat better off, about the same, somewhat worse off, or a lot worse off?

	A lot better off	Somewhat better off	About the same	Somewhat worse off	A lot worse off	Don't know	TOTAL BETTER	TOTAL WORSE
Dec. 2024	5	19	39	23	11	3	24	34
Oct. 2024	5	20	33	25	16	2	25	41
Aug. 2024	4	15	36	27	17	1	19	44
June 2024	4	18	34	25	17	1	22	42
Apr. 2024	7	18	32	25	16	2	25	41
Feb. 2024	7	20	33	24	15	1	27	39
Dec. 2023	4	19	35	25	15	1	23	40
Oct. 2023	4	15	32	31	16	1	19	47
Aug. 2023	5	13	35	27	18	2	18	45
June 2023	4	15	36	28	14	1	19	42
Apr. 2023	5	16	33	29	15	3	21	44
Feb. 2023	3	13	35	29	17	2	16	46
Dec. 2022	4	12	36	30	16	3	16	46
Oct. 2022	4	9	35	32	17	2	13	49
Aug. 2022	5	12	38	26	16	3	17	42
June 2022	4	10	32	32	21	1	14	53
Apr. 2022	3	14	37	27	16	2	17	43
Feb. 2022	5	16	39	25	13	2	21	38
Oct. 2021	5	15	43	24	11	2	20	35
Aug. 2021	5	15	46	19	12	3	20	31
June 2021	5	18	49	18	7	4	23	25
Apr. 2021	5	16	53	16	7	3	21	23
Mar. 2021	5	17	49	20	8	2	22	28
Feb. 2021	5	13	49	19	10	5	18	29
Oct. 2020	9	14	44	20	11	2	23	31
June 2020	6	18	43	20	11	2	24	31
Apr. 2020	9	19	34	21	14	3	28	35
Feb. 2020	15	26	38	13	6	3	41	19

Oct. 2019	15	25	38	13	5	3	40	18
June 2019	15	25	37	14	5	3	40	19
Feb. 2019	12	28	39	13	6	2	40	19
Oct. 2018	12	27	39	13	6	3	39	19
June 2018	10	27	42	14	6	2	37	20
Feb. 2018	11	27	42	13	5	1	38	18
Oct. 2017	9	22	47	16	5	1	31	21
June 2017	5	20	52	15	5	1	25	20
Feb. 2017	6	21	50	16	7	1	27	23
Oct. 2016	5	22	44	19	8	2	27	27
June 2016	5	18	44	20	9	3	23	29
Feb. 2016	5	20	45	19	9	2	25	28
Oct. 2015	5	18	45	23	7	1	23	30
June 2015	5	21	48	17	7	2	26	24
Feb. 2015	6	21	44	21	7	2	27	28
Oct. 2014	5	22	42	23	7	1	27	30
June 2014	6	21	42	21	8	2	27	29
Feb. 2014	5	20	43	22	9	1	25	31
Oct. 2013	5	17	41	23	12	2	22	35
June 2013	6	19	44	23	7	1	25	30
Oct. 2012	6	17	43	23	11	1	23	34
May 2012	4	15	48	19	13	2	19	32
Feb. 2012	4	16	45	23	11	1	20	34
Oct. 2011	3	13	40	27	15	1	16	42
May 2011	2	16	40	25	16	2	18	41
Feb. 2011	3	17	45	24	11	1	20	35
Oct. 2010	3	16	38	27	14	2	19	41
May 2010	4	16	41	25	13	1	20	38
Feb. 2010	3	14	40	29	12	1	17	41
Oct. 2009	3	14	39	27	16	1	17	43
Mar. 2009	3	14	42	27	14	0	17	41
Oct. 2008	4	16	38	29	14	0	20	43

Q15. A year from now, do you expect that the national economy will be a lot better off, somewhat better off, about the same, somewhat worse off, or a lot worse off?

	A lot better off	Somewhat better off	About the same	Somewhat worse off	A lot worse off	Don't know	TOTAL BETTER	TOTAL WORSE
Dec. 2024	21	31	16	13	10	9	52	23
Oct. 2024	12	27	19	11	9	22	39	20
Aug. 2024	9	30	22	11	10	18	39	21
June 2024	9	25	21	14	13	17	34	27
Apr. 2024	10	26	23	14	14	14	36	28

Q16. How concerned, if at all, are you personally about each of the following economic issues in the country today? **[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS: “Very concerned”, “Somewhat concerned”, “Not too concerned”, “not at all concerned”, “Don’t know/No opinion] [RANDOMIZE A-I]**

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know/No opinion	Oct. 2024: Very concerned	Aug. 2024: Very concerned	Apr. 2024: Very concerned
The price of food and consumer goods	70	23	5	1	1	69	69	68
The cost of healthcare	67	26	5	1	1	61	62	59
The cost of housing	58	28	10	2	2	55	59	55
The price of gasoline and energy	49	36	11	3	2	51	53	56
National debt	46	32	15	5	3	0	0	0
Federal budget deficit	45	33	15	4	3	0	0	0
People who want to work being unable to find jobs	42	37	15	5	2	38	39	34
The cost of higher education	42	31	15	8	4	36	37	35
Interest rates	41	39	12	3	4	39	43	45
The stability of banks and financial institutions	30	36	23	6	4	29	27	30
How the stock market is doing	23	31	30	10	7	20	18	23

Q17. In general, in the face of political or policy conflicts, is it more important for government officials to compromise or to stand on principle?

