



Top Line Results for August 2024 SLU/YouGov Poll

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Saint Louis University and YouGov surveyed 900 likely Missouri voters from August 8 to August 16 about the 2024 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 3.79%. 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 institutions. Rooted in Jesuit values and its pioneering history as the first university west of the Mississippi River, SLU offers more than 15,200 students a rigorous, transformative education of the whole person. At the core of the University's diverse community of scholars is SLU's service-focused mission, which challenges and prepares students to make the world a better, more just place.

Methodology and Weighting

YouGov interviewed 1154 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 988, 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 2020 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 Joe Biden?

- Strongly approve: 20%
- Approve: 21%
- Disapprove: 10%
- Strongly disapprove: 48%
- Not sure: 1%

POLS002

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

- Strongly approve: 3%
- Approve: 23%
- Disapprove: 43%
- Strongly disapprove: 23%
- Not sure: 8%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.33%.

POLS007

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

- Strongly approve: 12%
- Approve: 35%
- Disapprove: 24%
- Strongly disapprove: 24%
- Not sure: 5%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.40%.

POLS003

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

- Strongly approve: 7%
- Approve: 40%
- Disapprove: 24%
- Strongly disapprove: 16%
- Not sure: 12%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.33%.

POLS004

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

- Strongly approve: 16%
- Approve: 37%
- Disapprove: 21%
- Strongly disapprove: 20%
- Not sure: 7%

POLS006

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

- Strongly approve: 28%
- Approve: 25%
- Disapprove: 8%
- Strongly disapprove: 31%
- Not sure: 7%

POLS005

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

- Strongly approve: 18%
- Approve: 31%
- Disapprove: 11%
- Strongly disapprove: 21%
- Not sure: 19%

POLS023

If the election for President of the United States were being held today, who would you vote for?

- Donald Trump (Republican Candidate): 54%
- Kamala Harris (Democratic Candidate): 41%
- Other: 3%
- Not sure: 2%

POLS025

If the election for U.S. Senator in Missouri were being held today, who would you vote for?

- Josh Hawley (Republican Candidate): 53%
- Lucas Kunce (Democratic Candidate): 42%
- Other: 0%
- Not sure: 4%

POLS026

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

- Mike Kehoe (Republican Candidate): 51%
- Crystal Quade (Democratic Candidate): 41%
- Other: 3%
- Not sure: 6%

POLS028

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

- David Wasinger (Republican Candidate): 51%
- Richard Brown (Democratic Candidate): 37%
- Other: 1%
- Not sure: 11%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.40%.

POLS029

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

- Andrew Bailey (Republican Candidate): 51%
- Elad Gross (Democratic Candidate): 38%
- Other: 1%
- Not sure: 9%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.40%.

POLS030

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

- Dennis Hoskins (Republican Candidate): 54%
- Barbara Phifer (Democratic Candidate): 36%
- Other: 1%
- Not sure: 9%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.40%.

POLS031

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

- Vivek Malek (Republican Candidate): 52%
- Mark Osmack (Democratic Candidate): 38%
- Other: 1%
- Not sure: 10%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.40%.

POLS010

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

- Economy: 47%
- Health care: 18%
- Education: 15%
- Infrastructure: 10%
- Other, please specify: 9%

POLS011

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

- Excellent: 8%
- Good: 23%
- Fair: 24%
- Poor: 45%
- Not sure: 1%

POLS012

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

- Excellent: 5%
- Good: 23%
- Fair: 49%
- Poor: 22%
- Not sure: 1%

POLS013

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

- Excellent: 8%
- Good: 34%
- Fair: 35%
- Poor: 18%
- Not sure: 5%

POLS014

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

- Excellent: 5%
- Good: 24%
- Fair: 44%
- Poor: 21%
- Not sure: 6%

POLS015

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

- Excellent: 8%
- Good: 34%
- Fair: 36%
- Poor: 17%
- Not sure: 4%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.33%.

