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Texas Statewide Survey

Field Dates: February 1-12, 2018

N=1200

Margin of error: +/- 2.83% (3.28% adjusted for weighting) unless otherwise noted*

Interest and Engagement

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

1. Yes, registered	100%
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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?

1. Extremely interested	48%
2. Somewhat interested	39
3. Not very interested	9
4. Not at all interested	3
5. Don't know	0

Q3. There are many elections in the state of Texas. Furthermore, many people intend to vote in a given election, but sometimes personal and professional circumstances keep them from the polls. Thinking back over the past two or three years, would you say that you voted in all elections, almost all, about half, one or two, or none at all?

1. Every election	34%
2. Almost every election	37
3. About half	12
4. One or two	11
5. None	5
6. Don't know	1

*In calculating the margin of error (MOE) for the survey, we provide two calculations, one that compensates for the relative standard deviation of the weights and one that does not. Without taking the variance of the weights into account, the margin of error for the full sample is 2.83%. To compensate for the additional uncertainty from weighting, we apply a multiplier derived from the coefficient of variation of the weights: $\sqrt{1+CV^2}$, where $CV=sd(weights)/mean(weights)$. For this weight sensitive calculation, the MOE for the full sample is 3.28%.

Q3A. On a 0-10 scale, please rate how likely you are to vote in the upcoming March primary elections: 10 means you are absolutely certain to vote, 0 means you will definitely NOT vote, and 5 means you may or may not vote.

1.	0	2%
2.	1	2
3.	2	2
4.	3	1
5.	4	1
6.	5	6
7.	6	3
8.	7	10
9.	8	11
10.	9	10
11.	10	53

Retrospective Assessments

Q6. How would you rate the job Donald Trump is doing as president? Would you say that you...

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| 1. Approve strongly | 30% |
| 2. Approve somewhat | 16 |
| 3. Neither approve nor disapprove | 7 |
| 4. Disapprove somewhat | 7 |
| 5. Disapprove strongly | 39 |
| 6. Don't know | 1 |

Q7. How would you rate the job the U.S. Congress is doing? Would you say that you...

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't Know
Feb. 2018	2	17	16	22	39	3
Oct. 2017	2	10	15	24	45	3
June 2017	2	13	15	24	43	4
Feb. 2017	5	21	20	18	32	5
Oct. 2016	2	8	18	27	41	4
June 2016	2	8	16	24	45	5
Feb. 2016	2	10	17	24	43	4
Nov. 2015	2	8	17	25	46	3
June 2015	2	13	21	26	36	2
Feb. 2015	3	17	19	24	34	3
Oct. 2014	2	12	13	30	41	2
June 2014	3	8	15	24	48	3
Feb. 2014	3	8	15	23	49	2
Oct. 2013	2	6	12	21	56	3
June 2013	2	10	16	23	46	2
Feb. 2013	3	11	12	23	48	3
Oct. 2012	1	10	18	26	43	3
May 2012	1	9	15	23	48	3
Feb. 2012	1	10	14	26	47	2
Oct. 2011	2	9	10	26	51	2
May 2011	1	15	20	27	35	3
Feb. 2011	2	17	19	26	33	4
Oct. 2009	2	12	11	22	49	4
June 2009	2	18	22	22	36	0
Feb. 2009	4	22	22	15	37	0

Q8A. How would you rate the job Greg Abbott is doing as Governor? Would you say that you...

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't Know
Feb. 2018	28	18	18	8	23	5
Oct. 2017	27	21	14	11	22	5
June 2017	27	18	12	9	29	4
Feb. 2017	27	18	17	9	24	5
Oct. 2016	21	21	17	10	23	8
June 2016	20	22	19	10	21	8
Feb. 2016	18	23	24	9	20	6
Nov. 2015	20	22	21	10	19	7
June 2015	22	24	28	8	16	15

Q8B. How would you rate the job Dan Patrick is doing as Lieutenant Governor? Would you say that you...

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't Know
Feb. 2018	19	17	21	8	25	10
Oct. 2017	16	20	19	7	24	13
June 2017	15	19	18	8	28	11
Feb. 2017	16	16	24	8	23	14
Oct. 2016	12	19	20	9	22	18
June 2016	12	19	24	8	22	15
Feb. 2016	8	19	30	7	20	16
Nov. 2015	10	19	28	9	17	16
June 2015	13	19	28	8	16	15

Q8C. How would you rate the job Joe Straus is doing as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives? Would you say that you...