	Compromise	Stand on principle
Dec. 2024	51	49
Apr. 2024	54	46
Feb. 2023	57	43
Feb. 2020	56	44
Feb. 2016	52	48
Nov. 2015	51	49

Q18. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of each of the following: **[RANDOMIZE A-N] [GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS: “Very favorable”, “Somewhat favorable”, “Neither favorable nor unfavorable”, “Somewhat unfavorable”, “Very unfavorable”, “Don’t know/No opinion”]**

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NET
Local businesses in your area	28	45	20	3	1	3	73	4	69
The U.S. military	39	33	18	5	2	2	72	7	65
The police	23	39	21	10	5	2	62	15	47
Churches and faith organizations	23	34	21	9	9	4	57	18	39
The Texas state government	20	35	17	11	16	2	55	27	28
The municipal or local government where you live	14	39	25	12	6	4	53	18	35
Public schools (K-12)	18	31	21	17	10	4	49	27	22
Major companies/corporations based in the United States	16	31	28	16	6	4	47	22	25
Universities and colleges	17	30	23	14	13	3	47	27	20
Labor unions	15	29	26	12	12	7	44	24	20
The criminal justice system	10	26	24	24	14	2	36	38	-2
The federal government	10	22	23	22	22	2	32	44	-12
The news media	7	24	20	17	30	2	31	47	-16
Major companies/corporations based outside the United States	6	16	37	20	14	7	22	34	-12

*The federal government Trend*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NET
Dec. 2024	10	22	23	22	22	2	32	44	-12
June 2024	6	21	18	22	31	2	27	53	-26
Aug. 2023	7	19	20	21	32	1	26	53	-27
June 2023	8	19	18	22	32	2	27	54	-27
June 2022	4	15	18	25	36	2	19	61	-42
June 2019	6	18	20	27	26	3	24	53	-29
Feb. 2017	5	18	23	23	27	3	23	50	-27
Feb. 2015	5	18	18	21	36	2	23	57	-34

*The Texas state government Trend*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NET
Dec. 2024	20	35	17	11	16	2	55	27	28
June 2024	15	31	16	13	23	2	46	36	10
Aug. 2023	14	28	16	15	25	2	42	40	2
June 2023	15	31	14	14	23	2	46	37	9
June 2022	15	25	18	12	29	2	40	41	-1
June 2019	16	32	19	14	15	3	48	29	19
Feb. 2017	17	30	22	11	17	2	47	28	19
Feb. 2015	16	0	19	15	12	3	16	27	-11

*The municipal or local government where you live Trend*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NET
Dec. 2024	14	39	25	12	6	4	53	18	35
June 2024	10	36	27	14	10	3	46	24	22
Aug. 2023	10	35	26	16	10	2	45	26	19
June 2023	12	35	24	15	10	3	47	25	22
June 2022	10	32	26	17	12	3	42	29	13
June 2019	11	35	24	14	12	5	46	26	20
Feb. 2017	14	33	25	15	9	4	47	24	23
Feb. 2015	12	0	27	15	9	3	12	24	-12

*Labor unions Trend*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NET
Dec. 2024	15	29	26	12	12	7	44	24	20
June 2024	15	24	23	11	18	10	39	29	10
Aug. 2023	17	22	25	12	18	7	39	30	9
Dec. 2022	14	26	24	12	18	7	40	30	10

*Local businesses in your area Trend*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NET
Dec. 2024	28	45	20	3	1	3	73	4	69
June 2024	24	47	21	4	2	2	71	6	65
Aug. 2023	27	47	19	3	1	2	74	4	70
Dec. 2022	25	50	17	4	2	3	75	6	69

*Major companies/corporations based in the United States Trend*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NET
Dec. 2024	16	31	28	16	6	4	47	22	25
June 2024	7	29	30	17	13	4	36	30	6
Aug. 2023	9	30	29	18	11	2	39	29	10
Dec. 2022	9	32	27	19	8	4	41	27	14

*Major companies/corporations based outside the United States Trend*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NET
Dec. 2024	6	16	37	20	14	7	22	34	-12
June 2024	4	14	34	22	18	9	18	40	-22
Aug. 2023	4	14	34	23	19	6	18	42	-24
Dec. 2022	6	10	33	24	18	9	16	42	-26

*Universities and colleges Trend*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NET
Dec. 2024	17	30	23	14	13	3	47	27	20
June 2024	14	27	21	16	20	2	41	36	5
Aug. 2023	16	28	22	16	16	2	44	32	12
Dec. 2022	14	31	18	18	16	4	45	34	11

*Churches and faith organizations Trend*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NET
Dec. 2024	23	34	21	9	9	4	57	18	39
June 2024	20	30	22	11	13	3	50	24	26
Aug. 2023	22	31	23	12	11	2	53	23	30
Dec. 2022	21	29	23	13	11	3	50	24	26

