

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

Field Dates: June 2-12, 2023

N=1200 Registered Voters

Margin of error: +/- 2.83% (3.32% adjusted for weighting) unless otherwise noted<sup>1</sup>

**Interest and Engagement**

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

Q1	Percent
Yes, registered	100

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?

Q2	Percent
Extremely interested	42
Somewhat interested	42
Not very interested	11
Not at all interested	5
Don't know	0

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?

Q3	Percent
Every election	38
Almost every election	38
About half	11
One or two	8
None	5
Don't know	1

<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 3.32%.

## Most Important Problem

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

Q4	Percent
Inflation/rising prices	15
Political corruption/leadership	12
Gun control/gun violence	11
The economy	10
Border security	7
Moral decline	6
Immigration	5
Health care	4
Environment/climate change	4
Income inequality	3
Federal spending/national debt	3
Unemployment/jobs	2
Partisan gridlock	2
Voting rights	2
Crime	2
Race relations	1
Gas prices	1
Electoral fraud	1
National security/terrorism	1
Abortion	1
Housing	1
The media	1
Social welfare programs	1
Taxes	1
China	1
Education	1
Homelessness	1
Opioid/drug abuse	0
North Korea	0
Redistricting	0
Russia	0
Sexual harassment	0
Middle East instability	0

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

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Q5	Percent
Border security	18
Immigration	15
Gun control/gun violence	10
Political corruption/leadership	10
Inflation/rising prices	9
The economy	4
Abortion	4
Education	4
Environment/climate change	3
Moral decline	3
Crime	2
Voting rights	2
Unemployment/jobs	2
Taxes	2
Health care	2
Water supply	1
Housing	1
Coronavirus/COVID-19	1
Energy/The grid	1
Gas prices	1
Homelessness	1
Social welfare programs	1
Opioid/drug abuse	1
Oil prices	1
Race relations	1
Redistricting	1
Transportation/roads/traffic	1
Property rights	0
Police misconduct	0
State government spending	0
The media	0
Electoral fraud	0
Utility rates	0

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## 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
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
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

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
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
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
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

Q8C2. How would you rate the job the Texas Legislature 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
June 2023	6	27	20	19	21	6	33	40
Oct. 2021	10	25	17	13	27	9	35	40
Aug. 2021	8	20	16	19	29	8	28	48
June 2021	9	26	19	15	23	7	35	38
June 2019	8	30	22	16	13	11	38	29
Oct. 2017	5	23	21	17	20	13	28	37
June 2017	12	22	18	15	27	8	34	42
June 2015	10	32	20	14	16	7	42	30
Oct. 2013	7	24	24	17	22	5	31	39
June 2013	8	27	26	19	16	4	35	35
May 2011	7	28	22	18	20	5	35	38



Q8D. How would you rate the job Ken Paxton has done 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
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
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
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

Q9C. How would you rate the job Kevin McCarthy is doing as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives? Would you say that you..

Q9C	Percent
Approve strongly	10
Approve somewhat	23
Neither approve nor disapprove	18
Disapprove somewhat	15
Disapprove strongly	24
Don't know	10

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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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
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
June 2016	4	22	41	19	6	8	26	25
Feb. 2016	4	22	41	23	5	4	26	28
Oct. 2015	4	25	41	20	5	5	29	25
June 2015	5	28	44	14	4	4	33	18
Feb. 2015	6	26	47	14	3	4	32	17
Oct. 2014	9	32	40	12	4	3	41	16

Q15. Of the three branches of the federal government, which one do you trust the most?  
**[RANDOMIZE 1-3]**

	The President, the executive branch	The U.S. Congress, the legislative branch	The U.S. Supreme Court, the judicial branch	Don't know/No opinion
June 2023	23	11	32	34
Aug. 2022	22	10	35	33
June 2022	21	8	35	37
Feb. 2021	22	5	35	39
Oct. 2020	29	13	27	31
Feb. 2020	27	12	30	30
Feb. 2019	33	14	28	25
Oct. 2018	29	8	29	35
Oct. 2017	27	5	36	32
June 2017	26	6	38	30
Feb. 2017	28	7	36	30
June 2016	17	14	28	41
Oct. 2015	18	18	24	40
Oct. 2012	28	10	34	27

Q16. How do you feel about the following statement: *Generally speaking, the way state government runs in Texas serves as a good model for other states to follow?*

