

TEXAS 2023

# Texas

# Voter Poll

February 1 - 6, 2023

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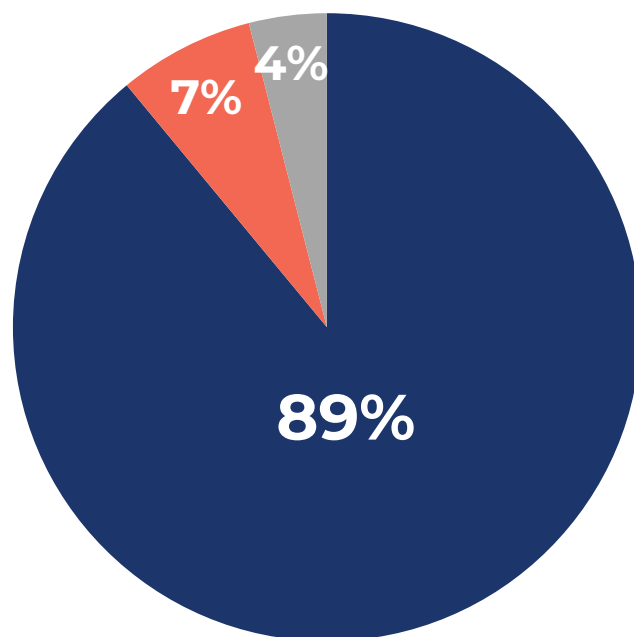
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**The Texas legislature began this session with a \$32.7 billion surplus. Please indicate if you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose each of the following possible uses of the state's \$32.7 billion surplus.**

■ Favor
 ■ Oppose
 ■ Depends/Unsure

**Using \$5 billion, or about 15% of the surplus funds to help Texas communities fix aging water infrastructure that is leading to broken pipes, significant losses of water and even water boiling notices in some communities.**



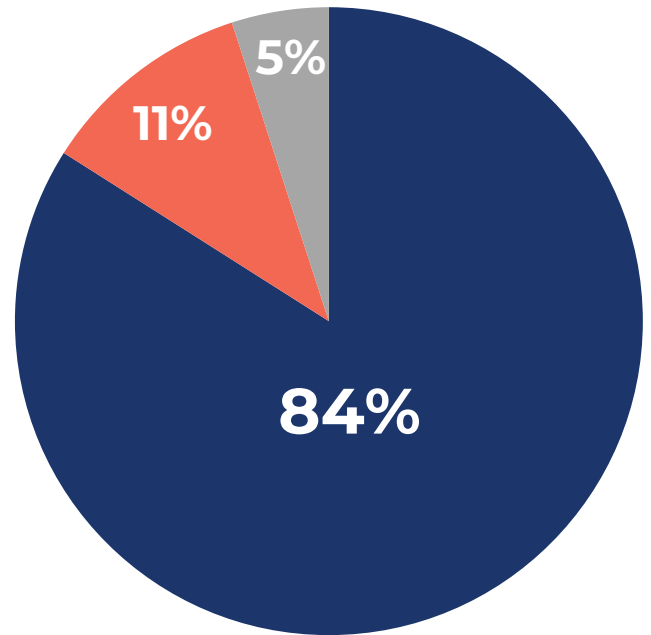
Media Markets	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	TOTAL FAVOR	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	TOTAL OPPOSE	Depends/Unsure
Dallas-Fort Worth	63%	28%	91%	4%	2%	5%	4%
Houston	66%	26%	92%	2%	3%	5%	3%
Austin/Waco/Bryan	65%	22%	87%	6%	1%	7%	6%
San Antonio/South/El Paso	54%	33%	87%	5%	4%	9%	4%
West Texas Markets	68%	26%	93%	2%	3%	5%	1%
East Texas Markets	68%	11%	79%	9%	4%	13%	8%

*Note: Percentages throughout the report may not total 100% due to rounding.*

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Using \$2 billion, or about 6% of the surplus, to improve flood prevention infrastructure.

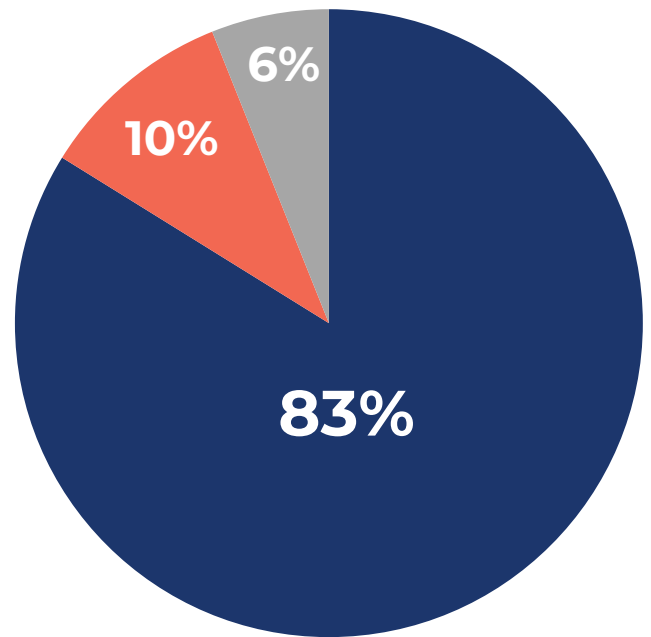


Media Markets	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	TOTAL FAVOR	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	TOTAL OPPOSE	Depends/Unsure
Dallas-Fort Worth	43%	39%	82%	7%	5%	13%	6%
Houston	67%	24%	92%	3%	2%	6%	3%
Austin/Waco/Bryan	46%	40%	86%	7%	1%	7%	7%
San Antonio / South/El Paso	44%	40%	84%	9%	4%	12%	4%
West Texas Markets	31%	40%	71%	19%	5%	24%	5%
East Texas Markets	46%	32%	78%	11%	0%	11%	11%

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**Using \$2 billion, or about 6% of the surplus, to improve the state's technology and cybersecurity systems.**

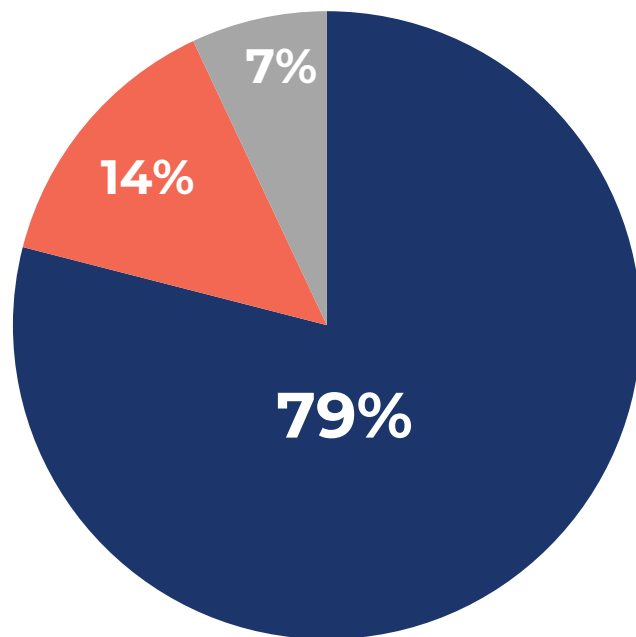


Media Markets	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	TOTAL FAVOR	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	TOTAL OPPOSE	Depends/Unsure
Dallas-Fort Worth	45%	38%	83%	8%	4%	12%	5%
Houston	46%	41%	87%	4%	5%	9%	5%
Austin/Waco/Bryan	42%	44%	86%	4%	3%	7%	8%
San Antonio/South/El Paso	50%	31%	81%	5%	5%	10%	9%
West Texas Markets	33%	47%	80%	6%	6%	14%	6%
East Texas Markets	38%	38%	75%	6%	6%	14%	11%

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Using \$650 million, or about 2% of the surplus, to invest in community college students' outcomes linked to good jobs.

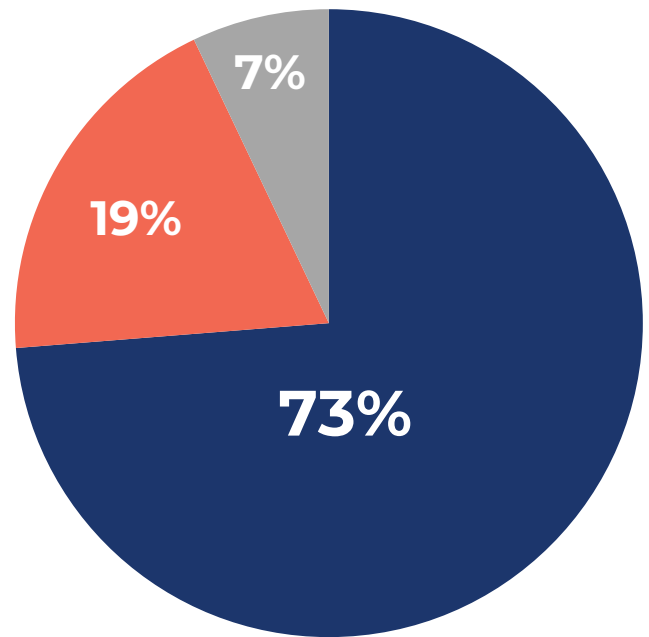


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Houston	44%	35%	79%	9%	5%	13%	7%
Austin/Waco/Bryan	46%	35%	81%	4%	5%	10%	9%
San Antonio/South/El Paso	41%	38%	79%	7%	6%	13%	8%
West Texas Markets	38%	39%	77%	9%	8%	16%	6%
East Texas Markets	33%	34%	67%	18%	6%	24%	9%

