



## Top Line Results for February 2026 SLU/YouGov Poll

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Saint Louis University and YouGov surveyed 900 likely Missouri voters from February 9 to February 22 about current political issues in Missouri. The following pages present results for most survey questions. The margin of error for survey results for the full sample is 3.63%. 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 15,300 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 1448 Missouri (MO) registered voters, with the goal of screening for and surveying Missouri likely voters. The Missouri registered voters were then matched down to a sample of 1085, yielding a target subsample of 900 likely voters including 450 from each treatment group. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, education and treatment group. The sampling frame is a politically representative “modeled frame” of US adults, based upon the American Community Survey (ACS) public use microdata file, public voter file records, the 2020 Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration supplements, the 2020 National Election Pool (NEP) exit poll, and the 2020 CES surveys, including demographics and 2020 presidential vote.

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 and education. 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 (3-categories), and education (4-categories). The weighted dataset of registered MO voters was then subsetted on likely MO voters, and the weights were trimmed and recentered around 1, to produce the final weights for Likely Missouri voters.

POLS001

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

- Strongly approve: 30%
- Approve: 22%
- Disapprove: 6%
- Strongly disapprove: 41%
- Not sure: 1%

POLS002

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

- Strongly approve: 3%
- Approve: 29%
- Disapprove: 34%
- Strongly disapprove: 30%
- Not sure: 4%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is  $\pm 5.19\%$*

POLS007

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

- Strongly approve: 10%
- Approve: 37%
- Disapprove: 20%
- Strongly disapprove: 26%
- Not sure: 6%

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POLS003

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

- Strongly approve: 11%
- Approve: 37%
- Disapprove: 19%
- Strongly disapprove: 26%
- Not sure: 7%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is  $\pm 5.19\%$*

POLS004

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

- Strongly approve: 13%
- Approve: 34%
- Disapprove: 16%
- Strongly disapprove: 26%
- Not sure: 11%

POLS006

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

- Strongly approve: 22%
- Approve: 28%
- Disapprove: 14%
- Strongly disapprove: 29%
- Not sure: 7%

POLS005

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

- Strongly approve: 19%
- Approve: 28%
- Disapprove: 10%
- Strongly disapprove: 28%
- Not sure: 14%

POLS023

**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: 39%
- The Republican Party candidate: 51%
- Other: 3%
- Not sure: 7%

POLS010

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

- Economy: 47%
- Health care: 21%
- Education: 12%
- Infrastructure: 11%
- Other, please specify: 10%

POLS011

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

- Excellent: 4%
- Good: 28%
- Fair: 33%
- Poor: 35%
- Not sure: 0%

POLS012

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

- Excellent: 3%
- Good: 28%
- Fair: 38%
- Poor: 30%
- Not sure: 1%

POLS013

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

- Excellent: 8%
- Good: 35%
- Fair: 28%
- Poor: 23%
- Not sure: 6%

POLS014

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

- Excellent: 2%
- Good: 24%
- Fair: 41%
- Poor: 25%
- Not sure: 8%

POLS015

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

- Excellent: 12%
- Good: 34%
- Fair: 31%
- Poor: 21%
- Not sure: 2%

POLS017

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

- Excellent: 9%
- Good: 41%
- Fair: 30%
- Poor: 15%
- Not sure: 5%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is  $\pm 5.09\%$*

POLS018

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

- Excellent: 15%
- Good: 50%
- 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: 23%
- Good: 44%
- Fair: 22%
- Poor: 11%
- Not sure: 0%

POLS020

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

- Excellent: 3%
- Good: 27%
- Fair: 39%
- Poor: 30%
- Not sure: 1%

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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: 42%
- Disagree: 50%
- Not sure: 8%

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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: 45%
- Disagree: 43%
- Not sure: 12%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is  $\pm 5.19\%$*

POLS023\_grid

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...The Missouri state government should spend more to aid the poor?

- Agree: 56%
- Disagree: 29%
- Not sure: 16%

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POLS024

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 Proposition Language Amendment 3*

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

- Support: 47%
- Oppose: 40%
- Not sure: 12%

POLS025

Do you think it should be possible for a woman to legally obtain an abortion in the state of Missouri...in the first 8 weeks of the pregnancy?

- Agree: 59%
- Disagree: 32%
- Not sure: 9%

POLS026

Do you think it should be possible for a woman to legally obtain an abortion in the state of Missouri...in the first 12 weeks of the pregnancy?

- Agree: 47%
- Disagree: 43%
- Not sure: 10%

POLS027

Do you think it should be possible for a woman to legally obtain an abortion in the state of Missouri...in the first 15 weeks of the pregnancy?

