

# TEXAS LYCEUM POLL

## 2025 Texas Statewide Survey

N=1,200 ADULTS

MOE=+/-2.83 PERCENTAGE POINTS (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

CELL PHONE SUPPLEMENT (600 respondents)

ONLINE SUPPLEMENT (200 respondents)

BILINGUAL INSTRUMENT/INTERVIEWERS

March 28 to April 4, 2025

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*Hello. We're conducting a survey on behalf of the Texas Lyceum, a nonprofit, non-partisan organization focused on public policy issues affecting Texas and the United States.*

*May I please speak with the person in your home who is 18 or older and who will be having the next birthday?*

*IF ASK WHY BIRTHDAY SELECTION: This helps us make sure we represent adults living within a household correctly.*

*IF NECESSARY: We're interested in your views on several current issues. We would like to include your responses to this survey, which will be kept absolutely confidential, with the responses of several hundred other Texans like you. The survey should take about 12 minutes to complete, depending on your answers.*

### **SECTION I: GENERAL MOOD**

Q1. Are you registered to vote in the state of Texas?

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|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. Yes, registered    | 69% |
| 2. No, not registered | 31  |

Q2. Generally speaking, would you say that you are extremely interested in politics and public affairs, somewhat interested, not very interested, or not at all interested?

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Extremely interested  | 32% |
| 2. Somewhat interested   | 43  |
| 3. Not very interested   | 17  |
| 4. Not at all interested | 8   |
| 5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA | 0   |

Q3. Thinking about the country, do you think things are moving in the right direction or are we off on the wrong track?

- 1. Right direction 49%
- 2. Off on the wrong track 51
- 3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA 0

	<i>Right Direction</i>	<i>Wrong Track</i>	<i>Don't know/Refuse</i>
<b>2024</b>	25	63	12
<b>2023</b>	28	62	11
<b>2022</b>	27	61	13
<b>2021</b>	29	65	6
<b>2020</b>	41	59	0
<b>2019</b>	41	58	2
<b>2018</b>	34	53	14
<b>2017</b>	34	52	14
<b>2016</b>	28	63	9
<b>2015</b>	28	63	9
<b>2014</b>	27	60	13
<b>2013</b>	30	59	11
<b>2012</b>	42	51	7
<b>2011</b>	33	58	8
<b>2010</b>	37	55	8
<b>2009</b>	48	45	7
<b>2008</b>	23	70	7
<b>2007</b>	28	62	10

Q4. What do you think is the most important issue facing the country today? [**OPEN-ENDED, please use pre-codes as applicable**]

1. The economy	19%
2. Inflation/rising prices	18
3. Trump/the prospect of another Trump presidency	8
4. Immigration	8
5. Political corruption/leadership	5
6. Social welfare programs	5
7. National debt	3
8. Border security	3
9. Health care	3
10. Russia/Russia-Ukraine war/threat from Russia	2
11. Polarization/Gridlock/Partisanship	2
12. Race relations/racial issues/ethnicity	2
13. Tariffs	2
14. National security/terrorism	2
15. Unemployment/jobs	2
16. Crime/violent crime	2
17. Civil Rights/freedom/government control	2
18. Unity/Division of country	2
19. The news media	1
20. Abortion	1
21. Israel-Hamas conflict	1
22. Moral decline	1
23. Gun violence/Gun control	1
24. Environment/Climate change	1
25. Education/schooling/public schools	1
26. Drug addiction/Opioids	1
27. Deportations	1
28. DOGE / Elon Musk	1
29. Voting rights/threat to democracy/Jan. 6	1

Q5. What do you think is the most important issue facing the state of Texas today? **[OPEN-ENDED, please use pre-codes as applicable]**

1. Immigration	14%
2. Inflation/rising prices	13
3. Border security	12
4. The economy	9
5. Political corruption/leadership	6
6. Crime/Violent crime	5
7. Governor Abbott	4
8. Taxes	4
9. Abortion	4
10. Education/Public schools	4
11. Civil / Racial rights	4
12. Housing/housing costs	3
13. Unemployment/jobs	3
14. Gun violence/gun control	2
15. Health care	2
16. Social welfare programs	2
17. Civil unrest	2
18. Energy/Gas Prices	1
19. Traffic	1
20. Drug addiction/Opioids	1
21. Deportations	1
22. Population growth	1
23. Energy/Electric Grid	1

Q6. How do you think Donald Trump is handling his job as president? Is he doing a very good job, somewhat good job, somewhat poor job, or very poor job?