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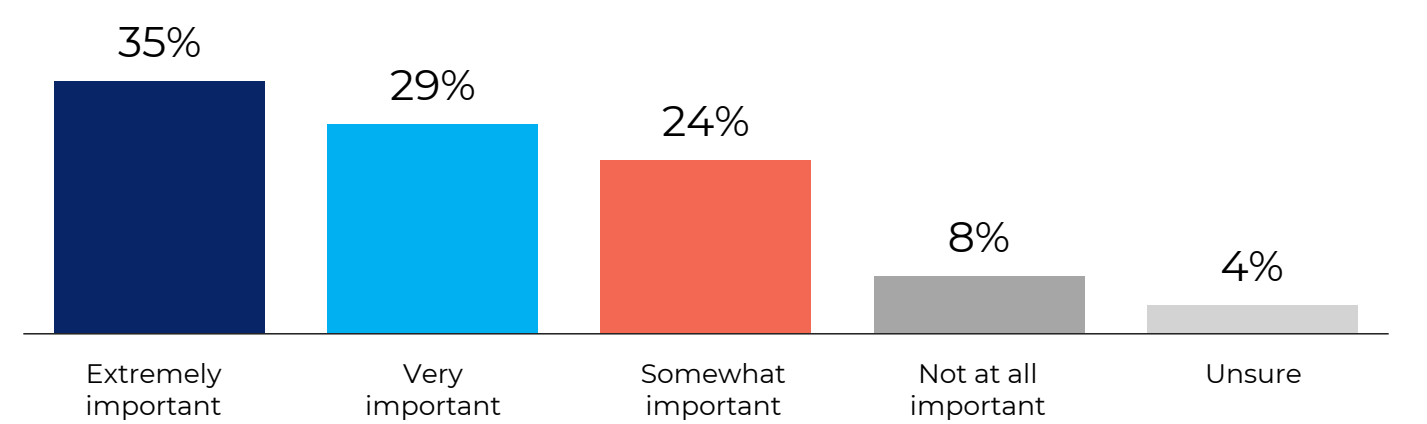
**Using \$1 billion, or about 3% of the surplus funds to build new state parks and improve existing parks.**



Media Markets	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	TOTAL FAVOR	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	TOTAL OPPOSE	Depends/Unsure
Dallas-Fort Worth	36%	37%	73%	14%	6%	20%	6%
Houston	38%	38%	76%	10%	7%	17%	8%
Austin/Waco/Bryan	43%	30%	73%	11%	5%	17%	11%
San Antonio/South/EI Paso	36%	37%	73%	14%	6%	20%	7%
West Texas Markets	24%	42%	67%	23%	9%	32%	1%
East Texas Markets	36%	38%	74%	10%	4%	15%	11%

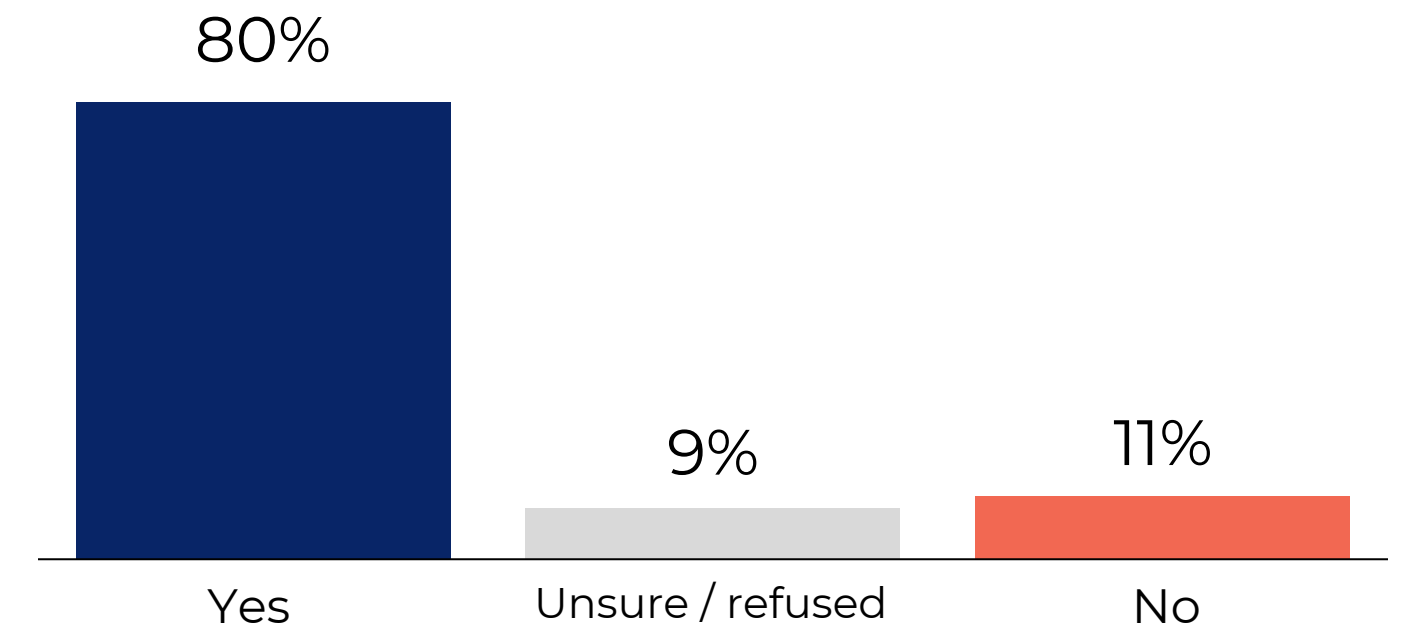


The federal government has set aside billions of dollars for high-speed internet and broadband expansion in Texas. In order to access those funds, matching funds are required from state or local governments or the private sector. Which best describes how important it is for Texas to get the maximum amount of federal funds to support broadband?



	Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Total Important	Not at all important	Unsure
Total	35%	29%	24%	88%	8%	4%
Urban/Suburban vs Rural Counties						
Urban/suburban	37%	31%	20%	88%	8%	4%
Rural	32%	26%	31%	88%	8%	4%
Partisan Vote						
Republican	27%	24%	33%	84%	11%	5%
Independent	30%	36%	24%	89%	8%	2%
Democratic	47%	31%	14%	92%	5%	4%
Annual Household Income						
Under \$40,000	32%	32%	20%	85%	8%	7%
\$40,000-\$74,999	36%	28%	24%	88%	8%	4%
\$75,000-\$124,999	36%	28%	28%	92%	7%	2%
\$125,000 and over	37%	31%	22%	90%	9%	1%
Income unknown	27%	19%	30%	76%	8%	17%

The Texas state child protective services agency uses 1990's technology, making it more difficult to track and protect children. Should the Texas Legislature provide \$80 million to update its information technology to better serve children and families?



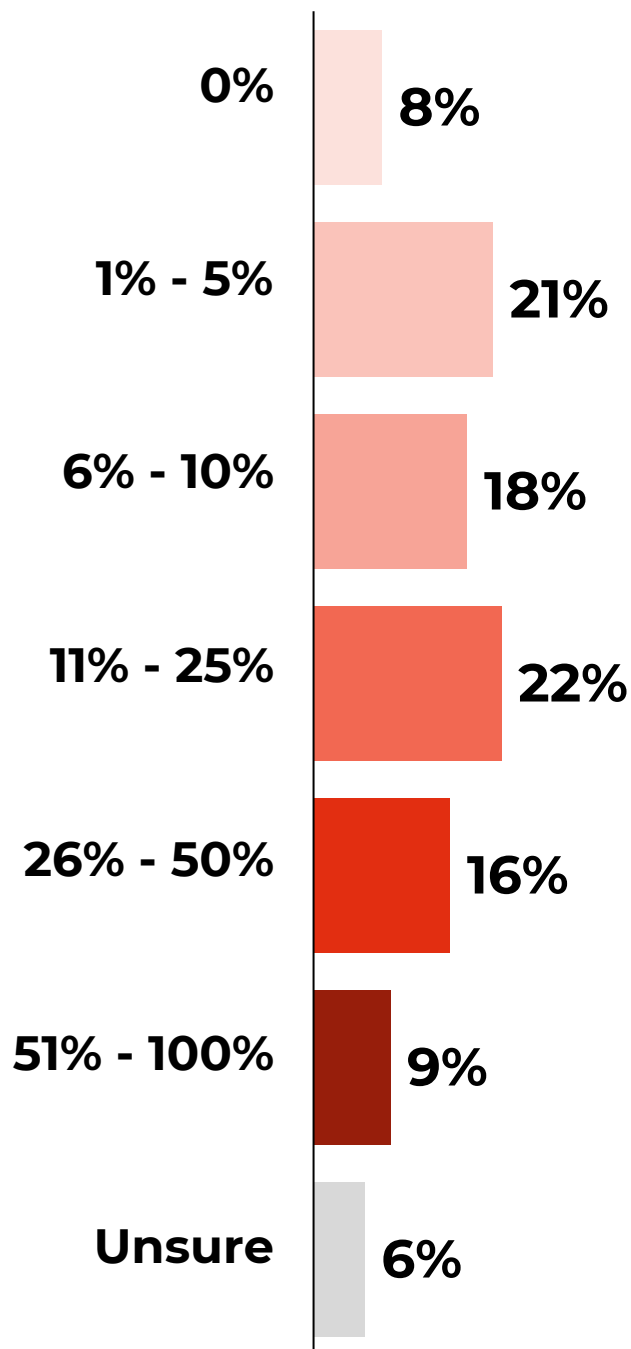
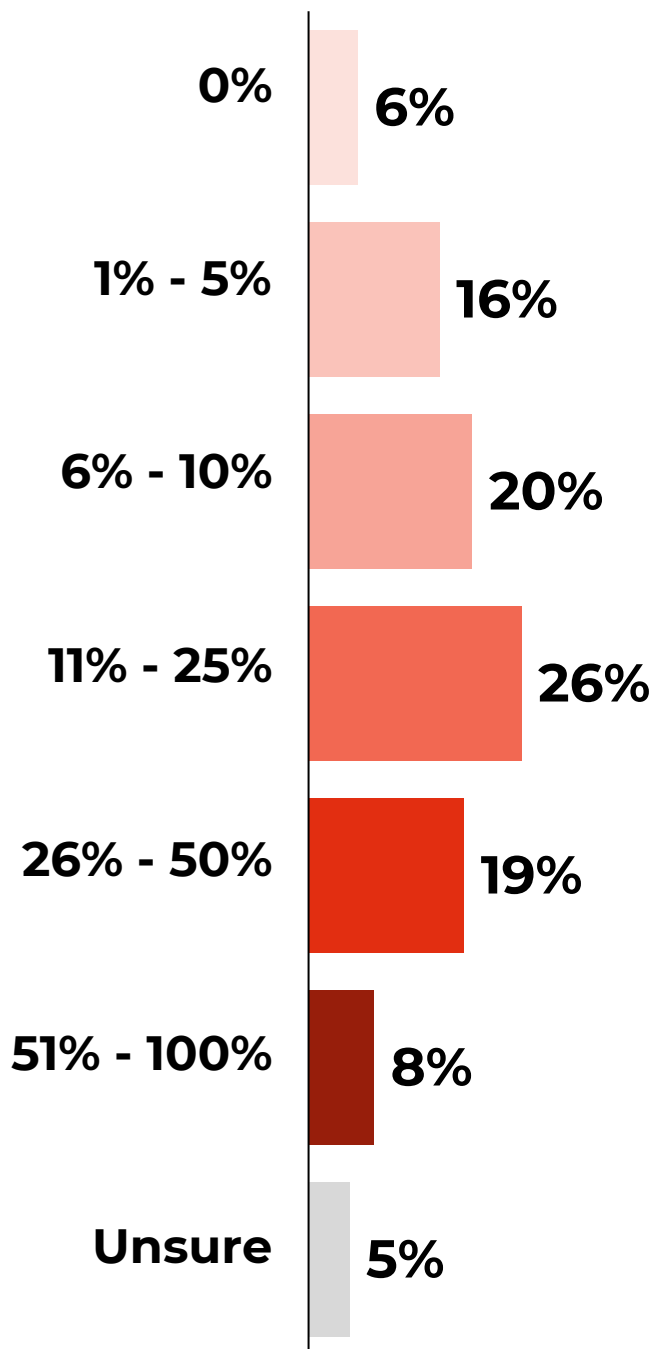
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Houston	83%	5%	12%
Austin/Waco/Bryan	83%	9%	8%
San Antonio/South/El Paso	83%	8%	9%
West Texas Markets	76%	17%	7%
East Texas Markets	68%	22%	9%

