

TEXAS LYCEUM POLL

2022 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 11-20, 2022

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 | 77% |
| 2. No, not registered | 23 |

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 | 46 |
| 3. Not very interested | 13 |
| 4. Not at all interested | 7 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA | 1 |

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 27%
2. Off on the wrong track 61
3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA 13

	<i>Right Direction</i>	<i>Wrong Track</i>	<i>Don't know/Refuse</i>
2021	29	65	6
2020	41	59	0
2019	41	58	2
2018	34	53	14
2017	34	52	14
2016	28	63	9
2015	28	63	9
2014	27	60	13
2013	30	59	11
2012	42	51	7
2011	33	58	8
2010	37	55	8
2009	48	45	7
2008	23	70	7
2007	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 17%
2. Inflation/rising prices 17
3. Russia/threat from Russia 10
4. Energy/Gas prices 7
5. Political corruption/leadership 6
6. The coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic 6
7. Biden/the President 5
8. Race relations/racial issues/ethnicity 3
9. Border security 3
10. Unity/Division of country 3
11. Civil Rights/freedom/government control 3
12. Health care 3
13. Immigration 3
14. National security/terrorism 2
15. Social welfare programs 2
16. Environment/Climate change 2
17. Unemployment/jobs 2
18. Crime/violent crime 2
19. Moral decline 1
20. Voting rights/threat to democracy/Jan. 6 1
21. Polarization/Gridlock/Partisanship 1
22. National debt 1
23. Education/schooling/public schools 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. Border security	14%
2. Inflation/rising prices	9
3. Political corruption/leadership	9
4. Energy/Gas Prices	9
5. The economy	8
6. Immigration	6
7. Civil / Racial rights	6
8. The coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic	6
9. Abortion	5
10. Unemployment/jobs	4
11. Crime and drugs	3
12. Education	3
13. Health care	3
14. Governor Abbott	2
15. Social welfare programs	2
16. Gun violence/gun control	1
17. Traffic	1
18. The environment/Climate change	1
19. Civil unrest	1
20. Population growth	1
21. Taxes	1
22. Liberals moving in from out of state	1
23. Housing/housing costs	1
24. Voter Rights/Election Issues	1
25. Don't know / No response	1

Q6. How do you think Joe Biden 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	14%
2. Somewhat good job	29
3. Somewhat poor job	16
4. Very poor job	38
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	3

Donald Trump

	<i>V. Good Job</i>	<i>S. Good Job</i>	<i>S. Poor Job</i>	<i>V. Poor Job</i>	<i>DK</i>
<i>2021</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>2020</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>2019</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>2018</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>2017</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>4</i>

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 18%
2. Somewhat approve 29
3. Somewhat disapprove 18
4. Strongly disapprove 29
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 6

	<i>Strong App</i>	<i>Somewhat App</i>	<i>Somewhat Dis</i>	<i>Strong Dis</i>	<i>DK</i>
2021	18	41	21	17	3
2020	26	37	19	15	3
2019	28	39	19	14	1
2018	23	31	13	15	19
2017	27	26	12	18	17
2016	23	38	11	17	11
2015	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 13%
2. Somewhat approve 27
3. Somewhat disapprove 15
4. Strongly disapprove 20
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 25

	<i>Strong App</i>	<i>Somewhat App</i>	<i>Somewhat Dis</i>	<i>Strong Dis</i>	<i>DK</i>
2021	10	40	20	19	11
2020	18	37	23	16	7
2019	18	42	20	15	5
2018	13	26	9	15	37
2017	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 13%
2. Somewhat approve 27
3. Somewhat disapprove 14
4. Strongly disapprove 21
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 25

	<i>Strong App</i>	<i>Somewhat App</i>	<i>Somewhat Dis</i>	<i>Strong Dis</i>	<i>DK</i>
2021	11	38	20	19	13

Thinking ahead to the 2022 Elections...

Q9. [ASK IF Q1 = ‘1. Yes, registered’] If the 2022 election for Governor were held today, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE “the Republican Greg Abbott”, “the Democrat Beto O’Rourke”] the Republican Greg Abbott, the Democrat Beto O’Rourke, someone else, or haven’t you thought enough about it?

(Asked among registered voters, N=926, margin of error is +/- 3.22%)

- 1. Greg Abbott 42%
- 2. Beto O’Rourke 40
- 3. Someone else 7
- 4. Haven’t thought enough about it 7
- 5. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 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 15%
- 2. Worse off 62
- 3. About the same 19
- 4. DON’T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 3

	<i>Better off</i>	<i>Worse off</i>	<i>About the same</i>	<i>Don’t know</i>
2021	14	66	19	1
2020	39	25	35	1
2019	38	31	31	0
2018	43	24	34	0
2017	32	20	44	4
2016	29	34	35	2
2015	31	34	33	2
2014	32	34	30	3
2013	32	29	37	2
2012	37	38	24	1
2011	35	36	28	1
2010	30	40	30	1
2009	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 26%
2. Worse off 32
3. About the same 36
4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 6

