

TEXAS STATEWIDE SURVEY

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STUDY # 25456 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.

WEB:

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**)

AC. In which county do you currently reside? (**Phone:** terminate if Unsure / Refused / **Web:** Do not show Unsure / Refused)

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

USE FIPS NUMBERS FOR VALUES

IF AC IS AUSTIN, BEXAR, DALLAS, HARRIS, HOUSTON OR TARRANT COUNTY, ASK:

AZ. In what ZIP code do you reside?

____ _

QUOTAS TO USE AC AND AZ (Do not use FIPS on file).

B. 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**)

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

46% Male

54% Female

D16. Are you currently: (**do not randomize - read in order**)

46% Employed outside the home

13% Employed but working from home

10% Not employed

3% A student

28% Retired

1% 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 2007 back to 1900)

19%	18 to 34
16%	35 to 44
17%	45 to 54
19%	55 to 64
29%	65 or older
0%	Prefer not to answer (vol option for the phone version only)

D3A. 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, Green Party or other parties as value 3]

45%	Republican (skip D3C)
33%	Democrat (skip D3C)
16%	Or do you tend to vote independent of party (Go to D3C)
7%	(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure) (skip D3C)

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

D3C. 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)**

5%	The Republican candidate
5%	The Democrat candidate
4%	Other / won't vote for either (Phone: (vol) / Web: show)
2%	(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)
84%	Not asked

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

45%	Solid Republican
5%	A few more Republicans than Democrats
50%	TOTAL REPUBLICAN
6%	Independent / Undecided
5%	A few more Democrats than Republicans
33%	Solid Democrat
38%	TOTAL DEMOCRAT
7%	Unsure

D4. 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?

21% Yes
78% No
0% Unsure **(Phone: (vol) / Web: do not show)**
0% Prefer not to answer **(Phone: (vol) / Web: do not show)**

D5. And do you identify your main race as **(randomize first five choices)**

60% Anglo / White
15% African-American / Black
4% Asian
16% Hispanic / Latino
2% American Indian
2% Other / multi-racial **(Phone: (vol) / Web: do not show)**
0% Unsure **(Phone: (vol) / Web: do not show)**
1% Prefer not to answer **(Phone: (vol) / Web: do not show)**

JOBS / ECONOMY / LIFESTYLE

1. Which best describes your level of concern regarding the future of Texas?
(Rotate and read first four choices top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)

35% Extremely concerned
24% Very concerned
27% Somewhat concerned
85% TOTAL CONCERNED

12% Not at all concerned
2% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**

LAST ASKED IN NOV 2024 [This has been asked on all of the past eight Texas 2036 surveys].

2. If you needed to find a job, how confident are you that you could find a good-paying job in Texas?
(Rotate and read first four choices top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)

32% Very confident
33% Somewhat confident
66% TOTAL CONFIDENT

17% Not very confident
11% Not at all confident
28% TOTAL NOT CONFIDENT

6% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**

3. Do you believe Texas offers more, fewer, or about the same opportunities for good jobs and economic advancement compared to other states? **(Record only)**

44% More opportunities
31% About the same
16% Fewer opportunities
9% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**

4. 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	
14%	15%	14%	Same
33%	30%	32%	Better
45%	45%	45%	Worse
0%	1%	0%	(Phone: Depends / Other / Web: not shown on web)
7%	10%	9%	(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)

LAST ASKED IN NOV 2024

5. When comparing Texas to the rest of the United States, which do you believe will have the stronger economy over the next four years?

