



Top Line Results for August 2026 SLU/YouGov Poll

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Saint Louis University and YouGov surveyed 900 likely Missouri voters from August 13 to August 24 about the 2026 election, current political issues, and education policy in Missouri. The following pages present results for most survey questions. The margin of error for survey results for the full sample is 4.09%. Margins of error for questions asked to subsamples are listed below where available. Original data and analyses from the SLU Poll Directors are available at <http://www.slu.edu/poll>.

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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.

Methodology and Weighting

YouGov interviewed 1,276 Missouri (MO) registered voters with the goal of screening for and surveying 900 likely voters in the 2026 midterm elections. The 1,276 registered voters were matched down to a sample of 1,074, yielding a target subsample of 900 likely voters. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The sampling frame was constructed by stratified sampling from the Missouri subset of the 2024 Current Population Survey (CPS) 1-year sample with selection within strata by weighted sampling with replacements (using the person weights on the public use file).

The matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, years of education, and home ownership. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles.

The weights were then post-stratified on 2024 presidential vote choice as well as a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories). The weighted dataset of 1074 registered voters was then subsetting to the 900 likely voters, and the weights were trimmed and recentered around 1, to produce the final weights.

Sample size: 900 with a credible interval of ± 4.1 percentage points. This survey has an estimated design effect of 1.25 yielding an effective sample size of 720.

POLS001

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...President Donald Trump?

- Strongly approve: 23%
- Approve: 24%
- Disapprove: 7%
- Strongly disapprove: 45%
- Not sure: 1%

POLS002

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...The US Congress?

- Strongly approve: 2%
- Approve: 23%
- Disapprove: 38%
- Strongly disapprove: 30%
- Not sure: 6%

POLS007

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...The US Supreme Court?

- Strongly approve: 6%
- Approve: 39%
- Disapprove: 28%
- Strongly disapprove: 21%
- Not sure: 7%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is $\pm 5.67\%$

POLS003

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...The Missouri State Legislature?

- Strongly approve: 5%
- Approve: 38%
- Disapprove: 24%
- Strongly disapprove: 26%
- Not sure: 8%

POLS004

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...Governor Mike Kehoe?

- Strongly approve: 7%
- Approve: 32%
- Disapprove: 22%
- Strongly disapprove: 27%
- Not sure: 11%

POLS006

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...Senator Josh Hawley?

- Strongly approve: 23%
- Approve: 24%
- Disapprove: 14%
- Strongly disapprove: 29%
- Not sure: 9%

POLS005

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...Senator Eric Schmitt?

- Strongly approve: 18%
- Approve: 26%
- Disapprove: 15%
- Strongly disapprove: 26%
- Not sure: 15%

POLS025

If an election for the US House of Representatives were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

- The Democratic Party candidate: 44%
- The Republican Party candidate: 48%
- Other: 2%
- Not sure: 6%

POLS026

If an election for the Missouri state House of Representatives were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

- The Democratic Party candidate: 44%
- The Republican Party candidate: 48%
- Other: 2%
- Not sure: 6%

POLS027

If the election for State Auditor of Missouri were being held today, who would you vote for?

- Scott Fitzpatrick: 45%
- Quentin Wilson: 43%
- Other: 2%
- Not sure: 10%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 449; the margin of error is $\pm 5.92\%$

POLS010

Which of the following do you think should be the TOP priority of the Missouri state government?

- Economy: 49%
- Health care: 19%
- Education: 13%
- Infrastructure: 10%
- Other, please specify: 9%

POLS011

How would you rate the condition of the following...The Economy in the United States?

- Excellent: 2%
- Good: 20%
- Fair: 35%
- Poor: 44%
- Not sure: 0%

POLS012

How would you rate the condition of the following...The Economy in the State of Missouri?

- Excellent: 1%
- Good: 23%
- Fair: 41%
- Poor: 33%
- Not sure: 1%

POLS013

How would you rate the condition of the following...Public schools in your community?

- Excellent: 7%
- Good: 32%
- Fair: 33%
- Poor: 24%
- Not sure: 4%

POLS014

How would you rate the condition of the following...Public schools in the State of Missouri

- Excellent: 2%
- Good: 20%
- Fair: 44%
- Poor: 26%
- Not sure: 8%

POLS015

How would you rate the condition of the following...Crime in your community?

- Excellent: 10%
- Good: 35%
- Fair: 32%
- Poor: 21%
- Not sure: 2%

POLS017

How would you rate the condition of the following...Race relations in your community?

- Excellent: 14%
- Good: 37%
- Fair: 30%
- Poor: 16%
- Not sure: 4%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 451; the margin of error is $\pm 5.67\%$

POLS018

How would you rate the condition of the following...Your physical health in the last month?

- Excellent: 14%
- Good: 51%
- Fair: 26%
- Poor: 9%
- Not sure: 0%

POLS019

How would you rate the condition of the following...Your mental health in the last month?

- Excellent: 22%
- Good: 46%
- Fair: 22%
- Poor: 10%
- Not sure: 0%

POLS020

How would you rate the condition of the following...Roads and infrastructure in the State of Missouri?