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't Know
Feb. 2018	8	19	29	9	15	19
Oct. 2017	4	19	29	11	16	20
June 2017	5	20	25	12	17	21
Feb. 2017	7	16	31	9	14	22
Oct. 2016	5	16	30	9	14	26
June 2016	4	15	30	10	14	26
Feb. 2016	4	16	35	7	13	25
Nov. 2015	4	16	32	8	14	25

Q9A. How would you rate the job Ted Cruz is doing as U.S. Senator? Would you say that you...

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't Know
Feb. 2018	22	18	12	9	32	7
Oct. 2017	19	19	13	12	31	5
June 2017	21	17	12	9	35	6
Feb. 2017	20	18	14	10	29	9
Oct. 2016	16	19	13	11	34	7
June 2016	18	17	13	12	31	9
Feb. 2016	18	19	15	10	32	6
Nov. 2015	27	17	11	9	28	9

Q9B. How would you rate the job John Cornyn is doing as U.S. Senator? Would you say that you...

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Don't Know
Feb. 2018	10	19	23	15	23	10
Oct. 2017	7	21	18	15	27	12
June 2017	9	19	18	14	27	12
Feb. 2017	11	19	22	12	22	14
Oct. 2016	8	20	22	14	22	15
June 2016	7	17	24	14	21	17
Feb. 2016	7	20	26	14	18	15
Nov. 2015	7	20	22	16	18	16

For Q17 – Q25, respondents were first asked the questions below. If they initially answered that they didn't know, they were then asked a follow-up question: "If you had to make a choice, who would you choose?" Responses to the follow-up questions were folded into the results found below. Republican and Democratic Primary voters were defined as respondents with a verified history of voting in a primary election in any of the 2016, 2014, or 2012 Democratic or Republican primaries, and who then indicated that if the 2018 primary were held today, that they would vote in the Republican or Democratic Primary.

Q17. If the 2018 Republican primary election for governor were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

In the initial question, 16% said that they hadn't thought enough about the race to have an opinion.

(n = 612, MOE is +/- 3.96%, MOE is +/- 5.33% if adjusted for weighting)

1. Greg Abbott	95%
2. Barbara Krueger	5
3. SECEDE Kilgore	0

Q18. If the 2018 Democratic primary election for governor were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

In the initial question, 66% said that they hadn't thought enough about the race to have an opinion.

(n = 453, MOE is +/- 4.60%, MOE is +/- 7.36% if adjusted for weighting)

1. Lupe Valdez	43%
2. Andrew White	24
3. Grady Yarbrough	7
4. Tom Wakely	7
5. Adrian Ocegueda	5
6. Jeffrey Payne	5
7. Cedric Davis, Sr.	4
8. Joe Mumbach	3
9. James Jolly Clark	1

Q19. If the 2018 Republican primary election for senator were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

In the initial question, 15% said that they hadn't thought enough about the race to have an opinion.

(n = 612, MOE is +/- 3.96%, MOE is +/- 5.33% if adjusted for weighting)

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|------------------------|-----|
| 1. Ted Cruz | 91% |
| 2. Bruce Jacobson, Jr. | 3 |
| 3. Mary Miller | 3 |
| 4. Geraldine Sam | 2 |
| 5. Stefano de Stefano | 1 |

Q20. If the 2018 Democratic primary election for senator were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

In the initial question, 33% said that they hadn't thought enough about the race to have an opinion.

(n = 453, MOE is +/- 4.60%, MOE is +/- 7.36% if adjusted for weighting)

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| 1. Beto O'Rourke | 73% |
| 2. Sema Hernandez | 19 |
| 3. Edward Kimbrough | 8 |

Q21. If the 2018 Republican primary election for lieutenant governor were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

In the initial question, 19% said that they hadn't thought enough about the race to have an opinion.

(n = 612, MOE is +/- 3.96%, MOE is +/- 5.33% if adjusted for weighting)

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| 1. Dan Patrick | 88% |
| 2. Scott Milder | 12 |

Q22. If the 2018 Democratic primary election for lieutenant governor were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

In the initial question, 64% said that they hadn't thought enough about the race to have an opinion.