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	TOTAL AGREE	TOTAL DISAGREE
June 2023	20	30	12	28	9	50	40
Feb. 2023	21	30	13	27	9	51	40
Oct. 2021	27	24	10	32	7	51	42
Aug. 2021	26	24	11	33	6	50	44
June 2021	31	20	13	29	8	51	42
Apr. 2020	31	27	12	18	12	58	30
Feb. 2020	25	29	14	16	15	54	30
June 2017	25	29	16	19	11	54	35
June 2015	26	33	12	18	11	59	30
Feb. 2013	29	31	13	18	8	60	31
Oct. 2011	21	29	16	22	12	50	38
Feb. 2010	18	39	17	14	12	57	31

Q17. Now we're going to ask you about some institutions in American society. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of each one. **[RANDOMIZE A-D]**

(For Q17 items, N=1,100, margin of error +/- 2.95%)

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	<b>TOTAL FAVORABLE</b>	<b>TOTAL UNFAVORABLE</b>	<b>NET</b>
The municipal or local government where you live	12	35	24	15	10	3	47	25	22
The Texas state government	15	31	14	14	23	2	46	37	9
The public schools	12	26	20	19	20	3	38	39	-1
The federal government	8	19	18	22	32	2	27	54	-27

*The Federal Government:*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	<b>TOTAL FAVORABLE</b>	<b>TOTAL UNFAVORABLE</b>	<b>NET</b>
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	0	18	21	36	2	5	57	-52

*Texas State Government:*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	<b>TOTAL FAVORABLE</b>	<b>TOTAL UNFAVORABLE</b>	<b>NET</b>
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:*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	<b>TOTAL FAVORABLE</b>	<b>TOTAL UNFAVORABLE</b>	<b>NET</b>
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

*Public schools:*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	<b>TOTAL FAVORABLE</b>	<b>TOTAL UNFAVORABLE</b>	<b>NET</b>
June 2023	12	26	20	19	20	3	38	39	-1
June 2022	12	28	20	18	18	4	40	36	4
Feb. 2015	9	0	20	24	15	2	9	39	-30



Q18. Below are some pairs of opposite phrases, please tell me which one better describes your opinions about state government in Austin: [RANDOMIZE Q18A-Q18C]

Q18A. [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

	Mostly honest	Mostly dishonest	Don't know
June 2023	35	39	25
Dec. 2022	36	37	27
Oct. 2012	42	33	25

Q18B. [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

	Mostly careful with people's tax dollars	Mostly careless with people's tax dollars	Don't know
June 2022	33	48	20
Dec. 2022	31	48	21
Oct. 2017	44	37	18
Oct. 2012	41	39	19

Q18C. [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

	Mostly addresses the needs of Texas residents	Mostly ignores the needs of Texas residents	Don't know
June 2023	36	49	15
Dec. 2022	37	46	17
Oct. 2017	49	38	13
Oct. 2012	54	30	16

Q19. Below is a pair of opposite phrases. Which one better describes **your local government**?  
**[RANDOMIZE Q19A-Q19C]**

Q19A. **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

Q19_A	Percent
Mostly honest	50
Mostly dishonest	30
Don't know	20

Q19B. **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

	Mostly careful with people's tax dollars	Mostly careless with people's tax dollars	Don't know
June 2022	40	43	17
Oct. 2017	42	41	17

Q19C. **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

	Mostly addresses the needs of local residents	Mostly ignores the needs of local residents	Don't know
June 2023	47	39	14
Oct. 2017	47	39	13

**Political Figures and Elections**

Q20. 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]

(For Q20 items, N=1,100, margin of error +/- 2.95%)

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	<i>TOTAL FAVORABLE</i>	<i>TOTAL UNFAVORABLE</i>	<i>NET</i>
Donald Trump	26	18	7	8	40	1	44	48	-4
Ted Cruz	23	21	10	8	35	2	44	43	1
Joe Biden	19	18	10	8	43	1	37	51	-14
Colin Allred	10	11	22	4	11	42	21	15	6

*Donald Trump:*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	<b>TOTAL FAVORABLE</b>	<b>TOTAL UNFAVORABLE</b>	<b>NET</b>
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

*Joe Biden:*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	<b>TOTAL FAVORABLE</b>	<b>TOTAL UNFAVORABLE</b>	<b>NET</b>
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