- Agree: 35%
- Disagree: 52%
- Not sure: 12%

POLS028

Do you think it should be possible for a woman to legally obtain an abortion in the state of Missouri...in cases of rape?

- Agree: 78%
- Disagree: 13%
- Not sure: 9%

POLS029

Do you think it should be possible for a woman to legally obtain an abortion in the state of Missouri...in cases of incest?

- Agree: 78%
- Disagree: 12%
- Not sure: 9%

POLS030

Do you think it should be possible for a woman to legally obtain an abortion in the state of Missouri...when the woman's life is endangered by the pregnancy?

- Agree: 85%
- Disagree: 7%
- Not sure: 8%

POLS031

Do you think it should be possible for a woman to legally obtain an abortion in the state of Missouri...when a minor does not have parental consent of at least one parent?

- Agree: 40%
- Disagree: 41%
- Not sure: 19%

POLS032

Do you think it should be possible for a woman to legally obtain an abortion in the state of Missouri...when there is a strong chance of the baby having a physical or mental disability?

- Agree: 50%
- Disagree: 31%
- Not sure: 19%

POLS033

Do you think it should be possible for a woman to legally obtain an abortion in the state of Missouri...when the baby is diagnosed with a disorder resulting in little or no life expectancy?

- Agree: 67%
- Disagree: 21%
- Not sure: 12%

POLS034

Do you think it should be possible for a woman to legally obtain an abortion in the state of Missouri...when the woman wants an abortion for any reason?

- Agree: 36%
- Disagree: 53%
- Not sure: 11%

POLS035

Do you favor or oppose allowing someone younger than 18 to receive gender transition medical care like...gender affirming counseling?

- Favor: 41%
- Oppose: 50%
- Not sure: 9%

POLS036

Do you favor or oppose allowing someone younger than 18 to receive gender transition medical care like...hormone therapy or medication that can temporarily prevent the effects of puberty?

- Favor: 23%
- Oppose: 67%
- Not sure: 10%

POLS037

Do you favor or oppose allowing someone younger than 18 to receive gender transition medical care like...gender affirming surgery?

- Favor: 15%
- Oppose: 73%
- Not sure: 12%

POLS038

Do you agree or disagree that the following punishments should be possible under Missouri law for people convicted of first-degree murder...life in prison with the possibility of parole?

- Agree, should be a possible punishment: 53%
- Disagree, should not be a possible punishment: 39%
- Not sure: 8%

POLS039

Do you agree or disagree that the following punishments should be possible under Missouri law for people convicted of first-degree murder...life in prison without the possibility of parole?

- Agree, should be a possible punishment: 85%
- Disagree, should not be a possible punishment: 9%
- Not sure: 6%

POLS040

Do you agree or disagree that the following punishments should be possible under Missouri law for people convicted of first-degree murder...the death penalty?

- Agree, should be a possible punishment: 63%
- Disagree, should not be a possible punishment: 26%
- Not sure: 11%

POLS041

Under Missouri law, if a jury cannot unanimously agree to sentence someone convicted of first-degree murder to life in prison without the possibility of parole or the death penalty, a judge may decide whether the sentence is life in prison without the possibility of parole or the death penalty. Do you agree or disagree that the judge should have the authority to make this decision?

- Agree: 59%
- Disagree: 26%
- Not sure: 15%

POLS042

Do you agree or disagree that the Governor of Missouri should have the authority to temporarily pause all executions in the state?

- Agree: 63%
- Disagree: 22%
- Not sure: 15%

POLS043

How likely are you to support a candidate for office if you agree with the candidate on most issues and belong to the same political party, but disagree with the candidate on the death penalty?

- Very likely: 27%
- Somewhat likely: 53%
- Somewhat unlikely: 7%
- Very unlikely: 3%
- Not sure: 9%

POLS044

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: 30%
- Oppose: 49%
- Not sure: 21%

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POLS045

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: 31%
- Oppose: 44%
- Not sure: 25%

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POLS046

In general, which type of taxes do you think the Missouri state government should rely on more to raise revenue?

- Sales taxes: 52%
- Individual income taxes: 29%
- Not sure: 19%

POLS047

If the Missouri state legislature expanded the sales tax to include additional goods and services in order to reduce individual income taxes, would you support or oppose applying the sales to each of the following...home sale transactions?

- Support: 34%
- Oppose: 53%
- Not sure: 13%

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POLS048

If the Missouri state legislature expanded the sales tax to include additional goods and services in order to reduce individual income taxes, would you support or oppose applying the sales to each of the following...car repair services?

- Support: 29%
- Oppose: 60%
- Not sure: 11%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is  $\pm 5.19\%$*

POLS049

If the Missouri state legislature expanded the sales tax to include additional goods and services in order to reduce individual income taxes, would you support or oppose applying the sales to each of the following...streaming services (for example, Netflix)?