Other Factors	Yes	Unsure	No
Men	79%	10%	12%
Women	82%	8%	10%
Under 55	80%	9%	11%
Over 55	81%	9%	11%



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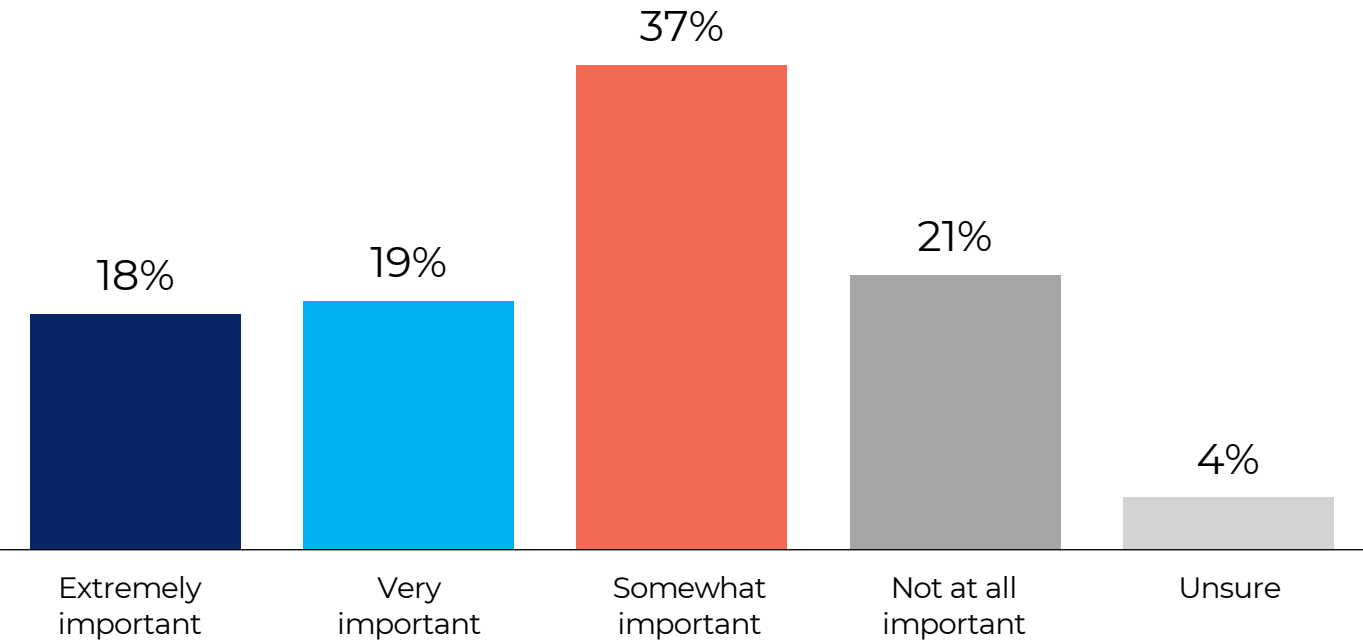
**What percent of the \$32.7 billion state budget surplus should lawmakers allocate for increasing public education funding?**

	Mean	Median
<b>Total</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>15.0</b>
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	21.3	10.0
Female	25.3	20.0
<b>Age &amp; Gender</b>		
Male/18-54	20.3	12.0
Male/55+	22.4	10.0
Female/18-54	24.3	20.0
Female/55+	26.7	20.0
<b>Texas Media Markets</b>		
Dallas-Ft. Worth	20.8	15.0
Houston	27.5	20.0
Austin/Waco/Bryan	21.5	15.0
San Ant/South/El Paso	24.5	19.9
West Texas Markets	22.3	15.0
East Texas Markets	22.4	15.0
<b>Partisan Vote</b>		
Republican	18.9	10.0
Independent	26.4	15.0
Democratic	26.8	20.0
<b>Race &amp; Ethnicity</b>		
Anglo	21.7	15.0
African-American	27.6	20.0
Hispanic	25.1	17.6
Other	23.2	15.0
<b>Own/Rent &amp; HH Income</b>		
Own/under \$75K	24.3	15.0
Own/\$75K or over	21.6	15.0
Rent/under \$75K	23.8	16.1
Rent/\$75K or over	24.2	20.0

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<b>Total</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>12.0</b>
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	25.1	15.0
Female	21.9	10.0
<b>Age &amp; Gender</b>		
Male/18-54	21.0	10.0
Male/55+	30.7	20.0
Female/18-54	19.5	10.0
Female/55+	25.2	15.0
<b>Texas Media Markets</b>		
Dallas-Ft. Worth	24.6	15.0
Houston	22.3	10.0
Austin/Waco/Bryan	20.2	10.0
San Ant/South/El Paso	23.8	15.0
West Texas Markets	26.7	12.3
East Texas Markets	24.0	10.1
<b>Partisan Vote</b>		
Republican	25.4	10.0
Independent	27.2	15.0
Democratic	18.7	20.0
<b>Race &amp; Ethnicity</b>		
Anglo	23.8	10.0
African-American	24.0	15.0
Hispanic	21.6	12.6
Other	24.4	15.0
<b>Own/Rent &amp; HH Income</b>		
Own/under \$75K	27.5	20.0
Own/\$75K or over	23.6	10.0
Rent/under \$75K	18.2	10.0
Rent/\$75K or over	18.0	10.0

Texas has a long history leading national efforts for space exploration, including NASA facilities as well as private sector operations such as SpaceX. Which of the following best describes how important it is to you for Texas to continue its leadership in space exploration?

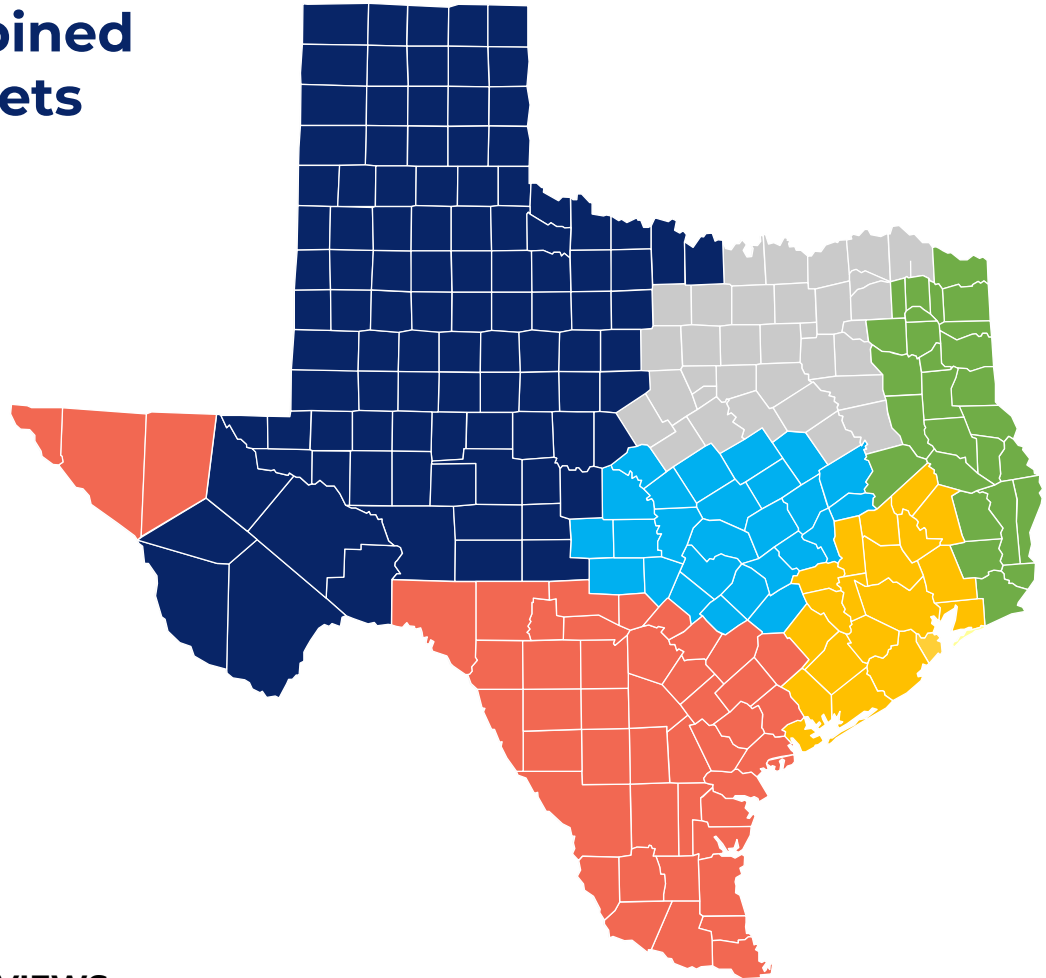


	Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Total Important	Not at all important	Unsure
Total	18%	19%	37%	75%	21%	4%
Age & Gender						
Male/18-54	24%	18%	37%	79%	16%	5%
Male/55+	24%	20%	32%	76%	20%	4%
Female/18-54	14%	20%	38%	72%	24%	5%
Female/55+	12%	20%	42%	73%	23%	4%

