

Californians and Their Government

May 2026

Time Trends—All Respondents

Methodology Note:

Findings are based on a survey of 1,707 California adult residents, conducted online using the Ipsos KnowledgePanel. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish according to the respondents' preferences. The median time to complete the survey was 15.5 minutes. Interviewing took place from May 14—18, 2026.

The sampling error, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is ± 3.2 percent at the 95 percent confidence level for the total unweighted sample of 1,707. This means that 95 times out of 100, the results will be within 3.2 percentage points of what they would be if all adults in California were interviewed. The sampling error for unweighted subgroups is larger. Sampling error is only one type of error to which surveys are subject. Results may also be affected by factors such as question wording, question order, and survey timing.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this survey, please contact surveys@ppic.org

Note:

For questions related to the 2026 elections and the initiative process (Q22–Q34), please refer to the Public Time Trends—Likely Voters document.

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Q2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that Gavin Newsom is handling his job as governor of California?

	approve	disapprove	have not heard enough to have an opinion (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	50%	48%		1%	1687
Feb 2026	51%	47%		2%	1643
Dec 2025	54%	44%		2%	1665
Oct 2025	54%	45%		2%	1692
Jun 2025	44%	54%		2%	1575
Feb 2025	52%	47%		1%	1578
Oct 2024	44%	53%		3%	1635
Sep 2024	49%	48%		3%	1587
Jun 2024	44%	54%		2%	1671
Feb 2024	47%	50%		2%	1613
Dec 2023	52%	46%		2%	1645
Sep 2023	53%	45%		2%	1655
Jul 2023	58%	42%		0%	1722
Jun 2023	55%	43%		2%	1566
Feb 2023	58%	40%		2%	1535
Oct 2022	54%	33%		14%	1690
Sep 2022	52%	35%		13%	1692
May 2022	53%	35%		12%	1689
Mar 2022	56%	35%		9%	1666
Feb 2022	56%	34%		10%	1631
Sep 2021	53%	39%		8%	1692
May 2021	55%	35%		10%	1694
Mar 2021	54%	36%		10%	1694
Jan 2021	54%	36%		10%	1692
Oct 2020	58%	33%		9%	1690
Sep 2020	59%	30%		10%	1694
Jun 2020	65%	26%		9%	1693
Feb 2020	53%	33%		14%	1687
Jan 2020	51%	34%		15%	1683
Nov 2019	48%	33%		18%	1679
Sep 2019	44%	32%		24%	1683
Jul 2019	45%	31%		25%	1679
May 2019	45%	29%		26%	1691
Mar 2019	45%	26%	16%	13%	1699
Jan 2019	44%	23%	23%	10%	1684

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Q3. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way that the California Legislature is
 handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	45%	52%	3%	1690
Feb 2026	46%	51%	3%	1646
Dec 2025	51%	46%	3%	1665
Oct 2025	49%	47%	4%	1694
Jun 2025	41%	57%	2%	1579
Feb 2025	49%	49%	2%	1577
Oct 2024	42%	56%	3%	1636
Sep 2024	47%	50%	3%	1585
Jun 2024	40%	57%	3%	1671
Feb 2024	43%	54%	3%	1619
Dec 2023	45%	52%	3%	1651
Sep 2023	46%	52%	2%	1657
Jul 2023	52%	47%	0%	1722
Jun 2023	49%	49%	2%	1563
Feb 2023	49%	48%	3%	1534
Oct 2022	49%	37%	14%	1693
Sep 2022	49%	39%	12%	1691
May 2022	49%	38%	13%	1697
Mar 2022	49%	39%	12%	1655
Feb 2022	47%	39%	14%	1626
Sep 2021	50%	40%	10%	1692
May 2021	49%	36%	16%	1687
Mar 2021	52%	36%	12%	1693
Jan 2021	51%	35%	14%	1692
Oct 2020	51%	35%	14%	1688
Sep 2020	50%	36%	14%	1691
Jun 2020	56%	32%	13%	1695
Feb 2020	51%	37%	11%	1687
Jan 2020	47%	40%	14%	1683
Nov 2019	44%	41%	15%	1682
Sep 2019	43%	40%	17%	1691
Jul 2019	42%	41%	17%	1687
May 2019	39%	44%	17%	1701
Mar 2019	46%	37%	17%	1692
Jan 2019	49%	37%	14%	1689
Dec 2018	47%	39%	15%	1685
Nov 2018	46%	38%	16%	1694
Oct 2018	45%	37%	18%	1691
Sep 2018	46%	37%	17%	1690
Jul 2018	46%	38%	15%	1703
May 2018	44%	38%	18%	1692
Apr 2018	46%	40%	14%	1697

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Q3. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
the way that the California Legislature is
handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Mar 2018	46%	38%	16%	1690
Jan 2018	51%	33%	16%	1694
Dec 2017	49%	36%	15%	1697
Nov 2017	48%	36%	16%	1690
Sep 2017	49%	39%	12%	1726
Jul 2017	50%	34%	17%	1697
May 2017	46%	38%	15%	1691
Apr 2017	49%	36%	15%	1696
Mar 2017	51%	33%	16%	1685
Jan 2017	57%	30%	13%	1686
Dec 2016	49%	38%	13%	1697
Oct 2016	46%	33%	20%	1684
Sep 2016	47%	37%	16%	1690
Jul 2016	45%	40%	15%	1687
May 2016	43%	37%	20%	1690
Apr 2016	48%	38%	14%	1694
Mar 2016	44%	39%	18%	1692
Jan 2016	46%	39%	15%	1692
Dec 2015	41%	40%	19%	1678
Sep 2015	45%	38%	17%	1691
Jul 2015	39%	45%	16%	1688
Jun 2015	37%	43%	20%	1694
Apr 2015	42%	43%	15%	1695
Mar 2015	45%	39%	16%	1693
Jan 2015	49%	36%	15%	1689
Dec 2014	41%	42%	17%	1681
Oct 2014	41%	42%	17%	1686
Sep 2014	37%	42%	20%	1673
Jul 2014	38%	46%	16%	1683
May 2014	40%	44%	16%	1684
Apr 2014	40%	44%	17%	1693
Mar 2014	36%	45%	19%	1685
Jan 2014	42%	44%	14%	1698
Dec 2013	38%	43%	19%	1688
Sep 2013	38%	45%	17%	1693
Jul 2013	36%	45%	19%	2096
May 2013	35%	50%	16%	1697
Apr 2013	31%	53%	15%	1699
Mar 2013	34%	49%	17%	1689
Jan 2013	41%	42%	17%	1700
Dec 2012	34%	51%	15%	1992
Oct 2012	28%	55%	17%	1995
Sep 2012	30%	53%	17%	1989

