

TEXAS STATEWIDE SURVEY

BASELICE & ASSOCIATES, INC.
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)**
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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)**
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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)**
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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
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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
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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)**

1. 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)**

2. 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

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

3. 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

4. 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 AA@?

(Based n = 968 interviews, and with n equal 32 Unsure responses 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

(Randomize Qs)

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Unsure</u>
5. 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%
6. 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%
7. 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%

8. 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 "A" 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)

9. 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)

10. 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**)

Ver X	Ver Y	Total	
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, Q9a and D9b 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?

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