



Texas Likely Voter Sample

Field Dates: October 17 – 24, 2022  
 Mode: Phone and Online

**Survey of Likely Texas Voters**

	Registered (RV)	Certain to vote (LV)
Sample Size	1,330	973
Margin of Sampling Error	+/- 2.9%	+/- 3.4

**Do you consider yourself to be a Republican, Democrat, or neither?**

Code		Total (LV)	Latino (LV)	Black (LV)	White (LV)	Total (RV)	Latino (RV)	Black (RV)	White (RV)
1	Democrat	34%	45%	63%	24%	34%	42%	61%	24%
2	Republican	42	33	9	52	39	30	10	49
3	Neither	24	22	28	24	28	27	29	26
Total =		973	235	120	572	1,330	352	175	737

**[If Republican or Democrat] Do you consider yourself to be a strong [Republican/Democrat] or not strong [Republican/Democrat]? OR [If independent] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party?**

Code		Total (LV)	Latino (LV)	Black (LV)	White (LV)	Total (RV)	Latino (RV)	Black (RV)	White (RV)
1	Strong Democrat	25%	31%	47%	18%	23%	24%	45%	17%
2	Not strong Democrat	9	14	15	6	11	18	16	7
3	Lean Democratic, Independent	8	8	13	7	8	9	11	7
4	Lean to no Party, Independent	6	5	10	6	10	11	14	8
5	Lean Republican, Independent	10	9	6	11	9	7	5	11
6	Not strong Republican	10	9	0	13	12	11	1	14
7	Strong Republican	31	24	9	40	27	20	9	35
Total =		973	235	120	572	1,330	352	175	737

**Using a 7-point scale where 1 is extremely liberal and 7 is extremely conservative, how would you rate your political views.**

Code		Total (LV)	Dem. (LV)	Ind. (LV)	Rep. (LV)	Total (RV)	Dem. (RV)	Ind. (RV)	Rep. (RV)
1	Extremely Liberal	8%	16%	5%	2%	8%	16%	4%	4%
2	Liberal	12	28	7	1	11	26	6	2
3	Slightly Liberal	7	12	9	1	7	13	9	2
4	Moderate, Middle of the Road	27	30	42	14	29	31	44	17
5	Slightly Conservative	8	3	13	9	9	4	12	11
6	Conservative	20	4	11	39	18	4	9	36
7	Extremely Conservative	16	4	8	30	13	4	7	26
8	Don't Know	3	2	4	3	5	2	9	3
Total =		973	331	236	406	1,330	452	364	514

**Focusing on 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?**

Code		Total (LV)	Dem. (LV)	Ind. (LV)	Rep. (LV)	Latino (LV)	Black (LV)	White (LV)
1	Right Direction	42%	27%	34%	59%	33%	32%	48%
0	Wrong Track	56	73	63	38	64	68	50
3	Neither	2	1	3	3	3	0	3
Total =		971	330	236	405	235	120	571

**What do you think is the most important policy facing Texas today? [OPEN-ENDED, please use pre-codes as applicable]**

Code		Total (LV)	Dem. (LV)	Ind. (LV)	Rep. (LV)	Latino (LV)	Black (LV)	White (LV)	Under 45 (LV)	Over 45 (LV)
10	Securing the border	28%	4%	27%	47%	16%	7%	37%	12%	36%
6	Economy/Inflation	20	14	26	26	22	21	22	22	19
8	Reproductive rights	10	21	10	2	11	20	9	14	8
4	Gun control	10	19	10	2	15	20	5	12	8
2	Education	5	5	6	6	4	3	6	7	5
9	Restricting abortion	5	8	5	3	7	5	4	7	4
7	Reducing crime	5	4	4	6	5	5	4	5	5
3	Electric Grid	4	4	5	3	3	5	5	3	4
1	Climate change	5	9	3	2	5	3	4	7	4
5	Gun rights	2	4	1	1	3	6	2	3	2
20	Immigration	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
77	Other topics (< 1%)	7	8	3	1	9	5	1	11	4
Total =		973	331	236	406	235	120	572	339	634

**Thinking about the candidates for Governor, when it comes to handling the following issues in Texas, who do you think will do a better job:**

	Abbott	O'Rourke	About the Same	Neither	Don't Know
Reducing crime	46%	34%	6%	8%	6%
Securing the border	51	27	8	9	5
Handling the electrical grid	38	37	9	9	7
Improving our economy	46	34	7	8	5
Bringing people together	37	40	7	11	4
Improving schools	38	39	8	8	7