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Q3. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
the way that the California Legislature is
handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Aug 2012	29%	54%	17%	2480
May 2012	25%	57%	18%	1990
Apr 2012	25%	58%	16%	1992
Mar 2012	25%	54%	21%	1989
Jan 2012	28%	56%	16%	1988
Dec 2011	25%	55%	20%	1987
Nov 2011	25%	55%	19%	2490
Sep 2011	26%	56%	18%	1998
Jul 2011	23%	59%	18%	2496
Jun 2011	23%	58%	19%	1998
Apr 2011	21%	60%	19%	2487
Mar 2011	24%	54%	21%	1982
Feb 2011	24%	52%	24%	2483
Jan 2011	26%	55%	19%	1990
Nov 2010	14%	72%	14%	2486
Oct 2010	16%	77%	7%	1989
Sep 2010	16%	75%	9%	1990
Jul 2010	15%	68%	17%	2487
May 2010	16%	72%	12%	1993
Apr 2010	16%	69%	14%	2493
Mar 2010	14%	72%	14%	1996
Jan 2010	18%	71%	11%	1989
Dec 2009	17%	70%	13%	2000
Nov 2009	18%	68%	15%	2491
Sep 2009	21%	68%	11%	1998
Jul 2009	17%	71%	11%	2484
May 2009	21%	65%	14%	1994
Apr 2009	23%	63%	14%	2493
Mar 2009	18%	68%	14%	1995
Feb 2009	21%	65%	14%	2494
Jan 2009	21%	67%	12%	1994
Nov 2008	24%	60%	16%	2482
Oct 2008	25%	63%	12%	1996
Sep 2008	21%	67%	11%	1990
Aug 2008	26%	63%	11%	1991
May 2008	26%	57%	17%	1991
Apr 2008	26%	58%	16%	2495
Mar 2008	30%	55%	15%	1988
Jan 2008	34%	53%	13%	1988
Dec 2007	41%	47%	12%	1992
Oct 2007	33%	50%	17%	2490
Sep 2007	34%	51%	15%	1988
Jun 2007	39%	40%	21%	1987

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Q3. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
the way that the California Legislature is
handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2007	37%	44%	19%	1994
Apr 2007	38%	44%	18%	2483
Mar 2007	41%	42%	17%	1989
Jan 2007	40%	44%	15%	2006
Oct 2006	30%	52%	18%	1993
Sep 2006	34%	50%	16%	1994
Aug 2006	31%	53%	16%	1995
May 2006	26%	54%	20%	1988
Mar 2006	25%	59%	16%	1988
Jan 2006	29%	57%	14%	2000
Jan 2006	24%	54%	22%	2481
Oct 2005	25%	56%	19%	1993
Sep 2005	32%	53%	15%	1992
Aug 2005	27%	56%	17%	1993
May 2005	26%	58%	16%	1992
Jan 2005	37%	50%	13%	1993
Oct 2004	43%	41%	16%	2005
Sep 2004	40%	46%	14%	1988
Aug 2004	42%	45%	13%	1990
Jun 2004	40%	44%	16%	2498
May 2004	40%	43%	17%	1986
Jan 2004	36%	45%	19%	1981
Aug 2003	28%	58%	14%	1979
Jun 2003	39%	44%	17%	1976
Feb 2003	36%	45%	19%	1967
Sep 2002	45%	36%	18%	1967
Jan 2002	49%	35%	16%	1942
Dec 2001	53%	29%	18%	1952
Jul 2001	45%	38%	18%	1966
Jan 2001	58%	27%	15%	1960
Sep 2000	56%	31%	12%	1980

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Q4. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job that the state legislators representing your assembly and senate districts are doing at this time?

	approve	disapprove	mixed (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	44%	52%		4%	1692
Dec 2025	51%	45%		4%	1666
Jun 2025	43%	54%		3%	1578
Oct 2024	42%	54%		4%	1639
Jun 2024	41%	56%		4%	1674
Jun 2023	50%	48%		2%	1565
Sep 2022	48%	38%		13%	1690
Mar 2022	54%	37%		13%	1662
Mar 2021	53%	34%		13%	1697
Sep 2020	52%	34%		14%	1692
Feb 2020	53%	34%		13%	1691
Sep 2019	46%	35%		19%	1678
Mar 2019	51%	33%		17%	1691
Sep 2018	47%	33%		20%	1691
Mar 2018	49%	37%		14%	1701
Mar 2017	53%	32%		16%	1686
Sep 2016	52%	32%		15%	1691
Jan 2016	49%	35%		16%	1693
Sep 2015	47%	33%		20%	1696
Jan 2015	53%	31%		16%	1693
Oct 2014	43%	39%		18%	1691
May 2014	43%	40%		17%	1692
Jan 2014	48%	37%		15%	1695
Sep 2013	42%	39%		19%	1692
May 2013	43%	40%		17%	1698
Jan 2013	45%	34%		20%	1700
Sep 2012	36%	42%		21%	1987
Jan 2012	36%	47%		17%	1991
Sep 2011	35%	48%		17%	1991
Mar 2011	36%	43%		22%	1985
Sep 2010	31%	56%		13%	1995
Mar 2010	27%	53%		20%	1987
Dec 2009	30%	53%		18%	1996
Sep 2009	34%	53%		14%	1995
Mar 2009	32%	48%		20%	1994
Sep 2008	34%	50%		16%	1991
Mar 2008	42%	40%		18%	1988
Dec 2007	51%	36%		13%	1994
Sep 2007	41%	40%		19%	1993
Mar 2007	47%	35%		18%	1992
Sep 2006	45%	36%		18%	1998
May 2006	39%	42%	3%	17%	1995