*Public schools (K-12) Trend*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NET
Dec. 2024	18	31	21	17	10	4	49	27	22
June 2024	13	30	22	19	14	3	43	33	10
Aug. 2023	15	30	20	19	14	3	45	33	12
June 2023	12	26	20	19	20	3	38	39	-1
Dec. 2022	15	29	22	19	12	3	44	31	13
June 2022	12	28	20	18	18	4	40	36	4
Feb. 2015	9	0	20	24	15	2	9	39	-30

*The U.S. military Trend*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NET
Dec. 2024	39	33	18	5	2	2	72	7	65
June 2024	34	34	16	8	6	2	68	14	54
Aug. 2023	33	33	18	11	4	2	66	15	51
June 2022	30	31	20	9	7	3	61	16	45
June 2019	45	26	15	6	5	0	71	11	60
Feb. 2017	50	26	13	4	3	3	76	7	69
Feb. 2015	51	0	13	4	3	2	51	7	44

*The police Trend*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NET
Dec. 2024	23	39	21	10	5	2	62	15	47
June 2024	22	36	19	12	10	1	58	22	36
Aug. 2023	24	33	18	14	10	1	57	24	33
Aug. 2022	22	34	20	14	8	2	56	22	34
June 2022	23	29	19	16	12	2	52	28	24
Feb. 2021	34	28	16	11	9	2	62	20	42
Oct. 2020	35	23	16	15	9	2	58	24	34
June 2020	31	24	13	17	13	3	55	30	25
June 2019	29	29	17	13	10	2	58	23	35
Feb. 2017	33	31	15	9	9	3	64	18	46
Feb. 2015	27	30	19	13	10	1	57	23	34

*The news media Trend*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NET
Dec. 2024	7	24	20	17	30	2	31	47	-16
June 2024	6	22	19	17	34	2	28	51	-23
Aug. 2023	7	18	22	15	35	2	25	50	-25

Now we'd like to get your views about some foreign countries...

Q19. Given what you know about the following countries, please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of each of the following. [RANDOMIZE A-N] [GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS: "Very favorable", "Somewhat favorable", "Neither favorable nor unfavorable", "Somewhat unfavorable", "Very unfavorable", "Don't know/No opinion"]

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	Dec. 2023 : TOTAL FAVORABLE	Dec. 2023 : TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	Dec. 2022 : TOTAL FAVORABLE	Dec. 2022 : TOTAL UNFAVORABLE
Canada	29	35	20	9	4	4	64	13	61	16	60	19
Australia	26	38	24	6	2	5	64	8	62	9	62	13
Great Britain	26	37	22	7	3	5	63	10	61	11	62	12
Japan	23	37	26	5	3	6	60	8	63	8	60	11
Israel	29	22	23	12	10	5	51	22	55	20	47	19
South Korea	13	33	34	9	6	6	46	15	55	16	55	14
Ukraine	14	26	31	14	10	5	40	24	44	25	50	22
Mexico	12	25	29	18	12	3	37	30	39	31	38	34
Saudi Arabia	6	15	31	23	19	6	21	42	16	51	12	56
China	5	14	22	19	36	5	19	55	14	64	10	69
Venezuela	5	12	29	17	29	9	17	46	14	50	15	54
Russia	3	9	19	18	45	6	12	63	11	70	7	77
North Korea	2	6	16	13	57	5	8	70	8	74	7	79
Iran	2	4	18	18	52	7	6	70	8	71	0	0

Q20. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: *This country would be better off if we just stayed home and did not concern ourselves with problems in other parts of the world.*

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL AGREE	TOTAL DISAGREE
Dec. 2024	17	30	28	19	6	47	47
Feb. 2024	16	32	22	23	7	48	45
Dec. 2022	15	29	24	23	9	44	47
Apr. 2022	14	28	24	25	9	42	49
Feb. 2020	11	27	31	23	8	38	54
Oct. 2019	13	28	29	23	8	41	52
June 2018	12	27	28	23	9	39	51
Oct. 2016	12	30	29	23	7	42	52
June 2016	13	31	27	22	7	44	49
Oct. 2014	11	32	29	23	5	43	52





Q21. Do you think the U.S. is doing too much, too little, or about the right amount in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine?

	Too much	Too little	Right amount	Don't know/No opinion
Dec. 2024	37	20	28	15
June 2024	32	24	30	14
Apr. 2024	28	26	31	15
Dec. 2023	33	19	33	15
Oct. 2023	37	19	31	13
Aug. 2023	36	21	30	13
June 2023	35	22	30	14
Apr. 2023	32	21	32	15
Feb. 2023	30	21	32	17
Dec. 2022	29	22	34	15
June 2022	28	27	25	21
Apr. 2022	15	39	29	17

## Political Figures and Elections

*Turning back to U.S. politics...*

Q22. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of each of the following:  
**[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS: “Very favorable”, “Somewhat favorable”, “Neither favorable nor unfavorable”, “Somewhat unfavorable”, “Very unfavorable”, “Don’t know/No opinion”] [RANDOMIZE A-D]**

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE
Donald Trump	38	16	7	7	32	1	54	39
J.D. Vance	27	21	14	9	25	4	48	34
Kamala Harris	26	17	8	7	42	1	43	49
Joe Biden	18	20	10	10	41	1	38	51