(n = 453, MOE is +/- 4.60%, MOE is +/- 7.36% if adjusted for weighting)

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| 1. Mike Collier | 55 |
| 2. Michael Cooper | 45% |

Q23. If the 2018 Republican primary election for land commissioner were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

In the initial question, 44% said that they hadn't thought enough about the race to have an opinion.

(n = 612, MOE is +/- 3.96%, MOE is +/- 5.33% if adjusted for weighting)

1. George P. Bush	57%
2. Jerry Patterson	31
3. Davey Edwards	6
4. Rick Range	6

Q24. If the 2018 Democratic primary election for land commissioner were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

In the initial question, 56% said that they hadn't thought enough about the race to have an opinion.

(n = 453, MOE is +/- 4.60%, MOE is +/- 7.36% if adjusted for weighting)

1. Miguel Suazo	68%
2. Tex Morgan	32

Q25. If the 2018 Republican primary election for commissioner of agriculture were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

In the initial question, 60% said that they hadn't thought enough about the race to have an opinion.

(n = 612, MOE is +/- 3.96%, MOE is +/- 5.33% if adjusted for weighting)

1. Sid Miller	54%
2. Trey Blocker	26
3. Jim Hogan	20

Q26A. If the 2018 election for the Representative in the United States House of Representatives in your district were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

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| 1. Democratic candidate | 40% |
| 2. Republican candidate | 43 |
| 3. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion | 17 |

Q26B. If the 2018 election for the Texas Legislature in your district were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought about it enough to have an opinion?

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| 1. Democratic candidate | 40% |
| 2. Republican candidate | 43 |
| 3. Haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion | 16 |

Q27A. Suppose the Tea Party movement organized itself as a political party. When thinking about the next election for Congress, would you vote for or against the Tea Party candidate from your district?

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|-------------------------|-----|
| 1. Republican candidate | 26% |
| 2. Democratic candidate | 40 |
| 3. Tea Party candidate | 14 |
| 4. Don't know | 21 |

Q27B. Do you think the Tea Party movement has too much influence, too little influence, or the right amount of influence in the Republican Party?

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| 1. Too much influence | 32% |
| 2. Too little influence | 24 |
| 3. The right amount of influence | 18 |
| 4. Don't know | 26 |

Political Figures and Elections

Q28. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Ted Cruz.

1. Very favorable	21%
2. Somewhat favorable	19
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	12
4. Somewhat unfavorable	11
5. Very unfavorable	31
6. Don't know/no opinion	6

Q29. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of Beto O'Rourke.

1. Very favorable	17%
2. Somewhat favorable	12
3. Neither favorable nor unfavorable	19
4. Somewhat unfavorable	7
5. Very unfavorable	7
6. Don't know/no opinion	39

Q30. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the Republican Party.

	Very Favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor Unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No Opinion
Feb. 2018	9	27	11	15	33	4
Oct. 2016	14	18	12	9	42	4
June 2016	11	19	12	11	39	7
Feb. 2016	13	20	14	13	35	5
Nov. 2015	12	20	12	13	39	4

Q31. Please tell us whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of the Democratic Party.

	Very Favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor Unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know/No Opinion
Feb. 2018	13	23	11	11	36	4
Oct. 2016	6	18	15	24	34	4
June 2016	7	20	14	20	31	8
Feb. 2016	8	20	16	22	30	5
Nov. 2015	8	22	17	20	29	5

Political Knowledge

[Randomize INFO1-INFO4]

INFO1. Which political party holds the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives?

[RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Republican Party | 85% |
| 2. Democratic Party | 7 |
| 3. Neither | 1 |
| 4. Don't know | 7 |

INFO2. What majority of both houses of the U.S. Congress is needed to override a presidential veto?

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|----------------------------|----|
| 1. More than one-half | 8% |
| 2. More than two-thirds | 71 |
| 3. More than three-fourths | 8 |
| 4. Don't know | 12 |

INFO3. Who won the popular vote in the 2016 Presidential Election? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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| 1. Donald Trump | 23% |
| 2. Hillary Clinton | 69 |
| 3. Neither | 2 |
| 4. Don't know | 6 |

Political Orientation

We're almost done. Now we just have a few basic questions for statistical purposes.