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Q4. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job that the
 state legislators representing your assembly and senate districts
 are doing at this time?

	approve	disapprove	mixed (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Oct 2005	38%	39%	5%	18%	1996
Aug 2005	38%	40%	5%	17%	1994
May 2005	47%	35%	3%	15%	998
Oct 2004	49%	31%		20%	1999
Dec 2001	61%	23%		16%	1965

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Q5. Do you think things in California are
 generally going in the right direction or the
 wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	42%	57%	1%	1697
Feb 2026	44%	54%	2%	1649
Dec 2025	48%	51%	1%	1669
Nov 2025	48%	51%	2%	2286
Oct 2025	47%	51%	1%	1692
Jun 2025	39%	60%	1%	1579
Feb 2025	45%	54%	1%	1581
Dec 2024	44%	56%	1%	2332
Oct 2024	38%	60%	2%	1642
Sep 2024	43%	55%	2%	1590
Jun 2024	36%	62%	2%	1669
Feb 2024	41%	57%	2%	1621
Dec 2023	41%	58%	1%	1650
Nov 2023	41%	57%	2%	2241
Sep 2023	44%	55%	1%	1660
Jun 2023	45%	54%	1%	1567
Feb 2023	49%	49%	2%	1537
Oct 2022	47%	48%	5%	1689
Sep 2022	50%	44%	6%	1696
May 2022	45%	50%	6%	1693
Feb 2022	50%	45%	5%	1632
Sep 2021	47%	43%	10%	1686
May 2021	56%	38%	6%	1696
Jan 2021	51%	44%	6%	1698
Oct 2020	55%	39%	5%	1690
Sep 2020	51%	45%	4%	1688
Jun 2020	58%	37%	5%	1691
Jan 2020	50%	46%	4%	1695
Sep 2019	46%	48%	6%	1696
Jan 2019	55%	40%	5%	1699
Dec 2018	54%	41%	5%	1688
Sep 2018	51%	43%	6%	1694
Jan 2018	57%	38%	6%	1700
Dec 2017	53%	41%	6%	1695
Sep 2017	54%	42%	5%	1732
Mar 2017	55%	39%	6%	1699
Jan 2017	58%	35%	7%	1695
Oct 2016	54%	39%	7%	1699
Sep 2016	52%	42%	6%	1697
May 2016	51%	43%	6%	1697
Mar 2016	50%	43%	8%	1700
Jan 2016	54%	41%	5%	1696

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Q5. Do you think things in California are
 generally going in the right direction or the
 wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Dec 2015	51%	43%	6%	1690
Sep 2015	48%	46%	6%	1701
Jun 2015	45%	46%	8%	1694
Mar 2015	50%	41%	8%	1691
Jan 2015	57%	36%	8%	1699
Dec 2014	50%	42%	8%	1699
Oct 2014	47%	46%	7%	1690
Sep 2014	43%	48%	8%	1685
May 2014	45%	48%	7%	1693
Mar 2014	45%	48%	7%	1693
Jan 2014	53%	41%	6%	1697
Dec 2013	45%	46%	8%	1694
Sep 2013	43%	48%	9%	1697
Jun 2013	45%	42%	13%	2463
May 2013	46%	48%	7%	1692
Mar 2013	44%	48%	8%	1697
Jan 2013	51%	40%	9%	1701
Dec 2012	44%	50%	6%	1984
Oct 2012	39%	53%	8%	1998
Sep 2012	33%	60%	7%	1991
May 2012	30%	63%	7%	1990
Mar 2012	34%	56%	10%	1987
Jan 2012	37%	57%	6%	1988
Dec 2011	30%	61%	9%	1993
Sep 2011	30%	61%	8%	1993
Jun 2011	28%	60%	12%	2483
Jun 2011	29%	61%	10%	1993
Mar 2011	31%	59%	11%	1985
Feb 2011	34%	55%	12%	2486
Jan 2011	38%	54%	8%	1992
Oct 2010	16%	73%	12%	1977
Sep 2010	20%	69%	11%	1981
Jul 2010	15%	79%	6%	2489
May 2010	18%	77%	6%	1996
Mar 2010	19%	76%	4%	1997
Jan 2010	19%	74%	7%	1993
Dec 2009	19%	75%	6%	1999
Nov 2009	17%	76%	7%	2488
Sep 2009	22%	72%	6%	2001
Jul 2009	14%	79%	6%	2493
Jun 2009	19%	70%	11%	2490
May 2009	24%	68%	8%	1997
Mar 2009	22%	71%	7%	1995