54%	Texas
or	
18%	The rest of the United States
16%	Both are about the same (Phone: vol / Web: show this option)
12%	(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)

LAST ASKED IN NOV 2024

GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE

6. Would you rate the Texas state government's performance this past year in solving problems and serving the needs of its residents as... (**Read the first four choices top-to-bottom / bottom-to-bottom**)

14%	Excellent
25%	Good
21%	Fair
36%	Poor
3%	(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)

LAST ASKED IN NOV 2024

K-12 EDUCATION

7. How many children do you have between the ages of 4 and 18?

71%	0
13%	1
10%	2
4%	3
2%	4
0%	5
0%	6
0%	7
0%	8
0%	9
0%	10 or more
1%	Unsure (Phone: (vol) / Web: do not show)

8. **IF VALUE 1 IN Q7 (Has 1 child), ASK:** Is your child currently enrolled in a Texas public school?
IF VALUE 2-10 IN Q7 (Has 2 or more children), ASK: Do you have any children currently enrolled in a Texas public school?

22%	Yes
7%	No
0%	Unsure (Phone: (vol) / Web: do not show)
72%	Not asked

9. Do you have any children who were *previously* enrolled in a Texas public school?

48%	Yes
52%	No
0%	Unsure (Phone: (vol) / Web: do not show)

(Rotate next two questions)

10. Would you rate the job being done by public schools in your school district as...?
(Read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)

13%	Excellent
32%	Good
28%	Fair
19%	Poor
7%	(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)

LAST ASKED IN JAN 2021

11. Would you rate the job being done by public schools throughout Texas as...?
(Read top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)

7%	Excellent
30%	Good
32%	Fair
23%	Poor
7%	(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)

LAST ASKED IN JAN 2021

(End rotation)

12. On a scale of zero to ten, with zero meaning terrible and ten meaning excellent, how would you rate your school district in its performance at ensuring graduates complete high school either ready for college or prepared to enter the workforce with a good-paying job?

Terrible										Excellent	Unsure
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	99
5%	2%	4%	4%	6%	14%	10%	16%	14%	6%	9%	10%

IF VALUE 1-10 in Q7 (Has 1 or more children), ASK:

13. Within the past year, have you considered sending your child or children to a different school or school district?

10%	Yes
18%	No
0%	Unsure (vol option for the phone version only / not shown on web)
72%	Not asked

IF VALUE 1 (Yes) in Q13, ASK:

14. And in your own words, please describe why you have considered sending your child to a different school or school district. **(Phone Probe: Please tell me more about that)**

	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Academics / Teachers	39	3.9%
Safety / Bullying / Discipline	14	1.4%
Political response	10	1.0%
General response / Better schools / Opportunities	10	1.0%
Special programs / Needs	8	0.8%
Class size / Growth	7	0.7%
Administration	6	0.6%
Location / Convenience	5	0.5%
Sports	4	0.4%
Zoning	3	0.3%
Better environment / Different setting	3	0.3%
No answer	3	0.3%
Other	10	1.0%
Unsure	2	0.2%
Not asked	899	89.8%

IF VALUE 2-3 (No / Unsure) in Q13, ASK:

15. And in your own words, please describe what are the reasons for keeping your child in their current school or school district. **(Phone Probe: Please tell me more about that)**

	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Likes School / District / Works for District	47	4.7%
Academics / Teachers	37	3.7%
Don't want to disrupt child	29	2.9%
Dislikes school / District / In private / Homeschooled	27	2.7%
Location / Convenience	22	2.2%
Programs / Opportunities	14	1.3%
Don't like alternatives / Vouchers / Too expensive	12	1.2%
No reason to change / Only option	8	0.8%
Friends / Diversity	6	0.6%
Extracurricular Activities	4	0.4%
Safety / Discipline	4	0.4%
Room for improvement / Suggestions	2	0.2%
Other	19	1.9%
Not asked	820	81.9%

