

Missouri Voters' Opinions on Elections and Voting

The following document summarizes the opinions of likely voters in Missouri on issues related to elections and voting. These results are from SLU/YouGov Polls conducted from February 2023 to August 2026. The SLU/YouGov Poll is a biannual survey of likely Missouri voters aiming to inform policymakers, citizens, and researchers of Missourians' opinions on important issues facing the state.

Full demographic crosstabs and raw data for independent analyses of SLU/YouGov Polls are available at slu.edu/poll.

KEY MISSOURI FINDINGS

- 82% of Missouri voters reported they were very or somewhat confident that the November Missouri elections will be run and administered fairly (August 2026 Poll)
- 83% of Missouri voters support requiring all voters to show a government-issued photo ID when voting (February 2026 Poll)
- 56% of Missouri voters support automatically registering all eligible citizens to vote (February 2026 Poll)
- 44% of Missouri voters support the state legislature's 2025 redistricting, 42% oppose, 14% are not sure (February 2026 Poll).
- 63% of Missouri voters support requiring a majority of voters in each congressional district to approve initiative petitions to amend the Missouri Constitution (February 2026 Poll)

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VOTER REGISTRATION AND REQUIREMENTS TO VOTE

Please indicate whether you would support or oppose the following election policies... FEB 2026

	ALL VOTERS	DEM.	REP.	IND.
...allowing people to register to vote on Election Day at their polling place	59%	79%	47%	56%
...automatically registering all eligible citizens to vote	56%	86%	36%	60%

Reporting percent strongly support/support. Source: February 2026 SLU/YouGov Poll. 900 Likely Missouri Voters, MoE ±3.98%.

VOTE BY MAIL AND ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Please indicate whether you would support or oppose the following election policies... FEB 2026

	ALL VOTERS	DEM.	REP.	IND.
...allowing voters to drop off absentee ballots in ballot drop boxes	52%	85%	31%	52%
...allowing any voter to vote by mail if they choose	51%	89%	29%	49%

Reporting percent strongly support/support. Source: February 2026 SLU/YouGov Poll. 900 Likely Missouri Voters, MoE ±3.98%.

In Missouri, voters may vote in person by absentee ballots before Election Day without providing an excuse. For how many weeks before Election Day should voters be allowed to vote in person without an excuse... FEB 2026

	ALL VOTERS	DEM.	REP.	IND.
...0 weeks (eliminating no-excuse absentee voting)	21%	3%	33%	19%
...1 week	23%	15%	28%	25%
...2 weeks	30%	36%	29%	29%
...3 weeks	6%	9%	4%	5%
...4 weeks	19%	37%	5%	21%

Reporting percent selected. Source: February 2026 SLU/YouGov Poll. 900 Likely Missouri Voters, MoE ±3.98%.

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

How confident are you that the election this November in Missouri will be...

AUG 2026

	ALL VOTERS	DEM.	REP.	IND.
...run and administered fairly	82%	73%	87%	84%

Reporting percent very/somewhat confident. Source: August 2026 SLU/YouGov Poll. 900 Likely Missouri Voters, MoE ±4.09%.

How confident are you that the election this November in Missouri will be...

FEB 2026

	ALL VOTERS	DEM.	REP.	IND.
...run and administered fairly	82%	74%	91%	78%

Reporting percent very/somewhat confident. Source: February 2026 SLU/YouGov Poll. 900 Likely Missouri Voters, MoE ±3.98%.

Please indicate whether you would support or oppose the following election policies...

FEB 2026

	ALL VOTERS	DEM.	REP.	IND.
...requiring all voters to show a government-issued photo ID when voting	83%	67%	98%	80%
...requiring ballots to be cast on paper, with voting machines used only by individuals with disabilities	53%	32%	66%	54%
...requiring all ballots cast in elections to be hand-counted rather than machine-counted	49%	32%	60%	48%

Reporting percent strongly support/support. Source: February 2026 SLU/YouGov Poll. 900 Likely Missouri Voters, MoE ±3.98%.

REDISTRICTING

In an upcoming election, Missouri voters may be asked to approve the General Assembly's redistricting legislation

AUG 2026

[Respondents saw Ballot Language for a Referendum on House Bill 1]. If this measure appeared on the ballot, how would you vote...