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Q5. Do you think things in California are
 generally going in the right direction or the
 wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2009	18%	75%	7%	2494
Jan 2009	18%	75%	7%	1993
Nov 2008	23%	66%	11%	2493
Oct 2008	20%	71%	10%	1987
Sep 2008	21%	68%	11%	1999
Aug 2008	23%	68%	9%	1990
Jun 2008	22%	69%	9%	2484
May 2008	24%	65%	11%	1986
Mar 2008	26%	63%	11%	1992
Jan 2008	36%	54%	10%	1989
Dec 2007	36%	52%	11%	1991
Sep 2007	41%	50%	9%	1983
Jun 2007	44%	46%	10%	1981
May 2007	46%	46%	8%	1986
Mar 2007	45%	47%	9%	1986
Jan 2007	55%	37%	8%	2003
Oct 2006	44%	46%	10%	1991
Sep 2006	45%	45%	10%	1996
Aug 2006	42%	47%	11%	1993
Jul 2006	42%	47%	11%	2489
May 2006	35%	57%	8%	1997
Mar 2006	35%	56%	9%	1994
Feb 2006	32%	58%	10%	1990
Jan 2006	37%	56%	7%	1995
Jan 2006	29%	60%	11%	2492
Oct 2005	30%	60%	10%	1987
Sep 2005	31%	60%	9%	1991
Aug 2005	34%	57%	9%	1995
Jul 2005	38%	51%	12%	2488
May 2005	35%	57%	8%	1993
Apr 2005	35%	53%	11%	2491
Jan 2005	46%	41%	13%	1994
Oct 2004	44%	44%	11%	2003
Sep 2004	47%	40%	13%	1990
Aug 2004	44%	42%	13%	1985
Jul 2004	43%	43%	14%	2491
Jun 2004	44%	44%	13%	2484
May 2004	43%	44%	14%	1991
Feb 2004	35%	51%	14%	1970
Jan 2004	43%	40%	17%	1975
Nov 2003	32%	52%	15%	1984
Oct 2003	22%	67%	11%	1979
Sep 2003	24%	67%	9%	1971

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Q5. Do you think things in California are
 generally going in the right direction or the
 wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Aug 2003	22%	66%	12%	1979
Jul 2003	31%	57%	12%	1978
Jun 2003	30%	57%	13%	1978
Feb 2003	28%	60%	11%	1967
Nov 2002	49%	41%	10%	1966
Oct 2002	46%	45%	10%	1960
Sep 2002	54%	37%	9%	1971
Aug 2002	44%	48%	9%	1971
Feb 2002	56%	36%	9%	2016
Jan 2002	59%	32%	9%	1942
Dec 2001	58%	33%	9%	1966
Nov 2001	60%	29%	11%	1966
Jul 2001	44%	47%	9%	1986
May 2001	44%	48%	8%	1981
Jan 2001	62%	29%	9%	1973
Oct 2000	59%	32%	9%	1978
Aug 2000	62%	30%	8%	1972
Feb 2000	65%	27%	8%	2021
Jan 2000	66%	26%	8%	1979
Dec 1999	62%	31%	7%	1985
Sep 1999	61%	34%	5%	1988
Jan 1999	63%	28%	9%	1964
Oct 1998	62%	30%	8%	1992
Sep 1998	57%	34%	8%	1995
May 1998	56%	34%	9%	1983
Apr 1998	55%	36%	9%	1972

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Q6. Turning to economic conditions in California, do you think that during the next 12 months we will have good times financially or bad times?

	good times	bad times	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	22%	76%	2%	1702
Feb 2026	27%	71%	2%	1652
Dec 2025	26%	71%	3%	1669
Nov 2025	30%	68%	2%	2288
Oct 2025	24%	75%	2%	1697
Jun 2025	24%	75%	1%	1578
Feb 2025	30%	69%	1%	1583
Dec 2024	42%	56%	2%	2336
Oct 2024	35%	62%	2%	1643
Sep 2024	36%	61%	2%	1596
Jun 2024	30%	68%	2%	1675
Feb 2024	36%	62%	2%	1622
Dec 2023	33%	65%	2%	1657
Nov 2023	33%	64%	3%	2242
Sep 2023	32%	66%	2%	1666
Jun 2023	30%	69%	2%	1571
Feb 2023	32%	66%	2%	1538
Nov 2022	30%	69%	1%	2300
Jul 2022	31%	68%	1%	1646
Apr 2022	40%	57%	4%	1584
Nov 2021	47%	52%	1%	2288
Jul 2021	54%	44%	1%	1564
Apr 2021	54%	44%	2%	1597
Dec 2020	31%	68%	1%	2321
Jul 2020	19%	80%	1%	1558
Apr 2020	19%	79%	1%	1631
Jan 2020	49%	43%	8%	1694
Sep 2019	41%	50%	10%	1694
May 2019	44%	47%	9%	1702
Jan 2019	49%	42%	9%	1697
Dec 2018	46%	45%	9%	1687
Oct 2018	48%	39%	12%	1693
Sep 2018	53%	37%	10%	1689
May 2018	51%	39%	10%	1694
Jan 2018	56%	35%	10%	1695
Sep 2017	51%	40%	9%	1728
Mar 2017	51%	40%	9%	1696
Jan 2017	53%	35%	12%	1691
Oct 2016	47%	38%	15%	1696
Sep 2016	48%	40%	12%	1693
May 2016	50%	39%	11%	1691

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Q6. Turning to economic conditions in California, do you think that during the next 12 months we will have good times financially or bad times?