*Ted Cruz:*

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No opinion	<b>TOTAL FAVORABLE</b>	<b>TOTAL UNFAVORABLE</b>	<b>NET</b>
June 2023	23	21	10	8	35	2	44	43	1
Oct. 2018	35	12	6	6	36	6	47	42	5
June 2018	23	18	10	8	34	7	41	42	-1
Feb. 2018	21	19	12	11	31	6	40	42	-2
Oct. 2017	19	19	11	14	31	6	38	45	-7
June 2017	20	17	12	9	36	6	37	45	-8
Oct. 2016	15	17	13	13	36	6	32	49	-17
June 2016	16	15	13	15	32	7	31	47	-16
Feb. 2016	16	20	13	11	37	5	36	48	-12
Nov. 2015	25	16	12	9	29	8	41	38	3
June 2015	22	18	15	8	29	7	40	37	3
Feb. 2015	26	15	12	8	28	10	41	36	5
June 2014	29	17	10	6	28	11	46	34	12
Feb. 2014	29	14	10	8	29	10	43	37	6
Oct. 2013	23	15	14	6	31	10	38	37	1
June 2013	26	14	13	7	24	17	40	31	9
Feb. 2013	25	14	16	7	21	17	39	28	11
Oct. 2012	16	21	14	10	16	23	37	26	11

## Policy Questions

Q21. How closely have you been following the Texas Legislature this session?

	Extremely closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not at all closely
June 2023	13	44	31	11
Apr. 2023	10	41	36	12
Feb. 2023	8	33	40	19

Q22. As you probably know, the Texas Legislature recently concluded its regular session. Based on what you have heard, do you think the legislature made the lives of Texans like you better, made the lives of Texans like you worse, or had no impact on the lives of Texans like you?

	Made a lot better	Made somewhat better	Made no impact	Made somewhat worse	Made a lot worse	Don't know/No opinion
June 2023	5	24	26	16	14	15
June 2021	8	26	17	16	19	14

Q23. Still thinking about the legislative session, do you approve or disapprove of how state leaders and the Legislature have handled each of the following in Texas? **[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS: “Approve strongly”, “Approve somewhat”, “Neither approve nor disapprove”, “Disapprove somewhat”, “Disapprove strongly”, “Don’t know”]**  
**[RANDOMIZE A-P]**

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE	NET
The Texas economy	12	30	21	14	15	8	42	29	13
Reliability of the water supply	11	26	25	11	13	15	37	24	13
Election and voting laws	15	26	19	10	23	9	41	33	8
Opioids (e.g. Fentanyl)	9	21	24	13	18	16	30	31	-1
Crime/public safety	10	26	18	17	21	8	36	38	-2
Higher education (e.g. colleges and universities)	10	18	29	15	17	11	28	32	-4
Immigration/border security	14	24	14	15	28	5	38	43	-5
School safety	11	24	16	14	28	7	35	42	-7
Healthcare	9	22	23	15	23	9	31	38	-7
Abortion policy	19	19	12	7	38	5	38	45	-7
K-12 public education	9	21	20	20	21	9	30	41	-11
Mental health services	9	16	26	14	24	12	25	38	-13
Political corruption/ethics	8	20	20	17	25	11	28	42	-14
Reliability of the electricity grid	8	20	20	19	25	8	28	44	-16
Gun violence	11	19	17	10	37	6	30	47	-17
Property taxes	7	18	20	20	25	10	25	45	-20

Q24. How confident are you that the legislature accomplished each of the following during its legislative session? [GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS, “Extremely confident”, “Very confident”, “Somewhat confident”, “Not very confident”, “Not confident”, “Don’t know/No opinion”][RANDOMIZE A-D]

	Extremely confident	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not very confident	Not confident	Don't know/No opinion
Increased the reliability of the state’s electric grid	6	12	22	21	26	13
Increased the reliability of the state’s water supply	7	13	24	20	18	19
Improved the safety of Texas’s public schools	6	12	25	19	29	10
Improved security along the Texas-Mexico border	6	13	24	19	27	10



Q25. Below are some proposals that the Texas Legislature considered this year. Please tell us whether you would support or oppose each of the following? **[GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS “Strongly support”, “Somewhat support”, “Somewhat oppose”, “Strongly oppose”, “Don’t know/No opinion] [RANDOMIZE A-P]**