	ALL VOTERS	DEM.	REP.	IND.
...yes	35%	19%	47%	39%

Reporting percent "yes". Source: August 2026 SLU/YouGov Poll. 900 Likely Missouri Voters, MoE ±4.09%.

Following the 2020 census, the Missouri state legislature passed a bill in 2022 adopting new congressional district maps.

FEB 2026

In elections held using those maps, Republicans won 6 seats and Democrats won 2 seats in Missouri's U.S. House delegation. Last year, the Missouri state legislature passed a new bill adopting new congressional district maps, with the hope that Republicans would win 7 seats and Democrats would win 1 seat. Do you support or oppose the state legislature...

	ALL VOTERS	DEM.	REP.	IND.
...adopting this new map of congressional districts	44%	12%	69%	32%
...oppose adopting this new map of congressional districts	42%	82%	10%	53%
...not sure	14%	6%	20%	14%

Reporting percent support. Source: February 2026 SLU/YouGov Poll. 900 Likely Missouri Voters, MoE ±3.98%.

AMENDING THE MISSOURI CONSTITUTION

In an upcoming election, Missouri voters may be asked to amend the state constitution to address the issue of initiative petitions [Respondents saw Ballot Language for a Constitutional Amendment to Article III, Relating to Citizen Initiatives]. Would you... AUG 2026

	ALL VOTERS	DEM.	REP.	IND.
...support the above ballot proposition	48%	60%	37%	49%

Reporting percent support. Source: August 2026 SLU/YouGov Poll. 900 Likely Missouri Voters, MoE ±4.09%.

Please indicate whether you would support or oppose the following election policies... FEB 2026

	ALL VOTERS	DEM.	REP.	IND.
...requiring a majority of voters in each congressional district to approve initiative petitions to amend the Missouri Constitution	63%	51%	71%	63%

Reporting percent strongly support/support. Source: February 2026 SLU/YouGov Poll. 900 Likely Missouri Voters, MoE ±3.98%.

Amending the Missouri State Constitution via an initiative should require the support of at least: FEB 2023

	ALL VOTERS	DEM.	REP.	IND.
...50% of voters	13%	22%	7%	13%
...60% of voters	22%	22%	19%	25%
...66% of voters	33%	25%	37%	29%
...voters should not be able to amend the state constitution via an initiative	15%	9%	17%	21%
...not sure	18%	22%	19%	13%

Reporting percent selected. Source: February 2023 SLU/YouGov Poll. 457 Likely Missouri Voters, MoE ±5.17%.

MISSOURI PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Please indicate whether you would support or oppose the following election policies... FEB 2026

	ALL VOTERS	DEM.	REP.	IND.
...reinstating the state-run presidential primary in Missouri	53%	47%	60%	52%

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ABOUT THE SLU/YOUGOV POLL

The SLU/YouGov Poll is a biannual survey of likely Missouri voters aiming to inform policymakers, citizens, and researchers of Missourians' opinions on important issues facing the state. No other academic institution regularly conducts a non-partisan, scientific survey of Missouri voters and makes results and raw data publicly available. For questions or suggestions concerning the SLU/YouGov Poll, contact poll director Steven Rogers, Ph.D., at steven.rogers@slu.edu.

A NOTE ON COMBINED PERCENTAGES

Percentages that combine response options – for example “strongly support/support” or “excellent & good” – are calculated from unrounded values and rounded once. Such a figure may therefore differ by one percentage point from the sum of the rounded components displayed beside it.

ABOUT SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1818, Saint Louis University is one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious Catholic research institutions. Rooted in Jesuit values and its pioneering history as the first university west of the Mississippi River, SLU offers more than 13,300 students a rigorous, transformative education that challenges and prepares them to make the world a better place. As a nationally recognized leader in research and innovation, SLU is an R1 research university, advancing groundbreaking, life-changing discoveries that promote the greater good.

ABOUT YOUGOV

Saint Louis University has partnered with YouGov to conduct its biannual survey of Missouri voters. YouGov conducts surveys for multiple academic institutions and is the primary, trusted survey firm for media organizations, including CBS News and The Economist. FiveThirtyEight (538) ranked YouGov as one of the top pollsters in the country, with respect to its strong commitment to accuracy and transparency in polling. In September 2024, The New York Times reported “Only YouGov, long at the cutting edge of [online] polling, is still producing reasonably accurate results with [online] panels.”

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