	good times	bad times	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Mar 2016	51%	40%	9%	1695
Jan 2016	49%	43%	8%	1693
Dec 2015	48%	41%	11%	1689
Sep 2015	48%	42%	9%	1700
Jun 2015	48%	42%	10%	1695
Mar 2015	52%	38%	10%	1686
Jan 2015	58%	34%	8%	1691
Dec 2014	52%	39%	9%	1684
Oct 2014	45%	44%	11%	1694
Sep 2014	44%	45%	10%	1687
May 2014	44%	47%	9%	1689
Mar 2014	46%	45%	10%	1693
Jan 2014	49%	45%	6%	1692
Dec 2013	43%	48%	9%	1692
Sep 2013	46%	44%	10%	1694
Jun 2013	46%	42%	12%	2468
May 2013	48%	44%	8%	1685
Mar 2013	44%	49%	8%	1691
Jan 2013	49%	40%	11%	1695
Dec 2012	41%	50%	9%	1987
Oct 2012	37%	53%	11%	1995
Sep 2012	33%	57%	10%	1983
May 2012	31%	61%	8%	1986
Mar 2012	34%	56%	10%	1994
Jan 2012	35%	56%	9%	1988
Dec 2011	31%	60%	9%	1986
Sep 2011	25%	67%	8%	1993
Jun 2011	26%	63%	11%	2479
Jun 2011	34%	58%	8%	1995
Mar 2011	30%	61%	8%	1987
Feb 2011	34%	54%	11%	2481
Jan 2011	36%	56%	7%	1989
Oct 2010	25%	62%	13%	1971
Sep 2010	29%	59%	12%	1984
Jul 2010	25%	67%	7%	2487
May 2010	28%	65%	8%	1990
Mar 2010	27%	65%	8%	1991
Jan 2010	25%	67%	8%	1990
Dec 2009	28%	66%	6%	1995
Nov 2009	23%	69%	8%	2487
Sep 2009	26%	67%	7%	1996
Jul 2009	18%	75%	7%	2493
Jun 2009	24%	69%	7%	2498

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Q6. Turning to economic conditions in California, do you think that during the next 12 months we will have good times financially or bad times?

	good times	bad times	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2009	25%	67%	8%	1998
Mar 2009	22%	71%	6%	1999
Feb 2009	22%	73%	6%	2496
Jan 2009	18%	77%	5%	1998
Nov 2008	20%	71%	10%	2489
Oct 2008	18%	74%	8%	1995
Sep 2008	20%	68%	11%	1996
Aug 2008	21%	71%	8%	1995
Jul 2008	15%	78%	6%	2498
Jun 2008	15%	78%	7%	2495
May 2008	17%	73%	10%	1988
Mar 2008	16%	76%	9%	1998
Jan 2008	20%	72%	9%	1991
Dec 2007	25%	65%	10%	1993
Sep 2007	33%	59%	8%	1992
Jun 2007	40%	49%	10%	1987
May 2007	38%	50%	12%	1990
Mar 2007	40%	51%	9%	1989
Jan 2007	50%	39%	11%	2009
Oct 2006	50%	37%	13%	1994
Sep 2006	45%	43%	12%	1999
Aug 2006	43%	46%	12%	1993
Jul 2006	39%	46%	15%	2494
May 2006	37%	52%	12%	1994
Mar 2006	45%	43%	12%	1989
Feb 2006	42%	45%	13%	1995
Jan 2006	48%	42%	11%	1997
Jan 2006	41%	46%	13%	2487
Oct 2005	34%	56%	10%	1990
Sep 2005	32%	58%	10%	1993
Aug 2005	38%	51%	11%	1994
Jul 2005	42%	43%	15%	2489
May 2005	39%	49%	12%	1990
Apr 2005	38%	51%	11%	2492
Jan 2005	47%	39%	13%	1992
Oct 2004	42%	43%	14%	2007
Sep 2004	46%	40%	14%	1990
Aug 2004	45%	40%	15%	1989
Jul 2004	48%	40%	12%	2488
Jun 2004	41%	46%	13%	2479
May 2004	42%	44%	14%	1991
Feb 2004	43%	44%	13%	1974
Jan 2004	49%	36%	15%	1983

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Q6. Turning to economic conditions in California, do you think that during the next 12 months we will have good times financially or bad times?

	good times	bad times	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2003	39%	47%	14%	1985
Oct 2003	36%	43%	22%	1965
Sep 2003	32%	50%	18%	1959
Aug 2003	30%	53%	17%	1967
Jul 2003	34%	55%	10%	1977
Jun 2003	32%	58%	10%	1972
Feb 2003	20%	71%	10%	1978
Nov 2002	44%	46%	10%	1964
Oct 2002	38%	51%	12%	1960
Sep 2002	43%	46%	10%	1976
Aug 2002	39%	51%	10%	1976
Feb 2002	46%	47%	7%	2021
Jan 2002	48%	46%	6%	1950
Dec 2001	37%	56%	7%	1969
Nov 2001	33%	59%	9%	1970
Jul 2001	41%	50%	9%	1983
May 2001	38%	56%	6%	1984
Jan 2001	51%	38%	11%	1975
Aug 2000	72%	21%	7%	1970
Feb 2000	78%	15%	7%	2028
Dec 1999	76%	19%	6%	1992
Sep 1999	72%	23%	5%	1997

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Q7. Now thinking about your own personal finances, would you say that you and your family are financially better off, worse off, or just about the same as you were a year ago?

	better off	worse off	about the same	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	13%	35%	51%	0%	1699
Nov 2025	17%	28%	55%	0%	2296
Jun 2025	13%	33%	54%	0%	1585
Dec 2024	19%	29%	52%	0%	2341
Jun 2024	16%	36%	47%	0%	1677
Nov 2023	16%	29%	55%	0%	2248
Jun 2023	14%	33%	53%	0%	1576
Nov 2022	16%	29%	54%	0%	2302
Oct 2022	17%	39%	43%	1%	1708
May 2022	15%	37%	48%	1%	1698
Nov 2021	20%	18%	62%	0%	2287
May 2021	20%	24%	56%	1%	1694
Dec 2020	16%	24%	59%	0%	2321
Jun 2020	16%	29%	54%	0%	1692
Nov 2019	23%	22%	54%	1%	1706
Dec 2013	22%	24%	54%	1%	1697
Dec 2011	15%	35%	49%	1%	1998
Dec 2009	9%	53%	36%	1%	2000
Sep 2002	30%	23%	45%	1%	1976
Dec 2001	21%	25%	53%	1%	1971
Jan 2001	38%	14%	48%	0%	1978
Sep 2000	42%	10%	47%	0%	1993
Sep 1999	36%	12%	52%	0%	2001
Jan 1999	31%	14%	55%	1%	1971
Oct 1998	35%	11%	53%	1%	2003
Sep 1998	33%	12%	54%	1%	1998
May 1998	36%	13%	50%	0%	2002
Apr 1998	37%	12%	51%	0%	1982

