

# TEXAS STATEWIDE SURVEY

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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)**

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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.

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## 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).

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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)**

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

45% Male  
55% Female

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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 <b>(vol option for the phone version only)</b> |

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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]

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|-----|---|
| 42% | Republican <b>(skip D3C)</b>                                    |
| 36% | Democrat <b>(skip D3C)</b>                                      |
| 17% | Or do you tend to vote independent of party <b>(Go to D3C)</b>  |
| 5%  | <b>(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure) (skip D3C)</b> |

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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 <b>(Phone: (vol) / Web: show)</b> |
| 2%  | <b>(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)</b>            |
| 83% | Not asked   |

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

|     |                                       |
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| 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**)

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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. **LAST ASKED IN SEPT 2022:** Do you plan on moving out of Texas in the next few years? (**Record only**)

10% Yes  
77% No  
12% (**Phone: Depends / Unsure / Maybe (vol) / Web: Depends**)  
0% Refused (**do not show on web**)

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3. **IF VALUE 2-4 IN PREVIOUS Q, ASK:** Have you considered moving out of Texas?

25% Yes  
61% No  
4% (**Phone: Depends / Unsure / Maybe (vol) / Web: Depends**)  
0% Refused (**do not show on web**)  
10% Not asked

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4. **If value 1 in Q2 or Q3, then ask:** Which of the following is the top reason you have considered moving out of Texas in the next few years? (**Randomize choices**)

5% Affordability of living, including housing and health care  
3% Your job or the economy  
5% Weather  
13% Politics or social issues  
0% Education or higher education  
2% Public safety or crime  
6% Family or personal reasons  
1% (**Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure**)  
65% Not asked

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5. **If value 2 in Q2 or Q3, then ask:** Which of the following is the top reason for you to continue living in Texas?  
**(Randomize choices)**

- 14% Affordability of living, including housing and health care
  - 10% Your job or the economy
  - 1% Weather
  - 5% Politics or social issues
  - 1% Education or higher education
  - 1% Public safety or crime
  - 45% Family or personal reasons
  - 2% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**
  - 21% Not asked
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6. 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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7. 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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8. 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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9. 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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10. 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)**

11. 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%           | <b>(Phone: Other (vol) / Web: do not show Other)</b> |
| 4%         | 1%         | 5%           | <b>(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)</b>           |
|            | 4%         |              | No first response                                    |

12. 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 Unsures 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>E</u> | <u>Unsure</u><br>(ph: vol)<br>(Web: no show) |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| 13. 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%   |
| 14. 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%   |
| 15. 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%   |

16. 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)**

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17. 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)**

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18. **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)**

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19. 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)**

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New technologies, including energy storage or batteries, carbon capture, hydrogen, electric vehicles and renewable energy may impact future energy markets, products and prices. Please **(Phone: tell me / Web: indicate)** if each of the following is extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not that important or not at all important for Texas. **(Randomize questions)**

|   | <b>Extremely<br/>Important</b> | <b>Very<br/>Important</b> | <b>Somewhat<br/>Important</b> | <b>Not that<br/>Important</b> | <b>Not at all<br/>Important</b> | <b>Unsure</b> |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 20. Making sure our state remains a leader in producing energy.                         | 41%                            | 32%                       | 18%                           | 6%                            | 2%                              | 1%            |
| 21. Identifying ways to support energy innovation and new technologies.                 | 36%                            | 34%                       | 22%                           | 4%                            | 2%                              | 2%            |
| 22. Making sure energy remains as affordable as possible for all Texans.                | 57%                            | 31%                       | 9%                            | 1%                            | 1%                              | 1%            |
| 23. Preventing declines in state tax revenues so that school funding can be maintained. | 32%                            | 34%                       | 23%                           | 5%                            | 3%                              | 3%            |
| 24. Maintaining jobs in the oil and gas industry.                                       | 33%                            | 29%                       | 23%                           | 8%                            | 5%                              | 2%            |
| 25. Adopting policies to reduce carbon based emissions from energy sources.             | 30%                            | 25%                       | 24%                           | 9%                            | 10%                             | 2%            |

**(End randomization)**

**Asked in March 2022 as a piggyback question:**

26. Thinking about electric vehicles, have you... **(read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)**

- 3% Purchased an electric vehicle
- 26% Considered purchasing an electric vehicle
- 68% Not purchased an electric vehicle
- 3% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**