### *Joe Biden Trend*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NET
Dec. 2024	18	20	10	10	41	1	38	51	-13
Oct. 2024	19	19	8	10	44	0	38	54	-16
Aug. 2024	20	19	9	8	43	1	39	51	-12
June 2024	20	19	7	9	44	1	39	53	-14
Apr. 2024	24	18	6	8	43	1	42	51	-9
Feb. 2024	24	19	7	8	42	1	43	50	-7
Dec. 2023	20	18	7	10	44	1	38	54	-16
Aug. 2023	20	17	7	9	44	2	37	53	-16
June 2023	19	18	10	8	43	1	37	51	-14
Feb. 2023	20	20	7	8	43	2	40	51	-11
Dec. 2022	17	23	10	6	43	2	40	49	-9
Aug. 2022	20	18	8	8	45	1	38	53	-15
Oct. 2020	21	20	7	9	42	1	41	51	-10
June 2020	18	20	8	12	39	3	38	51	-13
Apr. 2020	18	17	10	11	40	3	35	51	-16
Feb. 2020	17	16	10	12	41	4	33	53	-20
Oct. 2012	22	15	8	8	40	7	37	48	-11

*Donald Trump Trend*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NET
Dec. 2024	38	16	7	7	32	1	54	39	15
Oct. 2024	32	16	4	6	41	0	48	47	1
Aug. 2024	32	17	3	5	43	1	49	48	1
June 2024	30	15	6	8	41	1	45	49	-4
Apr. 2024	33	16	7	7	37	1	49	44	5
Feb. 2024	28	21	6	6	39	1	49	45	4
Dec. 2023	29	17	7	6	39	1	46	45	1
Aug. 2023	27	14	6	8	43	2	41	51	-10
June 2023	26	18	7	8	40	1	44	48	-4
Apr. 2023	27	15	7	8	40	2	42	48	-6
Feb. 2023	23	18	9	6	42	2	41	48	-7
Dec. 2022	20	22	9	9	39	2	42	48	-6
Oct. 2022	26	18	7	4	43	2	44	47	-3
Aug. 2022	27	14	8	6	44	1	41	50	-9
June 2022	26	16	9	7	41	2	42	48	-6
Apr. 2022	28	17	7	7	40	0	45	47	-2
Feb. 2022	26	17	8	6	40	2	43	46	-3
Oct. 2021	28	15	6	6	42	0	43	48	-5
June 2021	30	17	5	4	43	1	47	47	0
Feb. 2021	31	15	5	5	41	3	46	46	0
Oct. 2020	31	15	5	6	42	1	46	48	-2
Feb. 2017	27	18	7	5	41	0	45	46	-1
Oct. 2016	13	18	7	9	49	2	31	58	-27
June 2016	16	15	10	10	46	0	31	56	-25
Feb. 2016	13	16	9	15	44	0	29	59	-30
Nov. 2015	16	18	12	12	39	0	34	51	-17

*Kamala Harris Trend*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NET
Dec. 2024	26	17	8	7	42	1	43	49	-6
Oct. 2024	30	13	6	7	43	0	43	50	-7
Aug. 2024	29	16	8	5	41	1	45	46	-1
June 2024	15	20	11	8	43	2	35	51	-16
Apr. 2024	18	20	10	7	42	2	38	49	-11
Feb. 2024	17	21	12	6	41	3	38	47	-9
Dec. 2023	13	20	13	7	44	3	33	51	-18
Aug. 2023	16	18	9	9	44	4	34	53	-19

*J.D. Vance Trend*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NET
Dec. 2024	27	21	14	9	25	4	48	34	14
Oct. 2024	28	19	10	7	31	0	47	38	9
Aug. 2024	21	18	13	8	33	8	39	41	-2

Q23. How much priority should the Trump administration put on developing policies and plans to try to...**[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS “Very high priority”, “High priority”, “Medium priority”, “Low priority”, “Not a priority”, “Don’t know/No opinion”][RANDOMIZE A-J]**

	Very high priority	High priority	Medium priority	Low priority	Not a priority	Don't know/No opinion
Lower the prices of goods and services	54	30	10	2	1	2
Reduce the flow of fentanyl in the country	49	28	12	5	2	5
Strengthen national defense	42	28	17	6	4	3
Cut taxes for individual taxpayers	36	35	17	4	4	4
Deport immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally	34	19	19	12	12	4
End government diversity, equity, and inclusion programs	28	19	12	10	22	8
Reduce the size of the federal government	28	21	21	11	13	6
Limit U.S. aid to foreign allies	21	23	24	14	12	7
Increase tariffs on imported goods	12	21	27	12	22	7
Cut taxes for large businesses	11	19	22	14	27	7

Q23A. And which of the following should be **the top priority** of the Trump administration?  
**[RANDOMIZE 1-10]**

Q23	Percent
Lower the prices of goods and services	34
Deport immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally	19
Cut taxes for individual taxpayers	10
Strengthen national defense	9
Reduce the flow of fentanyl in the country	7
Reduce the size of the federal government	7
Limit U.S. aid to foreign allies	3
Cut taxes for large businesses	2
End government diversity, equity, and inclusion programs	2
Increase tariffs on imported goods	2
Don't know/No opinion	5

## Policy Questions

Now, let's turn to the State of Texas.