LIBCON. On a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 is extremely liberal, 7 is extremely conservative, and 4 is exactly in the middle, where would you place yourself? **[Wording on scale: (1) "Extremely liberal," (4) "In the middle," (7) "Extremely conservative"]**

1. Extremely liberal	10%
2. Somewhat liberal	12
3. Lean liberal	6
4. In the middle	24
5. Lean conservative	11
6. Somewhat conservative	21
7. Extremely conservative	15

PID3. Generally speaking, would you say that you usually think of yourself as a...

1. Democrat	44%
2. Independent	10
3. Republican	46

PID7. (Uses the four PID3 follow-up questions)

1. Strong Democrat	22%
2. Not very strong Democrat	11
3. Lean Democrat	12
4. Independent	10
5. Lean Republican	14
6. Not very strong Republican	11
7. Strong Republican	21

REPCON. Overall, do you think that Republican elected officials in Texas are conservative enough, too conservative, or not conservative enough?

1. Conservative enough	50%
2. Too conservative	14
3. Not conservative enough	29
4. Don't know	7

DEMLIB. Overall, do you think that Democratic elected officials in Texas are liberal enough, too liberal, or not liberal enough?

1. Liberal enough	38%
2. Too liberal	6
3. Not liberal enough	37
4. Don't know	19

Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

1. 18-29	15%
2. 30-44	26
3. 45-64	36
4. 65 and up	23

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

1. Urban	34%
2. Suburban	47
3. Rural	18

METRO. Do you live in the Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio, or Austin metropolitan areas?

1. Yes, I live in the Houston area.	24%
2. Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area	26
3. Yes, I live in the San Antonio area	11
4. Yes, I live in the Austin area	11
5. No, I live in another part of Texas.	28

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

1. One	16%
2. Two	12
3. Three	6
4. Four or more	3
5. None	64

SCHOOL. Do you have any children currently enrolled in school in Texas? (check all that apply)

1. Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in public school in Texas.	24%
2. Yes, I have a child/children under 18 enrolled in private school in Texas.	3
3. Yes, I have a child/children under 18 who are being home schooled in Texas.	1
4. No, I do not have any children under 18 in school in Texas.	73

INCOME. In which category would you place your household income last year?

1. Less than \$10,000	3%
2. \$10,000 to \$19,999	5
3. \$20,000 to \$29,999	10
4. \$30,000 to \$39,999	10
5. \$40,000 to \$49,999	10
6. \$50,000 to \$59,999	10
7. \$60,000 to \$69,999	6
8. \$70,000 to \$79,999	7
9. \$80,000 to \$99,999	8

10. \$100,000 to \$119,999	7
11. \$120,000 to \$149,999	5
12. More than \$150,000	7
13. Prefer not to say	12

AB. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be pro-life, pro-choice, or neither?

1. Pro-life	44%
2. Pro-choice	41
3. Neither	11
4. Don't know	4

EDU. What is the highest level of education that you received?

1. Less than high school	3%
2. High school degree	25
3. Some college	24
4. Two-year college degree	9
5. Four-year college degree	25
6. Post-graduate degree	13

RELIG1. What is your primary religious affiliation, if any? **[No open response on “other”]**

1. Agnostic	4%
2. Assembly of God*	1
3. Atheist	6
4. Baptist*	14
5. Born again	2
6. Buddhist	1
7. Catholic*	22
8. Christian Scientist*	0
9. Church of Christ*	3
10. Church of God*	1
11. Disciples of Christ*	0
12. Episcopal/Anglican*	2
13. Evangelical	0
14. Hindu	0
15. Jehovah's Witnesses	0
16. Jewish	1
17. Lutheran*	2
18. Methodist*	5
19. Mormon*	0
20. Muslim/Islam	1
21. Nondenominational Christian*	8
22. Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox*	0
23. Pentecostal/charismatic/spirit-filled*	2
24. Presbyterian*	1
25. Protestant (non-specific)*	2
26. Unitarian/Universalist*	0
27. United Church of Christ*	0
28. Religious but not spiritual	1
29. Spiritual but not religious	6
30. No religious affiliation/none	9
31. Other*	4
32. Don't know	1

RELIG2. What is your secondary religious affiliation, if any? **[No open response on “other”]**

