

TEXAS LYCEUM POLL

2020 Texas Statewide Survey

N=1,200 ADULTS

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

CELL PHONE SUPPLEMENT (n=600)

ONLINE SUPPLEMENT (n=200)

BILINGUAL INSTRUMENT/INTERVIEWERS

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Results may not sum to 100% due to rounding

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 18 minutes to complete, depending on your answers.

SECTION I:

GENERAL MOOD AND 2019 ELECTION ITEMS

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

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| 1. Yes, registered. | 75% |
| 2. No, not registered. | 25 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 0 |

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. | 34% |
| 2. Somewhat interested. | 41 |
| 3. Not very interested. | 15 |
| 4. Not at all interested. | 11 |
| 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?

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| 1. Right direction. | 41% |
| 2. Off on the wrong track. | 59 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 0 |

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

1. Health care	11%
2. Immigration	10
3. Trump/ the President	9
4. The economy	7
5. Middle East unrest	6
6. Political corruption/leadership	6
7. Unity / Division of country	5
8. National security/terrorism	5
9. Environment	4
10. Wars / less military intervention overseas	4
11. Unemployment/jobs	3
12. Race relations/racial issues/ethnicity	3
13. Polarization/Gridlock/Partisanship	3
14. Border security	3
15. Moral decline	3
16. Homelessness	2
17. Impeachment	2
18. Guns	2
19. Foreign affairs/policy	2
20. Education	1
21. Social welfare programs	1
22. Federal spending/budget deficit	1
23. National debt	1
24. Taxes	1
25. Police	1
26. Civil Rights/Freedom	1
27. Don't know / No response	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	19%
2. Border security	9
3. Health care	9
4. Gun violence/gun control	7
5. Political corruption/leadership	6
6. Education	5
7. Unity/Division of the Country	5
8. The economy	4
9. Unemployment/jobs	4
10. Taxes	4
11. Crime and drugs	4
12. Marijuana legalization	3
13. Homelessness	3
14. Social Equality/Racism	3
15. Moral decline	3
16. Social welfare programs	2
17. Transportation/roads/traffic	2
18. Environment	2
19. Population growth	2
20. State government spending (i.e. too much spending)	1
21. Water supply	1
22. Don't know / No response	3

Q6. How well 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	20
3. Somewhat poor job	16
4. Very poor job	36
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	1

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	26%
2. Somewhat approve	37
3. Somewhat disapprove	19
4. Strongly disapprove	15
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	3

Q8. 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	18%
2. Somewhat approve	37
3. Somewhat disapprove	23
4. Strongly disapprove	16
5. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA	7

Thinking ahead to the 2020 Elections... [ASK Q9-Q13E ONLY IF Q1 = "1. Yes, registered"]

Q9. How interested are you in the 2020 presidential election? Are you:
(n = 920 Registered Voters, MOE +/- 3.23%)

1. Extremely interested	57%
2. Very interested	28
3. Somewhat interested	11
4. Not at all interested	4
5. Don't know [DON'T READ]	0

Q10. In the presidential primary election in Texas, are you more likely to vote in the Democratic or Republican primary election for president, or are you unlikely to participate in either?
(n = 920 Registered Voters, MOE +/- 3.23%)

1. Democratic primary	44%
2. Republican primary	43
3. Neither	9
4. Other/Don't know	4

Q11. [ASK IF Q10 == "1. Democratic primary"] I'm going to read a list of candidates for the 2020 Democratic nomination for president. Please tell me which one you would like to see as the Democratic presidential nominee. [RANDOMIZE 1-15]
(n = 401 Potential Democratic Primary Voters, MOE +/- 4.89%)

1. Joe Biden	28%
2. Bernie Sanders	26
3. Elizabeth Warren	13
4. Michael Bloomberg	9
5. Pete Buttigieg	6
6. Amy Klobuchar	4
7. Tulsi Gabbard	2
8. Tom Steyer	2
9. Cory Booker	1
10. Michael Bennet	0
11. Julián Castro	0
12. Roque De La Fuente	0
13. John Delaney	0
14. Deval Patrick	0
15. Robby Wells	0
16. Marianne Williamson	0
17. Andrew Yang	0
18. (Other)	0
19. (None of the above)	4
20. (Don't know)	7

Q11A. [ASK IF Q11 = 1-15] Do you support [INSERT CANDIDATE FROM Q11] strongly, or only somewhat?
(n = 401 Potential Democratic Primary Voters, MOE +/- 4.89%)

1. Strongly support	67%
2. Somewhat support	32
3. (Don't know)	1

Q12. [ASK IF Q10== “1. Democratic primary”] Now, I’m going to read a list of candidates for the 2020 Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate in Texas. Please tell me which one you would like to see as the Democratic Senate nominee. [RANDOMIZE 1-12]
(n = 401 Potential Democratic Primary Voters, MOE +/- 4.89%)

1. M.J. Hegar	11%
2. Royce West	8
3. Cristina Tzintzún Ramirez	7
4. Amanda Edwards	6
5. Michael Cooper	5
6. Chris Bell	5
7. Victor Hugo Harris	5
8. Sema Hernandez	5
9. Annie Garcia	4
10. Adrian Ocegueda	2
11. Jack Daniel Foster Jr.	0
12. D.R. Hunter	0
13. (Other)	6
14. (None of the above)	17
15. (Don’t know)	19

If the 2020 Election were held today...