Q24. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of each of the following:

**[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS: "Very favorable", "Somewhat favorable", "Neither favorable nor unfavorable", "Somewhat unfavorable", "Very unfavorable", "Don't know/No opinion"] [RANDOMIZE A-L]**

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE
Willie Nelson	29	29	26	5	3	7	58	8
Matthew McConaughey	23	35	28	6	2	6	58	8
Simone Biles	28	28	25	4	4	10	56	8
Elon Musk	33	21	12	7	23	3	54	30
Selena Gomez	23	26	29	7	6	10	49	13
Nolan Ryan	24	24	30	2	1	18	48	3
Joe Rogan	17	25	26	8	13	10	42	21
Mark Cuban	15	24	25	9	16	11	39	25
Beyoncé	18	21	22	12	22	5	39	34
Greg Popovich	12	17	28	5	6	33	29	11
Travis Scott	12	17	30	6	8	27	29	14
Jerry Jones	6	18	29	14	14	19	24	28

Q25. As you probably know, the Texas Legislature will be meeting in Austin for the 140-day legislative session held every other year in January of 2025. What do you think should be the legislature's top priority? **[OPEN-ENDED]**

Q25_Coded	Percent
Immigration/Border security	22
The economy/Prices	16
Public Education	8
Crime	4
Property taxes	4
Healthcare	4
Abortion law	3
Energy/The Grid	3
Taxes	2
Well-being of Texans	2
Gun violence	2
Corruption/Leadership	2
Housing	1
Marijuana decriminalization/legalization	1
Homelessness	1
Environment/Climate change	1
Reduce spending/Size of government	1
Election law	1
Vouchers	1
Infrastructure	1
Assisting Trump Administration	0
LGBTQ Issues	0
National defense	0
Stop Trump Administration	0
Water supply	0
Other	5
Don't know/No opinion	14

Q26. Thinking about state spending, do you think that Texas state government spends too much, too little, or about the right amount on each of the following? **[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS “Too much”, “Too Little”, “About the right amount”, “Don’t know/No opinion”]** **[RANDOMIZE A-L]**

	Too much	About the right amount	Too Little	Don't know/No opinion
Mental health services	6	23	58	14
Healthcare	9	23	55	12
Electric infrastructure	8	29	50	13
K-12 public education	10	29	49	11
Children in the state’s care	7	26	49	18
Border security	17	29	45	9
Water infrastructure	6	33	44	17
Environmental protection	15	31	40	14
Transportation	9	40	37	13
Higher education (i.e. colleges and universities)	20	30	35	14
Broadband access	9	36	31	25
Prisons and the penal system	19	36	27	19

Q27. Do you think that each of the following should be made more strict, less strict, or left as they are now in Texas? **[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS “More strict”, “Less strict”, “Left as they are now”, “Don’t know/No opinion”]** **[RANDOMIZE A-E]**

	More strict	Less strict	Left as they are now	Don't know/No opinion
The rules for voting	35	22	36	7
Gun laws	50	18	26	6
Abortion laws	27	43	21	9
Gambling laws	30	30	26	14
Marijuana/cannabis laws	32	41	18	9
Laws regulating access to online pornography	51	18	19	11

*The rules for voting Trend*

	More strict	Left as they are now	Less strict	Don't know/No opinion
Dec. 2024	35	36	22	7
Aug. 2024	44	29	22	5
Feb. 2023	32	30	32	6
Oct. 2022	32	34	25	10
Feb. 2022	30	31	29	9
Oct. 2021	34	29	29	8
Aug. 2021	39	30	24	8
June 2021	35	29	26	10
Feb. 2021	27	40	25	8



*Gun laws Trend*

	More strict	Left as they are now	Less strict	Don't know/No opinion
Dec. 2024	50	26	18	6
Aug. 2024	58	25	13	3
Feb. 2023	50	29	16	5
Oct. 2022	55	24	15	6
Aug. 2022	54	23	18	5
June 2022	52	28	14	6
Feb. 2022	43	34	16	7
Apr. 2021	46	30	20	5
Oct. 2019	51	28	13	8
Feb. 2019	49	30	17	0
June 2018	51	31	13	0
Oct. 2017	52	31	13	0
Nov. 2015	41	36	18	0
Feb. 2015	36	36	22	5

*Abortion laws Trend*

	More strict	Left as they are now	Less strict	Don't know/No opinion
Dec. 2024	27	21	43	9
Aug. 2024	23	20	49	9
Apr. 2024	20	23	45	12
Feb. 2024	27	21	45	7
Feb. 2023	22	21	47	10
Oct. 2022	18	25	50	8
Aug. 2022	20	21	49	10
Feb. 2022	23	23	43	12
Apr. 2021	33	22	33	11
Feb. 2021	32	18	37	13
Feb. 2019	41	20	32	8
June 2013	38	21	26	0

*Gambling laws Trend*

	More strict	Left as they are now	Less strict	Don't know/No opinion
Dec. 2024	30	26	30	14
Aug. 2024	23	29	34	14
Feb. 2023	20	25	39	16
Dec. 2022	20	22	35	22

Marijuana/cannabis laws Trend

	More strict	Left as they are now	Less strict	Don't know/No opinion
Dec. 2024	32	18	41	9
Aug. 2024	25	18	50	7
Feb. 2023	22	15	51	11

**[SPLIT SAMPLE Q28A-Q28B]**

Q28A. Do you think Constitutional rights and protections should be granted at conception (i.e. when an egg is fertilized by sperm)?