- 1. Very good job 27%
- 2. Somewhat good job 27
- 3. Somewhat poor job 16
- 4. Very poor job 30
- 5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA 0

	<i>V. Good Job</i>	<i>S. Good Job</i>	<i>S. Poor Job</i>	<i>V. Poor Job</i>	<i>DK</i>
<b>Joe Biden:</b>					
<b>2024</b>	14	24	21	37	4
<b>2023</b>	15	25	19	36	5
<b>2022</b>	14	29	16	38	3
<b>Donald Trump:</b>					
<b>2021</b>	19	22	14	42	2
<b>2020</b>	27	20	16	36	1
<b>2019</b>	24	24	17	34	0
<b>2018</b>	21	23	18	34	4
<b>2017</b>	19	24	18	36	4

Q7. Would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job that Greg Abbott is doing as Texas governor? *Would that be somewhat or strongly [approve/disapprove]?*

- 1. Strongly approve 25%
- 2. Somewhat approve 30
- 3. Somewhat disapprove 18
- 4. Strongly disapprove 28
- 5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA 0

	<i>Strong App</i>	<i>Somewhat App</i>	<i>Somewhat Dis</i>	<i>Strong Dis</i>	<i>DK</i>
<b>2024</b>	25	24	16	28	8
<b>2023</b>	19	27	14	34	6
<b>2022</b>	18	29	18	29	6
<b>2021</b>	18	41	21	17	3
<b>2020</b>	26	37	19	15	3
<b>2019</b>	28	39	19	14	1
<b>2018</b>	23	31	13	15	19
<b>2017</b>	27	26	12	18	17
<b>2016</b>	23	38	11	17	11
<b>2015</b>	20	35	12	13	20

Q8A. Would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job that Dan Patrick is doing as Texas's Lieutenant Governor? *Would that be somewhat or strongly [approve/disapprove]?*

- 1. Strongly approve 16%
- 2. Somewhat approve 26
- 3. Somewhat disapprove 16
- 4. Strongly disapprove 20
- 5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA 22

	<i>Strong App</i>	<i>Somewhat App</i>	<i>Somewhat Dis</i>	<i>Strong Dis</i>	<i>DK</i>
<b>2024</b>	15	26	12	20	27
<b>2023</b>	13	27	14	21	25
<b>2022</b>	13	27	15	20	25
<b>2021</b>	10	40	20	19	11
<b>2020</b>	18	37	23	16	7
<b>2019</b>	18	42	20	15	5
<b>2018</b>	13	26	9	15	37
<b>2017</b>	11	27	13	19	30

Q8B. Would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job that Ken Paxton is doing as Texas's Attorney General? *Would that be somewhat or strongly [approve/disapprove]?*

- 1. Strongly approve 16%
- 2. Somewhat approve 26
- 3. Somewhat disapprove 14
- 4. Strongly disapprove 22
- 5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA 23

	<i>Strong App</i>	<i>Somewhat App</i>	<i>Somewhat Dis</i>	<i>Strong Dis</i>	<i>DK</i>
<b>2024</b>	15	24	15	22	24
<b>2023</b>	12	28	13	21	25
<b>2022</b>	13	27	14	21	25
<b>2021</b>	11	38	20	19	13

Q8C. Would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job that the Texas state legislature is doing? *Would that be somewhat or strongly approve/disapprove?*

- 1. Strongly approve 13%
- 2. Somewhat approve 33
- 3. Somewhat disapprove 20
- 4. Strongly disapprove 20
- 5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA 15

Q9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the issue of immigration and border security?

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2017</b>
1. Approve	58%	38%
2. Disapprove	42	58
3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	0	4

**SECTION II: PERSONAL ECONOMIC PERCEPTIONS AND EVALUATIONS**

Q10. Thinking about the national economy, do you think the country is better off, worse off, or about the same compared to a year ago?

- 1. Better off 30%
- 2. Worse off 47
- 3. About the same 22
- 4. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA 0

	<i>Better off</i>	<i>Worse off</i>	<i>About the same</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
<b>2024</b>	20	60	20	3
<b>2023</b>	15	59	19	3
<b>2022</b>	15	62	19	3
<b>2021</b>	14	66	19	1
<b>2020</b>	39	25	35	1
<b>2019</b>	38	31	31	0
<b>2018</b>	43	24	34	0
<b>2017</b>	32	20	44	4
<b>2016</b>	29	34	35	2
<b>2015</b>	31	34	33	2
<b>2014</b>	32	34	30	3
<b>2013</b>	32	29	37	2
<b>2012</b>	37	38	24	1
<b>2011</b>	35	36	28	1
<b>2010</b>	30	40	30	1
<b>2009</b>	21	58	20	1

Q11. Do you think Texas's economy is better off, worse off, or about the same as the rest of the country?

