

TEXAS STATEWIDE SURVEY

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STUDY # 23155 Texas 2036 v%

TELEPHONE:

Hello, I am _____ of Baselice & Associates, a national survey research firm, and we're talking to people long distance today about issues facing us all. We would like to include your responses to this survey, which will be kept confidential, with the responses of several hundred other people such as yourself.

INTERNET:

Thank you for helping us with this brief survey. Your responses will be kept confidential. Please do not try to go back and change your answers as doing so may invalidate your responses.

A. To begin, are you registered to vote in Texas?

If No, ask: Is there someone else at home who is registered to vote in Texas?
If Yes, ask: May I speak with him/her? And return to introduction)

Yes **(continue)**
No **(thank & terminate)**

B. In which county do you currently reside?

Programming to provide interviewer with a drop down box of all 254 counties in alpha order.

IF QB IS BEXAR (BEAR) , DALLAS, HARRIS OR TARRANT COUNTY, ASK:

B2. In what ZIP code do you reside?

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QUOTAS TO USE B AND B2 (Do not use FIPS on file).

B3. Are you employed in the news media, a market research firm, an elected official, or actively involved with political campaigns?

Yes **(thank & terminate)**
No **(continue)**

GEND. **(Phone: Gender by observation) (Web: Are you...)**

46% Male
54% Female

EMP. Are you...

46% Currently employed outside the home
14% Employed but working from home
1% Not working because of the coronavirus
10% Not employed
28% Retired
1% Prefer not to answer **(vol option for the phone / not shown on web)**

D1. **Phone:** In what year were you born? (Make into 9 9 9 9)
Web: In what year were you born? (Provide a drop down box from 2004 back to 1900)

21% 18 to 34
16% 35 to 44
18% 45 to 54
19% 55 to 64
26% 65 or older
1% Prefer not to answer (**vol option for the phone version only**)

Now just a few questions to make sure we have a representative sample --

D2. What is the highest level of education you have completed? (**Do not read, record only**)

1% Less than high school
13% High school grad
26% Some college / vocational school
37% College graduate
21% Post graduate (masters or higher)
2% Unsure (**Phone: vol / Web: show**)

D3.A Thinking about past November general elections for a moment -- which party's candidates have you tended to vote for most often...

(Rotate first two choices) [Note: Record libertarian, reform party or other parties as value 3]

41% Republican (**skip D3C**)
35% Democrat (**skip D3C**)
19% Or do you tend to vote independent of party (**Go to D3C**)
5% (**Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure (skip D3C)**)

IF VALUE 3 (Independent) IN QUESTION D3A, ASK:

D3.C Although you vote for the person and not one of the major parties -- when you have had to choose between two candidates of whom you knew little about, have you tended to vote for... (**Rotate choices**)

7% The Republican candidate
7% The Democrat candidate
4% Other / won't vote for either (**Phone: (vol) / Web: show**)
1% (**Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure**)
81% Not asked

The combination of the D3A and D3C questions is displayed below:

41% Solid Republican
7% A few more Republicans than Democrats
49% TOTAL REPUBLICAN

5% Independent / Undecided

7% A few more Democrats than Republicans
35% Solid Democrat
42% TOTAL DEMOCRAT

5% Unsure / Refused

D5. Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic or Latino descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Central or Latin American background?

22% Yes
77% No
1% Unsure **(vol option for the phone version only / not shown on web)**
0% Prefer not to answer **(vol option for the phone version only / not shown on web)**

D6. And do you identify your main race as **(randomize first five choices)**

59% Anglo / White
14% African-American / Black
5% Asian
16% Hispanic / Latino
1% American Indian
3% Other **(vol option for the phone version only / show on web)**
0% Unsure **(vol option for the phone version only / not shown on web)**
1% Prefer not to answer **(vol option for the phone version only / not shown on web)**

1. **LAST ASKED IN SEP 2022:** Which best describes your level of concern regarding the future of Texas?
(Rotate and read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)

30% Extremely concerned
31% Very concerned
29% Somewhat concerned
90% TOTAL CONCERNED

9% Not at all concerned
1% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**

2. **LAST ASKED IN JAN 2022:** Would you rate the Texas state government's performance this past year in solving problems and serving the needs of its residents as...**(Read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-bottom)**

10% Excellent
26% Good
29% Fair
34% Poor
1% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**

3. Which best describes how well prepared you believe the State of Texas is for extreme weather events?
(Read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)

11% Very well prepared
39% Somewhat well prepared
50% TOTAL WELL PREPARED

29% Not very well prepared
20% Not at all well prepared
49% TOTAL NOT WELL PREPARED

1% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**

4. Which one of the following do you think can do the best to improve Texas? **(Randomize choices)**

- 6% Business leaders
 - 26% Elected officials in state government
 - 18% Elected officials in city and county government
 - 4% Non-profit organizations
 - 5% Faith leaders
 - 30% Regular people
 - 11% **(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)**
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5. Do you think the state should eliminate all standardized testing regarding American history?

- 23% Yes
 - 69% No
 - 7% **(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)**
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6. 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?

