



Top Line Results for July 2021 SLU/YouGov Poll

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Saint Louis University and YouGov surveyed 950 likely Missouri voters from July 19 – July 29 about current political issues, the COVID-19 pandemic, 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 4.18%. Margins of error for questions asked to subsamples are listed below. Original data and analyses from the SLU Poll Directors are available at <http://www.slu.edu/poll>.

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Methodology and Weighting

YouGov conducted a benchmarking survey of Missouri likely voters using a census click methodology, which involves sampling in such a way that all starts to a particular survey are representative of the known demographic characteristics of a specific target group. In this case, YouGov sampled so all starts were representative of Missouri registered voters population, as defined by the 2020 Current Population Survey (CPS) November.

The sample of all starts was matched from 1125 respondents to 950 completes and weighted to a population frame on age, gender, race, education. YouGov used propensity score weighting. In the propensity score weighting process, the matched cases and frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity and years of 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 2016 and 2020 Presidential vote choice, and a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories). The weights were then subsetted on completes and re-centered to produce the final weight for the target population.

POLS001

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

- Strongly Approve: 21%
- Approve: 24%
- Disapprove: 9%
- Strongly Disapprove: 44%
- Not Sure: 2%

POLS002

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

- Strongly Approve: 2%
- Approve: 18%
- Disapprove: 34%
- Strongly Disapprove: 34%
- Not Sure: 12%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 476. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is $\pm 6.02\%$.

POLS003

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

- Strongly Approve: 5%
- Approve: 44%
- Disapprove: 16%
- Strongly Disapprove: 20%
- Not Sure: 14%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 477. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is $\pm 6.02\%$.

POLS004

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

- Strongly Approve: 14%
- Approve: 39%
- Disapprove: 16%
- Strongly Disapprove: 25%
- Not Sure: 6%

POLS005

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

- Strongly Approve: 10%
- Approve: 30%
- Disapprove: 25%
- Strongly Disapprove: 22%
- Not Sure: 13%

POLS006

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

- Strongly Approve: 28%
- Approve: 24%
- Disapprove: 6%
- Strongly Disapprove: 32%
- Not Sure: 9%

POLS007

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people...Eric Greitens?

- Very favorable: 16%
- Somewhat favorable: 21%
- Somewhat unfavorable: 12%
- Very unfavorable: 31%
- Not sure: 20%

POLS008

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people...Eric Schmitt?

- Very favorable: 11%
- Somewhat favorable: 23%
- Somewhat unfavorable: 10%
- Very unfavorable: 15%
- Not sure: 41%

POLS009

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people...Ann Wagner?

- Very favorable: 7%
- Somewhat favorable: 18%
- Somewhat unfavorable: 13%
- Very unfavorable: 13%
- Not sure: 49%

POLS010

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people...Mark McCloskey?

- Very favorable: 9%
- Somewhat favorable: 19%
- Somewhat unfavorable: 9%
- Very unfavorable: 23%
- Not sure: 40%

POLS011

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people...Vicky Hartzler?

- Very favorable: 9%
- Somewhat favorable: 18%
- Somewhat unfavorable: 11%
- Very unfavorable: 13%
- Not sure: 49%

POLS012

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

- Economy: 42%
- Health care: 25%
- Education: 13%
- Infrastructure: 15%
- Other: 6%

POLS013

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

- Excellent: 2%
- Good: 22%
- Fair: 39%
- Poor: 34%
- Not sure: 3%

POLS014

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

- Excellent: 2%
- Good: 24%
- Fair: 50%
- Poor: 21%
- Not sure: 3%

POLS015

How would you rate the following...Public Schools in your community?

- Excellent: 8%
- Good: 32%
- Fair: 33%
- Poor: 25%
- Not sure: 3%

POLS016

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

- Excellent: 2%
- Good: 24%
- Fair: 41%
- Poor: 26%
- Not sure: 7%

POLS017

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

- Excellent: 8%
- Good: 34%
- Fair: 32%
- Poor: 24%
- Not sure: 2%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 473. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.81%.

POLS018

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

- Excellent: 12%
- Good: 35%
- Fair: 26%
- Poor: 21%
- Not sure: 6%

POLS019

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

- Excellent: 16%
- Good: 51%
- Fair: 23%
- Poor: 8%
- Not sure: 2%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 477. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 6.02%.

POLS020

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

- Excellent: 24%
- Good: 41%
- Fair: 25%
- Poor: 10%
- Not sure: 2%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 477. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 6.02%.

POLS021

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

- Excellent: 2%
- Good: 18%
- Fair: 40%
- Poor: 37%
- Not sure: 4%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 477. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is $\pm 6.02\%$.

POLS022

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: 60%
- Not sure: 10%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 473. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is $\pm 5.81\%$.

POLS023

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: 42%
- Disagree: 44%
- Not sure: 15%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 473. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is $\pm 5.81\%$.

POLS024

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements... The Missouri state government should prohibit abortions after 8 weeks of pregnancy?

- Agree: 56%
- Disagree: 33%
- Not sure: 11%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 477. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is $\pm 6.02\%$.

POLS025

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

- Agree: 52%
- Disagree: 29%
- Not sure: 18%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 477. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is $\pm 6.02\%$.

EDU003

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...Schools should be allowed to teach about how racism can exist in society and its institutions?