- 1. Better off 30%
- 2. Worse off 35
- 3. About the same 35
- 4. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA 0

	<i>Better off</i>	<i>Worse off</i>	<i>About the same</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
<b>2024</b>	26	42	31	1
<b>2023</b>	21	36	37	6
<b>2022</b>	26	32	36	6
<b>2021</b>	24	40	33	2
<b>2020</b>	49	14	36	2
<b>2019</b>	45	15	40	1
<b>2018</b>	63	10	27	0
<b>2017</b>	58	9	26	7
<b>2016</b>	60	11	25	4
<b>2015</b>	52	14	28	6
<b>2014</b>	61	10	23	6
<b>2013</b>	62	7	26	4
<b>2012</b>	70	7	22	1
<b>2011</b>	60	10	28	2
<b>2010</b>	61	8	28	4
<b>2009</b>	64	8	25	3

Q12. Now thinking about you and your family’s economic situation, would you say that you are better off, worse off, or about the same economically compared to a year ago?

- 1. Better off 23%
- 2. Worse off 41
- 3. About the same 36
- 4. DON’T KNOW/REFUSED/NA 0

	<i>Better off</i>	<i>Worse off</i>	<i>About the same</i>	<i>Don’t know</i>
<b>2024</b>	20	48	32	0
<b>2023</b>	15	46	35	4
<b>2022</b>	14	45	38	3
<b>2021</b>	15	39	45	1
<b>2020</b>	36	21	42	1
<b>2019</b>	33	22	45	0
<b>2018</b>	31	19	49	0
<b>2017</b>	27	15	57	1
<b>2016</b>	30	19	50	1
<b>2015</b>	25	23	51	0
<b>2014</b>	28	24	46	2
<b>2013</b>	26	23	50	1
<b>2012</b>	24	24	50	2
<b>2011</b>	21	31	48	0
<b>2010</b>	18	32	50	1
<b>2009</b>	17	37	46	0

Q13. Looking ahead to the future, do you think your children will be better off than you are, worse off, or about the same economically?

- 1. Better off 37%
- 2. Worse off 38
- 3. About the same 24
- 4. DON’T KNOW/REFUSED/NA 0

	<i>Better off</i>	<i>Worse off</i>	<i>About the same</i>	<i>Don’t know</i>
<b>2024</b>	25	37	19	19
<b>2023</b>	28	34	22	16
<b>2022</b>	27	35	22	17
<b>2021</b>	34	35	25	5
<b>2020</b>	46	25	23	5
<b>2019</b>	39	29	29	3
<b>2018</b>	49	28	23	0
<b>2017</b>	45	28	19	9
<b>2016</b>	42	29	20	9
<b>2015</b>	40	27	22	10
<b>2014</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>2013</b>	41	35	17	7
<b>2012</b>	38	35	17	11
<b>2011</b>	39	26	28	8
<b>2010</b>	34	41	21	5
<b>2009</b>	40	32	18	10
<b>2008</b>	39	30	21	10
<b>2007</b>	47	27	20	6



**SECTION III: ISSUES & POLICY**

Q14. Now I am going to read you a list of institutions in American society. Please tell me how much confidence you, yourself, have in each one--a great deal, quite a lot, some, or very little?...  
[RANDOMIZE A-I]

	A great deal	Quite a lot	Some	Very little
<b>The news media</b>	11	18	33	38
<b>The public schools</b>	12	23	40	25
<b>The criminal justice system</b>	9	19	38	34
<b>Large technology companies</b>	10	24	41	25
<b>The police</b>	19	26	33	21
<b>The military</b>	34	31	26	9
<b>The presidency</b>	24	17	20	39
<b>The United States Supreme Court</b>	13	22	37	28
<b>Congress</b>	7	17	36	39

Q15. Thinking about divisions among Americans, which of the following do you hold most responsible for those divisions... [RANDOMIZE 1-4]

- 1. Elected officials 42%
- 2. Social media 28
- 3. Cable news channels 13
- 4. Other countries 4
- 5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA 14

Q16. Do you believe it is possible for people to disagree about politics respectfully, or are nasty exchanges unavoidable?

