

TEXAS STATEWIDE SURVEY

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STUDY # 24358 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)**

44% Employed outside the home
14% Employed but working from home
10% Not employed
3% A student
29% 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 2006 back to 1900)

21%	18 to 34
16%	35 to 44
17%	45 to 54
20%	55 to 64
26%	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]

44%	Republican (skip D3C)
36%	Democrat (skip D3C)
15%	Or do you tend to vote independent of party (Go to D3C)
6%	(Phone: Unsure / refused (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)**

4%	The Republican candidate
5%	The Democrat candidate
4%	Other / won't vote for either (Phone: (vol) / Web: show)
2%	(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)
85%	Not asked

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

44%	Solid Republican
4%	A few more Republicans than Democrats
48%	TOTAL REPUBLICAN
6%	Independent / Undecided
5%	A few more Democrats than Republicans
36%	Solid Democrat
41%	TOTAL DEMOCRAT
6%	Unsure / Refused

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?

22% Yes
77% No
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)

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

59% Anglo / White
15% African-American / Black
0% Asian
16% Hispanic / Latino
3% American Indian
4% 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)
2% Prefer not to answer (vol option for the phone version only / not shown on web)

1. **LAST ASKED IN AUG 2023:** Which best describes your level of concern regarding the future of Texas?
(Rotate and read first four choices top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)

28% Extremely concerned
26% Very concerned
31% Somewhat concerned
85% TOTAL CONCERNED

13% Not at all concerned
2% (Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)

2. In your own words, please (Phone: tell me / Web: indicate in the space below) the one issue the Texas state government needs to address for Texas to be successful 15 years from now?

	Cases	Percent
Immigration / Border	290	29.0%
Education	138	13.8%
Abortion / Women's rights	126	12.6%
Political / Government / Civility	83	8.3%
Economy / Jobs / Trade / Wages / Inflation	81	8.1%
Spending / Budgets / Taxes	55	5.5%
Infrastructure / Transportation / Traffic	44	4.4%
Housing / Homelessness / Poverty / Welfare	44	4.4%
Crime / Gun control	39	3.9%
Climate Change / Environment / Water	37	3.7%
Civil rights / Equality	32	3.2%
Healthcare / Social Security	29	2.9%
Energy / Power / Oil / Gas	28	2.8%
Religion / Religious response	14	1.4%
Legalize marijuana	12	1.2%
Population / California	9	0.9%
Gaming	6	0.6%
Voting rights / Voting restrictions	4	0.4%
Secession / Independence	3	0.3%
Police brutality / Funding / Reform	3	0.3%
Prison reform / Criminal Justice	3	0.3%
Technology related	2	0.2%
Other	50	5.0%
Unsure / No answer	58	5.8%

3. **LAST ASKED IN FEB 2023:** 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)**

8%	Excellent
27%	Good
31%	Fair
32%	Poor
2%	(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)

4. **LAST ASKED IN AUG 2023:** 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>	
15%	14%	14%	Same
28%	24%	26%	Better
43%	46%	45%	Worse
4%	5%	4%	(Phone: Depends / Other / Web: not shown on web)
10%	12%	11%	(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)

5. After the most recent presidential election, are you more optimistic, more concerned or do you have about the same outlook regarding the future of Texas? **(Record only)**

42%	More optimistic
38%	More concerned
17%	About the same
3%	(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)

WATER

6. Recent studies suggest that Texas may face water shortages over the next 50 years due to population growth, increasing drought risk, and aging water pipes. Which best describes your level of concern regarding the risk of future water supply shortages? **(Read and rotate first four choices top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)**

20%	Extremely concerned
30%	Very concerned
35%	Somewhat concerned
85%	TOTAL CONCERNED
12%	Not at all concerned
3%	(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)

7. To help ensure the Texas economy continues to grow, should the state of Texas invest in a long-term water funding strategy designed to increase water supplies and improve infrastructure? **If choice made, ask:** Is that strongly or somewhat (yes / no)?

47%	Yes / Strongly
38%	Yes / Somewhat
85%	TOTAL YES
4%	No / Somewhat
3%	No / Strongly
7%	TOTAL NO
8%	(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)

8. Last year, voters approved the creation of the Texas Water Fund to develop new water supplies and address aging infrastructure such as water pipes, with \$1 billion invested in that fund. Do you favor or oppose the Texas legislature dedicating an additional \$1 billion per year to this fund over upcoming decades to meet our growing water needs? **If choice made, ask:** Is that strongly or somewhat (favor / oppose)?