16. **IF VALUE 1-10 in Q7 (Has 1 or more children), ASK:** Which of the following educational settings do you prefer most for your child or children)?
IF VALUE 0 or 99 in Q7 (No children or unsure), ASK: If you had a school-aged child, which of the following educational settings would you prefer most?
(Randomize choices)
- | | |
|-----|--|
| 44% | Local public school |
| 11% | Charter school |
| 30% | Private or parochial school |
| 14% | Home school |
| 1% | Combination (Phone: (vol) / Web: do not show) |
| 1% | Unsure (Phone: (vol) / Web: do not show) |
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17. **IF VALUE 1-10 in Q7 (Has 1 or more children), ASK:**
Earlier this year, Texas legislators passed a bill creating an Education Savings Account, or ESA, program, which provides families with up to \$10,000 per student to help pay for things like private school tuition, tutoring support, and certain homeschooling costs. Are you very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely or not at all likely to apply for the program for your **(IF VALUE 1 in Q7, INSERT: child / IF VALUE 2-10 in Q7, INSERT: children)**?
- | | |
|-----|--|
| 6% | Very likely |
| 7% | Somewhat likely |
| 13% | TOTAL LIKELY |
| 4% | Not very likely |
| 9% | Not at all likely |
| 13% | TOTAL NOT LIKELY |
| 0% | Depends / No difference (Phone: (vol) / Web: do not show) |
| 2% | Unsure (Phone: (vol) / Web: show) |
| 72% | Not asked |
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18. **IF VALUE 0 or 99 in Q7 (No children or unsure), ASK:**
Earlier this year, Texas legislators passed a bill creating an Education Savings Account, or ESA, program, which provides families with up to \$10,000 per student to help pay for things like private school tuition, tutoring support, and certain homeschooling costs. If you had an eligible school-aged child, would you be very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely or not at all likely to apply for the ESA program?
- | | |
|-----|--|
| 24% | Very likely |
| 15% | Somewhat likely |
| 39% | TOTAL LIKELY |
| 11% | Not very likely |
| 14% | Not at all likely |
| 25% | TOTAL NOT LIKELY |
| 0% | Depends / No difference (Phone: (vol) / Web: do not show) |
| 7% | Unsure (Phone: (vol) / Web: show) |
| 28% | Not asked |
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HIGHER ED / WORKFORCE

19. The Texas state government is considering changing how public universities are funded so that more of their funding is tied to student outcomes, like degree completion. Do you agree or disagree with this proposal? **Phone: If choice made, ask:** Is that strongly or somewhat (agree / disagree)?

29% Agree / Strongly
31% Agree / Somewhat
59% TOTAL AGREE

11% Disagree / Somewhat
14% Disagree / Strongly
25% TOTAL DISAGREE

15% Unsure (**Phone: (vol) / Web: show**)

20. Which of the following do you believe is the most important purpose of higher education in Texas? (**Randomize**)
If choice made, ask: And which is the next most important? (**Randomize remaining choices**)

QA	QB		
Most	Next Most	Total	
31%	20%	51%	Preparing students for jobs that pay well
36%	21%	57%	Providing a broad education in critical thinking and communication
13%	16%	29%	Supporting the state's economy by meeting workforce needs
5%	15%	20%	Promoting citizenship and civic responsibility
9%	19%	29%	Advancing scientific and technological research
1%	0%	1%	Other (Phone: (vol) / Web: do not show)
5%	3%	8%	Unsure (Phone: (vol) / Web: show) (to next Q)
	5%		No first response

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

21. Which best describes how often, if at all, you use artificial intelligence, or AI, tools (**Ver Y: like Chat GPT**)?
(**Rotate choices top-to-bottom / bottom/to-top**)

Ver X	Ver Y	Total	
19%	18%	19%	Daily
18%	16%	17%	Weekly
9%	9%	9%	Monthly
29%	27%	28%	Rarely
22%	27%	24%	Never
3%	3%	3%	Unsure (Phone: (vol) / Web: show)

For each item (**Phone: I read, please tell me / Web: please indicate**) if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose each of the following as a potential use of artificial intelligence, or AI, in Texas public schools. (**Phone: Here is the first one...**) (**Randomize questions**) (**Web: Show values 5 and 6**)