1. Agnostic	3%
2. Assembly of God*	1
3. Atheist	1
4. Baptist*	5
5. Born again	4
6. Buddhist	1
7. Catholic*	5
8. Christian Scientist*	1
9. Church of Christ*	2
10. Church of God*	2
11. Disciples of Christ*	0
12. Episcopal/Anglican*	1
13. Evangelical	3
14. Hindu	0
15. Jehovah’s Witnesses	0
16. Jewish	0
17. Lutheran*	1
18. Methodist*	3
19. Mormon*	0
20. Muslim/Islam	1
21. Nondenominational Christian*	4
22. Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox*	0
23. Pentecostal/charismatic/spirit-filled*	1
24. Presbyterian*	0
25. Protestant (non-specific)*	4
26. Reformed*	0
27. Unitarian/Universalist*	1
28. United Church of Christ*	0
29. Religious but not spiritual	2
30. Spiritual but not religious	6
31. No religious affiliation/none	34
32. Other*	4
33. Don’t know	9

LITERAL. Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible?

1. The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word.	30%
2. The Bible is the word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word.	40
3. The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	24
4. Don’t know.	6

IMPORT. How important is religion in your life?

1. Extremely important	45%
2. Somewhat important	28
3. Not very important	10
4. Not at all important	17

ATTEND. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services or participate in religious activities?

1. More than once a week	14%
2. Once a week	21
3. A few times a month	12
4. Once or twice a year	25
5. Never	28

RACE1. What race do you consider yourself to be?

1. White	58%
2. African American	14
3. Hispanic or Latino	23
4. Asian/Pacific Islander	1
5. Native American	1
6. Multi-racial	1
7. Other	3
8. Middle Eastern	0

RACE2. **[Ask if RACE ~= "Hispanic or Latino"]** Do you happen to have a Hispanic-Latino grandparent?

1. Yes	2%
2. No	97
3. Don't know	1

NATIVE1. **[Ask if RACE = "Hispanic or Latino"]** Were you born in the United States or Puerto Rico, or in another country?

1. Born in the United States or Puerto Rico	87%
2. Born in another country	12
3. Don't know	1

NATIVE2. **[Ask NATIVE2 if answer 1 on NATIVE1]** Were your parents born in the United States or Puerto Rico, or another country?

1. Both of my parents were born in the United States or Puerto Rico	61%
2. One of my parents was born in another country	23
3. Both of my parents were both in another country	16

MOVE. Did you move to Texas from some other state?

1. Yes	40%
2. No	60

STATE. [ASK IF MOVE=1] Which state did you move from (most recently)? [DROPDOWN LIST OF STATES]

1. Alabama	2%
2. Alaska	1
3. Arizona	2
4. Arkansas	2
5. California	11
6. Colorado	3
7. Connecticut	0
8. Delaware	0
9. District of Columbia	0
10. Florida	4
11. Georgia	2
12. Hawaii	0
13. Idaho	0
14. Illinois	6
15. Indiana	2
16. Iowa	1
17. Kansas	2
18. Kentucky	1
19. Louisiana	7
20. Maine	0
21. Maryland	2
22. Massachusetts	1
23. Michigan	4
24. Minnesota	1
25. Mississippi	2
26. Missouri	3
27. Montana	1
28. Nebraska	2
29. Nevada	1
30. New Hampshire	0
31. New Jersey	1
32. New Mexico	4
33. New York	6
34. North Carolina	2
35. North Dakota	0
36. Ohio	5
37. Oklahoma	3
38. Oregon	1
39. Pennsylvania	1
40. Rhode Island	0
41. South Carolina	0
42. South Dakota	0
43. Tennessee	3
44. Utah	0
45. Vermont	0
46. Virginia	3
47. Washington	2
48. West Virginia	0

49. Wisconsin	2
50. Wyoming	0
51. Guam	0
52. Puerto Rico	0
53. Not in the U.S. or Canada	2

VETERAN. Which of the following best describes your current situation? Please check all that apply:

1. Active-duty military	0%
2. Military veteran	13
3. Active-duty military in my immediate family	3
4. Military veteran in my immediate family	18
5. None of the above	69

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

1. Own	72%
2. Rent	28

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

1. Married	54%
2. Separated	1
3. Divorced	10
4. Widowed	4
5. Single	24
6. Domestic Partnership	6

GENDER. What is your gender?

1. Male	47%
2. Female	53