POLS017

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

- Excellent: 11%
- Good: 42%
- Fair: 31%
- Poor: 13%
- Not sure: 4%

POLS018

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

- Excellent: 15%
- Good: 50%
- Fair: 27%
- Poor: 8%
- Not sure: 0%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.40%.

POLS019

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

- Excellent: 26%
- Good: 40%
- Fair: 24%
- Poor: 9%
- Not sure: 0%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.40%.

POLS020

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

- Excellent: 4%
- Good: 21%
- Fair: 48%
- Poor: 26%
- Not sure: 1%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.40%.

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: 30%
- Disagree: 59%
- Not sure: 11%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.33%.

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: 37%
- Disagree: 46%
- Not sure: 17%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.33%.

POLS032

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

- Agree: 54%
- Disagree: 31%
- Not sure: 15%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.33%.

POLS033

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...The United States should provide Ukraine with military aid in its conflict with Russia?

- Agree: 43%
- Disagree: 40%
- Not sure: 17%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.33%.

POLS034

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...The United States should provide Israel with military aid in its conflict with Palestine?

- Agree: 44%
- Disagree: 36%
- Not sure: 20%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.33%.

POLS035

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

Would you support the above ballot proposition?

- Yes: 52%
- No: 34%
- Not sure: 14%

POLS036

In an upcoming election, Missouri voters may be asked to amend the state constitution to address the issue of sports betting. The bolded text below is language proposed to appear on the ballot.

Respondents saw Ballot Proposition Language Amendment 2

Would you support the above ballot proposition?

- Yes: 50%
- No: 30%
- Not sure: 21%

POLS037

To the best of your knowledge what is the currently hourly minimum wage salary in the state of Missouri? **Respondents asked to guess to the nearest dollar amount**

- Mean: 12
- Median: 12

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; 55 respondents answered not sure.

POLS038

What do you think the hourly minimum wage salary in the state of Missouri should be?

Respondents asked to specify to the nearest dollar amount

- Mean: 14
- Median: 15

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; 35 respondents answered not sure.

POLS039

In an upcoming election, Missouri voters may be asked to raise the state's minimum wage. The bolded text below is language proposed to appear on the ballot.

*Respondents saw **Ballot Proposition Language Proposition A***

Would you support the above ballot proposition?

- Yes: 57%
- No: 30%
- Not sure: 14%

Before answering POLS039, half of the sample was asked POLS037 and POL38. Other respondents did not see these questions. Differences in question presentation could introduce question-ordering effects, affecting responses to above question. However, 57% and 56% of these respective samples supported Proposition A, suggesting this was not the case in this survey.

POLS040

Do you favor or oppose the following gun policies becoming law...Requiring criminal background checks for all those buying guns, including at gun shows and private sales?

- Favor: 79%
- Oppose: 16%
- Not sure: 5%

POLS041

Do you favor or oppose the following gun policies becoming law...Allowing Missouri counties, St. Louis City, and Kansas City to pass their own local gun regulations?

- Favor: 34%
- Oppose: 49%
- Not sure: 17%

POLS042

Do you favor or oppose the following gun policies becoming law in Missouri...Allowing Missourians with a concealed carry permit to possess a firearm on public transit and in places of worship?

- Favor: 48%
- Oppose: 38%
- Not sure: 14%

POLS043

Do you favor or oppose the following gun policies becoming law in Missouri...Banning minors from carrying guns on public property without adult supervision?

- Favor: 85%
- Oppose: 9%
- Not sure: 6%

POLS044

Approximately what percentages of the costs of the construction of professional sports facilities (e.g., stadiums and arenas) should the following be responsible for...Owners of the teams?

- Mean: 67
- Median: 70

Above figures are rounded percentages. For POLS044, POLS045, and POLS046, respondents were presented with three slider bars where respondents allocated percentages of costs to “Owners of the teams,” “The Missouri State Government,” and “Local Governments (e.g., Cities and counties).” Percentages were restricted to add up to 100%.