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Q8/Q8a. Have recent price increases caused any financial hardships for you or others in your household, or not? [IF Yes, ASK: Has that been a serious hardship, or not?] (comb)

	Yes, serious hardship	Yes, not serious hardship	Yes, don't know	No, have not caused hardship	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	19%	31%	4%	46%	0%	1702
Jun 2025	16%	31%	4%	49%	0%	1585
Jun 2023	23%	34%	1%	42%	1%	1571
Feb 2023	30%	30%	1%	39%	0%	1536
Sep 2022	38%	33%		29%	1%	1702
May 2022	36%	31%		32%	1%	1699
Mar 2022	35%	32%		33%	0%	1670

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Q11. Do you think the state budget situation in California—that is, the balance between government spending and revenues—is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem for the people of California today?

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not a problem	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	41%	48%	9%	2%	1702
Feb 2026	43%	48%	7%	2%	1652
Jun 2025	43%	49%	7%	1%	1584
Feb 2025	38%	53%	7%	2%	1583
Jun 2024	42%	49%	7%	2%	1673
Feb 2024	40%	48%	10%	2%	1617
Jun 2023	36%	52%	10%	2%	1571
Feb 2023	34%	51%	13%	2%	1533
May 2022	35%	38%	18%	8%	1695
Feb 2022	39%	36%	19%	7%	1633
May 2021	36%	37%	19%	7%	1696
Jan 2021	38%	41%	12%	9%	1702
Jun 2020	46%	38%	10%	6%	1698
Jan 2020	42%	37%	14%	6%	1705
May 2019	45%	36%	12%	7%	1700
Jan 2019	40%	38%	18%	4%	1701
Jan 2018	43%	35%	15%	7%	1701
May 2017	43%	37%	13%	7%	1702
Jan 2017	37%	45%	13%	5%	1698
May 2016	44%	37%	13%	6%	1702
Mar 2016	48%	36%	11%	5%	1705
Jan 2016	42%	40%	14%	5%	1697
Dec 2015	45%	36%	11%	8%	1697
Jun 2015	47%	36%	12%	5%	1702
Mar 2015	45%	36%	11%	8%	1699
Jan 2015	46%	39%	11%	4%	1703
Dec 2014	51%	39%	8%	3%	1695
Oct 2014	54%	33%	7%	6%	1698
Sep 2014	55%	32%	7%	6%	1695
May 2014	52%	38%	5%	4%	1698
Jan 2014	50%	40%	7%	3%	1704
Sep 2013	58%	33%	5%	4%	1700
May 2013	61%	30%	6%	2%	1703
Mar 2013	65%	27%	5%	2%	1701
Jan 2013	63%	28%	6%	3%	1703
Dec 2012	68%	26%	4%	2%	1997
Oct 2012	70%	25%	2%	2%	2005
Sep 2012	69%	24%	2%	4%	1998
May 2012	69%	23%	3%	5%	2002
Apr 2012	71%	22%	3%	3%	2004
Mar 2012	67%	24%	5%	4%	2000

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Q11. Do you think the state budget situation in California—that is, the balance between government spending and revenues—is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem for the people of California today?

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not a problem	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jan 2012	64%	30%	4%	2%	2001
Dec 2011	69%	24%	3%	4%	2001
Sep 2011	68%	27%	2%	3%	1999
Jun 2011	70%	24%	4%	2%	2004
Mar 2011	68%	24%	4%	3%	1999
Jan 2011	68%	26%	3%	3%	2002
Sep 2010	80%	17%	2%	2%	2002
May 2010	81%	15%	1%	3%	2001
Mar 2010	77%	19%	2%	2%	2001
Jan 2010	75%	21%	2%	2%	2000
Dec 2009	78%	18%	2%	2%	1999
Sep 2009	78%	18%	2%	2%	2002
May 2009	74%	22%	2%	3%	2004
Mar 2009	75%	20%	2%	3%	2001
Jan 2009	75%	20%	2%	2%	2000
Oct 2008	74%	22%	2%	2%	2003
Sep 2008	78%	19%	1%	2%	2001
Aug 2008	73%	21%	4%	2%	1999
May 2008	67%	27%	4%	3%	2000
Mar 2008	68%	26%	3%	4%	1998
Jan 2008	64%	30%	3%	3%	1997
May 2007	44%	43%	6%	6%	1996
Jan 2007	45%	42%	7%	6%	2011
May 2006	58%	31%	5%	6%	1998
Jan 2006	61%	30%	4%	4%	2002

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Q12. Listed below are some of the largest areas for General Fund state spending.
 Please select the one that represents the most spending in the state budget:
 [ROTATE] [1] TK-12 public education, [2] higher education, [3] health and human
 services, [OR] [4] prisons and corrections?