(N=635, Margin of Error is +/- 3.89%)

Q28A	Percent
Yes	39
No	34
Don't know/Unsure	28

Q28B. Do you think human life begins at conception (i.e. when an egg is fertilized by sperm)?

(N=565, Margin of Error is +/- 4.12%)

Q28B	Percent
Yes	56
No	28
Don't know/Unsure	16

**[RANDOMIZE Q29A-Q29B]**

Q29A. In general do you think that vaccines are...

Q29_A	Percent
Entirely safe	16
Mostly safe	54
Neither safe nor unsafe	14
Mostly unsafe	8
Entirely unsafe	4
Don't know/No opinion	4

Q29B. In general do you think that vaccines are...

Q29_B	Percent
Entirely effective	15
Mostly effective	57
Neither effective nor ineffective	14
Mostly ineffective	6
Entirely ineffective	3
Don't know/No opinion	4

Q30. Do you think the government should or should not require parents to have their children vaccinated against infectious diseases (e.g. measles, mumps, whooping cough)?

	Should	Should not	Don't know/No opinion
Dec. 2024	72	15	14
Apr. 2024	73	15	11
June 2020	75	14	11
June 2019	78	12	10
Feb. 2019	78	14	9
Feb. 2015	75	14	11

Q31. Do you think climate change is happening, do you think climate change is not happening, or aren't you sure?

	Climate change is happening	Climate change is not happening	Not sure if climate change is happening
Dec. 2024	67	18	15
June 2023	61	24	15
Dec. 2022	62	23	15
June 2022	64	20	16
Mar. 2021	58	25	18
Oct. 2019	66	23	12

Q32. Do you think Texas state government is doing too much to address climate change, about enough to address climate change, or too little to address climate change?

	Too much	About enough	Too little	Don't know/No opinion
Dec. 2024	16	31	37	17
Dec. 2022	16	29	41	14
Apr. 2021	13	27	43	16

Q33. Do you think the U.S. government is doing too much to address climate change, about enough to address climate change, or too little to address climate change?

	Too much	About enough	Too little	Don't know/No opinion
Dec. 2024	25	26	37	11
Dec. 2022	31	21	38	10
Apr. 2021	30	16	43	11

Q34. If you had to choose, would you say you consider yourself... **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

	American first, Texan second	Texan first, American second	Don't know/No opinion
Dec. 2024	67	23	10
Feb. 2024	63	26	11
Feb. 2014	73	27	0

Q35A. Regardless of whom you supported, do you think Joe Biden legitimately won the 2020 presidential election? **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

	Yes	No	Not sure
Dec. 2024	58	31	11
Oct. 2024	58	30	12
Aug. 2024	58	32	10
June 2024	56	32	13
Apr. 2024	56	33	11
Feb. 2024	58	31	12
Dec. 2023	52	33	15
Oct. 2023	54	35	12
Aug. 2023	56	35	9
Apr. 2023	56	34	10
Feb. 2023	56	35	9
Dec. 2022	57	32	11
Oct. 2022	53	35	12
Aug. 2022	52	36	12
June 2022	54	35	11
Feb. 2022	53	36	11

Q35B. Regardless of whom you supported, do you think Donald Trump legitimately won the 2024 presidential election? **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

Q35B	Percent
Yes	78
No	12
Not sure	10

## Political Knowledge

### [Randomize INFO1-INFO3]

INFO1. Who is the current Texas Land Commissioner? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

INFO1	Percent
Dawn Buckingham	17
Sid Miller	13
Christi Craddick	9
Glenn Hegar	8
Don't know	54

INFO2. What majority of both houses of the U.S. Congress is needed to override a presidential veto?

INFO2	Percent
More than two-thirds	69
More than three-fourths	7
More than one-half	9
Don't know	16

INFO3. Who is the current Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives? **[RANDOMIZE 1-4]**

INFO3	Percent
Mike Johnson	61
Kevin McCarthy	6
Nancy Pelosi	11
Chuck Schumer	5
Don't know	17

## Political Orientation

We're almost done. Now we just have a few basic questions for statistical purposes.

LIBCON. On a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 is extremely liberal, 7 is extremely conservative, and 4 is exactly in the middle, where would you place yourself? **[Wording on scale: (1) "Extremely liberal," (4) "In the middle," (7) "Extremely conservative"]**

LIBCON7	Percent
Extremely lib.	8
Somewhat lib.	15
Lean lib.	7
Moderate	27
Lean con.	8
Somewhat con.	19
Extremely con.	16

PID3. Generally speaking, would you say that you usually think of yourself as a...

PID3	Percent
Democrats	41
Independents	9
Republicans	50

PID7. (Uses the four PID3 follow-up questions)

PID7	Percent
StrDem	23
WeakDem	13
LeanDem	5
Ind	9
LeanRep	9
WeakRep	11
StrRep	30

REPCON. **[ASK IF PID7 >= 5]** Overall, do you think that Republican elected officials in Texas are conservative enough, too conservative, or not conservative enough?