*Among Likely voters:*

	Abbott	O'Rourke	About the Same	Neither	Don't Know
Reducing crime	51%	36%	5%	5%	3%
Securing the border	55	29	6	7	2
Handling the electrical grid	43	40	7	7	4
Improving our economy	49	37	5	6	2
Bringing people together	41	42	5	9	2
Improving schools	43	41	6	6	4

**Did you vote in Texas's party primary elections in March 2022?**

Code		Total (LV)	Latino (LV)	Black (LV)	White (LV)	Total (RV)	Latino (RV)	Black (RV)	White (RV)
2	Yes, in the Republican Primary	42%	33%	14%	52%	34%	26%	10%	43%
1	Yes, in the Democratic primary	35	45	66	25	31	38	56	22
0	No, I did not vote	23	22	20	23	35	36	32	24
Total =		972	235	119	572	1,329	352	174	736

**How likely are you to vote in the 2022 November general election?**

Code		Total (RV)	Dem. (RV)	Ind. (RV)	Rep. (RV)	Latino (RV)	Black (RV)	White (RV)	Under 45 (RV)	Over 45 (RV)
4	Certain to vote/Voted	73%	73%	65%	79%	67%	69%	78%	59%	83%
3	Probably will vote	18	21	18	14	23	21	14	28	10
2	Not sure	4	3	6	4	5	5	4	7	3
1	Probably not	3	1	6	2	22	2	2	4	2
0	Won't vote	2	1	5	1	3	4	1	2	2
Total =		1,330	451	364	514	352	175	736	570	759

**[If voting in November] How are you planning to cast your ballot in the November general election?**

Code		Total (LV)	Total (RV)	Dem. (LV)	Ind. (LV)	Rep. (LV)	Latino (LV)	Black (LV)	White (LV)	Under 45 (LV)	Over 45 (LV)
3	Request absentee ballot	6%	7%	8%	4%	6%	4%	6%	7%	4%	7%
2	Vote early in-person	66	59	67	71	62	66	68	65	60	69
1	Vote on Election Day	27	32	25	24	31	28	24	27	35	23
	(v) Don't know	1	2	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	1
Total =		962	1,292	327	231	404	233	116	568	336	625

**[If voting in November] In a race for Governor would you vote for Republican incumbent Greg Abbott, Democratic nominee Beto O'Rourke, Green Party nominee Delilah Barrios, Libertarian nominee Mark Tippetts or someone else?**

Code		Total (LV)	Total (RV)	Dem. (LV)	Ind. (LV)	Rep. (LV)	Latino (LV)	Black (LV)	White (LV)	Women (LV)	Parents (LV)	Under 45 (LV)
0	Greg Abbott	50%	47%	6%	44%	90%	36%	16%	63%	46%	49%	38%
1	Beto O'Rourke	44	44	90	44	7	59	78	31	48	45	56
2	Delilah Barrios	1	1	1	2	0	1	2	1	1	1	1
3	Mark Tippetts	2	2	1	6	1	1	1	3	1	2	2
7	Someone else	2	4	2	4	1	2	3	2	2	2	2
8	(v) Don't Know	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0
Total =		973	1,302	331	236	406	235	120	572	491	304	339

**[If Abbott or O'Rourke] How certain are you that you will vote for <GOV CHOICE> in November?**

Code		Total (LV)	Total (RV)	O'Rourke voters (LV)	Abbott voters (LV)	Under 45 (LV)	Over 45 (LV)
3	Certain	90%	83%	89%	92%	88%	91%
2	Probably will not change my mind	6	11	7	5	7	6
1	I could change my mind	3	5	3	3	5	2
8	Not sure	1	1	0	0	0	1
Total =		927	1,202	430	489	319	607

**[If not Abbott or O'Rourke] How certain are you that you will not vote for Governor Greg Abbott?**

Code		Total (LV)	Total (RV)
3	Certain	52%	47%
2	Probably will not change my mind	15	34
1	I could change my mind	29	30
8	Not sure	4	9
Total =		53	115

**How much do you trust Governor Greg Abbott to keep his campaign promises if reelected?**

Code		Total (LV)	Total (RV)	Dem. (LV)	Ind. (LV)	Rep. (LV)	Latino (LV)	Black (LV)	White (LV)
3	A great deal	31%	26%	8%	20%	57%	23%	16%	38%
2	Fair amount	25	27	10	32	33	21	12	30
1	Not too much	10	13	15	12	4	11	15	8
0	No confidence	33	32	65	35	6	45	56	24
8	(v)Don't know enough	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Total =		973	1,302	331	236	406	235	120	572