		SUPPORT			OPPOSE			Depends (vol)	Unsure (vol)	Net Support
		Strong	Smwht	Total	Smwht	Strong	Total			
22.	To assist teachers in grading student work.	22%	34%	56%	14%	19%	34%	6%	4%	+22%
23.	To give students personalized support to catch up or advance in their learning.	31%	37%	68%	11%	11%	22%	5%	4%	+46%
24.	To provide students with individually tailored college and career guidance.	28%	40%	67%	11%	12%	23%	5%	5%	+45%

(End randomization)

RESILIENCE

25. Over the past five years, which best describes how much the cost of your property insurance may have changed? **(Rotate choices top-to-bottom / bottom/to-top)**

40% Increased significantly
26% Increased moderately
13% Increased a little
79% TOTAL INCREASED

6% No increase
1% Decreased a little
14% Unsure **(Phone: (vol) / Web: show)**

26. Which of these concerns you the most when it comes to natural disasters? **(Randomize choices 1-4)**

23% Damage to my property
24% Impact on my community
35% The increasing cost of insurance
13% Possibility of leaving my home forever
5% Unsure **(Phone: (vol) / Web: show)**

HEALTH CARE

27. 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?

37% Yes
63% No
0% Unsure **(Phone: (vol) / Web: do not show)**

LAST ASKED IN SEPT 2022

Please **(Phone: tell me / Web: indicate)** if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with each of the following statements. **(Phone: Here is the first one...) (Randomize questions)**
(Web: Show values 5 and 6)

	AGREE			DISAGREE			Depends / Neutral (vol)	Unsure (vol)	Net Agree
	<u>Strong</u>	<u>Smwht</u>	Total	<u>Smwht</u>	<u>Strong</u>	Total			
28. Our health care system is designed to work well for people like me.	13%	27%	40%	19%	35%	53%	3%	3%	-13%
29. Our health care system provides a good value for people like me.	12%	26%	38%	20%	35%	55%	4%	3%	-17%
30. Our health care system is easy to navigate for people like me.	11%	28%	39%	19%	35%	54%	3%	3%	-15%

(End randomization)

In March, Texans can vote in the Democratic or Republican primary election for most state government positions. If a candidate expressed the following positions, then would you be much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely, or much less likely to vote for that candidate in the primary election you prefer to vote in? **(Phone: Here is the first one...)** **(Randomize questions)** **(Web: Show values 5 and 6)**

		MORE LIKELY			LESS LIKELY			No Diff. (vol)	Unsure (vol)	Net Impact
		<u>Much</u>	<u>Smwht</u>	Total	<u>Smwht</u>	<u>Much</u>	Total			
31.	Building needed water infrastructure	40%	35%	75%	9%	3%	13%	6%	6%	+62%
32.	Reducing childcare costs	37%	27%	64%	13%	6%	19%	12%	6%	+45%
33.	Improving accountability in public education	47%	30%	78%	7%	4%	11%	5%	6%	+66%
34.	Aligning Texas high schools with the demands of the future workforce	41%	33%	75%	9%	3%	12%	7%	6%	+63%
35.	Reducing health care prices	58%	24%	82%	6%	4%	10%	4%	4%	+72%
36.	Making it easier to navigate the health care system	44%	32%	76%	6%	4%	11%	8%	6%	+65%
37.	Increasing public education funding	44%	25%	69%	10%	10%	20%	6%	5%	+48%
38.	Reducing homeowner's insurance costs	50%	30%	79%	6%	3%	10%	7%	4%	+70%
39.	Reducing property taxes	54%	24%	78%	7%	4%	11%	7%	4%	+67%
40.	Ensuring crime leads to arrests and prosecution	49%	23%	72%	10%	4%	15%	7%	6%	+57%
41.	Providing reliable and affordable energy	47%	31%	77%	9%	3%	12%	6%	5%	+66%
42.	Improving disaster response	45%	34%	78%	7%	3%	10%	7%	5%	+68%
43.	Improving affordability and student outcomes at Texas colleges	41%	33%	74%	9%	3%	13%	7%	6%	+62%