- 1. It is possible for people to disagree about politics respectfully 69%
- 2. Nasty exchanges are unavoidable 20
- 3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA 11

Q17. Would you rather political leaders compromise with others and find middle ground on key issues, or stand their ground and fight hard to put in place the ideas they believe in? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

- 1. Compromise 68%
- 2. Fight hard 32
- 3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA 0

Q18. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? [RANDOMLY SELECT FROM A-D] *Would that be strongly [agree/disagree], or somewhat [agree/disagree]?* [GRID WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS: “Strongly agree”, “Somewhat agree”, “Somewhat disagree”, “Strongly disagree”, “Don’t know/No opinion”] *How about...* [RANDOMLY SELECT FROM REMAINING A-D UNTIL COMPLETE] [IF NECESSARY: *Do you agree or disagree with the statement...*]

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	TOTAL AGREE	TOTAL DISAGREE
America would be better if more states were like Texas	32	33	18	16	65	34
Despite its problems, Texas is the best place to live in America	39	33	17	12	72	29
I am proud of Texas's history	43	32	16	9	75	25
I consider myself to be a Texan	54	27	10	9	81	19

[RANDOMIZE Q19-Q21]

Q19. Do you support or oppose religious displays, such as the Ten Commandments, on the grounds of government offices? *Would that be strongly or just somewhat support/oppose?*

	2025	2007
1. Strongly support	41%	60%
2. Somewhat support	28	22
3. Somewhat oppose	16	7
4. Strongly oppose	15	7
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	0	3

Q20. Do you support or oppose the death penalty for those convicted of violent crimes? *Would that be strongly support/oppose or only somewhat?*

	2025	2007
1. Strongly support	37%	49%
2. Somewhat support	37	21
3. Somewhat oppose	18	11
4. Strongly oppose	8	15
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	0	4

Q21. Would you encourage children to play youth or high school football, or would you discourage them from it?

	2025	2015
1. Encourage	64%	72%
2. Discourage	17	21
3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	19	6

(Q22-Q27 withheld for future release.)

Q28. Would you say that immigration helps the United States more than it hurts it, or immigration hurts the United States more than it helps it?

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
1. Helps more than it hurts	32%	29%	62%	54%
2. Hurts more than it helps	32	33	27	33
3. A little of both (Vol.)	30	31	6	8
4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	6	7	5	5

Q29A. Do you think immigrants living in the country **legally** have a positive or negative impact on the Texas economy? *Would that be very positive/negative, or somewhat positive/negative?*

1. Very positive	40%
2. Somewhat positive	34
3. Somewhat negative	12
4. Very negative	5
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	8

Q29B. Do you think immigrants living in the country **illegally** have a positive or negative impact on the Texas economy? *Would that be very positive/negative, or somewhat positive/negative?*

1. Very positive	13%
2. Somewhat positive	24
3. Somewhat negative	23
4. Very negative	30
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	10

Q30. When it comes to undocumented immigrants currently in the United States, which comes closer to your view...[RANDOMIZE 1-2]

1. Undocumented immigrants mostly fill jobs that American citizens would like to have	37%
2. Undocumented immigrants mostly fill jobs American citizens don't want	63
3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	0

Q31. How concerned are you about illegal immigration? Extremely concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned?

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2017</b>
1. Extremely	29%	37%
2. Somewhat	32	35
3. Not very	21	15
4. Not at all	14	12
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	4	1

Q32.	Do you believe President Trump truly will deport millions of illegal immigrants currently living in the United States?		
		<b>2025</b>	<b>2017</b>
	1. Yes	68%	50%
	2. No	17	40
	3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	15	10
Q33.	And do you want him to do that (deport millions of illegal immigrants currently living in the U.S.)?		
		<b>2025</b>	<b>2017</b>
	1. Yes	44%	31%
	2. No	35	62
	3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	21	8
Q34.	Do you think that decreasing the number of immigrants in the United States will make life better for people like you, worse for people like you, or no different for people like you?		
	1. Better	33%	
	2. Worse	24	
	3. No difference	30	
	4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	12	
Q35.	In general, how positive or negative are your feelings towards artificial intelligence, sometimes referred to as "AI"? Would you say you are...		
	1. Very positive	13%	
	2. Somewhat positive	26	
	3. Neutral	31	
	4. Somewhat negative	17	
	5. Very negative	13	
	6. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	0	
Q36.	And how would you rate your understanding of AI? Would you say you are...		
	1. Very knowledgeable	12%	
	2. Somewhat knowledgeable	44	
	3. Neither knowledgeable nor unknowledgeable	29	
	4. Somewhat unknowledgeable	10	
	5. Very unknowledgeable	5	
	6. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	0	
Q37.	How often, if at all, do you use generative AI (like Chat GPT)?		
	1. Extremely often	8%	
	2. Very Often	13	
	3. Somewhat Often	19	
	4. Not very often	19	
	5. Rarely	16	
	6. Never	25	
	7. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	0	