[Q13A-Q13D were asked of those respondents who both indicated that they are registered to vote in Q1 and that they are “Extremely interested” in the 2020 presidential election in Q9.]

[RANDOMIZE Q13A-Q13D]

Q13A. How would you vote if the candidates were...[RANDOMIZE 1-2]

(n = 520 Likely 2020 Voters, MOE +/- 4.3%)

1. The Republican Donald Trump	51%
2. The Democrat Joe Biden	46
3. Don’t know	3

Q13B. How would you vote if the candidates were...[RANDOMIZE 1-2]

(n = 520 Likely 2020 Voters, MOE +/- 4.3%)

1. The Republican Donald Trump	50%
2. The Democrat Elizabeth Warren	43
3. Don’t know	7

Q13C. How would you vote if the candidates were...[RANDOMIZE 1-2]

(n = 520 Likely 2020 Voters, MOE +/- 4.3%)

1. The Republican Donald Trump	50%
2. The Democrat Bernie Sanders	47
3. Don’t know	3

Q13D. How would you vote if the candidates were...[RANDOMIZE 1-2]

(n = 520 Likely 2020 Voters, MOE +/- 4.3%)

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| 1. The Republican Donald Trump | 51% |
| 2. The Democrat Pete Buttigieg | 43 |
| 3. Don't know | 6 |

Turning to impeachment...

Q14. Based on what you know, do you think that Donald Trump should be removed from office by the United States Senate?

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| 1. Yes | 44% |
| 2. No | 45 |
| 3. Unsure | 9 |
| 4. Don't know/No opinion | 2 |

SECTION II:
PERSONAL ECONOMIC PERCEPTIONS

Q15. Thinking about the national economy, do you think the country is better off, worse off, or about the same compared to a year ago?

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| 1. Better off. | 39% |
| 2. Worse off. | 25 |
| 3. About the same. | 35 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 1 |

Q16. Do you think Texas's economy is better off, worse off, or about the same as the rest of the country?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Better off | 49% |
| 2. Worse off | 14 |
| 3. About the same | 36 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 2 |

Q17. 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?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| 1. Better off. | 36% |
| 2. Worse off. | 21 |
| 3. About the same. | 42 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA. | 1 |

Q18. Looking ahead to the future, do you think your children will be better off than you are, worse off, or about the same economically?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Better off | 46% |
| 2. Worse off | 25 |
| 3. About the same | 23 |
| 4. DON'T KNOW / REFUSED / NA | 5 |

SECTION III: ISSUES & POLICY

Now, we're interested in learning more about your views on housing in Texas...

Q19. Do you currently own or rent your home?

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| 1. Own | 62% |
| 2. Rent | 36 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA | 2 |

Q20. **[IF Q19 = "2. Rent"]** Do you plan on buying a home in the next five years?

(n = 432, MOE +/- 4.71%)

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| 1. Yes | 59% |
| 2. No | 40 |
| 3. Unsure | 2 |

Q21. Do you think that buying a home is a good financial investment?

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|-----------|-----|
| 1. Yes | 87% |
| 2. No | 10 |
| 3. Unsure | 3 |

Q22. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with your current home? *Would that be somewhat or very [satisfied/dissatisfied]?*

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very satisfied | 47% |
| 2. Somewhat satisfied | 34 |
| 3. Somewhat dissatisfied | 13 |
| 4. Very dissatisfied | 6 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA | 0 |

Q23. When deciding where to buy or rent a home, how important are each of the following: very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important? **[RANDOMIZE A-K]**

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important
A. The quality of neighborhood schools	62	21	8	8
B. The job opportunities	61	24	6	9
C. Proximity to family and friends	41	37	5	17
D. Affordability	82	14	1	3
E. Proximity to entertainment	25	37	11	28
F. Proximity to grocery or home good stores	57	33	2	7
G. Proximity to green space like parks or greenbelts	39	37	7	17
H. Safety and personal security	84	12	1	3
I. Transportation time to and from work or school	58	28	7	7
J. Living around people who look like you	19	21	32	28
K. The politics of people in the surrounding neighborhood	25	28	20	28

Q24. Now, thinking about where you're currently living, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with each of the following: [RANDOMIZE A-K]

	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	No opinion
A. The quality of neighborhood schools	80	17	3
B. The job opportunities	72	25	3
C. Proximity to family and friends	82	16	1
D. Affordability	82	17	1
E. Proximity to entertainment	79	18	3
F. Proximity to grocery or home good stores	88	11	1
G. Proximity to green space like parks or greenbelts	82	17	2
H. Safety and personal security	82	17	1
I. Transportation time to and from work or school	81	16	3
J. Living around people who look like you	75	17	8
K. The politics of people in the surrounding neighborhood	73	21	6

Q25. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: *I spend too much of my income on housing.*

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Agree | 44% |
| 2. Disagree | 55 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA | 2 |

Q26. Is it easy or is it difficult for a person like yourself to find affordable housing in the area where you live? *Would that be very [easy/difficult], or somewhat [easy/difficult]?*

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Very easy | 18% |
| 2. Somewhat easy | 30 |
| 3. Somewhat difficult | 31 |
| 4. Very difficult | 18 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA | 3 |

Q27. As you may know “gentrification” is when areas with lower property values are targeted for development and become unaffordable to many current residents of the area. Is gentrification a problem in your area?