- Excellent: 2%
- Good: 21%
- Fair: 43%
- Poor: 32%
- Not sure: 2%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 451; the margin of error is $\pm 5.67\%$

POLS021

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...The United States is on the right track and headed in a good direction?

- Agree: 35%
- Disagree: 58%
- Not sure: 7%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 451; the margin of error is $\pm 5.67\%$

POLS022

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...The State of Missouri is on the right track and headed in a good direction?

- Agree: 39%
- Disagree: 48%
- Not sure: 13%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 451; the margin of error is $\pm 5.67\%$

POLS028

In an upcoming election, Missouri voters may be asked to amend the state constitution to address the issue of health care. The bolded text below is language proposed to appear on the ballot. [Respondents saw Ballot Language for Amendment 3]

If this proposal appeared on the ballot, would you support or oppose it?

- Support: 43%
- Oppose: 44%
- Not sure: 13%

POLS066

In an upcoming election, Missouri voters may be asked to amend the state constitution to address the issue of initiative petitions. The bolded text below is language proposed to appear on the ballot [Respondents saw Ballot Language for Amendment 6].

If this proposal appeared on the ballot, would you support or oppose it?

- Support: 48%
- Oppose: 21%
- Not sure: 32%

POLS067

In an upcoming election, Missouri voters may be asked to approve the General Assembly's redistricting legislation. The bolded text below is language proposed to appear on the ballot.

[Respondents saw Ballot Language for Proposition A].

If this measure appeared on the ballot, how would you vote?

- Yes: 35%
- No: 32%
- Not sure: 33%

POLS029

How confident are you that the election this November in Missouri will be run and administered fairly?

- Very confident: 31%
- Somewhat confident: 51%
- Not too confident: 16%
- Not at all confident: 2%

POLS030

In hindsight, do you think the decision to go to war in Iran was the right decision or the wrong decision?

- Right decision: 35%
- Wrong decision: 53%
- Not sure: 12%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 449; the margin of error is $\pm 5.92\%$

POLS031

How worried, if at all, are you about being able to afford the following for you and your family...Health care?

- Very worried: 36%
- Somewhat worried: 33%
- Not too worried: 24%
- Not at all worried: 7%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 449; the margin of error is $\pm 5.92\%$

POLS032

How worried, if at all, are you about being able to afford the following for you and your family...Food and groceries?

- Very worried: 30%
- Somewhat worried: 36%
- Not too worried: 24%
- Not at all worried: 10%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 449; the margin of error is $\pm 5.92\%$

POLS033

How worried, if at all, are you about being able to afford the following for you and your family...Housing costs (e.g., rent or mortgage)?

- Very worried: 27%
- Somewhat worried: 24%
- Not too worried: 33%
- Not at all worried: 16%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 449; the margin of error is $\pm 5.92\%$

POLS034

How worried, if at all, are you about being able to afford the following for you and your family...Monthly utilities (e.g., electricity, gas, water)?

- Very worried: 34%
- Somewhat worried: 28%
- Not too worried: 28%
- Not at all worried: 10%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 449; the margin of error is $\pm 5.92\%$

POLS035

How worried, if at all, are you about being able to afford the following for you and your family...Gasoline or other transportation costs?

- Very worried: 33%
- Somewhat worried: 33%
- Not too worried: 25%
- Not at all worried: 8%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 449; the margin of error is $\pm 5.92\%$

POLS036

How worried, if at all, are you about being able to afford the following for you and your family...Property taxes?

- Very worried: 28%
- Somewhat worried: 31%
- Not too worried: 29%
- Not at all worried: 11%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 449; the margin of error is $\pm 5.92\%$

POLS037

How worried, if at all, are you about being able to afford the following for you and your family...Education expenses (e.g., tuition, loan payments, school supplies)?

- Very worried: 18%
- Somewhat worried: 21%
- Not too worried: 26%
- Not at all worried: 35%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 449; the margin of error is $\pm 5.92\%$

POLS038

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...Access to affordable childcare is a problem in your community?

- Strongly agree: 23%
- Agree: 31%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 20%
- Disagree: 10%
- Strongly disagree: 3%
- Not sure: 13%

POLS039

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...The Missouri state government should help expand access to affordable childcare?

- Strongly agree: 33%
- Agree: 31%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 18%
- Disagree: 8%
- Strongly disagree: 5%
- Not sure: 4%

POLS040

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...Businesses that help provide or pay for their employees' child care should get a state tax credit?

- Strongly agree: 27%
- Agree: 46%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 15%
- Disagree: 6%
- Strongly disagree: 2%
- Not sure: 4%

POLS041

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...Child care businesses that build or expand their facilities should get a state tax credit for that cost?

- Strongly agree: 23%
- Agree: 38%
- Neither agree nor disagree: 21%
- Disagree: 9%
- Strongly disagree: 3%
- Not sure: 6%

POLS042a

Would you support or oppose a new data center - which is a large facility that houses computer servers for storing and transmitting data - being built in your local community?