**How much do you trust Beto O'Rourke to keep his campaign promises as Governor?**

Code		Total (LV)	Total (RV)	Dem. (LV)	Ind. (LV)	Rep. (LV)	Latino (LV)	Black (LV)	White (LV)
3	A great deal	25%	22%	54%	13%	7%	36%	43%	16%
2	Fair amount	26	30	40	35	10	26	48	22
1	Not too much	12	15	4	19	14	11	4	13
0	No confidence	37	32	2	32	68	25	6	48
8	Don't know enough	1	1	0	1	2	2	0	1
Total =		970	1,299	330	236	404	235	119	570

**In the race for Lieutenant Governor, are you more likely to support Republican incumbent Dan Patrick, Democratic nominee Mike Collier, Libertarian nominee Shanna Steele, or someone else?**

Code		Total (LV)	Total (RV)	Dem. (LV)	Ind. (LV)	Rep. (LV)	Latino (LV)	Black (LV)	White (LV)	Women (LV)
1	Dan Patrick	44%	39%	7%	37%	79%	31%	17%	55%	40%
2	Mike Collier	35	32	71	35	6	45	48	29	37
3	Shanna Steele	5	5	4	11	2	4	12	4	5
7	Someone else	3	4	3	4	2	4	6	2	2
8/9	(v) Don't know / Haven't heard	13	18	15	14	11	17	18	10	16
Total =		973	1,303	331	235	406	235	120	572	491

**[If Patrick or Collier] How certain are you that you will vote for <LTGOV CHOICE> in November?**

Code		Total (LV)	Total (RV)	Patrick voters (LV)	Collier voters (LV)
3	Certain	82%	76%	83%	81%
2	Probably will not change my mind	14	17	14	13
1	I could change my mind	4	6	3	5
8	Not sure	0	1	0	1
Total =		773	932	431	342

**In the race for Attorney General, are you more likely to support Republican incumbent Ken Paxton, Democratic nominee Rochelle Garza, Libertarian nominee Mark Ash or someone else?**

Code		Total (LV)	Total (RV)	Dem. (LV)	Ind. (LV)	Rep. (LV)	Latino (LV)	Black (LV)	White (LV)	Women (LV)
1	Ken Paxton	42%	39%	6%	33%	77%	28%	15%	53%	39%
2	Rochelle Garza	38	35	78	47	6	48	57	30	42
3	Mark Ash	4	5	3	10	2	4	6	4	3
7	Someone else	3	4	3	5	2	4	7	2	3
8/9	(v) Don't know / Haven't heard	12	18	10	15	12	15	15	10	15
Total =		972	1,302	330	236	406	235	120	572	490

**[If Paxton or Garza] How certain are you that you will vote for <AG CHOICE> in November?**

Code		Total (LV)	Total (RV)	Paxton voters (LV)	Garza voters (LV)
3	Certain	81%	77%	82%	81%
2	Probably will not change my mind	14	17	14	15
1	I could change my mind	4	5	5	4
8	Not sure	0	0	0	0
Total =		778	964	407	371

**If the general election was today, would you vote for a Republican candidate or Democratic candidate for the Texas House?**

Code		Total (LV)	Total (RV)	Dem. (LV)	Ind. (LV)	Rep. (LV)	Latino (LV)	Black (LV)	White (LV)	Women (LV)	Parents (LV)
1	Democratic	45%	46%	96%	45%	4%	58%	83%	32%	50%	47%
2	Republican	52	51	3	49	95	40	15	65	48	49
9	REFUSED	2	3	1	7	1	2	2	2	2	4
Total =		973	1,303	331	236	406	235	120	572	491	304

**Regardless of how you plan to vote, what is the most likely outcome in the race between Governor Greg Abbott and Beto O'Rourke?**

Code		Total (LV)	Total (RV)	Abbott voter (LV)	O'Rourke voter (LV)	Dem. (LV)	Ind. (LV)	Rep. (LV)	Under 45 (LV)
4	Very close, but Abbott will win	31%	31%	39%	23%	22%	30%	40%	33%
3	Very close, but O'Rourke will win	21	21	1	44	48	11	4	25
2	Not very close, Abbott will win easily	29	25	51	5	5	32	47	18
1	Not very close, O'Rourke will win easily	3	4	1	7	6	4	1	5
0	Very close, I don't know who will win.	11	11	5	16	14	16	5	13
8	(vol) Don't know enough	4	7	2	5	5	7	3	5
Total		972	1,330	490	429	330	236	406	339