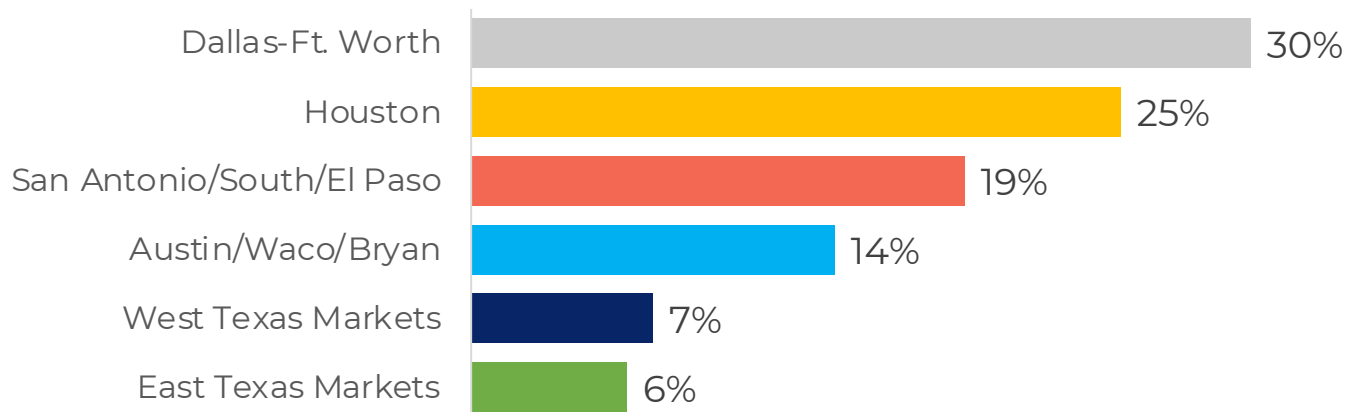
# POLL METHODOLOGY

**Baselice and Associates** conducted the survey, polling 1,000 registered Texas voters on February 1-6, 2023. It has a *margin of error* of  $\pm 3.1\%$ . The interviews were conducted via phone (55%), SMS (13%), and online (32%).

## Texas Combined Media Markets



### PERCENT OF INTERVIEWS



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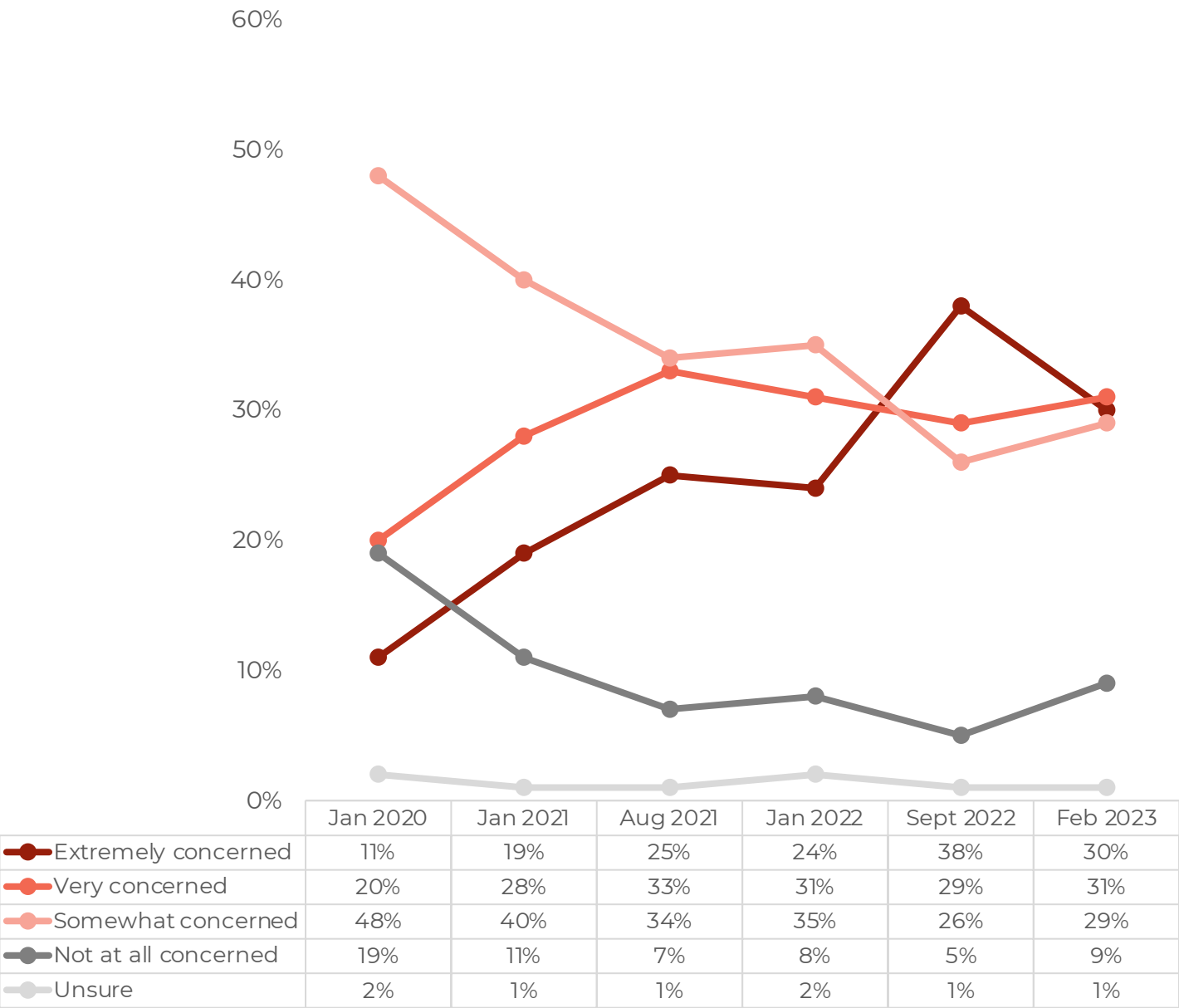
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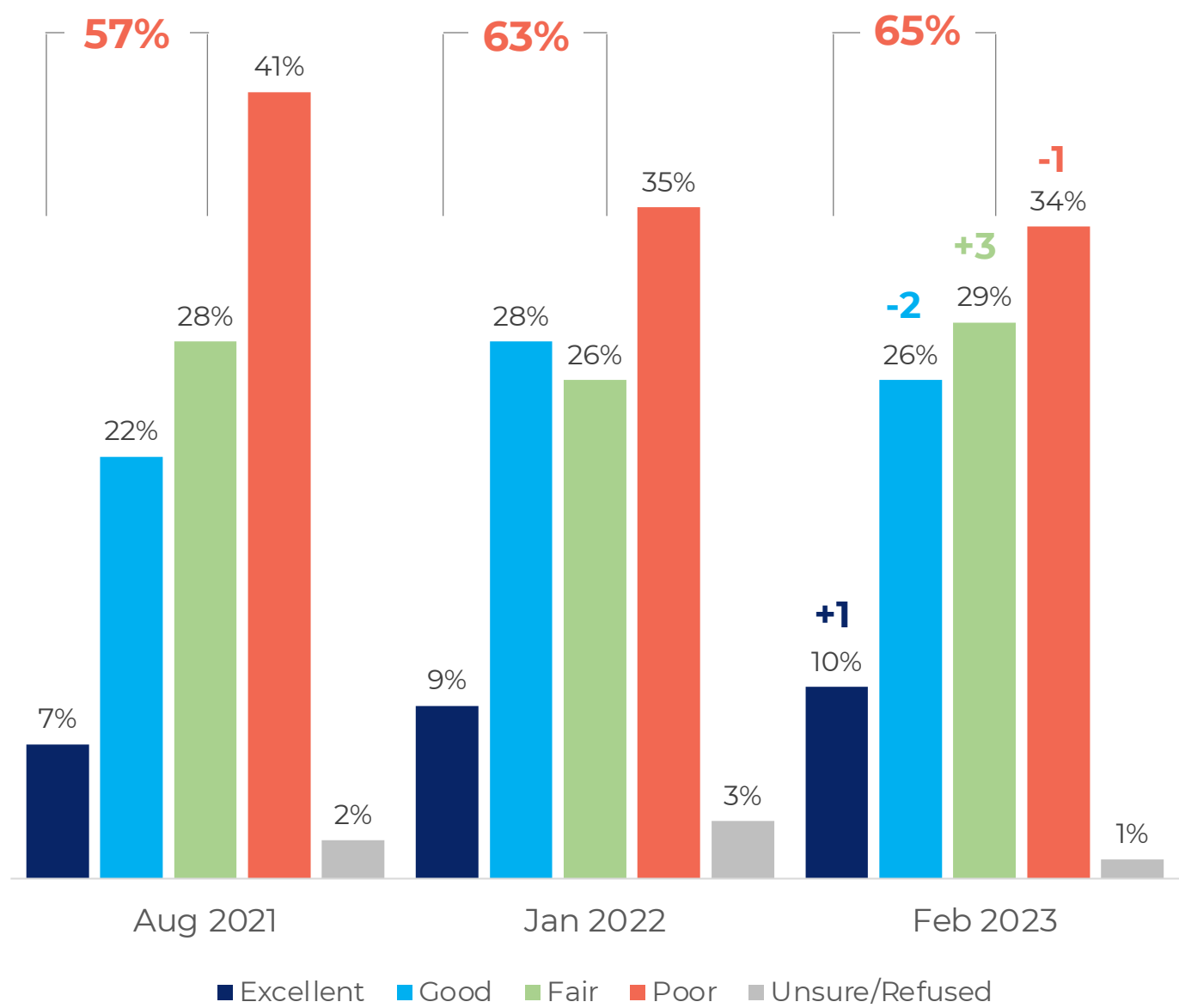