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL SUPPORT	TOTAL OPPOSE	NET
Setting a minimum sentence of 10 years for people who use firearms while committing certain crimes	50	29	7	4	11	79	11	68
Increasing the pay of public school teachers and staff	52	27	10	5	6	79	15	64
Requiring at least one armed security officer at every public school campus during regular school hours	49	27	9	9	6	76	18	58
Raising the legal age to purchase any firearm from 18 years of age to 21 years of age	54	21	9	10	6	75	19	56
Increasing punishments for violations of Texas election laws	46	26	7	8	13	72	15	57
Providing low-income Texans with 12 months of Medicaid coverage after the birth of their child	41	29	12	8	9	70	20	50
Requiring athletic participation to be based on biological sex in K-12 and higher education institutions in Texas	53	15	9	13	11	68	22	46
Prohibiting sexually oriented performances in public places in the presence of a minor	51	16	9	17	8	67	26	41
Establishing a program to offer economic incentives, like reduced property taxes, to persuade businesses to move to Texas or to expand their current operations here	30	32	14	9	15	62	23	39
Limiting the extent to which public school teachers can talk about gender identity and/or sexual orientation	42	18	8	25	8	60	33	27

Prohibiting doctors from providing gender-affirming care to minors	45	15	9	22	10	60	31	29
Establishing a voucher, educational savings account (ESA), or other “school choice” program in Texas	33	25	8	19	15	58	27	31
Prohibiting public school libraries from containing any materials that describe, depict, or portray sexual conduct	38	17	13	24	8	55	37	18
Limiting the extent to which public school teachers can talk about race and/or racism	31	21	11	30	8	52	41	11
Prohibiting diversity, equity, and inclusion policies (DEI) at state universities and colleges	34	15	8	26	16	49	34	15
Reducing the power of cities and counties to pass laws or regulations in areas where state and local governments have traditionally shared authority	19	22	15	20	25	41	35	6

*Establishing a voucher, educational savings account (ESA), or other “school choice” program in Texas:*

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL SUPPORT	TOTAL OPPOSE
June 2023	33	25	8	19	0	58	27
Feb. 2023	19	27	12	29	12	46	41
Apr. 2022	21	24	12	28	15	45	40
June 2017	16	26	15	33	10	42	48

*Prohibiting doctors from providing gender-affirming care to minors:*

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL SUPPORT	TOTAL OPPOSE
June 2023	45	15	9	22	10	60	31
Apr. 2023	45	13	9	20	12	58	29

*Requiring athletic participation to be based on biological sex in K-12 and higher education institutions in Texas:*

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL SUPPORT	TOTAL OPPOSE
June 2023	53	15	9	13	11	68	22
Apr. 2023	52	16	9	12	12	68	21

*Raising the legal age to purchase any firearm from 18 years of age to 21 years of age:*

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/No opinion	TOTAL SUPPORT	TOTAL OPPOSE
June 2023	54	21	9	10	6	75	19
Apr. 2023	57	19	9	11	5	76	20

**[RANDOMIZE Q26 & Q27]**

Q26. Based on what you know, do you expect the legislature's actions to increase the reliability of the electric grid to result in: **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

Q26	Percent
Higher electricity prices for consumers	48
Lower electricity prices for consumers	16
No impact on electricity prices for consumers	17
Don't know/No opinion	19

Q27. Based on what you know, do you expect the property taxes that Texans pay to decrease, increase, stay the same, or don't you have an opinion? **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

Q27	Percent
Increase	42
Decrease	23
Stay the same	21
Don't know/No opinion	14

Q28. Would you say that the quality of K-12 public school education in Texas is:

	Excellent	Good	Not very good	Terrible	Don't know/No opinion
June 2023	9	44	29	8	9
Feb. 2023	6	41	30	11	12
Oct. 2022	6	40	33	11	9
Aug. 2022	6	38	32	11	13
Feb. 2022	7	41	30	10	11
Feb. 2021	7	43	31	9	10
June 2020	8	45	28	9	10
Feb. 2020	7	39	31	11	12
June 2019	7	41	31	10	11
Feb. 2019	5	42	32	10	10
Feb. 2017	8	39	34	8	11
June 2013	5	40	36	14	5

Q29. If more people carried guns, do you think the United States would be safer, less safe, or would it have no impact on safety?