27. Over the past decade, the health care industry has experienced significant consolidation, meaning that a smaller number of businesses own a larger proportion of health care providers. Today, 61% of Texans live in markets that are considered highly or very highly concentrated - compared to just 3% of Californians. Independent research from health economists has found that consolidation leads to higher prices for health care. Which best describes how concerned you are about consolidation in the health care industry? **(provide choices top-to-bottom values 1 to 4 / bottom-to-top values 4 to 1)**

- 29% Extremely concerned
- 30% Very concerned
- 28% Somewhat concerned
- 87% TOTAL CONCERNED
- 8% Not concerned
- 5% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**

To address health care consolidation, please indicate if you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose each of the following potential policy ideas. **(Phone: Here is the first one...)** **(Randomize questions)**

|  | FAVOR  |       |            | OPPOSE |        |            | Depends<br>/ Neutral | Unsure<br>(Phone: vol)<br>(Web: show) | Net<br>Favor |
|--|--------|-------|------------|--------|--------|------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
|  | Strong | Smwht | Total      | Smwht  | Strong | Total      |                      |                                       |              |
| 28. Doing nothing and maintaining the status quo.  | 6%     | 12%   | <b>18%</b> | 25%    | 43%    | <b>68%</b> | 6%                   | 8%                                    | -50%         |
| 29. Government forcing break-ups of existing health care companies.                              | 17%    | 25%   | <b>42%</b> | 22%    | 21%    | <b>44%</b> | 7%                   | 8%                                    | -2%          |
| 30. Prohibit hospitals and insurers from owning doctor groups and pharmacies.                    | 29%    | 23%   | <b>52%</b> | 19%    | 16%    | <b>35%</b> | 6%                   | 7%                                    | +17%         |
| 31. Prohibit anti-competitive business practices that use market share to limit consumer choice. | 24%    | 21%   | <b>45%</b> | 19%    | 23%    | <b>42%</b> | 4%                   | 9%                                    | +3%          |
| 32. Enhance government antitrust enforcement and oversight.                                      | 23%    | 30%   | <b>52%</b> | 17%    | 14%    | <b>31%</b> | 5%                   | 11%                                   | +21%         |
| 33. Implement Government price controls or rate setting.   | 21%    | 30%   | <b>50%</b> | 16%    | 21%    | <b>37%</b> | 5%                   | 8%                                    | +13%         |
| 34. Move toward a single-payer, government-run health care system.                               | 19%    | 18%   | <b>37%</b> | 13%    | 36%    | <b>49%</b> | 5%                   | 9%                                    | -12%         |

**(End randomization)**

35. Earlier this year, the Texas Legislature passed a new law that prohibits large health care providers from using anti-competitive contracting practices, meaning that they can no longer increase prices for consumers by forcing customers to accept contract terms that reduce market competition. As a result of this legislation, employers are now better able to help their employees access lower-cost care at smaller, independent providers. Knowing this, do you favor or oppose this legislation?

**If choice made, ask:** Is that strongly or somewhat (favor / oppose)?

42% Favor / Strongly  
36% Favor / Somewhat  
79% TOTAL FAVOR

6% Oppose / Somewhat  
4% Oppose / Strongly  
10% TOTAL OPPOSE

4% **(Phone: Depends (vol) / Web: Depends)**  
7% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**



36. **THIS WAS ASKED IN JAN 2021 and SEPT 2022:** Have you or someone in your household postponed or skipped any medical treatment or surgery in recent years because you didn't know what the final medical costs might be? **(Record only)**

41% Yes  
 56% No  
 3% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**

37. In addition to billing for services performed, hospitals charge facility fees to cover overhead and expenses, especially as they must remain open 24 hours a day. Some hospital systems have recently begun charging facility fees to their patients at non-hospital facilities they own as well. Should the legislature allow or not allow hospitals to charge facility fees for: **(Randomize Qs)**

| <u>Allow</u> | <u>Not allow</u> | <u>DK</u> |   |
|--------------|------------------|-----------|---|
| 48%          | 42%              | 10%       | A. Inpatient stays in a hospital  |
| 44%          | 47%              | 8%        | B. Emergency Room services  |
| 43%          | 47%              | 10%       | C. Primary care services in a hospital                                  |
| 34%          | 57%              | 10%       | D. Primary care services at non-hospital facilities owned by a hospital |
| 31%          | 59%              | 10%       | E. Telehealth visits  |

38. 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%           | <b>(Phone: Depends / Other / Web: not shown on web)</b> |
| 10%          | 9%           | 10%          | <b>(Phone: Unsure / Web: Unsure)</b>                    |

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**)

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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

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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

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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

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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**)

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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

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