# Which best describes your level of concern regarding the future of Texas?

TOTAL CONCERNED	
Republicans	90%
Independents	84%
Democrats	94%



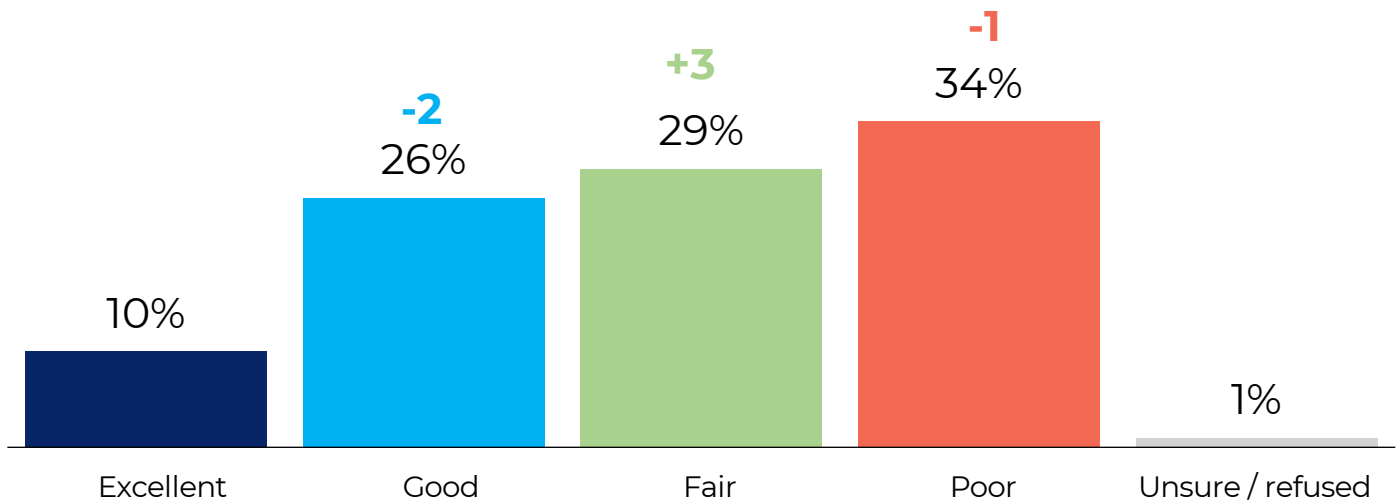
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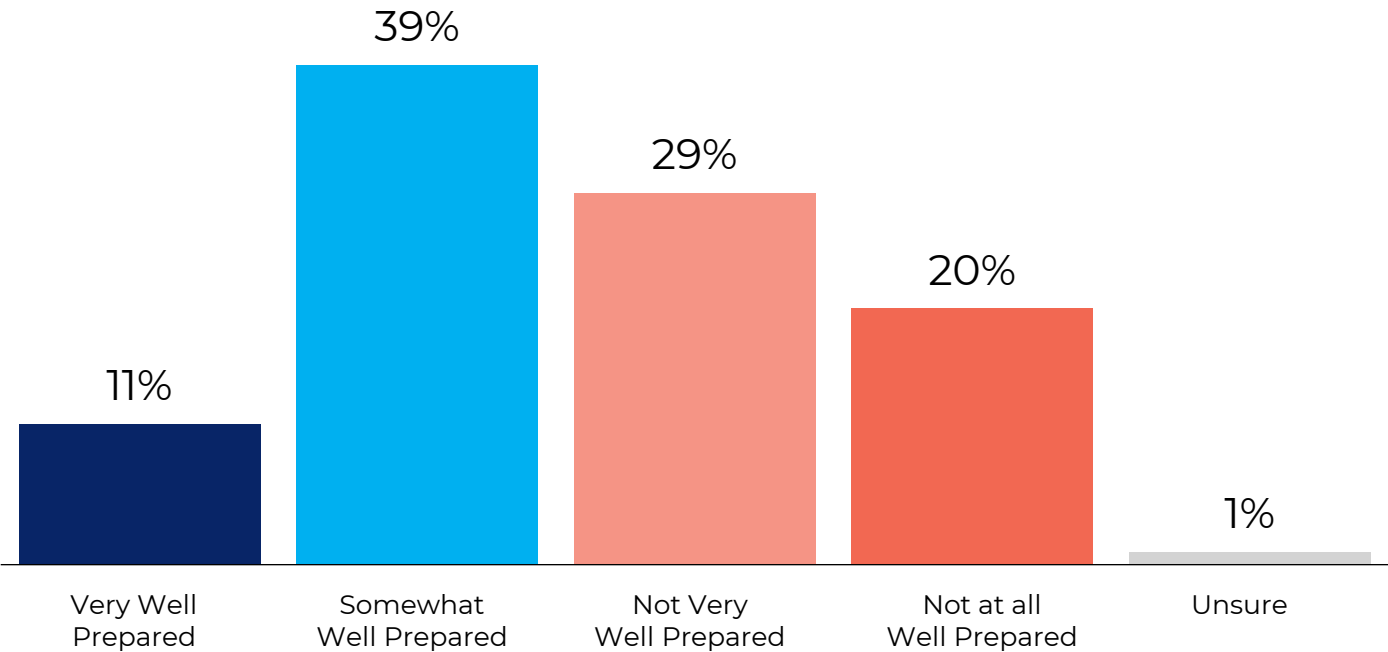
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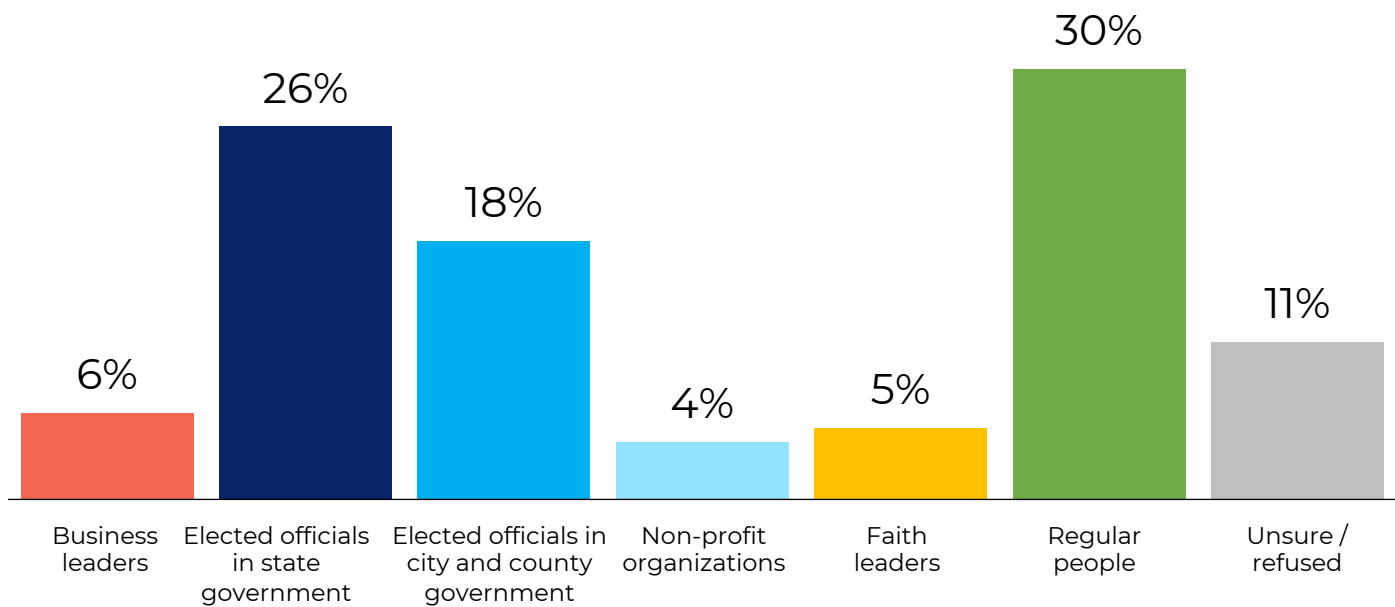
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure	Excellent/ Good Minus Poor
<b>Total</b>	10%	26%	29%	34%	1%	2%
<b>Urban/sub vs Rural Cos</b>						
Urban/suburban	7%	25%	27%	39%	1%	-7%
Rural	15%	26%	32%	26%	1%	15%
<b>Partisan Vote</b>						
Republican	20%	46%	27%	6%	1%	60%
Independant	6%	16%	38%	38%	2%	-16%
Democratic	1%	8%	26%	65%	1%	-56%
<b>Age &amp; Partisan</b>						
Under 55 GOP	16%	44%	32%	7%	1%	53%
55 & over GOP	24%	49%	21%	5%	1%	68%
Under 55 IND	5%	14%	41%	37%	2%	-18%
55 & over IND	7%	18%	34%	38%	3%	-13%
Under 55 DEM	3%	10%	26%	61%	1%	-48%
55 & over DEM	0%	6%	26%	69%	0%	-63%
<b>Race &amp; Ethnicity</b>						
Anglo	13%	32%	25%	29%	1%	16%
African – American	3%	14%	30%	52%	1%	-35%
Hispanic	9%	14%	37%	39%	1%	-16%
Other	6%	32%	32%	30%	1%	8%