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| 1. Yes | 25% |
| 2. No | 52 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA | 23 |

Q28. [ASK IF Q27== "1. Yes"] Is it a major or a minor problem?

(n = 295, MOE +/- 5.71%)

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| 1. Major problem | 60% |
| 2. Minor problem | 36 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA | 4 |

Q29A. Do you think that Texas State Government should be doing more to increase the amount of affordable housing, or is that not the responsibility of the state government?

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|---|-----|
| 1. Should be doing more | 68% |
| 2. Not the responsibility of state government | 27 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA | 4 |

Q29B. Do you think that city governments should be doing more to increase the amount of affordable housing, or is that not the responsibility of city government?

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| 1. Should be doing more | 74% |
| 2. Not the responsibility of city government | 22 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA | 4 |

Q30. In general, do you think that racial and ethnic minorities have as good a chance as white people to get any housing they can afford in your community, or don't you think they have as good a chance?

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|--------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Have as good a chance | 64% |
| 2. Don't have as good a chance | 33 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA | 3 |

Now, we'd like to ask you a few questions about homelessness...

Q31. Is homelessness a problem in your local community, or not?

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. A problem | 46% |
| 2. Not a problem | 52 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA | 2 |

Q32. [ASK IF Q31== "1. A problem"] Would you say that is a major problem or a minor problem?

(n = 550, MOE +/- 4.18%)

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. A major problem | 62% |
| 2. A minor problem | 38 |
| 3. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA | 0 |

[RANDOMIZE Q33A-Q33B]

Q33A. How confident are you in the ability of city governments in Texas to make progress on the issue of homelessness? **[READ RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

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| 1. Very confident | 10% |
| 2. Somewhat confident | 35 |
| 3. Not very confident | 35 |
| 4. Not at all confident | 16 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA [DON'T READ] | 4 |

Q33B. How confident are you in the ability of Texas State Government to make progress on the issue of homelessness? **[READ RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

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|--|-----|
| 1. Very confident | 14% |
| 2. Somewhat confident | 34 |
| 3. Not very confident | 32 |
| 4. Not at all confident | 17 |
| 5. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA [DON'T READ] | 3 |

SECTION IV:
DEMOGRAPHICS (Texas Adult Sample, n =1200)

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

AGEG.

1.	18-29	24%
2.	30-44	28
3.	45-64	32
4.	65+	17

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

1.	Urban	32%
2.	Suburban	45
3.	Rural	23

MARRIED. What is your current marital status?

1.	Never married	35%
2.	Married	46
3.	Divorced	10
4.	Widowed	5
5.	Separated	3
6.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	1

INCOME. What was your total household income for 2019? **[READ CATEGORIES]**

1.	Less than \$15,000	16%
2.	\$15,000-\$25,000	13
3.	\$25,000-\$40,000	17
4.	\$40,000-\$75,000	22
5.	\$75,000-\$150,000	18
6.	More than \$150,000	7
7.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	8

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

1.	Less than high school	4%
2.	High school	29
3.	Some college	27
4.	College degree	28
5.	Post-graduate degree (MA, LLD, PhD)	10
6.	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED/NA.	1

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

1. Protestant	14%
2. Catholic	23
3. Other Christian	43
4. Jewish	1
5. Muslim, Buddhist, or other non-Christian	5
6. Agnostic/Atheist	10
7. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	4

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

1. Yes	61%
2. No	37

RACE. Would you say that you are...

1. White or Anglo	45%
2. Black or African American	12
3. Hispanic	36
4. Other	7

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

1. Liberal	22%
2. Moderate, or	38
3. Conservative.	37
4. DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	3

PID3.

	<u>Adults</u>
1. Democrat	42%
2. Independent	20
3. Republican	38

PID7.

	<u>Adults</u>
1. Strong Democrat	20%
2. Weak Democrat	13
3. Lean Democrat	8
4. Independent	20
5. Lean Republican	7
6. Weak Republican	11
7. Strong Republican	20

GENDER. (BY OBSERVATION)

1. MALE	49%
2. FEMALE	51

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

Methodology

From January 10-19, 2020, 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 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 15 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, 920 of whom are registered voters according to self-reports. The final data set is weighted by race/ethnicity, age and gender to achieve representativeness as defined by the Texas Department State Health Services 2019 population projections for non-election specific items. For items covering voting preferences in the 2020 Texas primary and general elections, the responses of registered voters are weighted by race/ethnicity, age and gender to achieve representativeness of the state's registered voter population. The overall margin of error for the poll is +/- 2.83 percentage points for the full sample and +/-3.23 percentage points for registered voters, with a larger margin of error for sub-samples.