*(N=587, Margin of Error is +/- 4.05%)*

REPCON	Percent
Conservative enough	51
Too conservative	14
Not conservative enough	27
Don't know/No opinion	8

DEMLIB. **[ASK IF PID7 <= 3]** Overall, do you think that Democratic elected officials in Texas are liberal enough, too liberal, or not liberal enough?

*(N=484, Margin of Error is +/- 4.46%)*

DEMLIB	Percent
Liberal enough	43
Too liberal	11
Not liberal enough	34
Don't know/No opinion	13

## Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

AGEG	Percent
18-29	18
30-44	25
45-64	35
65+	23

LOCATE. Would you say that you live in an urban, suburban, or rural community?

LOCATE	Percent
Urban	34
Suburban	48
Rural	17

METRO. Do you live in the Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio, or Austin metropolitan areas?

METRO	Percent
Yes, I live in the Houston area	22
Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	31
Yes, I live in the San Antonio area	9
Yes, I live in the Austin area	10
No, I live in another part of Texas	28

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

CHILD	Percent
One	17
Two	13
Three	6
Four or more	2
None	63



SCHOOL. Do you have any children currently enrolled in school in Texas? (check all that apply)

	Percent
Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in public school in Texas.	18
Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in private school in Texas.	7
Yes, I have a child/children under 18 who are being home schooled in Texas.	2
No, I do not have any children under 18 in school in Texas.	75

INCOME. In which category would you place your household income last year?

INCOME	Percent
Less than \$10,000	5
\$10,000 - \$19,999	5
\$20,000 - \$29,999	9
\$30,000 - \$39,999	7
\$40,000 - \$49,999	7
\$50,000 - \$59,999	9
\$60,000 - \$69,999	5
\$70,000 - \$79,999	8
\$80,000 - \$99,999	8
\$100,000 - \$119,999	9
\$120,000 - \$149,999	8
More than \$150,000	10
Prefer not to say	10

AB. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be pro-life, pro-choice, or neither?

AB	Percent
Pro-life	40
Pro-choice	39
Neither	14
Don't know	6

EDU. What is the highest level of education that you received?

EDU	Percent
Less than high school	4
High school degree	25
Some college	20
Two-year college degree	11
Four-year college degree	26
Post-graduate degree	13

RELIG. What is your primary religious affiliation, if any? **[No open response on “other”]**

RELIG	Percent
Agnostic	4
Assembly of God	3
Atheist	2
Baptist	12
Born again	5
Buddhist	0
Catholic	23
Christian Scientist	0
Church of Christ	3
Church of God	1
Disciples of Christ	1
Don't know	2
Episcopal / Anglican	1
Evangelical	0
Hindu	0
Jehovah's Witnesses	0
Jewish	2
Lutheran	2
Methodist	3
Mormon	1
Muslim / Islam	2
No religious affiliation / none	10
Nondenominational Christian	5
Orthodox / Eastern Orthodox	0
Other	3
Pentecostal / charismatic / spirit-filled	4
Presbyterian	1
Protestant (non-specific)	2
Reformed	0
Religious but not spiritual	1
Spiritual but not religious	5
Unitarian / Universalist	1
United Church of Christ	0

LITERAL. Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible?

LITERAL	Percent
The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word.	37
The Bible is the word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word.	40
The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	17
Don't know.	7

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

IMPORT	Percent
Extremely important	42
Somewhat important	31
Not very important	13
Not at all important	14

ATTEND. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services or participate in religious activities?

ATTEND	Percent
More than once a week	15
Once a week	25
A few times a month	12
Once or twice a year	21
Never	27

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

race	Percent
White / Blanco	59
Black	13
Hispanic	22
Asian	3
Middle Eastern	0
Native American	1
Mixed	1
Other	1

RACE2. [Ask if RACE ~= "Hispanic or Latino"] Do you happen to have a Hispanic-Latino grandparent?

RACE2	Percent
Yes	2
No	97
Don't know	2

NATIVE1. [Ask if RACE = "Hispanic or Latino"] Were you born in the United States or Puerto Rico, or in another country?

NATIVE1	Percent
Born in the United States or Puerto Rico	88
Born in another country	11
Don't know	1

NATIVE2. [Ask NATIVE2 if answer 1 on NATIVE1] Were your parents born in the United States or Puerto Rico, or another country?

NATIVE2	Percent
Both of my parents were born in the United States or Puerto Rico	67
One of my parents was born in another country	22
Both of my parents were both in another country	11

MOVE. Did you move to Texas from some other state?