POLS045

Approximately what percentage of the costs of the construction of professional sports facilities (e.g., stadiums and arenas) should the following be responsible for...The Missouri State Government?

- Mean: 17
- Median: 12.5

Above figures are rounded percentages. For POLS044, POLS045, and POLS046, respondents were presented with three slider bars where respondents allocated percentages of costs to “Owners of the teams,” “The Missouri State Government,” and “Local Governments (e.g., Cities and counties).” Percentages were restricted to add up to 100%.

POLS046

Approximately what percentage of the costs of the construction of professional sports facilities (e.g., stadiums and arenas) should the following be responsible for...Local Governments (e.g., Cities or counties)?

- Mean: 17
- Median: 15

Above figures are rounded percentages. For POLS044, POLS045, and POLS046, respondents were presented with three slider bars where respondents allocated percentages of costs to “Owners of the teams,” “The Missouri State Government,” and “Local Governments (e.g., Cities and counties).” Percentages were restricted to add up to 100%.

POLS047

What is your favorite Major League Baseball team?

- St. Louis Cardinals: 41%
- Kansas City Royals: 20%
- New York Yankees: 2%
- Los Angeles Dodgers: 1%
- Other Team Chosen: 10%
- I do not have a favorite Major League Baseball team: 26%

Respondents had options of choosing any Major League Baseball team. The above lists teams that were chosen by at least 1% of respondents. The next highest team not listed was the Chicago Cubs at 0.93%

EDU003

Research indicates that high school students need more sleep, and later school start times could increase the amount of sleep students get and thus provide health, academic, and safety benefits. However, some say delaying school start times disrupts the schedules of working parents, creates transportation issues, and complicates the scheduling of extracurricular activities (e.g., sports).

Do you support or oppose high school start times beginning at 8:30 a.m. or later in your district?

- Support: 52%
- Oppose: 28%
- Not sure: 20%

EDU004

Which of the following factors most impacts your perception of public schools?

- My own schooling experience: 31%
- My child's schooling experience: 26%
- The experiences of others (i.e., word of mouth): 22%
- Information reported by news media: 12%
- Other, please specify: 9%

EDU005

What three characteristics of schools do you believe are the most important when determining the quality of public schools? Choose three...Academic Reputation

- Selected: 64%
- Not selected: 36%

Respondents had options of Academic reputation, Test scores of students, Class sizes, School size, Extracurricular activities, Teachers, Location, and "Other, please specify." Respondents were required to choose three options.

EDU005

What three characteristics of schools do you believe are the most important when determining the quality of public schools? Choose three...Test scores of students

- Selected: 51%
- Not selected: 49%

Respondents had options of Academic reputation, Test scores of students, Class sizes, School size, Extracurricular activities, Teachers, Location, and "Other, please specify." Respondents were required to choose three options.

EDU005

What three characteristics of schools do you believe are the most important when determining the quality of public schools? Choose three...Class sizes

- Selected: 54%
- Not selected: 46%

Respondents had options of Academic reputation, Test scores of students, Class sizes, School size, Extracurricular activities, Teachers, Location, and "Other, please specify." Respondents were required to choose three options.

EDU005

What three characteristics of schools do you believe are the most important when determining the quality of public schools? Choose three...School size

- Selected: 14%
- Not selected: 86%

Respondents had options of Academic reputation, Test scores of students, Class sizes, School size, Extracurricular activities, Teachers, Location, and "Other, please specify." Respondents were required to choose three options.

EDU005

What three characteristics of schools do you believe are the most important when determining the quality of public schools? Choose three...Extracurricular activities

- Selected: 22%
- Not selected: 78%

Respondents had options of Academic reputation, Test scores of students, Class sizes, School size, Extracurricular activities, Teachers, Location, and "Other, please specify." Respondents were required to choose three options.