	TK-12 public education	higher education	health and human services	prisons and corrections	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	19%	5%	47%	26%	3%	1699
Feb 2023	18%	6%	42%	31%	3%	1534
Jan 2019	16%	10%	35%	33%	5%	1692
Jan 2017	16%	12%	28%	39%	5%	1698
Jan 2016	15%	10%	28%	42%	5%	1697
Jan 2015	15%	7%	29%	42%	6%	1703
Jan 2014	17%	9%	30%	38%	6%	1706
Jan 2012	16%	5%	27%	47%	5%	1996
Jan 2011	16%	6%	27%	45%	6%	2001
Jan 2010	16%	5%	24%	49%	6%	1995
May 2008	20%	7%	27%	37%	9%	1998
May 2007	30%	10%	28%	23%	9%	1999
May 2005	29%	8%	25%	28%	10%	1997

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Q13. Listed below are some of the largest areas for General Fund state revenues.
 Please select the one that represents the most revenue for the state budget:
 [ROTATE] [1] personal income tax, [2] sales tax, [3] corporate tax, [OR] [4] motor
 vehicle fees?

	personal income tax	sales tax	corporate tax	motor vehicle fees	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	44%	27%	18%	9%	3%	1699
Feb 2023	43%	30%	15%	10%	3%	1535
Jan 2019	33%	23%	22%	17%	5%	1698
Jan 2015	33%	26%	21%	14%	6%	1700
Jan 2014	26%	30%	17%	18%	9%	1705
Jan 2012	29%	28%	18%	19%	6%	1999
Jan 2011	29%	29%	16%	20%	5%	2001
Jan 2010	28%	30%	18%	17%	7%	1994
May 2008	32%	28%	23%	8%	8%	1997
May 2007	31%	26%	20%	12%	9%	1996
May 2005	32%	27%	16%	15%	10%	2000

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Q14. Thinking about these four areas of state spending, I'd like you to name the one you think should have the highest priority when it comes to state government spending:

	TK-12 public education	higher education	health and human services	prisons and correction	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	39%	6%	46%	6%	1%	1697
Feb 2026	37%	6%	49%	7%	1%	1651
Jun 2025	39%	7%	46%	7%	1%	1578
Feb 2025	40%	6%	46%	7%	1%	1578
Jun 2024	40%	8%	43%	7%	1%	1666
Feb 2024	38%	8%	45%	7%	1%	1615
Feb 2023	43%	7%	42%	7%	2%	1534
Mar 2022	37%	10%	43%	7%	3%	1654
Mar 2021	39%	12%	40%	6%	3%	1689
Jan 2020	39%	13%	39%	6%	2%	1670
Jan 2019	46%	16%	32%	4%	3%	1682
Jan 2017	44%	19%	30%	4%	2%	1690
Jan 2016	49%	20%	26%	3%	2%	1690
Jan 2015	53%	20%	18%	6%	2%	1694

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Q15. In general, which of the following statements do you agree with more—[ROTATE] [1] I'd rather pay higher taxes and have a state government that provides more services, [OR] [2] I'd rather pay lower taxes and have a state government that provides fewer services?

	higher taxes and more services	lower taxes and fewer services	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	43%	55%	2%	1689
Feb 2026	44%	55%	1%	1639
Jun 2025	44%	55%	2%	1570
Feb 2025	47%	51%	2%	1571
Jun 2024	42%	56%	3%	1659
Feb 2024	48%	49%	3%	1607
Feb 2023	45%	52%	2%	1528
Mar 2022	51%	44%	5%	1642
Mar 2021	52%	44%	4%	1672
Jan 2020	53%	43%	4%	1673
Dec 2018	51%	45%	5%	1660
Sep 2018	50%	44%	6%	1666
Jan 2017	52%	43%	5%	1678
Dec 2015	48%	45%	7%	1665
Dec 2014	50%	44%	6%	1660
Sep 2014	47%	46%	6%	1666
Jan 2014	51%	44%	5%	1666
May 2013	48%	44%	8%	1653
Dec 2012	55%	40%	6%	1953
May 2012	58%	37%	5%	1965
Jan 2012	51%	41%	8%	1971
Jan 2011	49%	46%	4%	1965
Mar 2010	46%	45%	9%	1958
Sep 2009	51%	39%	10%	1951
May 2009	48%	43%	9%	1973
Jan 2009	51%	42%	7%	1979
May 2008	49%	43%	8%	1964
Jan 2008	46%	45%	9%	1955
May 2007	52%	39%	9%	1946
Jan 2007	53%	40%	8%	1977
May 2006	55%	38%	7%	1984
Jan 2006	61%	31%	8%	1978
May 2005	46%	46%	8%	1974
Jan 2005	49%	44%	7%	1973
May 2004	51%	42%	8%	1976
Jan 2004	43%	48%	9%	1957
Sep 2003	43%	47%	10%	1941
Jun 2003	49%	45%	6%	1952
Feb 2003	49%	45%	6%	1940

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Q17. California voters passed Proposition 98 in 1988, which established a minimum level of spending each year for K-14 (kindergarten through community college) public schools. How important is it to you that California's public schools are guaranteed a minimum level of funding each year? Is it...

	very important	somewhat important	not too important	not at all important	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	51%	33%	10%	5%	1%	1700
Apr 2009	68%	23%	3%	4%	2%	2492

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Q18. Recent federal legislation, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, reduces funding for programs many Californians rely on...Do you favor or oppose the state using its own funds to help offset the federal cuts to health and social service programs?

	favor	oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	55%	42%	3%	1696
Feb 2026	55%	43%	2%	1648

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Q19. Tax and fee increases could be used to help reduce the state's large gap between spending and revenues. Do you favor or oppose raising state taxes paid by the some of the largest corporations?

	favor	oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	57%	41%	2%	1698
Jun 2024	70%	29%	1%	1670
Jun 2023	47%	51%	2%	1570
Mar 2014	51%	43%	6%	1690
Jan 2013	54%	41%	6%	1703
Oct 2012	59%	35%	5%	2001
Sep 2012	60%	35%	5%	1996
Jan 2012	68%	30%	2%	1994
Jan 2011	60%	36%	4%	1998
Sep 2010	44%	48%	8%	1994
May 2010	58%	39%	4%	1996
Jan 2009	60%	36%	4%	2001
May 2008	63%	32%	5%	1996
May 2007	59%	36%	5%	1993
May 2005	60%	35%	5%	1994