(End randomization)

PUBLIC SAFETY

44. Which best describes how concerned you are about crime in (**Ver X:** your community / **Ver Y:** Texas cities)?
(**Rotate and read first four choices top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top**)

Ver X	Ver Y	Total	
16%	22%	19%	Extremely concerned
17%	26%	22%	Very concerned
42%	39%	40%	Somewhat concerned
75%	88%	81%	TOTAL CONCERNED
22%	9%	16%	Not at all concerned
2%	4%	3%	Unsure (Phone: (vol) / Web: show)

45. Which best describes how safe you feel in (**Ver X:** your community / **Ver Y:** Texas cities)?
(**Rotate and read first four choices top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top**)

Ver X	Ver Y	Total	
18%	7%	13%	Extremely safe
39%	24%	31%	Very safe
37%	60%	48%	Somewhat safe
94%	91%	93%	TOTAL SAFE
4%	7%	5%	Not at all safe
2%	2%	2%	Unsure (Phone: (vol) / Web: show)

CIVILITY

46. Which is more important to you when voting in a (**Ver X:** March primary / **Ver Y:** November general) election? (**rotate choices**)

Ver X	Ver Y	Total	
54%	58%	56%	Selecting a candidate who fights for beliefs you share
or			
38%	36%	37%	Selecting a candidate who works with people who disagree to find solutions
1%	1%	1%	Both / Other (Phone: (vol) / Web: do not show)
7%	5%	6%	Unsure (Phone: (vol) / Web: show)

47. When thinking about politics and the future, which concerns you more: (**rotate choices**)

37%	The other side's political beliefs gaining power and changing the direction of society
or	
52%	A society where people of different viewpoints can't resolve their differences, leading to deep division
1%	Both / Other (Phone: (vol) / Web: do not show)
10%	Unsure (Phone: (vol) / Web: show)

48. Which best describes your level of concern about political violence in (**Ver X:** Texas / **Ver Y:** the U.S.)?
(**Rotate and read first four choices top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top**)

Ver X	Ver Y	Total	
31%	47%	39%	Extremely concerned
27%	29%	28%	Very concerned
30%	18%	24%	Somewhat concerned
88%	94%	91%	TOTAL CONCERNED
9%	4%	6%	Not at all concerned
3%	2%	3%	Unsure (Phone: (vol) / Web: show)

49. Do you think it is ever justified for people to resort to violence in order to achieve political goals?

8% Yes
92% No
1% Unsure (**Phone: (vol) / Web: do not show**)

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
12% High school grad
27% Some college / vocational school
37% College graduate
23% Postgraduate (masters or higher)
1% Unsure (**Phone: vol / Web: show**)

D7. 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: one hundred thousand dollars / Web: \$100,000**)?

52% Below \$100,000
41% Above \$100,000
0% Unsure (**Phone: vol / Web: do not show**)
7% Prefer not to answer (**Phone: vol / Web: show**)

D7a. **IF VALUE 1 in D7, ASK:** And was your total household income above or below (**Phone: sixty thousand dollars / Web: \$60,000**)?

28% Below \$60,000
22% Above \$60,000
0% Unsure (**Phone: vol / Web: do not show**)
1% Prefer not to answer (**Phone: vol / Web: show**)
48% Not asked

D7b. **IF VALUE 2 in D7, ASK:** And was your total household income above or below (**Phone: one hundred and sixty thousand dollars / Web: \$160,000**)?

17% Below \$160,000
23% Above \$160,000
0% Unsure (**Phone: vol / Web: do not show**)
1% Prefer not to answer (**Phone: vol / Web: show**)
59% Not asked

Combination of D7 above is displayed below:

28% Below \$60,000
22% \$60,000 - \$99,999
17% \$100,000 - \$159,999
23% \$160,000 or over
10% Income unknown

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

70% Own
29% Rent
1% Unsure (**Phone: vol / Web: do not show**)