MOVE	Percent
Yes	35
No	65

STATE. [ASK IF MOVE=1] Which state did you move from (most recently)? [DROPDOWN LIST OF STATES]

STATE	Percent
Alabama	1
Alaska	0
Arizona	3
Arkansas	1
California	14
Colorado	4
Connecticut	1
Florida	6
Georgia	4
Hawaii	1
Idaho	0
Illinois	6
Indiana	2
Iowa	1
Kansas	1
Kentucky	1
Louisiana	6
Maine	0
Maryland	1
Massachusetts	0
Michigan	5
Minnesota	1
Mississippi	1
Missouri	3
Nebraska	1
Nevada	1
New Hampshire	0
New Jersey	2
New Mexico	3
New York	7
Newfoundland	1
North Carolina	1
North Dakota	0
Not in the U.S. or Canada	1
Ohio	2
Oklahoma	4
Oregon	1
Palau	0
Pennsylvania	1
Puerto Rico	1
Quebec	0
South Carolina	1
Tennessee	2
Utah	0
Vermont	0
Virginia	2
Washington	1
Wisconsin	1
Wyoming	0

VETERAN. Which of the following best describes your current situation? Please check all that apply:

	Percent
Active-duty military	0
Military veteran	10
Active-duty military in my immediate family	3
Military veteran in my immediate family	17
None of the above	73

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

HOME	Percent
Own	70
Rent	30

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

MARITAL	Percent
Married	51
Separated	1
Divorced	10
Widowed	5
Single	29
Domestic Partnership	3

GENDER. What is your gender?

gender	Percent
Male	46
Female	54

P20. In the 2020 presidential election, who did you vote for?

presvote20post	Percent
Did not vote for President	17
Donald Trump	44
Howie Hawkins	0
Jo Jorgensen	1
Joe Biden	38
Other	0

## **Sampling and Weighting Methodology for the December 2024 Texas Statewide Study**

For the survey, YouGov interviewed 1,366 Texas registered voters between December 9th – December 17th, 2024 who were then matched down to a sample of 1,200 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education.<sup>1</sup> The frame was constructed by using different subsets of a politically representative "modelled frame" of US adults, based upon the American Community Survey (ACS) public use microdata file, public voter file records, the 2020 Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration supplements, the 2020 National Election Pool (NEP) exit poll, and the 2020 CES surveys, including demographics and 2020 and 2024 presidential vote.

The matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity and years of education. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles. The weights were then post-stratified on 2020 and 2024 Presidential vote choice, and a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories), to produce the final weight.

The margin of error is 2.83% for registered voters, and 3.46% accounting for the weighted data.

### **Survey Panel Data**

The YouGov panel, a proprietary opt-in survey panel, is comprised of 1.5 million U.S. residents who have agreed to participate in YouGov Web surveys. At any given time, YouGov maintains a minimum of five recruitment campaigns based on salient current events.

Panel members are recruited by a number of methods and on a variety of topics to help ensure diversity in the panel population. Recruiting methods include Web advertising campaigns (public surveys), permission-based email campaigns, partner sponsored solicitations, telephone-to-Web recruitment (RDD based sampling), and mail-to-Web recruitment (Voter Registration Based Sampling).

The primary method of recruitment for the YouGov Panel is Web advertising campaigns that appear based on keyword searches. In practice, a search in Google may prompt an active YouGov advertisement soliciting opinion on the

search topic. At the conclusion of the short survey respondents are invited to join the YouGov panel in order to receive and participate in additional surveys. After a double opt-in procedure, where respondents must confirm their consent by responding to an email, the database checks to ensure the newly recruited panelist is in fact new and that the address information provided is valid.

The YouGov panel currently has over 20,000 active panelists who are residents of Texas. These panelists cover a wide range of demographic characteristics.

## **Sampling and Sample Matching**

Sample matching is a methodology for selection of “representative” samples from non-randomly selected pools of respondents. It is ideally suited for Web access panels, but could also be used for other types of surveys, such as phone surveys. Sample matching starts with an enumeration of the target population. For general population studies, the target population is all adults, and can be enumerated through the use of the decennial Census or a high-quality survey, such as the American Community Survey. In other contexts, this is known as the sampling frame, though, unlike conventional sampling, the sample is not drawn from the frame. Traditional sampling, then, selects individuals from the sampling frame at random for participation in the study. This may not be feasible or economical as the contact information, especially email addresses, is not available for all individuals in the frame and refusals to participate increase the costs of sampling in this way.

Sample selection using the matching methodology is a two-stage process. First, a random sample is drawn from the target population. We call this sample the target sample. Details on how the target sample is drawn are provided below, but the essential idea is that this sample is a true probability sample and thus representative of the frame from which it was drawn.

Second, for each member of the target sample, we select one or more matching members from our pool of opt-in respondents. This is called the matched sample. Matching is accomplished using a large set of variables that are available in consumer and voter databases for both the target population and the opt-in panel.

The purpose of matching is to find an available respondent who is as similar as possible to the selected member of the target sample. The result is a sample of respondents who have the same measured characteristics as the target sample. Under certain conditions, described below, the matched sample will have similar properties to a true random sample. That is, the matched sample mimics the characteristics of the target sample.



When choosing the matched sample, it is necessary to find the closest matching respondent in the panel of opt-ins to each member of the target sample. YouGov employs the proximity matching method to find the closest matching respondent. For each variable used for matching, we define a distance function,  $d(x,y)$ , which describes how “close” the values  $x$  and  $y$  are on a particular attribute. The overall distance between a member of the target sample and a member of the panel is a weighted sum of the individual distance functions on each attribute. The weights can be adjusted for each study based upon which variables are thought to be important for that study, though, for the most part, we have not found the matching procedure to be sensitive to small adjustments of the weights. A large weight, on the other hand, forces the algorithm toward an exact match on that dimension.