	More safe	Less safe	No impact on safety	Don't know/No opinion
June 2023	33	47	13	6
June 2022	34	43	15	9
Apr. 2021	34	39	16	10
Feb. 2020	37	39	16	8
June 2018	37	39	15	9
Oct. 2017	38	41	14	7

Q30. Thinking about legal immigration, do you think the United States allows too many people to immigrate here from other countries, too few, or about the right amount?

	Too many	About the right amount	Too few	Don't know/No opinion
June 2023	50	31	20	0
Apr. 2022	40	26	19	15
Aug. 2021	43	24	18	15
Apr. 2020	39	29	19	12
Feb. 2020	38	30	19	14
Oct. 2019	39	29	16	15
Oct. 2018	45	25	18	12
Feb. 2018	42	30	15	14

Q31. Do you think that Texas spends too much, too little, or about the right amount on border security?

	Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Don't know/No opinion
June 2023	26	22	40	13
Feb. 2023	28	21	41	10
Oct. 2022	30	24	29	17
Aug. 2022	27	22	34	17
June 2022	26	22	36	16
Apr. 2022	30	20	32	18
Feb. 2022	23	23	39	15
Oct. 2021	28	20	33	20
Aug. 2021	24	18	37	21
Feb. 2021	26	22	39	13
Feb. 2019	15	30	38	18

Q32. Based on what you know, do you support or oppose the deployment of additional state police and military resources to the border between Texas and Mexico?

	Support	Oppose	Don't know enough to have an opinion
June 2023	59	26	14
Apr. 2022	57	31	11

Q33. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: *Undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States should be deported immediately.*

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	TOTAL AGREE	TOTAL DISAGREE
June 2023	35	23	13	22	7	58	35
Aug. 2022	30	21	16	23	10	51	39
Apr. 2022	34	20	17	21	8	54	38
Apr. 2021	33	18	17	24	9	51	41
Feb. 2021	24	21	17	30	7	45	47
Apr. 2020	28	21	16	27	8	49	43
Feb. 2020	27	20	15	29	9	47	44
Oct. 2019	29	21	18	26	7	50	44
Oct. 2018	32	22	19	26	0	54	45
Feb. 2018	23	22	21	29	5	45	50
Oct. 2017	25	19	21	30	5	44	51
Oct. 2016	23	24	19	27	7	47	46
June 2016	27	24	17	25	7	51	42
Feb. 2016	30	23	18	23	5	53	41
Nov. 2015	30	25	18	21	6	55	39
Feb. 2015	34	25	16	19	6	59	35
Oct. 2014	35	25	16	18	6	60	34
June 2014	32	22	18	22	6	54	40

Q34A. How much have you heard in the news about the legal problems of Attorney General Ken Paxton?

	A lot	Some	Not very much	Nothing at all
June 2023	31	40	17	12
Oct. 2022	20	37	26	16
Apr. 2022	18	38	23	21
Oct. 2016	15	30	24	31

Q34B. How much have you heard in the news about the decision by the Texas House of Representatives to impeach Attorney General Ken Paxton?

Q34B	Percent
A lot	30
Some	42
Not very much	15
Nothing at all	12

Q34C. Based on what you know, do you think that the Texas House of Representatives was justified in impeaching Attorney General Ken Paxton?

Q34C	Percent
Yes, justified	50
No, not justified	17
Don't know/No opinion	33

Q35. 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
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

Q36. 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
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

## Political Knowledge

### [Randomize INFO1-INFO3]

INFO1. Which Texas agency regulates oil and gas production in the state? [RANDOMIZE 1-4]

INFO1	Percent
Texas Railroad Commission	41
Public Utility Commission of Texas	25
Texas Department of Agriculture	8
Texas Department of Public Safety	6
Don't know	20

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

INFO2	Percent
More than two-thirds	72
More than three-fourths	6
More than one-half	9
Don't know	14

INFO3. Who of the following is the current speaker of the Texas House of Representatives? [RANDOMIZE 1-4]

INFO3	Percent
Dade Phelan	46
Dan Patrick	17
Dennis Bonnen	4
Joe Straus	3
Don't know	31



## 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.	10
Somewhat lib.	12
Lean lib.	9
Moderate	26
Lean con.	11
Somewhat con.	16
Extremely con.	17