**In November 2020, did you vote for Donald Trump, Joe Biden, another candidate or not vote?**

Code		Total (LV)	Total (RV)
1	Donald Trump	50%	46%
2	Joe Biden	43	41
3	Someone else	3	3
4	Did not vote	4	10
99	Refused	0	1
Total =		973	1,330

**How confident are you that the November election will be conducted fairly and accurately – very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?**

Code		Total (LV)	Total (RV)	Dem. (LV)	Ind. (LV)	Rep. (LV)
1	Very confident	47%	42%	60%	45%	39%
2	Somewhat confident	37	40	30	35	43
3	Not too confident	11	12	8	13	12
4	Not at all confident	5	6	2	7	5
Total =		973	1,330	331	236	406

*Cross-tabs of the public's view on specific policy questions added to this survey are available in the separate registered voter report.*

## Breakdown of Candidate Preference by: Policy or Candidate Evaluation

**Do you approve or disapprove of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn its Roe v. Wade and allow states to decide abortion policy?**

	Share of LV	Abbott	O'Rourke	Barrios/Tippetts/Other
Strongly Approve	32%	87%	12%	2%
Somewhat Approve	12	67	27	6
Somewhat Disapprove	7	48	47	5
Strongly Disapprove	42	17	77	6
Approve the decision	44%	81%	16%	3%
Oppose the decision	49	21	73	6
N=	958			

**Should abortion be illegal in all cases, illegal in most cases, legal in most cases, or legal in all cases?**

	Share of LV	Abbott	O'Rourke	Barrios/Tippetts/Other
Illegal in all cases	10%	74%	23%	3%
Illegal in most cases	32	82	15	2
Legal in most cases	32	34	60	7
Legal in all cases	24	17	75	8
Illegal	42%	80%	17	2
Legal	56	26	66	8
N=	961			

**Do you approve or disapprove of how Governor Greg Abbott is handling immigration at the Texas-Mexico Border?**

	Share of LV	Abbott	O'Rourke	Barrios/Tippetts/Other
Strongly approve	35%	94%	4%	1%
Somewhat approve	17	71	22	8
Somewhat disapprove	9	29	60	11
Strongly disapprove	35	4	91	5
Approve	52%	87%	10	3
Disapprove	44	9	85	6
N=	956			

**In light of recent headline news about Attorney General Ken Paxton, do you agree or disagree that he has the integrity to serve as attorney general?**

	Share of LV	Paxton	Garza	Ash/Other
I agree	41%	76%	13%	10%
I disagree	36	4	76	20
Unsure	23	40	22	47
N=	967			

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**How voters are affected by the context of this election:**

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**Are you concerned about the possibility of gun violence in your community?**

	Share of LV	Abbott	O'Rourke	Barrios/Tippetts/Other
Yes, very concerned	37%	24%	71%	5%
Yes, somewhat concerned	29	55	40	5
No, not very concerned	19	71	24	5
No, not concerned at all	14	80	14	5
Concerned	66%	38%	57%	5%
Not concerned	33	75	20	5
N=	956			

**Have increased prices had an impact on your current household financial situation?**

	Share of LV	Abbott	O'Rourke	Barrios/Tippetts/Other
No	13%	32%	62	6
Minor impact	42	46	49	5
Major impact	46	59	35	6
N=	955			

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**Demographics of each sample:**

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**What do you identify as your racial or ethnic background?**

Code		Total (LV)	Total (RV)
4	White, Non-Hispanic	59%	55%
1	Hispanic or Latino	24	26
2	Black or African American	12	13
3	Asian	4	4
5	American Indian	0	0
6	Native Hawaiian	0	0
7	Other	0	0
8	More than Two Races	1	1
	Total =	973	1,330

**[If Hispanic] What is the origin of the ethnicity background?**

Code		Total (LV)	Total (RV)
1	Mexican, Mexican American	72%	72%
2	Tejano	5	5
3	Puerto Rican	4	5
4	Cuban	3	3
5	Other	15	14
	Total =	235	352



**How many generations has your family been in America?**

	Total (LV)	Latino (LV)	Total (RV)	Latino (RV)
One	8%	14%	10%	17%
Two	11	21	11	20
Three	17	31	17	29
Four or more	64	34	62	34
Total =	973	235	1,330	352

**What is the highest level of education you have attained?**

Code		Total (LV)	Total (RV)
1	High school, or less	17%	22%
2	High school graduation, some college	18	18
3	Completed Associate's Degree	15	14
4	Completed Bachelor's Degree	31	30
5	Graduate or Professional Degree/Coursework	19	16
Total =		973	1,330

