

TEXAS STATEWIDE SURVEY – PART 1 and 2 RELEASES

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N equals 1,000 respondents

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? **(Phone:** terminate if AUnsure / Refused@ / **Web:** Do not show AUnsure / Refused@)

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...)**

45% Male
55% Female

EMP. Are you currently: **(do not randomize - read in order)**

43% Employed outside the home
14% Employed but working from home
10% Not employed
3% A student
29% Retired
0% Prefer not to answer **(Phone: vol / Web: do not show)**

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
20% 55 to 64
26% 65 or older
0% Prefer not to answer (**vol option for the phone version only**)

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]

42% Republican (**skip D3C**)
36% Democrat (**skip D3C**)
17% 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
5% The Democrat candidate
3% Other / won't vote for either (**Phone: (vol) / Web: show**)
2% (**Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure**)
83% Not asked

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

42% Solid Republican
7% A few more Republicans than Democrats
49% TOTAL REPUBLICAN

5% Independent / Undecided

5% A few more Democrats than Republicans
36% Solid Democrat
41% 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
0% 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**)

57% Anglo / White
15% African-American / Black
5% Asian
18% Hispanic / Latino
2% American Indian

- 3% Other / multi-racial (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)
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1. **LAST ASKED IN FEB 2022:** Which best describes your level of concern regarding the future of Texas?
(Rotate and read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)

- 35% Extremely concerned
- 30% Very concerned
- 27% Somewhat concerned
- 92% TOTAL CONCERNED

- 7% Not at all concerned
 - 1% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**
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2. Would you vote for or against the constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects?

- 53% For
 - 18% Against
 - 29% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**
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3. Would you vote for or against the constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be used for the creation and improvement of state parks?

- 74% For
 - 12% Against
 - 14% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**
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4. Would you vote for or against the constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state?

- 74% For
 - 10% Against
 - 16% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**
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5. If voters approve all seven spending amendments this November totaling \$28 billion, the state is projected to still have more than a \$10 billion budget surplus and approximately \$26 billion in the Rainy Day Fund. Knowing this, would you be more or less likely to support these constitutional amendments?

- 56% More likely
 - 16% Less likely
 - 17% **(Phone: No difference (vol) / Web: No difference)**
 - 11% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**
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6. Which best describes how important it is for your community to have a good public school system?
(provide choices top-to-bottom values 1 to 5 / bottom-to-top values 5 to 1)

- 66% Extremely important
- 23% Very important
- 7% Somewhat important
- 96% TOTAL IMPORTANT

- 1% Not that important
 - 2% Not at all important
 - 3% TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT
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1% (Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)

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7. Which of the following is the most important element of a good school? **(Randomize choices)**
IF FIRST CHOICE MADE (Values 1 to 6), THEN ASK: Which is the next most important element?

<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>Total</u>	
4%	6%	9%	Extracurricular activities like band
32%	38%	70%	Teaching students to read at grade level
13%	35%	47%	Teaching students to do math at grade level
1%	3%	5%	A strong sports program
46%	13%	59%	Readiness for college or a career
0%	0%	1%	(Phone: Other (vol) / Web: do not show Other)
4%	1%	5%	(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)
	4%		No first response

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8. The State of Texas rates public schools on an A to F scale based on its success at achieving student learning outcomes. What percentage of students do you believe should need to graduate high school ready for college or a career for that high school to be rated an **(Phone: A / Web: AA@)**?

(Based n=968 interviews, and with n=32 Unsuers were removed)

3%	0 to 49
2%	50 to 59
2%	60 to 69
9%	70 to 79
12%	80 to 84
9%	85 to 89
27%	90 to 94
17%	95 to 99
20%	100

87.0 Mean (Average)
90.0 Median

Phone note: Ignore pluses and minuses. For example, record a C+ as a C
Interviewing note for phoners: Code an E as an F

(Randomize Qs)	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Unsure</u> (ph: vol) (Web: no show)
9. On an A to F scale, how would you rate a school in which 52% are reading at grade level?	6%	7%	26%	26%	33%	2%
10. On an A to F scale, how would you rate a school in which 43% are doing math at grade level?	4%	6%	18%	24%	46%	2%
11. On an A to F scale, how would you rate a high school in which 65% of its graduating students are ready for college or a career?	7%	21%	37%	24%	10%	1%

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12. For the first time since the state began rating high schools on an A to F scale, the Texas Education Agency has proposed increasing the standards that determine a school's rating. Under this new scoring system, the threshold to receive an **(Phone: A / Web: AA@)** rating would increase from 60% of students graduating ready for college or a career to 88%. Do you support this update?

80%	Yes
11%	No
10%	(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)

13. Roughly 90% of Texas students graduate high school, but only about 65% graduate ready for college or a career, and only about 30% actually go on to earn a college degree or workforce credential. Should college or career readiness be a requirement for graduating high school?

58% Yes
32% No
10% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**

14. **LAST ASKED IN SEPT 2022:** Shifting to weather events, do you think the climate in Texas compared to ten years ago has... **(Read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)**

41% changed dramatically
37% changed somewhat
17% not changed
4% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**

15. Which best describes how concerned you are that weather-related events in Texas such as wildfires, floods, drought, and hurricanes may increase what you pay for property insurance?
(provide choices top-to-bottom values 1 to 4 / bottom-to-top values 4 to 1)

30% Extremely concerned
28% Very concerned
29% Somewhat concerned
87% TOTAL CONCERNED

11% Not concerned
2% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**

16. Do you believe that Texas children today will have the same opportunities, **(Ver X: better opportunities or worse opportunities / Ver Y: worse opportunities or better opportunities)** to succeed than previous generations have had? **(Record only)**

<u>Ver X</u>	<u>Ver Y</u>	<u>Total</u>	
13%	14%	14%	Same
32%	28%	30%	Better
45%	47%	46%	Worse
0%	1%	1%	(Phone: Depends / Other / Web: not shown on web)
10%	9%	10%	(Phone: Unsure / Web: Unsure)

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)**

2% Less than high school
15% High school grad
27% Some college / vocational school
34% College graduate
21% Post graduate (masters or higher)
1% Unsure **(Phone: vol / Web: show)**

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: eighty thousand dollars / Web: \$80,000)**?

48% Below \$80,000
48% Above \$80,000
1% Unsure **(Phone: vol / Web: show)**
3% 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: fifty thousand dollars / Web: \$50,000)?**

25% Below \$50,000
23% Above \$50,000
0% Unsure **(Phone: vol / Web: show)**
0% Prefer not to answer **(Phone: vol / Web: show)**
52% 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)?**

19% Below \$125,000
27% Above \$125,000
0% Unsure **(Phone: vol / Web: show)**
1% Prefer not to answer **(Phone: vol / Web: show)**
52% Not asked

Combination of D9 above is displayed below:

25% Below \$50,000
23% \$50,000 - \$79,999
19% \$80,000 - \$124,999
27% \$125,000 or over
7% Income unknown

D10. Do you own or rent your place of residence? **(Do not read, record only)**

73% Own
24% Rent
3% Unsure / refused **(Phone: vol / Web: do not show)**

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

31% Has children
69% No children
0% Unsure / Refused