33%	Favor / Strongly
35%	Favor / Somewhat
68%	TOTAL FAVOR
9%	Oppose / Somewhat
6%	Oppose / Strongly
15%	TOTAL OPPOSE
7%	(Phone: Depends (vol) / Web: Depends)
10%	(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)

ENERGY

9. **LAST ASKED IN SEPT 2022:** Based on your experience, which best describes how confident you are in the reliability of the state's electric grid? **(Rotate & read first four choices top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)**

10% Very confident
35% Somewhat confident
44% TOTAL CONFIDENT

28% Not that confident
25% Not at all confident
53% TOTAL NOT CONFIDENT

3% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**

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10. Thinking about preparing for power outages, have you: **(rotate 1st two choices)**

26% Purchased any type of backup power
39% Considered purchasing backup power, but have not done so
29% Neither purchased nor considered backup power
6% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**

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11. How much more would you be willing to pay per month for improvements to the state electricity system that would reduce the occurrence of power outages and increase the reliability and transmission of electricity?
(Record only - same drop-down box for Phone and Web with Zero, \$1, \$2, on up to \$75)

42% \$0
18% \$1-\$5
12% \$6-\$10
10% \$11-\$25
6% \$26-\$50
4% \$51 or more
8% Unsure

Mean: \$9.60
Median: \$1.00

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12. Texas lawmakers are considering a proposal to spend \$5 billion of state funds to double the size of the Texas Energy Fund, which provides financial support to companies to build new natural gas power plants and is intended to help meet the increased demand for electricity. Knowing this, do you favor or oppose this proposal?
If choice made, ask: Is that strongly or somewhat (favor / oppose)?

22% Favor / Strongly
36% Favor / Somewhat
59% TOTAL FAVOR

14% Oppose / Somewhat
12% Oppose / Strongly
26% TOTAL OPPOSE

8% **(Phone: Depends (vol) / Web: Depends)**
8% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**

EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE

13. Do you agree or disagree that Texas students are graduating high school immediately ready to enter the workforce and succeed in the future economy? **If choice made, ask:** Is that strongly or somewhat (agree / disagree)?

7% Agree / Strongly
22% Agree / Somewhat
29% TOTAL AGREE

27% Disagree / Somewhat
34% Disagree / Strongly
61% TOTAL DISAGREE

10% **(Phone:** Unsure / refused **(vol)** / **Web:** Unsure)

14. Do you agree or disagree that all Texas high school students should have access to workforce training or credential programs that provide a certification which allows them to graduate ready to compete for good-paying jobs? **If choice made, ask:** Is that strongly or somewhat (agree / disagree)?

68% Agree / Strongly
24% Agree / Somewhat
91% TOTAL AGREE

3% Disagree / Somewhat
3% Disagree / Strongly
5% TOTAL DISAGREE

3% **(Phone:** Unsure / refused **(vol)** / **Web:** Unsure)

15. Please **(phone:** tell me / **web:** indicate) how much you think the average Texas public school teacher makes per year.

(Pre-coded drop-down box with thousand dollar increments from \$30,000 to \$200,000)

(Phone: After \$200,000, make the last value Unsure, and code it 999999)

24%	\$30K-\$39K	Mean:	\$48,514
29%	\$40K-\$49K	Median:	\$45,000
21%	\$50K-\$59K		
15%	\$60K-\$74K		
3%	\$75K-\$99K		
1%	\$100K or more		
6%	Unsure		

16. How much do you think the average Texas public school teacher *should* make per year?

(Pre-coded drop-down box with thousand dollar increments from \$30,000 to \$200,000)

(Phone: After \$200,000, make the last value Unsure, and code it 999999)

6%	\$30K-\$39K	Mean:	\$67,246
9%	\$40K-\$49K	Median:	\$65,000
15%	\$50K-\$59K		
29%	\$60K-\$74K		
26%	\$75K-\$99K		
8%	\$100K or more		
6%	Unsure		

17. Texas legislators are considering performance-based pay increases for teachers, which involves paying the most effective teachers more to keep them in the classroom. How much do you think the highest-performing Texas public school teachers should make?