- Support: 17%
- Oppose: 68%
- Not sure: 15%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 449; the margin of error is $\pm 5.92\%$. The subsample answered the local data center question before answering the state of Missouri data center question.

POLS043a

Would you support or oppose a new data center - which is a large facility that houses computer servers for storing and transmitting data - being built in the state of Missouri?

- Support: 29%
- Oppose: 55%
- Not sure: 16%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 449; the margin of error is $\pm 5.92\%$. The subsample answered the local data center question before answering the state of Missouri data center question.

POLS043b

Would you support or oppose a new data center - which is a large facility that houses computer servers for storing and transmitting data - being built in the state of Missouri?

- Support: 23%
- Oppose: 66%
- Not sure: 11%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 451; the margin of error is $\pm 5.67\%$. The subsample answered the state of Missouri data center question before answering the local data center question.

POLS042b

Would you support or oppose a new data center - which is a large facility that houses computer servers for storing and transmitting data - being built in your local community?

- Support: 20%
- Oppose: 70%
- Not sure: 9%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 451; the margin of error is $\pm 5.67\%$. The subsample answered the state of Missouri data center question before answering the local data center question.

EDU003

There is a proposal for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to publish annual A – F grades (similar to a report card) for public schools and school districts across the state. Grades will mainly be based on state test results and graduation rates.

Do you support or oppose this proposal?

- Support: 60%
- Oppose: 19%
- Not sure: 21%

EDU004

Do you think that public school teacher salaries should...?

- Increase: 81%
- Decrease: 2%
- Stay the same: 18%

EDU005

To your knowledge, does your local school district offer paid parental leave?

- Yes, my school district offers paid parental leave: 14%
- No, my school district does not offer paid parental leave: 9%
- Not sure: 77%

EDU006

Most public school districts in Missouri do not currently offer paid parental leave. Would you support or oppose Missouri establishing a paid parental leave program for public school employees, with state funding provided to help school districts cover the cost?

- Support: 70%
- Oppose: 14%
- Not sure: 16%

EDU007

To meet or exceed the proficiency standard on Missouri's English II reading assessment, public high school students must be able to understand, interpret, analyze, and synthesize a variety of grade-level texts, according to Missouri's academic standards. What percentage of public high school students do you think meet or exceed the proficiency standard on the high school English II reading assessment in...Your local school district?

- Mean: 61
- Median: 63

Respondents answered using scales ranging from 0% to 100%. Above figures are rounded percentages.

EDU008

To meet or exceed the proficiency standard on Missouri's English II reading assessment, public high school students must be able to understand, interpret, analyze, and synthesize a variety of grade-level texts, according to Missouri's academic standards. What percentage of public high school students do you think meet or exceed the proficiency standard on the high school English II reading assessment in...The state of Missouri?

- Mean: 55
- Median: 54

Respondents answered using scales ranging from 0% to 100%. Above figures are rounded percentages.

EDU009

To meet or exceed the proficiency standard on Missouri's Algebra I assessment, public high school students must be able to demonstrate skills required for solving equations, working with functions, and interpreting data, according to Missouri's academic standards. What percentage of public high school students do you think meet or exceed the proficiency standard on the high school Algebra I assessment in...Your local school district?

- Mean: 56
- Median: 57

Respondents answered using scales ranging from 0% to 100%. Above figures are rounded percentages.

EDU010

To meet or exceed the proficiency standard on Missouri's Algebra I assessment, public high school students must be able to demonstrate skills required for solving equations, working with functions, and interpreting data, according to Missouri's academic standards. What percentage of public high school students do you think meet or exceed the proficiency standard on the high school Algebra I assessment in...The state of Missouri?

- Mean: 51
- Median: 50

Respondents answered using scales ranging from 0% to 100%. Above figures are rounded percentages.

EDU011

What grade would you give the public high schools in...Your local school district?

- A: 13%
- B: 38%
- C: 26%
- D: 10%
- F: 3%
- Not sure: 9%

EDU012

What grade would you give the public high schools in...The state of Missouri?

- A: 1%
- B: 21%
- C: 43%
- D: 18%
- F: 5%
- Not sure: 11%

EDU013

Do you think that for children who are eligible for the following vaccines, getting them should be a requirement to attend public schools...Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR)?

- Should be required: 85%
- Should not be required: 10%
- Not sure: 5%

EDU014

Do you think that for children who are eligible for the following vaccines, getting them should be a requirement to attend public schools...Polio?

- Should be required: 82%
- Should not be required: 12%
- Not sure: 6%

EDU015

Do you think that for children who are eligible for the following vaccines, getting them should be a requirement to attend public schools...Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTaP)?

- Should be required: 77%
- Should not be required: 14%
- Not sure: 9%

EDU016

Do you think that for children who are eligible for the following vaccines, getting them should be a requirement to attend public schools...COVID-19?

- Should be required: 33%
- Should not be required: 57%
- Not sure: 10%

EDU017

Do you think that for children who are eligible for the following vaccines, getting them should be a requirement to attend public schools...Human papillomavirus (HPV)?

- Should be required: 47%
- Should not be required: 37%
- Not sure: 16%