**What is your age?**

Code		Total (LV)	Total (RV)
1	18-24	6%	9%
2	25-34	14	17
3	35-44	15	17
4	45-64	39	35
5	65+	26	22
Total =		973	1,330

**Are you a parent or guardian of a child 18 years old or younger?**

		Total (LV)	Total (RV)
0	No	69%	66%
1	Yes	31	34
Total =		973	1,330

**What is your gender?**

		Total (LV)	Total (RV)
0	Male	49%	48%
1	Female	50	51
3	(v) Neither	1	0
Total =		973	1,330

**In the last calendar year, what was your total household income, including wages, salaries, Social Security, and retirement benefits before taxes?**

Code		Total (LV)	Total (RV)
1	Less than \$5,000 (less than \$416 per month)	5%	6%
2	\$5,000-\$7,499 (between \$417 and \$624 per month)	1	2
3	\$7,500-\$9,999 (between \$625 and \$833 per month)	1	3
4	\$10,000-\$19,999 (between \$834 and \$1,666 per month)	6	7
5	\$20,000-\$29,999 (between \$1,667 and \$2,500 per month)	8	9
6	\$30,000-\$39,999 (between \$2,500 and \$3,333 per month)	7	7
7	\$40,000-\$49,999 (between \$3,334 and \$4,169 per month)	7	6
8	\$50,000-\$59,999 (between \$4,170 and \$4,999 per month)	7	7
9	\$60,000-\$69,999 (between \$5,000 and \$5,833 per month)	5	5
10	\$70,000 and \$74,999 (between \$5,834 and \$6,249 per month)	4	4
11	\$75,000-\$79,999 (between \$6,250 and \$6,666 per month)	5	5
12	\$80,000-\$89,999 (between \$6,667 and \$7,499 per month)	4	3
13	\$90,000-\$99,999 (between \$7,500 and \$11,999 per month)	6	6
14	\$100,000-\$149,999 (between \$12,000 and \$12,499 per month)	13	13
15	\$150,000-\$199,999 (between \$12,500 and \$16,666 per month)	7	6
16	\$200,000 or More (\$16,667 or more per month)	8	7
97	Not given	6	5
Total =		946	1,298

**How would you best describe your religious affiliation?**

Code		Total (LV)	Total (RV)
1	Roman Catholic	25%	24%
9	Secular/No Religious Affiliation	21	24
2	Evangelical Protestant	22	20
3	Mainline Protestant	14	12
4	African-American Protestant	4	4
12	Christian – unaffiliated	5	4
5	Church of Latter Day Saints	2	2
6	Jewish	1	1
7	Other (Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim etc)	6	9
Total =		947	1,300

**[If a faith is selected] Which of the following best describes the overall importance of religion in your life?**

Code		Total (LV)	Total (RV)
1	Religion is not important	7%	6%
2	Religion provides some guidance	26	27
3	Religion provides quite a lot of guidance	17	18
4	Religion provides a great deal of guidance	48	45
8	Don't Know	3	3
Total =		750	986

### What is your marital status?

Code		Total (LV)	Total (RV)
1	Married	54%	49%
0	Single (Never married)	26	31
2	Divorced	9	10
4	Separated	4	5
5	Widowed	6	5
Total =		949	1,302

### Methodology

The UT Tyler Poll is a statewide random sample of 1,330 registered voters conducted October 17 and 24. The mixed-mode sample includes 377 registered voters surveyed over the phone by the University of Texas at Tyler with support from ReconMR and 954 registered voters randomly selected from Dynata's panel of online respondents. The margin of error for a sample of 1,330 registered voters in Texas is +/- 2.7 percentage points, and the more conservative margin of sampling error that includes design effects from this poll is +/- 2.9 percentage points for a 95% confidence interval.

Our sample also represents a smaller set of 973 respondents from the registered voter sample who said they were certain to vote or that they had already cast a ballot. This mixed mode sample of certain voters includes 323 respondents from the phone interviews (86% of RV phone sample) and 670 respondents from the online surveys (70% of RV online sample). The margin of error for a sample of 971 registered voters in Texas is +/- 3.1 percentage points, and the more conservative margin of sampling error that includes design effects from this poll is +/- 3.4 percentage points for a 95% confidence interval.

The online and phone surveys were conducted in English and Spanish. Using information from the 2020 Current Population Survey and Office of the Texas Secretary of State. The sample's gender, age, race/ethnicity, education, metropolitan density and vote choice were matched to the population of registered voters in Texas.

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