# Which best describes how well prepared you believe the State of Texas is for extreme weather events?



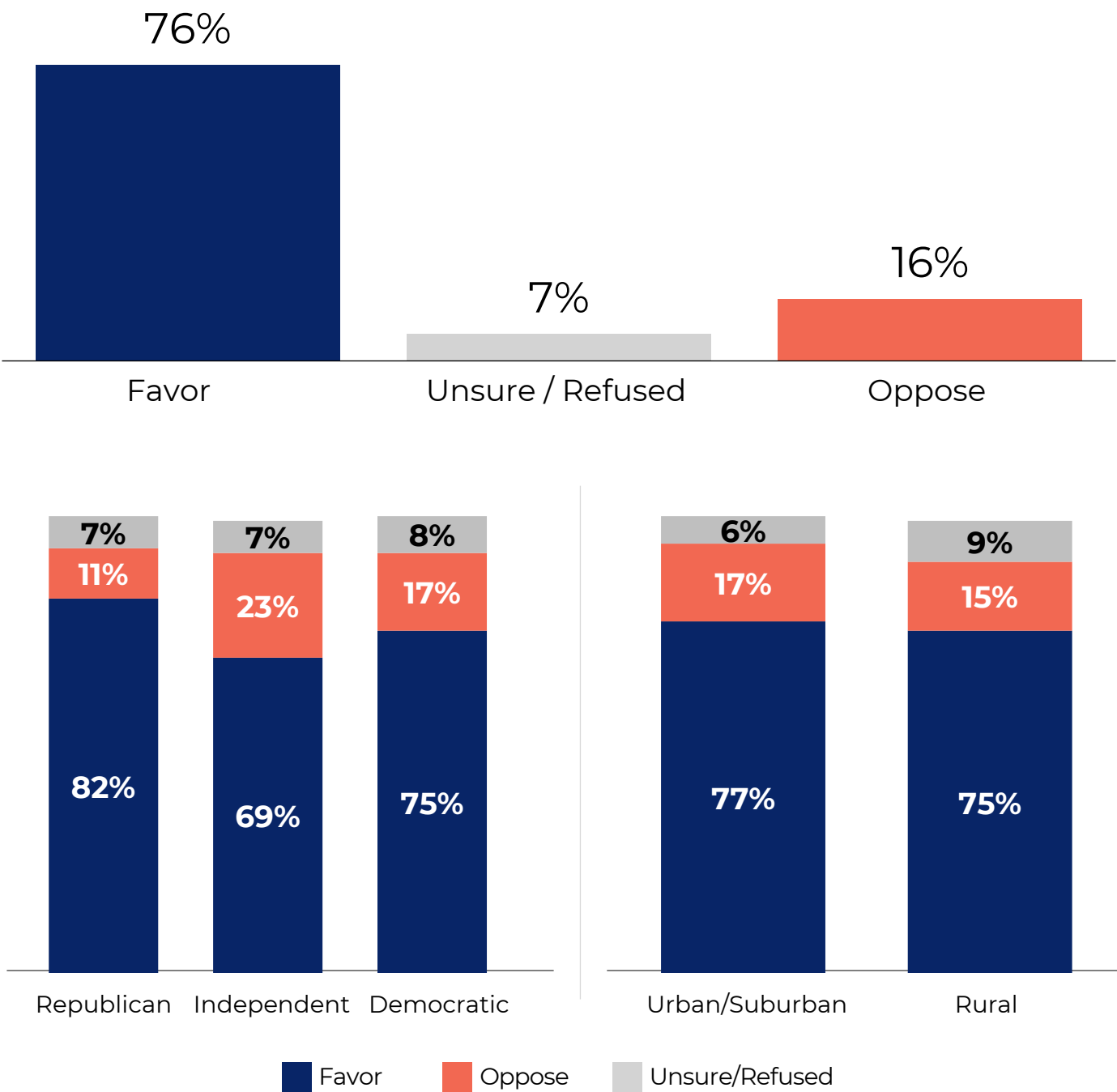
	Very Well Prepared	Somewhat Well Prepared	Total Well Prepared	Not Very Well Prepared	Not at all Well Prepared	Total Not Well Prepared	Net Well Prepared
Total	11%	39%	50%	29%	20%	49%	1%
Urban/sub vs Rural Cos							
Urban/suburban	9%	38%	46%	31%	22%	53%	-6%
Rural	15%	40%	55%	26%	17%	44%	11%
Partisan Vote							
Republican	20%	55%	74%	20%	5%	24%	50%
Indepondent	6%	36%	42%	33%	24%	58%	-16%
Democratic	5%	21%	26%	37%	36%	73%	-47%

# Which one of the following do you think can do the best to improve Texas?

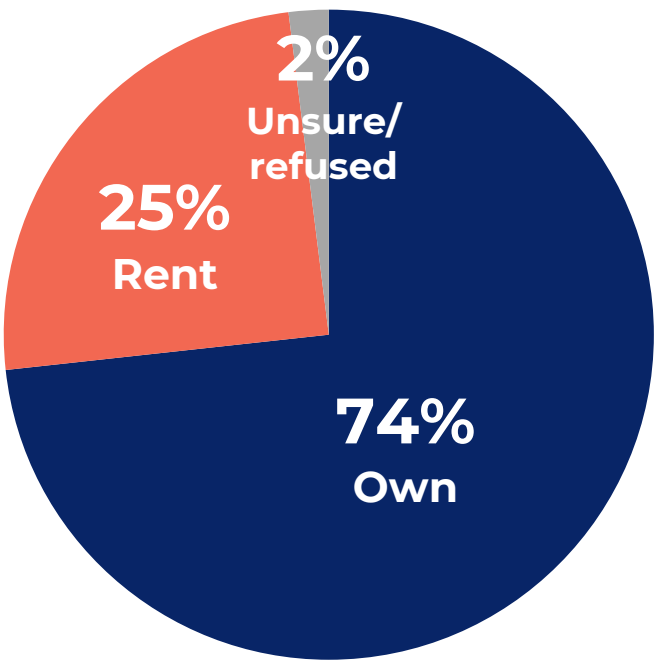


	Business leaders	Elected officials in state government	Elected officials in city & county government	Non-profit organizations	Faith leaders	Regular people	Unsure / refused
<b>Total</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Partisan Vote</b>							
Republican	9%	26%	13%	2%	8%	31%	11%
Independant	6%	18%	21%	6%	3%	34%	12%
Democratic	3%	30%	23%	7%	3%	26%	9%
<b>Race &amp; Ethnicity</b>							
Anglo	7%	27%	16%	3%	5%	32%	11%
African – American	1%	20%	19%	7%	8%	38%	7%
Hispanic	9%	28%	23%	5%	3%	21%	12%
Other	6%	22%	20%	11%	5%	24%	12%

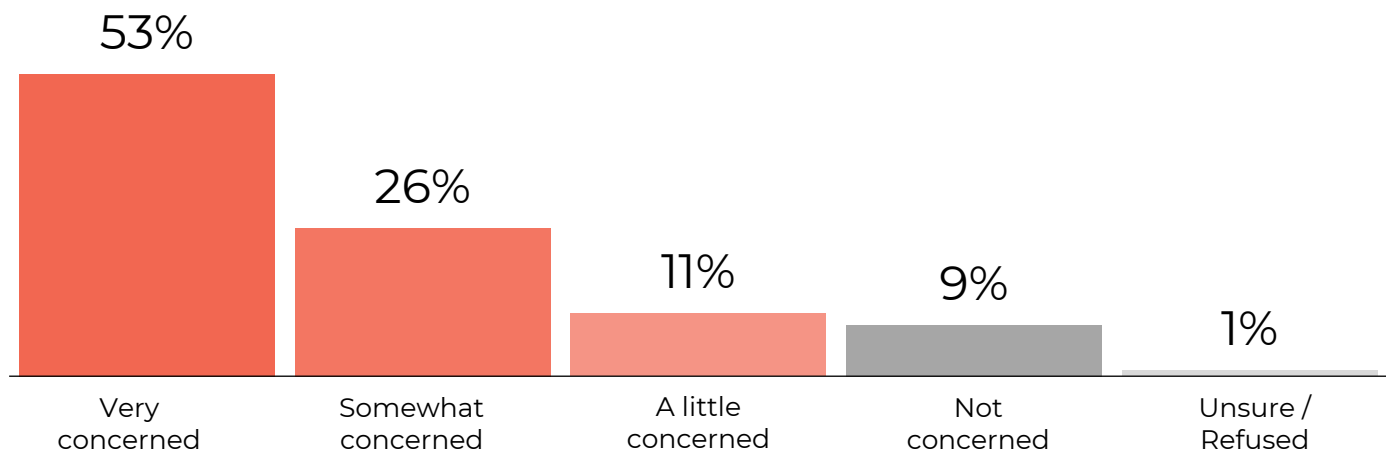
224 of Texas' 254 counties are classified as primary care shortage areas, meaning that there are not enough doctors available to meet the needs of the population. Do you favor or oppose the state of Texas allowing advanced practice nurses to provide more primary care in those areas without adequate primary care physicians?



# Do you own or rent your place of residence?



## Which best describes your level of concern about (Ver X: recent increases in housing costs / Ver Y: housing affordability)?

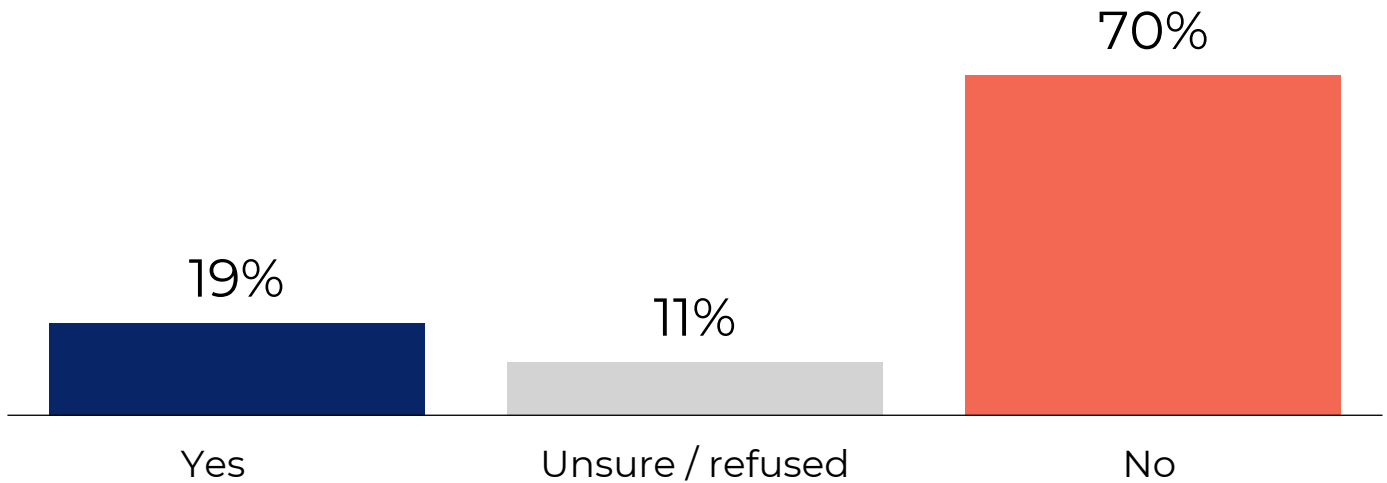


	Very	Somewhat	A little	Not
Ver X	53%	24%	11%	11%
Ver Y	52%	28%	11%	7%

# Which best describes your level of concern about (Ver X: recent increases in housing costs / Ver Y: housing affordability)?