	<i>Better off</i>	<i>Worse off</i>	<i>About the same</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
2021	24	40	33	2
2020	49	14	36	2
2019	45	15	40	1
2018	63	10	27	0
2017	58	9	26	7
2016	60	11	25	4
2015	52	14	28	6
2014	61	10	23	6
2013	62	7	26	4
2012	70	7	22	1
2011	60	10	28	2
2010	61	8	28	4
2009	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 14%
2. Worse off 45
3. About the same 38
4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 3

	<i>Better off</i>	<i>Worse off</i>	<i>About the same</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
2021	15	39	45	1
2020	36	21	42	1
2019	33	22	45	0
2018	31	19	49	0
2017	27	15	57	1
2016	30	19	50	1
2015	25	23	51	0
2014	28	24	46	2
2013	26	23	50	1
2012	24	24	50	2
2011	21	31	48	0
2010	18	32	50	1
2009	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 27%
- 2. Worse off 35
- 3. About the same 22
- 4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA 17

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

[RANDOMIZE Q14A-Q14C]

Q14A. Would you say that you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Joe Biden?

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very favorable | 16% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable | 24 |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 10 |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable | 13 |
| 5. Very unfavorable | 35 |
| 6. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 2 |

Q14B. Would you say that you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Donald Trump?

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very favorable | 24% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable | 17 |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 10 |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable | 9 |
| 5. Very unfavorable | 37 |
| 6. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 3 |

Q14C. Would you say that you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Russian President Vladimir Putin?

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|--------------------------------------|----|
| 1. Very favorable | 0% |
| 2. Somewhat favorable | 0 |
| 3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable | 9 |
| 4. Somewhat unfavorable | 8 |
| 5. Very unfavorable | 78 |
| 6. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 5 |

Q15. How concerned are you about the situation between Russia and Ukraine? Are you extremely concerned, very concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Extremely concerned | 41% |
| 2. Very concerned | 44 |
| 3. Not very concerned | 9 |
| 4. Not at all concerned | 3 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 2 |

SECTION III: ISSUES & POLICY

Now, we're interested in learning more about your experience living in Texas...

Q16. Thinking about **the economy** in the area where you live, would you rate it as excellent, good, poor, terrible, or don't you have an opinion?

- 1. Excellent 12%
- 2. Good 56
- 3. Poor 24
- 4. Terrible 3
- 5. Don't have an opinion 5

Q17. How about **[RANDOMIZE FROM A-C KEEP DRAWING UNTIL LIST IS COMPLETE]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Would you rate [REPEAT ITEM] as excellent, good, poor, terrible, or don't you have an opinion?]**

	Excellent	Good	Poor	Terrible	Don't have an opinion
Q17A. The availability of good jobs	12	47	25	9	7
Q17B. The cost of living for necessities like housing, food, and utilities	8	36	34	18	3
Q17C. Opportunities for home ownership	11	39	28	12	10

Q18A. How about you and your family’s ability to access healthcare where you live, would you rate it as excellent, good, poor, terrible, or don’t you have an opinion?

- 1. Excellent 23%
- 2. Good 51
- 3. Poor 16
- 4. Terrible 6
- 5. Don’t have an opinion 4

Q18. How about access to [RANDOMIZE FROM B-D KEEP DRAWING UNTIL LIST IS COMPLETE]? [IF NECESSARY: Would you rate you and your family’s ability to access [REPEAT ITEM] as excellent, good, poor, terrible, or don’t you have an opinion?]

	Excellent	Good	Poor	Terrible	Don’t have an opinion
Q18B. Medical specialists	23	49	16	5	7
Q18C. Drug abuse and addiction treatment	7	29	23	10	31
Q18D. Healthcare services for the elderly	17	48	17	5	12

[RANDOMIZE Q19 - Q20]

Q19. Next, I’d like to know your opinions about some public resources in the area where you live. Would you rate [RANDOMLY SELECT FROM A-D BELOW] as excellent, good, poor, terrible, or don’t you have an opinion? How about [RANDOMIZE FROM REMAINDER OF LIST; KEEP DRAWING UNTIL LIST IS COMPLETE]? [IF NECESSARY: Would you rate [REPEAT ITEM] as excellent, good, poor, terrible, or don’t you have an opinion?]

	Excellent	Good	Poor	Terrible	Don’t have an opinion
Q19A. The quality of K through 12 education	15	48	18	5	14
Q19B. Local options for attending colleges and universities	22	54	12	4	9
Q19C. The quality of the water in the rivers, lakes, or coastal areas	12	49	23	6	10
Q19D. The availability of open spaces like public parks and other natural settings	24	53	15	3	5

Q20. Next, I'd like to know your opinions about the infrastructure in the area where you live. Would you rate [RANDOMLY SELECT FROM A-F BELOW] as excellent, good, poor, terrible, or don't you have an opinion? How about [RANDOMIZE FROM REMAINDER OF LIST; KEEP DRAWING UNTIL LIST IS COMPLETE]? [IF NECESSARY: Would you rate [REPEAT ITEM] as excellent, good, poor, terrible, or don't you have an opinion?]