- 73% Yes
 - 18% No
 - 9% **(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)**
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7. 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?

- 76% Favor
 - 16% Oppose
 - 7% **(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)**
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8. 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?

- 35% Extremely important
 - 29% Very important
 - 24% Somewhat important
 - 88% TOTAL IMPORTANT
 - 8% Not at all important
 - 4% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**
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9. Do you own or rent your place of residence? **(Do not read, record only)**

- 74% Own
 - 25% Rent
 - 2% Unsure / refused **(Phone: vol / Web: do not show)**
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10. Which best describes your level of concern about **(Ver X: recent increases in housing costs / Ver Y: housing affordability)? (Read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)**

Ver X Ver Y Total

53%	52%	53%	Very concerned
24%	28%	26%	Somewhat concerned
11%	11%	11%	A little concerned
88%	92%	90%	TOTAL CONCERNED
11%	7%	9%	Not concerned
1%	1%	1%	(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)

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

19%	Yes
70%	No
11%	(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)

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

63%	Yes
30%	No
7%	(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)

13. 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?

13%	Increase
77%	Decrease
3%	Make no difference / stay the same (Phone: vol / Web: do not show)
6%	(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)

14. 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?

80%	Yes
11%	No
9%	(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)

The Texas legislature began this session with a \$32.7 billion surplus. Please **(phone: tell me / web: 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. **(Phone: Here is the first one...) (Randomize questions)**

	FAVOR			OPPOSE			Depends / Neutral	Unsure (Phone: vol) (Web: show)	Net Favor
	Strong	Smwht	Total	Smwht	Strong	Total			
15. 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.	63%	27%	89%	4%	3%	7%	2%	2%	+83%
16. Using \$1 billion, or about 3% of the surplus funds to build new state parks and improve existing parks.	37%	37%	73%	13%	6%	19%	5%	2%	+54%
17. Using \$2 billion, or about 6% of the surplus, to improve the state's technology and cyber-									

	security systems.	45%	39%	83%	6%	4%	10%	3%	3%	+73%
18.	Using \$1 billion, or about 3% of the surplus, to improve the state's broadband infrastructure.	41%	37%	78%	9%	6%	15%	3%	4%	+63%
19.	Using \$2 billion, or about 6% of the surplus, to improve flood prevention infrastructure.	49%	35%	84%	7%	3%	11%	2%	3%	+73%
20.	Using \$650 million, or about 2% of the surplus, to invest in community college students' outcomes linked to good jobs.	44%	35%	79%	8%	6%	14%	4%	4%	+65%

(End randomization)

Randomize the next two Qs

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

(Accept 0 to 100 percent, and 9 9 9 listed last for Unsure)

6%	Zero
16%	1% to 5%
20%	6% to 10%
26%	11% to 25%
19%	26% to 50%
8%	51% to 100%
5%	Unsure

22. What percent of the \$32.7 billion state budget surplus should lawmakers allocate for property tax relief?

(Accept 0 to 100 percent, and 9 9 9 listed last for Unsure)

8%	Zero
21%	1% to 5%
18%	6% to 10%
22%	11% to 25%
16%	26% to 50%
9%	51% to 100%
6%	Unsure

23. 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? **(Rotate and read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)**

18%	Extremely important
19%	Very important
37%	Somewhat important
75%	TOTAL IMPORTANT
21%	Not at all important
4%	(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)

- D9. We want to classify people into broad income groups only. Would you estimate your total household income last year before taxes to be above or below **(Phone: seventy-five thousand dollars / Web: \$75,000)?**

41%	Below \$75,000
54%	Above \$75,000
1%	Unsure (Phone: vol / Web: show)
4%	Prefer not to answer (Phone: vol / Web: show)

D9a. **IF VALUE 1 in D9, ASK:** And was your total household income above or below **(Phone: forty thousand dollars / Web: \$40,000)?**

17% Below \$40,000
22% Above \$40,000
1% Unsure **(Phone: vol / Web: show)**
1% Prefer not to answer **(Phone: vol / Web: show)**
59% Not asked

D9b. **IF VALUE 2 in D9, ASK:** And was your total household income above or below **(Phone: one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars / Web: \$125,000)?**

25% Below \$125,000
28% Above \$125,000
0% Unsure **(Phone: vol / Web: show)**
1% Prefer not to answer **(Phone: vol / Web: show)**
46% Not asked

Combination of D9 above is displayed below:

17% Below \$40,000
22% \$40,000 - \$74,999
25% \$75,000 - \$124,999
28% \$125,000 or over
7% Income unknown

D11. How many children do you have under the age of 19?
(Record 3 children as 0 3) (Record UNSURE / REFUSED AS 9 9)

29% Has children
70% No children
1% Unsure / Refused

D14. In your household, do you speakY **(rotate top-to-bottom/bottom-to-top)**

72% English only
14% Mostly English
10% English and Spanish equally
1% Mostly Spanish
1% Spanish only
1% Other **(Phone: vol / Web: do not show)**
1% **(Phone: Unsure / Refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)**