- Support: 43%
- Oppose: 44%
- Not sure: 14%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is  $\pm 5.19\%$*

POLS050

If the Missouri state legislature expanded the sales tax to include additional goods and services in order to reduce individual income taxes, would you support or oppose applying the sales to each of the following...gas and diesel fuel?

- Support: 34%
- Oppose: 55%
- Not sure: 11%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is  $\pm 5.19\%$*

POLS051

If the Missouri state legislature expanded the sales tax to include additional goods and services in order to reduce individual income taxes, would you support or oppose applying the sales to each of the following...professional services (for example, accounting and legal)?

- Support: 38%
- Oppose: 45%
- Not sure: 17%

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POLS052

How worried, if at all, are you about the costs of prescription drugs?

- Very worried: 35%
- Somewhat worried: 43%
- Not too worried: 17%
- Not worried at all: 5%

POLS053

Do you favor or oppose setting a \$35 monthly cap on out-of-pocket insulin costs, after insurance, for all individuals?

- Favor: 81%
- Oppose: 8%
- Not sure: 11%

POLS054

In your view, should the following individuals be eligible for SNAP benefits (formerly known as food stamps) if they are no longer incarcerated...individuals convicted of a felony?

- Should be eligible: 49%
- Should not be eligible: 36%
- Not sure: 16%

POLS055

In your view, should the following individuals be eligible for SNAP benefits (formerly known as food stamps) if they are no longer incarcerated...individuals convicted of a marijuana-related felony?

- Should be eligible: 64%
- Should not be eligible: 24%
- Not sure: 11%

POLS056

In your view, should the following individuals be eligible for SNAP benefits (formerly known as food stamps) if they are no longer incarcerated...individuals convicted of a drug-related felony?

- Should be eligible: 47%
- Should not be eligible: 40%
- Not sure: 13%

POLS057

In your view, should the following individuals be eligible for SNAP benefits (formerly known as food stamps) if they are no longer incarcerated...individuals convicted of a marijuana-related felony who have completed a rehabilitation program?

- Should be eligible: 75%
- Should not be eligible: 16%
- Not sure: 9%

POLS058

In your view, should the following individuals be eligible for SNAP benefits (formerly known as food stamps) if they are no longer incarcerated...individuals convicted of a drug-related felony who have completed a rehabilitation program?

- Should be eligible: 67%
- Should not be eligible: 21%
- Not sure: 11%

POLS070

Following the 2020 census, the Missouri state legislature passed a bill in 2022 adopting new congressional district maps. In elections held using those maps, Republicans won 6 seats and Democrats won 2 seats in Missouri's US House delegation. Last year, the Missouri 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 adopting this new map of congressional districts?

- Support: 41%
- Oppose: 44%
- Not sure: 15%

POLS071

Do you approve or disapprove of how Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is handling its job?

- Strongly approve: 30%
- Approve: 16%
- Disapprove: 6%
- Strongly disapprove: 44%
- Not sure: 4%

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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: 18%
- Not sure: 22%

EDU004

What grade would you give the public school district where you live?

- A: 15%
- B: 32%
- C: 24%
- D: 8%
- F: 5%
- Not sure: 16%

EDU005

What is your best guess for the starting salary of a public school teacher...in your school district?

- Mean: 43600
- Median: 40500

EDU006

What is your best guess for the starting salary of a public school teacher...across Missouri?

- Mean: 45200
- Median: 40700

EDU007

What is your best guess for the starting salary of a public school teacher...across the United States?

- Mean: 52600
- Median: 50000

EDU008

Do you support or oppose the following policies...allowing students to enroll in public schools outside of the school district where they live?

- Strongly support: 22%
- Support: 36%
- Oppose: 21%
- Strongly oppose: 9%
- Not sure: 13%

EDU009

**Do you support or oppose the following policies...allowing charter schools to operate in all parts of the state?**

- Strongly support: 23%
- Support: 34%
- Oppose: 11%
- Strongly oppose: 12%
- Not sure: 20%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is  $\pm 5.09\%$*

EDU010

**Do you support or oppose the following policies...allowing public charter schools to operate in all parts of the state?**

- Strongly support: 29%
- Support: 32%
- Oppose: 10%
- Strongly oppose: 9%
- Not sure: 19%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is  $\pm 5.19\%$*

EDU011

**Do you support or oppose the following policies...the permanent reduction from a five to a four-day school week in your local public school district?**

- Strongly support: 16%
- Support: 22%
- Oppose: 24%
- Strongly oppose: 19%
- Not sure: 18%