(Pre-coded drop-down box with thousand dollar increments from \$30,000 to \$200,000)

(Phone: After \$200,000, make the last value Unsure, and code it 999999)

6%	\$30K-\$39K	Mean:	\$80,067
4%	\$40K-\$49K	Median:	\$75,000
8%	\$50K-\$59K		
20%	\$60K-\$74K		
30%	\$75K-\$99K		
22%	\$100K or more		
11%	Unsure		

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18. Under current law, Texas does not require that parents be notified that their child is behind in math until the end of third grade. Do you favor or oppose schools being required to provide parents with notice about whether their child is learning at grade level beginning in kindergarten? **If choice made, ask:** Is that strongly or somewhat (favor / oppose)?

62% Favor / Strongly
16% Favor / Somewhat
79% TOTAL FAVOR

6% Oppose / Somewhat
8% Oppose / Strongly
14% TOTAL OPPOSE

4% **(Phone: Depends (vol) / Web: Depends)**
3% **(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)**

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19. The Legislature will consider creating a program with state funds to help families pay for educational expenses, including tuition at private schools. If that passes, should participating students take tests similar to public school students so that Texans can compare and evaluate learning outcomes for students in the program? **If choice made, ask:** Is that strongly or somewhat (yes / no)?

43% Yes / Strongly
28% Yes / Somewhat
71% TOTAL YES

6% No / Somewhat
13% No / Strongly
20% TOTAL NO

9% **(Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure)**

HEALTH CARE

20. Compared to five years ago, are you paying more for health care, including insurance premiums, deductibles, and out-of-pocket expenses? **(Phone: If more, ask: Is that much more or somewhat more?)**
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| 44% | Yes, much more |
| 27% | Yes, somewhat more |
| 71% | TOTAL YES |
| 15% | About the same |
| 10% | No / paying less |
| 4% | (Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure) |
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21. Do you agree or disagree that, as the pace of corporate health care mergers has increased, Texans should have a right to know who owns their hospitals, doctor's offices, and health insurers? **Phone: If choice made, ask: Is that strongly or somewhat (agree / disagree)?**
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| 69% | Agree / Strongly |
| 22% | Agree / Somewhat |
| 91% | TOTAL AGREE |
| 3% | Disagree / Somewhat |
| 1% | Disagree / Strongly |
| 4% | TOTAL DISAGREE |
| 5% | (Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure) |
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22. In recent years, large investment companies called private equity firms have purchased ownership stakes in doctors offices and hospitals. Which best describes your level of concern regarding investment groups and financial entities influencing medical decision making in the doctor's offices and hospitals in which they have an ownership stake? **(Rotate first four choices top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)**
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| 38% | Extremely concerned |
| 25% | Very concerned |
| 24% | Somewhat concerned |
| 87% | TOTAL CONCERNED |
| 6% | Not at all concerned |
| 7% | (Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure) |
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23. Some hospital-owned medical clinics charge facility fees for virtual telehealth visits, in addition to the doctor's bill. Historically, facility fees have been charged by hospitals at their main facility to cover the operating costs of keeping the building open. Do you agree or disagree that the facilities should be allowed to charge patients these facility fees for telehealth visits? **Phone: If choice made, ask: Is that strongly or somewhat (agree / disagree)?**
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| 5% | Agree / Strongly |
| 20% | Agree / Somewhat |
| 25% | TOTAL AGREE |
| 23% | Disagree / Somewhat |
| 43% | Disagree / Strongly |
| 65% | TOTAL DISAGREE |
| 9% | (Phone: Unsure / refused (vol) / Web: Unsure) |
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24. There is evidence that consolidation of health care companies such as hospitals and medical practices leads to higher prices and fewer choices. Do you agree or disagree that the Texas state government should more actively regulate health care mergers to ensure the market remains sufficiently competitive?
Phone: If choice made, ask: Is that strongly or somewhat (agree / disagree)?

44% Agree / Strongly
31% Agree / Somewhat
75% TOTAL AGREE

8% Disagree / Somewhat
7% Disagree / Strongly
15% TOTAL DISAGREE

10% (**Phone:** Unsure / refused (**vol**) / **Web:** Unsure)

HOUSING

25. Do you agree or disagree that building more homes would lower housing costs?
Phone: If choice made, ask: Is that strongly or somewhat (agree / disagree)?

23% Agree / Strongly
25% Agree / Somewhat
47% TOTAL AGREE

20% Disagree / Somewhat
19% Disagree / Strongly
39% TOTAL DISAGREE

14% (**Phone:** Unsure / refused (**vol**) / **Web:** Unsure)

26. Do you agree or disagree that homeowners should have the right to build an additional home, such as a garage apartment or tiny home, on their own property? **Phone: If choice made, ask:** Is that strongly or somewhat (agree / disagree)?