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned
<b>Total</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>Urban/sub vs Rural Cos</b>		
Urban/suburban	55%	26%
Rural	49%	25%
<b>Partisan Vote</b>		
Republican	46%	30%
Independant	49%	25%
Democratic	62%	21%
<b>Race &amp; Ethnicity</b>		
Anglo	48%	29%
African – American	58%	21%
Hispanic	60%	21%
Other	52%	26%
<b>Race/Partisan</b>		
Anglo Republican	45%	31%
Anglo Independent	45%	25%
Anglo Democrat	55%	27%
Non-Anglo Repub-IND	50%	26%
Non-Anglo Democrat	67%	17%
<b>Own or Rent</b>		
Own	49%	26%
Rent	64%	23%
Unsure/Refused	38%	35%
<b>Annual HH Inc.</b>		
Under \$40,000	56%	26%
\$40,000-\$74,999	56%	24%
\$75,000-\$124,999	55%	27%
\$125,000 and over	48%	28%
Income unknown	42%	21%

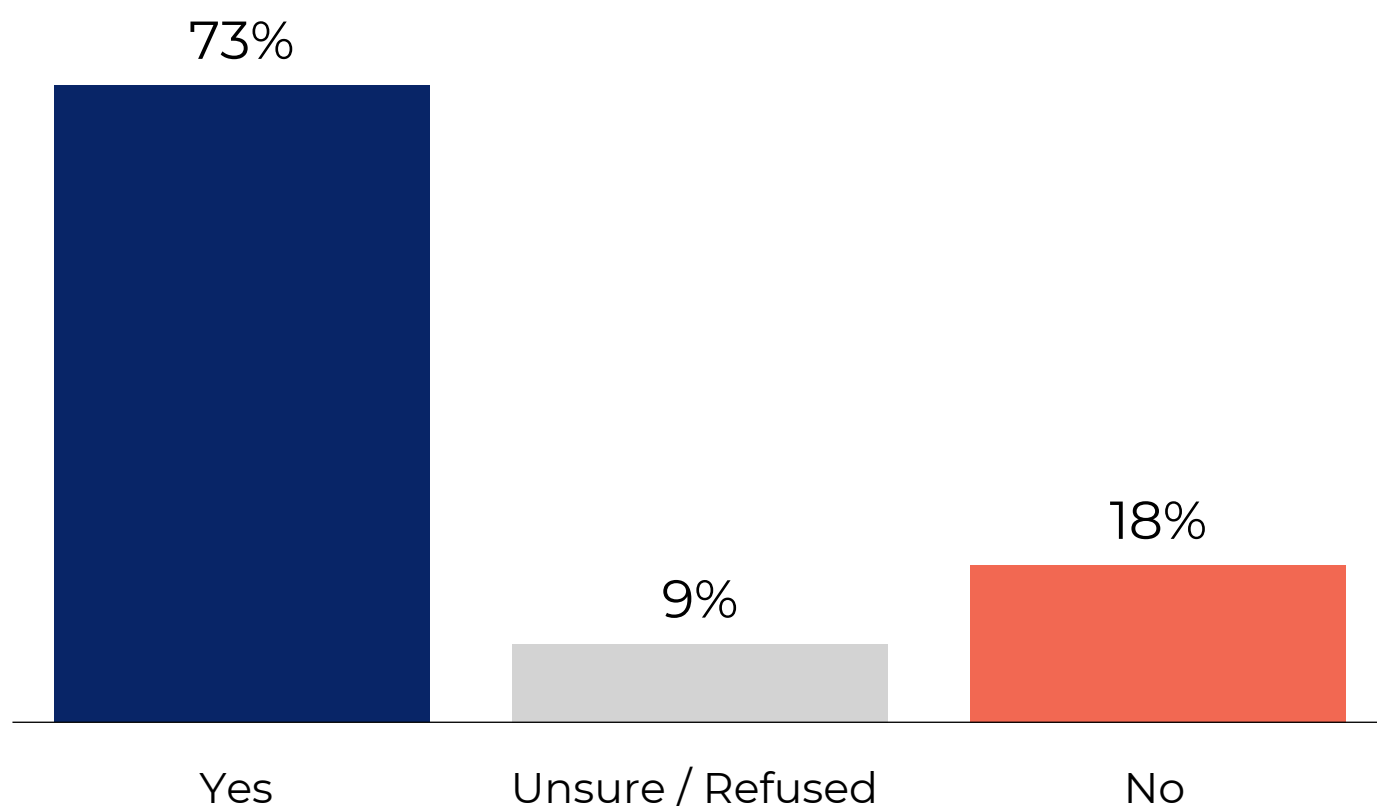
# Do you think most working Texas parents have access to affordable childcare options?



	Yes	Unsure/ refused	No
<b>Total</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>Partisan Vote</b>			
Republican	24%	17%	59%
Independent	16%	8%	76%
Democratic	14%	8%	78%
<b>Gender &amp; Partisan</b>			
Male GOP	29%	16%	54%
Female GOP	19%	17%	64%
Male IND	21%	8%	71%
Female IND	11%	7%	82%
Male DEM	18%	9%	74%
Female DEM	12%	7%	81%
<b>Gender / Children</b>			
Male with kids	28%	8%	64%
Male w/o kids	22%	14%	64%
Female with kids	19%	4%	77%
Female w/o kids	13%	13%	74%



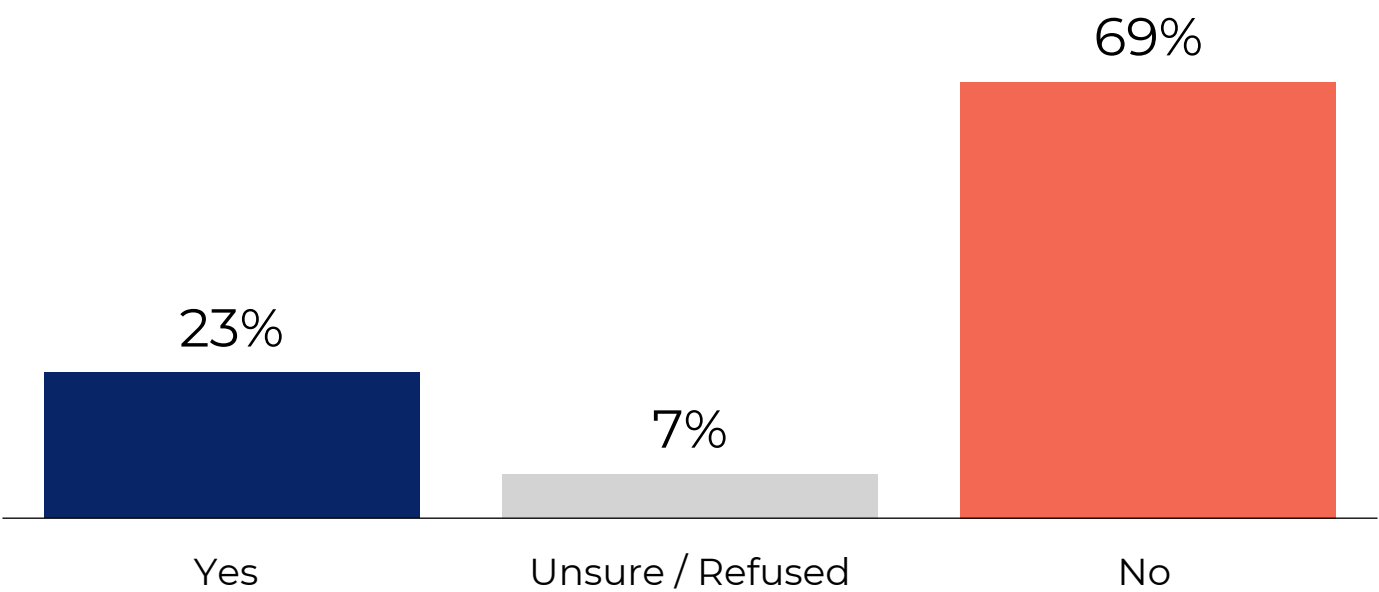
**A new study shows that only 19% of Texas schools' reading lessons prepare students to read at grade level, but Texas does not require schools to buy high-quality instructional materials paid for with state funds. Knowing this, would you be in favor of the state requiring schools to use instructional materials that have been reviewed by the state and shown to be higher quality?**



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	Yes	Unsure/ refused	No
<b>Total</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Partisan Vote</b>			
Republican	73%	10%	16%
Independent	72%	6%	22%
Democratic	73%	8%	19%
<b>Race &amp; Ethnicity</b>			
Anglo	72%	10%	18%
African-American	72%	8%	21%
Hispanic	77%	7%	17%
Other	73%	8%	19%
<b>Urban/Suburban vs Rural Counties</b>			
Urban/suburban	71%	9%	20%
Rural	76%	8%	16%
<b>Children &lt;19</b>			
Has children	70%	5%	25%
No children	74%	10%	16%
Unsure/refused	77%	0%	23%

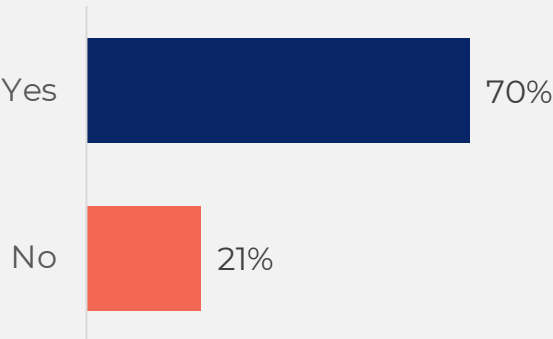
# Do you think the state should eliminate all standardized testing regarding American history?