**SECTION IV: DEMOGRAPHICS**

*We're almost done. The final questions are for statistical purposes...*

AGEG.

1. 18-29	23%
2. 30-44	28
3. 45-64	31
4. 65+	19

LOCATE. Would you say that you live in an urban, suburban, or rural community?

1. Urban	29%
2. Suburban	53
3. Rural	18

MARRIED. What is your current marital status?

1. Never married	35%
2. Married	41
3. Divorced	14
4. Widowed	6
5. Separated	2
6. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	1

CHILD. Do you have children under the age of 18 living in your household?

1. Yes	31%
2. No	67
3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	2

INCOME. What was your total household income for 2023? **[READ CATEGORIES]**

1. Less than \$15,000	12%
2. \$15,000-\$25,000	11
3. \$25,000-\$40,000	21
4. \$40,000-\$75,000	26
5. \$75,000-\$150,000	22
6. More than \$150,000	6
7. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	2

HOME. Do you currently own or rent your home?

1. Own	51%
2. Rent	44
3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	5

EDOFR. What is the highest level of education you completed? **[READ CATEGORIES AS NECESSARY]**

1. Less than high school	4%
2. High school	31
3. Some college	27
4. College degree	27
5. Post-graduate degree (MA, LLD, PhD)	10
6. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	1

VETERAN. Does each of the following accurately describe your current situation? **[READ CATEGORIES]**  
**[CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]**

A. Active-duty military	1%
B. Military veteran	8
C. Active-duty military in your immediate family	3
D. Military veteran in your immediate family	7

RELIGION. What is your religious denomination **[PRON: DEE-NOM-I-NATION]?**

1. Protestant	23%
2. Catholic	20
3. Other Christian	28
4. Jewish	3
5. Muslim, Buddhist, or other non-Christian	4
6. Agnostic/Atheist	10
7. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	12

FUND. **[IF RELIGION EQ 1]** Would you say that you are evangelical, fundamentalist, or born-again?

1. Yes	59%
2. No	37
3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	4

RACE. Would you say that you are...

1. White or Anglo	44%
2. Black or African American	37
3. Hispanic	12
4. Other	7

LIBCON. Generally speaking, would you say that you are...

1. Liberal	20%
2. Moderate, or	35
3. Conservative.	34
4. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	11

PID3. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

1. Democrat	34%
2. Independent	23
3. Republican	43

1. Strong Democrat	17%
2. Weak Democrat	10
3. Lean Democrat	7
4. Independent	23
5. Strong Republican	7
6. Lean Republican	12
7. Strong Republican	24

GENDER. Do you identify as...

1. Male	51%
2. Female	49

*Thank you very much for your time today/this evening! Have a good day/evening.*

## **Poll Methodology**

*From March 28 April 4, 2025, The Texas Lyceum conducted a 1000-person telephone survey of adult citizens from the state of Texas. The survey utilized a stratified probability sample design, with respondents being randomly selected at the level of the household and questioned by live interviewers. The survey also employed a randomized cell phone supplement, with 60 percent of completed telephone interviews being conducted among cell phone only or cell phone dominant households. A Spanish-language instrument was developed, and bilingual interviewers offered respondents a chance to participate in English or Spanish. On average, respondents completed the interview in 12 minutes. To ensure an appropriate sub-sample of unregistered citizens, a supplement of 200 interviews among Texas adults confirmed as unregistered was completed online. This yields a total statewide sample of 1,200 adults, 828 of whom are registered voters according to self-reports. The final data set is weighted to the joint distribution of race/ethnicity, age and gender to achieve representativeness as defined by the Texas Demographic Center 2023 population projections. The overall margin of error for the poll is +/- 2.83 percentage points, with a larger margin of error for sub-samples.*