EDU005

What three characteristics of schools do you believe are the most important when determining the quality of public schools? Choose three...Teachers

- Selected: 77%
- Not selected: 23%

Respondents had options of Academic reputation, Test scores of students, Class sizes, School size, Extracurricular activities, Teachers, Location, and "Other, please specify." Respondents were required to choose three options.

EDU005

What three characteristics of schools do you believe are the most important when determining the quality of public schools? Choose three...Location

- Selected: 11%
- Not selected: 89%

Respondents had options of Academic reputation, Test scores of students, Class sizes, School size, Extracurricular activities, Teachers, Location, and "Other, please specify." Respondents were required to choose three options.

EDU006

In your opinion, how important is it for high school students to learn...Core academic subjects?

- Extremely important: 57%
- Very important: 30%
- Somewhat important: 11%
- Not that important: 1%
- Not at all important: 0%
- Not sure: 1%

EDU007

In your opinion, how important is it for high school students to learn...Skills for future employment?

- Extremely important: 64%
- Very important: 26%
- Somewhat important: 8%
- Not that important: 1%
- Not at all important: 0%
- Not sure: 0%

EDU008

In your opinion, how important is it for high school students to learn...To become independent thinkers?

- Extremely important: 64%
- Very important: 26%
- Somewhat important: 9%
- Not that important: 1%
- Not at all important: 0%
- Not sure: 0%

EDU009

In your opinion, how important is it for high school students to learn...Socialization skills?

- Extremely important: 48%
- Very important: 34%
- Somewhat important: 15%
- Not that important: 2%
- Not at all important: 1%
- Not sure: 0%

EDU011

Do you agree or disagree that high schools in your school district adequately prepare students for...College?

- Agree: 55%
- Disagree: 25%
- Not sure: 21%

EDU012

Do you agree or disagree that high schools in your school district adequately prepare students for...Trade school?

- Agree: 52%
- Disagree: 25%
- Not sure: 24%

EDU013

Do you agree or disagree that high schools in your school district adequately prepare students for...The Workforce?

- Agree: 40%
- Disagree: 34%
- Not sure: 26%

EDU015

Some states have a requirement that students pass a civics test to graduate from high school. To the best of your knowledge, does Missouri have such a requirement for high school graduation?

- Yes: 32%
- No: 19%
- Not sure: 50%

EDU018

Do you support or oppose...Prohibiting high school students from accessing their cell phones during regular school hours?

- Support: 72%
- Oppose: 15%
- Not sure: 12%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.40%.

EDU019

Do you support or oppose...Prohibiting high school students from accessing their cell phones during class?

- Support: 79%
- Oppose: 14%
- Not sure: 7%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.33%.

EDU020

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

- Support: 30%
- Oppose: 42%
- Not sure: 27%

EDU021

What is your greatest concern with a possible four-day school week?

- Childcare: 22%
- Length of the school day: 13%
- Loss in student learning: 40%
- Child experiencing less structure and routine: 20%
- Other, please specify: 5%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 357; the margin of error is +/- 6.19%.

EDU022

What do you see as the greatest benefit of a possible four-day school week?

- Increased student engagement: 43%
- Recruit and retain staff: 25%
- Consistent schedule: 15%
- Longer weekend: 13%
- Other, please specify: 4%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 310; the margin of error is +/- 6.33%.

EDU023

The Missouri State Government recently changed the rules regarding school districts' implementation of four-day school weeks. Do you support or oppose the following policies for school districts in charter counties or cities with more than 30,000 people...A majority of qualified school district voters must approve a transition to a four-day school week?

- Support: 77%
- Oppose: 11%
- Not sure: 12%

EDU024

The Missouri State Government recently changed the rules regarding school districts' implementation of four-day school weeks. Do you support or oppose the following policies for school districts in charter counties or cities with more than 30,000 people...The state of Missouri provides financial incentives for teacher salaries for school districts to operate a five-day instead of four-day school week?

- Support: 51%
- Oppose: 26%
- Not sure: 24%