	Excellent	Good	Poor	Terrible	Don't have an opinion
Q20A. The quality of the roads	8	49	30	11	2
Q20B. The cost and reliability of your electricity	13	54	23	8	3
Q20C. The cost and reliability of your water supply	15	59	16	5	5
Q20D. Access to high speed internet	24	53	16	5	2
Q20E. Cell phone service	24	57	13	3	2
Q20F. Availability of housing	11	46	27	8	8

Q21. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: *I spend too much of my income on housing.*

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2020</u>
1. Agree	50%	44%
2. Disagree	39	55
3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	10	2

Q22. Would you say that you are satisfied with the quality of roads and highways in Texas, unsatisfied, or are you in between? Would that be very or just somewhat [satisfied/unsatisfied]?

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2013</u>
1. Very satisfied	12%	26%
2. Somewhat satisfied	39	26
3. Neither satisfied nor unsatisfied	20	33
4. Somewhat unsatisfied	18	7
5. Very unsatisfied	10	7
6. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	2	1

Q23. What do you think is the most important issue facing K through 12 public education in Texas?
[OPEN-ENDED, please use pre-codes as applicable]

1. Curriculum	22%
2. Teacher Quality/Not enough Teachers	18
3. Overall funding	8
4. COVID restrictions in the schools	7
5. Politicians/Politics in schools	5
6. Teacher pay	5
7. Critical race theory	5
8. COVID related learning loss	4
9. Teacher morale	3
10. Safety/Crime at school	3
11. Bad Behavior	3
12. Gender issues	2
13. Bullying	2
14. Books available in the libraries	1
15. Drugs	1
16. Transgender student athletes	1
17. Infrastructure	1
18. Unsure/No Opinion	10

Q24. Do you think that students attending college get their money's worth for what they spend on higher education, or do they not receive a fair return on their investment?

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
1. Students get their money's worth	24%	43%	46%
2. Students do not receive a fair return on their investment	54	42	39
3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	22	15	15

Q25. How important is it that we reduce the number of Texans who do not have health insurance? Very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important?

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2018</u>
1. Very important	53%	64%
2. Somewhat important	30	26
3. Not very important	6	4
4. Not at all important	3	6
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	7	0

Q26. Is homelessness a problem in your local community, or not? **[IF A PROBLEM: Would that be a major problem or a minor problem?]**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2020</u>
1. A major problem	31%	46% said it was a problem
2. A minor problem	43	
3. Not a problem	20	52
4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	6	2

Q27. 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?

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

Q28. How much do you personally worry about global warming or climate change? A great deal, a fair amount, only a little, or not at all?

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2015</u>
1. A great deal	23%	23%
2. A fair amount	33	26
3. Only a little	23	19
4. Not at all	18	31
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	3	1

Q29. Which comes closer to your view — even if neither is exactly right: **[RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

1. Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt the economy	46%
2. Stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost	54
3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	0

SECTION IV: DEMOGRAPHICS

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

AGEG.

1. 18-29	22%
2. 30-44	28
3. 45-64	31
4. 65+	18

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

1. Urban	35%
2. Suburban	46
3. Rural	19

MARRIED. What is your current marital status?

1. Never married	30%
2. Married	49
3. Divorced	11
4. Widowed	6
5. Separated	3
6. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	1

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

1. Yes	33%
2. No	67
3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	1

INCOME. What was your total household income for 2021? **[READ CATEGORIES]**

1. Less than \$15,000	11%
2. \$15,000-\$25,000	11
3. \$25,000-\$40,000	17
4. \$40,000-\$75,000	28
5. \$75,000-\$150,000	20
6. More than \$150,000	7
7. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	6

HOME. Do you currently own or rent your home?

1. Own	60%
2. Rent	40
3. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	6

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

1. Less than high school	2%
2. High school	24
3. Some college	32
4. College degree	28
5. Post-graduate degree (MA, LLD, PhD)	13
6. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	1

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

1. Protestant	17%
2. Catholic	29
3. Other Christian	30
4. Jewish	1
5. Muslim, Buddhist, or other non-Christian	4
6. Agnostic/Atheist	9
7. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	12

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

1. Yes	60%
2. No	40

RACE. Would you say that you are...

1. White or Anglo	43%
2. Black or African American	12
3. Hispanic	37
4. Other	7

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

1. Liberal	23%
2. Moderate, or	39
3. Conservative.	38
4. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	0

PID3.

1. Democrat	38%
2. Independent	21
3. Republican	41

PID7.

1. Strong Democrat	20%
2. Weak Democrat	13
3. Lean Democrat	6
4. Independent	21
5. Lean Republican	7
6. Weak Republican	12
7. Strong Republican	21

GENDER. Do you identify as...

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|-----------|-----|
| 1. Male | 49% |
| 2. Female | 51 |

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

Poll Methodology

From March 11-20, 2022, 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, 926 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 Department State Health Services 2022 population projections. The overall margin of error for the poll is +/- 2.83 percentage points, with a larger margin of error for sub-samples.