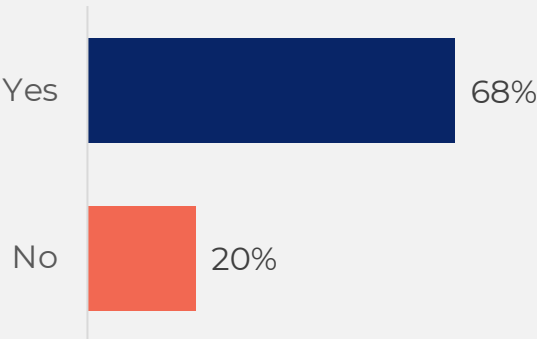
Yes		No	
23%	Total	69%	
Race & Ethnicity			
19%	Anglo	73%	
34%	African – American	56%	
26%	Hispanic	68%	
22%	Other	68%	
Partisan Vote			
18%	Republican	75%	
26%	Independent	65%	
28%	Democratic	65%	
Children <19			
28%	Has children	64%	
21%	No children	72%	
31%	Unsure/refused	57%	

# Do you trust your local police and law enforcement to handle crime and public safety issues?

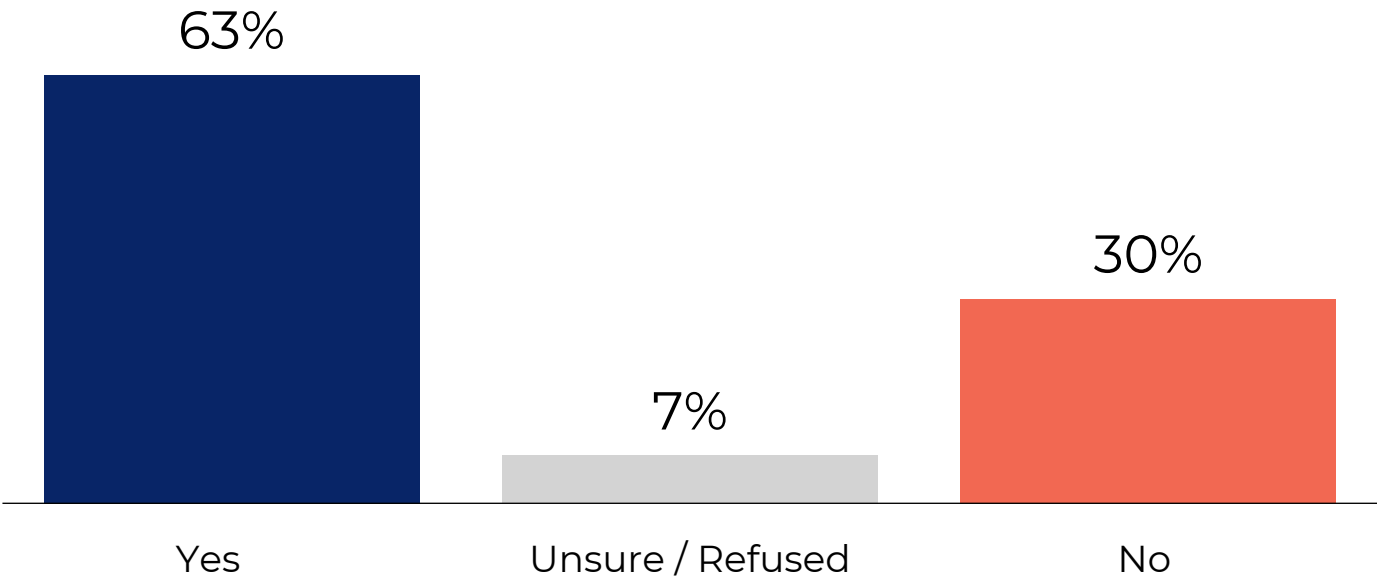
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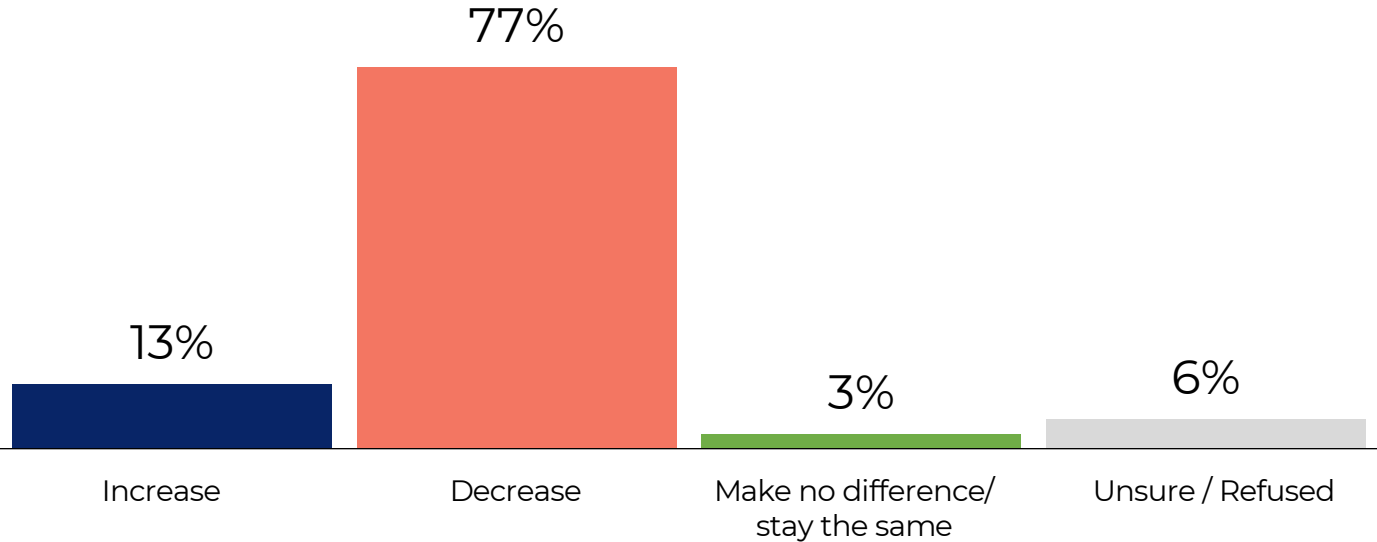
February 2023



# Do you trust your local police and law enforcement to handle crime and public safety issues?

	Jan 2022		Feb 2023			
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Change in Yes	Change in No
<b>Total</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Age</b>						
18-34	55%	34%	60%	35%	5%	1%
35-44	61%	28%	57%	36%	-4%	8%
45-54	66%	22%	61%	32%	-5%	10%
55-64	78%	17%	68%	25%	-10%	8%
65 or older	82%	9%	70%	22%	-12%	13%
<b>TX Media Markets</b>						
Dallas-Fort Worth	68%	22%	69%	26%	1%	4%
Houston	61%	32%	61%	32%	0%	0%
Austin/Waco/Bryan	75%	11%	59%	35%	-16%	24%
San Antonio/ South/El Paso	74%	16%	64%	31%	-10%	15%
West Texas Markets	79%	13%	62%	27%	-17%	14%
East Texas Markets	79%	16%	57%	27%	-22%	11%
<b>Partisan Vote</b>						
Republican	85%	10%	78%	16%	-7%	6%
Independent	59%	26%	56%	39%	-3%	13%
Democratic	57%	31%	52%	39%	-5%	8%
<b>Race &amp; Ethnicity</b>						
Anglo	80%	15%	71%	22%	-9%	7%
African – American	54%	35%	44%	47%	-10%	12%
<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>16%</b>
Other	53%	29%	68%	24%	15%	-5%

If a police officer is fired for misconduct, their department is required to report it to the state, which gives notice to other departments that may consider rehiring the officer in the future. The Texas legislature is considering removing any description of misconduct from this report. If police departments stopped this reporting of officer misconduct, would your trust in law enforcement increase or decrease?

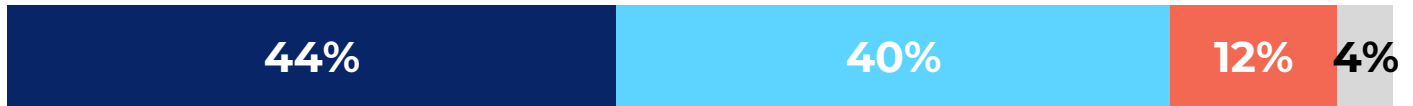


	Increase	Decrease
Total	13%	77%
Partisan Vote		
Republican	15%	73%
Independent	13%	76%
Democratic	11%	84%
Race & Ethnicity		
Anglo	10%	79%
African-American	14%	79%
Hispanic	19%	75%
Other	11%	73%
Trust local police to handle crime & public safety issues?		
Yes	14%	76%
No	12%	81%
Unsure/refused	2%	80%

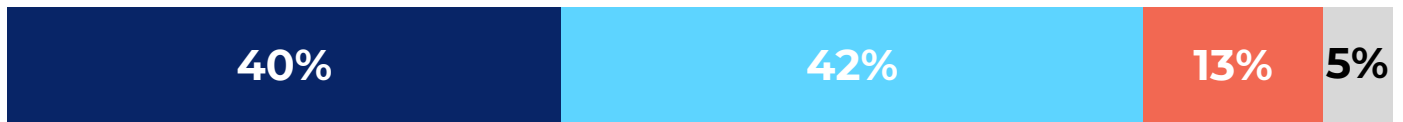
## Where did Texans stand on police transparency in September 2022 ...

Please tell me if each of the following policy options would increase your confidence in law enforcement.

- Improving public transparency into law enforcement licensing and training:

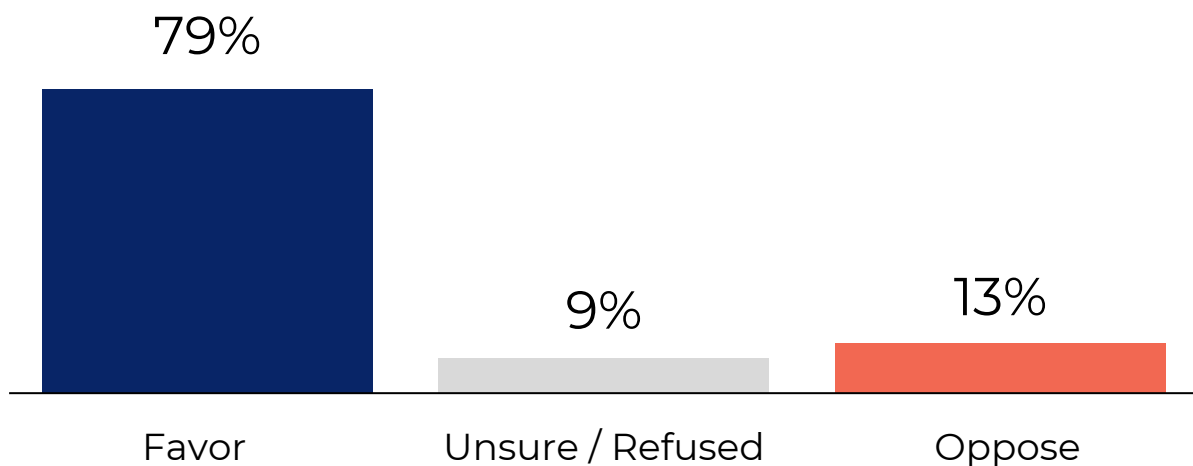


- Improving public transparency regarding officer employment history:



 A lot     Somewhat     Not at all     Unsure

Whether a law enforcement officer was fired for serious misconduct, untruthfulness, or insubordination is currently not available to the public under law. Would you favor or oppose improved transparency to make that information available to the public?







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