- Agree: 48%
- Disagree: 38%
- Not sure: 14%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 477. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is $\pm 6.02\%$.

EDU004

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...Schools should be allowed to teach Critical Race Theory?

- Agree: 37%
- Disagree: 51%
- Not sure: 12%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 473. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is $\pm 5.81\%$.

EDU005

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...Public charter schools should be allowed to operate in all parts of the state?

- Agree: 60%
- Disagree: 14%
- Not sure: 26%

POLS026

In 2020 Missouri voters voted to approve expanding Medicaid to thousands more low-income Missouri adults, but the State of Missouri has refused to fund the program. How strongly do you feel about Missouri funding Medicaid expansion?

- Strongly believe Missouri should fund Medicaid expansion: 41%
- Believe Missouri should fund Medicaid expansion: 21%
- Believe Missouri should not fund Medicaid expansion: 15%
- Strongly believe Missouri should not fund Medicaid expansion: 15%
- Not sure: 8%

POLS027

Recently, Governor Mike Parson signed into law a bill that invalidates federal gun control laws. The new law also prohibits Missouri's state and local officials from enforcing federal gun control laws, imposing \$50,000 fines for state and local officials who knowingly enforce federal gun control laws instead of this new state law. How do you feel about this Missouri state law?

- I strongly support this Missouri state law: 38%
- I support this Missouri state law: 14%
- I oppose this Missouri state law: 6%
- I strongly oppose this Missouri state law: 31%
- Not sure: 10%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 473. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.81%.

POLS028

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way each has handled the COVID-19 Pandemic...
President Joe Biden?**

- Strongly approve: 26%
- Approve: 22%
- Disapprove: 15%
- Strongly disapprove: 33%
- Not sure: 3%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 473. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.81%.

POLS029

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each has handled the COVID-19 Pandemic...

Governor Mike Parson?

- Strongly approve: 14%
- Approve: 39%
- Disapprove: 16%
- Strongly disapprove: 28%
- Not sure: 4%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 473. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.81%.

POLS030

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each has handled the COVID-19 Pandemic... Your local government leaders (i.e., Mayor and County Executives)?

- Strongly approve: 12%
- Approve: 44%
- Disapprove: 20%
- Strongly disapprove: 15%
- Not sure: 9%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 473. The margin of error for the full results for the above question is ± 5.81%.

PH001

How would you describe your personal situation regarding COVID-19 vaccines?

- I have received all the injections required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19: 60%
- I have started the vaccination process, but need another shot: 3%
- I plan to get vaccinated: 4%
- I will not get vaccinated: 24%
- I'm not sure about getting vaccinated: 10%

Please note that this survey is of likely Missouri voters and not all Missouri residents. As of July 29, 2021, approximately 51% of Missourians more than 18 years old completed their vaccination process, and 59% had received at least one dose.

EDU011

To increase spending on education, most states would require an increase in taxes. To fund increases in Missouri education spending (e.g., total spending, spending on increased teacher salaries, spending on early education), would you most support increases to...

- Property taxes: 13%
- Income Taxes: 16%
- Sales taxes: 26%
- I would not support tax increases: 45%

EDU012 – EDU018

What kindergarten through 12th grade schooling options have you used, either currently or previously, for any child who has lived in your household? Select all that apply.

- Traditional Public School: 60%
- Public Charter School: 3%
- Private School, religious: 15%
- Private School, not religious: 3%
- Homeschool: 8%
- Other: 0%
- I have not had children use kindergarten through 12th grade schooling options: 30%

EDU019

Missouri recently created a tax-credit scholarship program called the “Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program.” Private donations will fund kindergarten through 12th grade private school scholarships or other educational services, and donors will receive a tax credit of up to 50% of their state tax liability. Do you support this program?

- Strongly support: 18%
- Support: 35%
- Oppose: 10%
- Strongly oppose: 9%
- Not sure: 27%

EDU020

Should any types of students have priority in receiving a Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program tax-credit scholarship? Check all that apply.

- Students in low-income households: 53%
- Students with disabilities: 35%
- No students should get priority: 41%

EDU021

Indicate whether you support or oppose regulating the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program in the following ways...Participating private schools must accept any tax-funded scholarship to fully cover the costs of attendance.

- Strongly support: 22%
- Support: 37%
- Oppose: 9%
- Strongly oppose: 5%
- Not sure: 27%

EDU022

Indicate whether you support or oppose regulating the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program in the following ways... Participating private schools must follow all Missouri student testing and public reporting requirements.

- Strongly support: 35%
- Support: 38%
- Oppose: 7%
- Strongly oppose: 6%
- Not sure: 14%

EDU023

Indicate whether you support or oppose regulating the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program in the following ways...Participating private schools must waive admissions requirements for scholarship students.

- Strongly support: 14%
- Support: 23%
- Oppose: 23%
- Strongly oppose: 14%
- Not sure: 26%

EDU024

Indicate whether you support or oppose regulating the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program in the following ways... Participating religious private schools must allow students to opt out of religious activities.

- Strongly support: 24%
- Support: 20%
- Oppose: 20%
- Strongly oppose: 21%
- Not sure: 15%

EDU025

Indicate whether you support or oppose regulating the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program in the following ways...The tax-credit scholarship program being limited to students who live in areas with a population of 30,000 or more.

- Strongly support: 6%
- Support: 10%
- Oppose: 31%
- Strongly oppose: 24%
- Not sure: 29%