58% Agree / Strongly
27% Agree / Somewhat
84% TOTAL AGREE

5% Disagree / Somewhat
5% Disagree / Strongly
10% TOTAL DISAGREE

5% (**Phone:** Unsure / refused (**vol**) / **Web:** Unsure)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

27. Some believe that Artificial Intelligence, or AI, can improve the state government's efficiency and service to Texans, while others have concerns about AI safety and data privacy. Which of the following best describes how you believe the state government should approach AI?

24% Develop AI to make state government services more efficient and provide better service.
47% Restrict AI due to concerns about safety and data privacy.
21% I have no opinion on the state government using AI.
8% (**Phone:** Unsure / refused (**vol**) / **Web:** Unsure)

CHILD CARE

28. Which best describes your level of concern regarding the availability of affordable child care in Texas?

23%	Extremely concerned
22%	Very concerned
29%	Somewhat concerned
74%	TOTAL CONCERNED
18%	Not at all concerned
8%	(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)

29. If the Texas state government were to invest resources and taxpayer dollars in child care, which of the following should be the highest priority? **If choice made, ask:** What would be your next highest priority? **(Randomize choices)**

Next			
Highest	highest	Total	
35%	27%	62%	Improving the quality of care and education delivered at child care providers
16%	21%	36%	Increasing the availability of child care providers
9%	17%	26%	Increasing the variety of hours during which child care is offered
32%	27%	59%	Lowering the price of child care
8%	1%	9%	(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: do not show Unsure)
	8%		No first response

JUSTICE

30. Many Texas prisons do not have air conditioning and can reach high temperatures during the summer, impacting both prison guards and incarcerated Texans. **(Ver X:** What do you believe the maximum indoor temperature should be in Texas prisons? / **Ver Y:** If a family member of yours worked in a prison or was incarcerated, what would you want the maximum indoor temperature to be in Texas prisons?) **(Pre-coded, open-ended number, not to exceed 150 degrees)**

Ver X	Ver Y	Total		
2%	6%	4%	0-50 degrees	Mean: 76.1 degrees
9%	9%	9%	51-70 degrees	Median: 78.0 degrees
25%	27%	26%	71-75 degrees	
33%	32%	33%	76-80 degrees	
13%	9%	11%	81-85 degrees	
8%	7%	7%	86 degrees or more	
9%	10%	10%	Unsure	

GENERAL

31. 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	
19%	The rest of the United States
15%	Both are about the same (Phone: vol / Web: show this option)
11%	(Phone: Unsure (vol) / Web: Unsure)

32. If you could choose to live in any state in the United States for the rest of your life, then in which state would you prefer to reside? (**List all 50 states in a drop-down box including Washington, DC**)

55%	Texas
6%	Colorado
4%	California
4%	Florida
2%	Hawaii
2%	Montana
2%	Washington
2%	New York
19%	Other states
4%	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**)

1%	Less than high school
12%	High school grad
24%	Some college / vocational school
38%	College graduate
23%	Post graduate (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:** eighty thousand dollars / **Web:** \$80,000)?

43% Below \$80,000
51% Above \$80,000
1% Unsure (**Phone:** vol / **Web:** do not show)
5% 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:** fifty thousand dollars / **Web:** \$50,000)?

21% Below \$50,000
21% Above \$50,000
1% Unsure (**Phone:** vol / **Web:** do not show)
1% Prefer not to answer (**Phone:** vol / **Web:** show)
57% Not asked

D7b. **IF VALUE 2 in D7, ASK:** And was your total household income above or below (**Phone:** one hundred and forty thousand dollars / **Web:** \$140,000)?

23% Below \$140,000
26% Above \$140,000
0% Unsure (**Phone:** vol / **Web:** do not show)
2% Prefer not to answer (**Phone:** vol / **Web:** show)
49% Not asked

Combination of D7 above is displayed below:

21% Below \$50,000
21% \$50,000 - \$79,999
23% \$80,000 - \$139,999
26% \$140,000 or over
9% Income unknown

D6. Do you own or rent your place of residence? (**Do not read, record only**)

71% Own
28% Rent
1% Unsure / refused (**Phone:** vol / **Web:** do not show)

D8. 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)

30% Has children
70% No children
0% Unsure / Refused