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

PID3	Percent
Democrats	43
Independents	10
Republicans	46

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

PID7	Percent
StrDem	22
WeakDem	12
LeanDem	9
Ind	10
LeanRep	10
WeakRep	10
StrRep	27

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

REPCON	Percent
Conservative enough	38
Too conservative	14
Not conservative enough	38
Don't know/No opinion	9

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

DEMLIB	Percent
Liberal enough	37
Too liberal	12
Not liberal enough	37
Don't know/No opinion	14

## 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	18

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	24
Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	28
Yes, I live in the San Antonio area	12
Yes, I live in the Austin area	10
No, I live in another part of Texas	27

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

CHILD	Percent
One	16
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.	19
Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in private school in Texas.	5
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.	74

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

INCOME	Percent
Less than \$10,000	3
\$10,000 - \$19,999	6
\$20,000 - \$29,999	9
\$30,000 - \$39,999	9
\$40,000 - \$49,999	8
\$50,000 - \$59,999	8
\$60,000 - \$69,999	6
\$70,000 - \$79,999	6
\$80,000 - \$99,999	10
\$100,000 - \$119,999	7
\$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	41
Pro-choice	45
Neither	10
Don't know	4

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

EDU	Percent
Less than high school	2
High school degree	27
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	1
Atheist	4
Baptist	12
Born again	4
Buddhist	0
Catholic	23
Christian Scientist	0
Church of Christ	2
Church of God	1
Disciples of Christ	1
Don't know	2
Episcopal / Anglican	1
Evangelical	1
Hindu	0
Jehovah's Witnesses	0
Jewish	2
Lutheran	2
Methodist	4
Mormon	1
Muslim / Islam	1
No religious affiliation / none	10
Nondenominational Christian	7
Orthodox / Eastern Orthodox	1
Other	3
Pentecostal / charismatic / spirit-filled	2
Presbyterian	0
Protestant (non-specific)	3
Reformed	1
Religious but not spiritual	0
Spiritual but not religious	6

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.	32
The Bible is the word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word.	41
The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	20
Don't know.	6

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

IMPORT	Percent
Extremely important	43
Somewhat important	28
Not very important	12
Not at all important	16

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	23
A few times a month	10
Once or twice a year	20
Never	32

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

race	Percent
White / Blanco	56
Black	13
Hispanic	26
Asian	3
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	1

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	86
Born in another country	12
Don't know	2

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	60
One of my parents was born in another country	20
Both of my parents were both in another country	19

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

MOVE	Percent
Yes	37
No	63

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

STATE	Percent
Alabama	1
Alaska	1
Alberta	0
Arizona	2
Arkansas	1
California	15
Colorado	3
Connecticut	1
District of Columbia	0
Florida	4
Georgia	4
Guam	0
Hawaii	0
Idaho	1
Illinois	6
Indiana	2
Iowa	1
Kansas	1
Kentucky	1
Louisiana	6
Manitoba	0
Maryland	2
Massachusetts	1
Michigan	2
Minnesota	1
Mississippi	1
Missouri	2
Montana	0
Nebraska	0
Nevada	1
New Jersey	1
New Mexico	2
New York	7
North Carolina	1
North Dakota	0
Not in the U.S. or Canada	2
Ohio	3
Oklahoma	4
Oregon	1
Pennsylvania	2
Puerto Rico	1
Rhode Island	0
South Carolina	1
South Dakota	0



Tennessee	3
Utah	0

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

	Percent
Active-duty military	1
Military veteran	13
Active-duty military in my immediate family	5
Military veteran in my immediate family	17
None of the above	69

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

HOME	Percent
Own	64
Rent	36

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

MARITAL	Percent
Married	49
Separated	2
Divorced	12
Widowed	5
Single	28
Domestic Partnership	4

GENDER. What is your gender?

gender	Percent
Male	47
Female	53

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

presvote20post	Percent
Did not vote for President	14
Donald Trump	45
Jo Jorgensen	1
Joe Biden	40

## **Methodology**

### **Sampling and Weighting Methodology for the June 2023 Texas Statewide Study**

For the survey, YouGov interviewed 1,547 Texas registered voters between June 2nd – 12th, 2023 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 "modeled 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 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 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 for the full sample is +/- 2.83% and is +/-3.32% for the weighted data for registered voters.

### **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.