

University of Texas / Texas Tribune Texas Statewide Survey

Fall 2009 Results Summary
N=800 Registered Voters
Margin of error: +/- 3.46%
October 20–27, 2009

Note: Due to rounding, not all percentages will sum to 100

Interest and Engagement

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

(Poll is a registered voter sample)

Q2. Generally speaking, would you say that you are extremely interested in politics and public affairs, somewhat interested, not very interested, or not interested at all?

54%	Extremely interested
36%	Somewhat interested
7%	Not very interested
2%	Not at all interested
0%	Don't know

Retrospective Assessments

Q5. Overall, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama has been handling his job as president?

21%	Approve strongly
20%	Approve somewhat
7%	Neither approve nor disapprove
8%	Disapprove somewhat
44%	Disapprove strongly
0%	Don't know

Q6. Overall, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of the way Rick Perry has been handling his job as governor?

10%	Approve strongly
26%	Approve somewhat
15%	Neither approve nor disapprove
18%	Disapprove somewhat
26%	Disapprove strongly
6%	Don't know

Q7. Overall, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of the way Kay Bailey Hutchison has been handling her job as United States Senator?

10% Approve strongly
29% Approve somewhat
24% Neither approve nor disapprove
17% Disapprove somewhat
10% Disapprove strongly
9% Don't know

Q8. Overall, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of the way the United States Congress has been handling its job?

2% Approve strongly
12% Approve somewhat
11% Neither approve nor disapprove
22% Disapprove somewhat
49% Disapprove strongly
4% Don't know

Q9. Overall, how strongly do you approve or disapprove of the way the Texas state legislature has been handling its job?

3% Approve strongly
28% Approve somewhat
25% Neither approve nor disapprove
21% Disapprove somewhat
15% Disapprove strongly
9% Don't know

Vote Intention

(Q14 is used as a screen for subsequent questions that pertain to party primaries. Respondents who respond to Q14 as "definitely" or "probably" voting in the Republican primary will only receive questions that pertain to Republican primary races. Similarly those who respond as "definitely" or "probably" voting in the Democratic primary will only receive questions that pertain to Democratic primary races. Those who respond as voting only in general elections or "don't know" will not receive any questions pertaining to party primaries.)

Q14. Thinking about the 2010 primary elections in Texas, do you think that you will:

33% Definitely vote in the Republican primary
12% Probably vote in the Republican primary
23% Definitely vote in the Democratic primary
7% Probably vote in the Democratic primary
10% I only vote in general elections
16% Don't Know

Now we're going to list some potential races for political office in 2010. If the election were held today, please tell us which candidate you would most likely vote for or if you haven't thought enough about it to have an opinion. (Candidate order was randomized on trial ballots)

Q15. If the 2010 Republican primary election for governor were held today, would you vote for Rick Perry, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Debra Medina, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion? **(N=357, MoE=5.19% at a 95% confidence interval)**

42%	Rick Perry
30%	Kay Bailey Hutchison
7%	Debra Medina
4%	Someone else
18%	Don't know

Q16. If the 2010 Republican primary election for lieutenant governor were held today, would you vote for David Dewhurst, Greg Abbott, someone else, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion? **(N=356, MoE=5.19% at a 95% confidence interval)**

26%	David Dewhurst
16%	Greg Abbott
11%	Someone else
47%	Don't know

Q17. If the 2010 Democratic primary election for governor were held today, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion? **(N=266, MoE=6.01% at a 95% confidence interval)***

19%	Kinky Freidman
10%	Tom Schieffer
3%	Mark Thompson
5%	Ronnie Earle
2%	Felix Alvarado
.3%	Hank Gilbert
6%	Someone else
55%	Don't know

Q18. If Rick Perry were the Republican nominee for governor, and the 2010 general election were held today, would you vote for Republican Rick Perry, the Democratic nominee, a third party candidate, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

34%	Rick Perry
33%	The Democratic nominee
8%	Third party candidate
24%	Don't know

Q19. If Kay Bailey Hutchison were the Republican nominee for governor, and the 2010 general election were held today, would you vote for Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison, the Democratic nominee, a third party candidate, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

36%	Kay Bailey Hutchison
25%	The Democratic nominee
9%	Third party candidate
30%	Don't know

Q20. If the 2010 election for governor were held today, in a race between Democrat Tom Scheiffer, Republican Rick Perry, and a third party candidate, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

25%	Tom Scheiffer
36%	Rick Perry
11%	Third party candidate
28%	Don't know

Q21. If the 2010 election for governor were held today, in a race between Democrat Tom Scheiffer, Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison, and a third party candidate, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

20%	Tom Scheiffer
40%	Kay Bailey Hutchison
10%	Third party candidate
31%	Don't know

Q22. If the 2010 election for governor were held today, in a race between Democrat Kinky Freidman, Republican Rick Perry, and a third party candidate, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

23%	Kinky Freidman
38%	Rick Perry
15%	Third party candidate
24%	Don't know

Q23. If the 2010 election for governor were held today, in a race between Democrat Kinky Freidman, Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison, and a third party candidate, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

21%	Kinky Freidman
41%	Kay Bailey Hutchison
12%	Third party candidate
26%	Don't know

Q24. If the 2010 election for governor were held today, in a race between Democrat Ronnie Earle, Republican Rick Perry, and a third party candidate, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

- 21% Ronnie Earle
- 38% Rick Perry
- 12% Third party candidate
- 29% Don't know

Q25. If the 2010 election for governor were held today, in a race between Democrat Ronnie Earle, Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison, and a third party candidate, who would you vote for, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

- 18% Ronnie Earle
- 42% Kay Bailey Hutchison
- 10% Third party candidate
- 31% Don't know

Q26. If Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison resigns from the senate in order to run for governor and there is a special election to fill her senate seat, which of the following candidates would you vote for, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

- 1% Roger Williams (Republican)
- 13% David Dewhurst (Republican)
- 3% Michael Williams (Republican)
- 3% Florence Shapiro (Republican)
- 10% John Sharp (Democrat)
- 13% Bill White (Democrat)
- 2% Elizabeth Ames Jones (Republican)
- 56% Don't know

Q27. If the 2010 election for U.S. Congress in your district were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, neither, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

- 33% Democratic candidate
- 42% Republican candidate
- 7% Neither
- 19% Don't know

Q28. If the 2010 election for the Texas state legislature in your district were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, neither, or haven't you thought enough about it to have an opinion?

- 33% Democratic candidate
- 39% Republican candidate
- 6% Neither
- 22% Don't know

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"]**

19%	Liberal (1-3)
35%	In the middle (4)
47%	Conservative (5-7)

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

32%	Democrat
31%	Independent
32%	Republican
1%	Other
4%	Not sure

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

20%	Strong Democrat
12%	Not very strong Democrat
9%	Lean Democrat
12%	Independent
13%	Lean Republican
12%	Not very strong Republican
20%	Strong Republican
2%	Not sure

Demographics

AGE. Please indicate your age group.

17%	18-29
27%	30-44
39%	45-64
18%	65 and up

COUNTY. In which county do you reside?

(Too numerous to list, please see data file)

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

30%	Urban
49%	Suburban
21%	Rural

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

- 22% Yes, I live in the Houston area.
- 31% Yes, I live the Dallas-Fort Worth area
- 9% Yes, I live in the San Antonio area
- 8% Yes, I live in the Austin area
- 31% No, I live in another part of Texas.

BIG4. (Calculated from METRO demographic)

- 31% Not a "big 4" metro area resident
- 69% "Big 4" metro area resident

CHILD. How many children are currently living with you?

- 18% One
- 14% Two
- 8% Three
- 3% Four or more
- 31% None

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

- 11% Less than \$20,000
- 11% \$20,000 to \$30,000
- 10% \$30,000 to \$40,000
- 10% \$40,000 to \$50,000
- 8% \$50,000 to \$60,000
- 7% \$60,000 to \$70,000
- 7% \$70,000 to \$80,000
- 8% \$80,000 to \$100,000
- 7% \$100,000 to \$120,000
- 6% \$120,000 to \$150,000
- 6% More than \$150,000
- 9% Prefer not to say

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

- 3% Less than high school
- 35% High school degree
- 29% Some college
- 4% Two-year college degree
- 21% Four-year college degree
- 8% Post-graduate degree

RELIG. What is your religious affiliation?

- 3% Agnostic
- 2% Assembly of God*
- 3% Atheist
- 20% Baptist*
- 1% Buddhist
- 21% Catholic*

0%	Christian Scientist*
3%	Church of Christ*
0%	Church of God*
0%	Disciples of Christ*
2%	Episcopal/Anglican*
0%	Hindu
0%	Jehovah's Witnesses
1%	Jewish
2%	Lutheran*
6%	Methodist*
1%	Mormon
0%	Muslim/Islam
11%	Nondenominational Christian*
0%	Orthodox/Eastern Orthodox*
2%	Pentecostal*
2%	Presbyterian*
3%	Protestant (non-specific)*
0%	Reformed*
0%	Unitarian/Universalist
0%	United Church of Christ*
10%	Spiritual but not religious
7%	Other*
1%	Don't know

EVANG. [Ask if respond _ * to RELIG] Do you consider yourself to be a “born again” or “evangelical” Christian?

49%	Yes
51%	No

IMPORT. How important would you say that religious beliefs are to your daily life?

54%	Extremely important
29%	Somewhat important
9%	Not very important
8%	Not at all important

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

15%	More than once a week
21%	Once a week
15%	A few times a month
26%	Once or twice a year
24%	Never

RACE. What race do you consider yourself to be?

61%	White
14%	African American
20%	Hispanic or Latino

- 1% Asian/Pacific Islander
- 1% Native American
- 3% Multi-racial

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

- 86% Born in the United States or Puerto Rico
- 14% Born in another country

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

- 60% Both of my parents were born in the United States or Puerto Rico
- 22% One of my parents was born in another country
- 18% Both of my parents were both in another country

HOME. Do you own or rent your home?

- 75% Own
- 25% Rent

MARITAL. What is your marital status?

- 63% Married
- 1% Separated
- 11% Divorced
- 3% Widowed
- 16% Single
- 5% Domestic partnership

GENDER. What is your gender?

- 46% Male
- 54% Female

* Hank Gilbert was inadvertently omitted from the original response options on Q17 in the survey. The 350 respondents who registered an intent to vote in the Democratic primary in the initial survey were therefore re-contacted between October 29-November 1 and asked for their preference with Hank Gilbert included as an option.