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Q36. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way that Donald Trump is handling his job
 as president?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	24%	75%	1%	1691
Feb 2026	25%	74%	1%	1637
Dec 2025	25%	74%	1%	1657
Oct 2025	26%	73%	1%	1693
Jun 2025	29%	70%	1%	1572
Feb 2025	30%	69%	1%	1568
Oct 2020	35%	63%	2%	1689
Sep 2020	31%	66%	3%	1688
Jun 2020	35%	62%	3%	1682
Feb 2020	35%	63%	2%	1685
Jan 2020	31%	66%	3%	1690
Nov 2019	33%	63%	4%	1689
Sep 2019	30%	66%	4%	1680
Jul 2019	32%	62%	5%	1692
May 2019	34%	61%	4%	1696
Mar 2019	29%	67%	4%	1691
Jan 2019	30%	67%	3%	1688
Dec 2018	32%	63%	5%	1678
Oct 2018	29%	64%	7%	1685
Sep 2018	30%	66%	5%	1689
Jul 2018	29%	66%	5%	1689
May 2018	30%	63%	7%	1682
Mar 2018	30%	65%	5%	1688
Jan 2018	26%	71%	3%	1695
Dec 2017	28%	68%	5%	1687
Sep 2017	27%	69%	4%	1721
Jul 2017	25%	71%	4%	1696
May 2017	27%	67%	6%	1690
Mar 2017	31%	61%	7%	1685
Jan 2017	30%	58%	12%	1678

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Q37. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Alex Padilla is handling his job as US Senator?

	approve	disapprove	have not heard enough to have an opinion (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	42%	52%		6%	1693
Oct 2025	47%	47%		6%	1689
Jun 2025	41%	52%		7%	1571
Sep 2024	49%	43%		8%	1587
Dec 2023	47%	45%		7%	1654
Jun 2023	48%	45%		7%	1562
Oct 2022	46%	26%		29%	1682
Mar 2022	44%	26%		30%	1660
Mar 2021	44%	19%	23%	13%	1692

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Q38. Overall, do you approve or disapprove
 of the way Adam Schiff is handling his job as
 US Senator?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	37%	58%	5%	1696
Oct 2025	38%	56%	6%	1693
Jun 2025	37%	56%	7%	1575

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Q39. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way your own representative to the US
 House of Representatives in Congress is
 handling his or her job?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	42%	53%	5%	1688
Dec 2025	34%	62%	3%	1652
Jun 2025	40%	55%	5%	1576
Oct 2024	39%	57%	4%	1632
Jun 2024	36%	61%	3%	1665
Jun 2023	47%	47%	6%	1561
Sep 2022	54%	35%	11%	1683
Mar 2022	55%	35%	10%	1660
Mar 2021	55%	31%	13%	1699
Sep 2020	55%	30%	15%	1688
Feb 2020	55%	32%	13%	1692
Sep 2019	49%	33%	18%	1678
Mar 2019	52%	31%	17%	1694
Sep 2018	47%	32%	20%	1689
Mar 2018	52%	34%	14%	1699
Mar 2017	51%	32%	17%	1694
Sep 2016	51%	36%	13%	1695
Jan 2016	54%	33%	13%	1689
Sep 2015	51%	34%	15%	1700
Jan 2015	56%	29%	14%	1695
Oct 2014	48%	39%	14%	1687
May 2014	48%	36%	16%	1691
Jan 2014	51%	37%	11%	1701
Sep 2013	47%	35%	19%	1694
May 2013	53%	34%	12%	1693
Jan 2013	56%	27%	18%	1699
Sep 2012	48%	33%	19%	1983
Jan 2012	46%	39%	15%	1992
Sep 2011	48%	37%	15%	1993
Mar 2011	50%	32%	18%	1988
Sep 2010	43%	39%	17%	1991
Mar 2010	45%	37%	18%	1993
Dec 2009	51%	34%	16%	1992
Sep 2009	56%	30%	14%	1996
Mar 2009	55%	24%	20%	1997
Sep 2008	49%	31%	19%	1991
Mar 2008	47%	30%	23%	1986
Dec 2007	51%	37%	13%	1995

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Q39. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way your own representative to the US
 House of Representatives in Congress is
 handling his or her job?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2007	50%	30%	19%	1989
Mar 2007	55%	24%	21%	1985
Sep 2006	55%	25%	21%	1995
Mar 2006	52%	24%	24%	1994
Oct 2005	53%	24%	24%	1993

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Q40. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way the US Congress is handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	14%	82%	4%	1691
Feb 2026	18%	80%	2%	1634
Dec 2025	18%	80%	2%	1655
Oct 2025	14%	83%	3%	1689
Jun 2025	20%	78%	3%	1571
Feb 2025	20%	78%	2%	1567
Oct 2024	24%	73%	4%	1634
Sep 2024	23%	71%	6%	1582
Jun 2024	19%	79%	2%	1660
Feb 2024	19%	78%	3%	1618
Dec 2023	21%	75%	3%	1644
Sep 2023	23%	74%	3%	1655
Jul 2023	27%	73%	1%	1719
Jun 2023	24%	72%	4%	1555
Feb 2023	27%	70%	3%	1523
Oct 2022	37%	57%	7%	1690
Sep 2022	39%	55%	6%	1686
May 2022	32%	59%	9%	1692
Mar 2022	37%	57%	5%	1661
Feb 2022	32%	60%	8%	1633
Sep 2021	41%	52%	7%	1686
May 2021	43%	49%	8%	1692
Mar 2021	42%	51%	6%	1700
Jan 2021	42%	51%	7%	1693
Oct 2020	36%	57%	7%	1687
Sep 2020	31%	63%	6%	1684
Jun 2020	38%	55%	7%	1683
Feb 2020	38%	56%	6%	1688
Jan 2020	38%	55%	7%	1684
Nov 2019	28%	64%	8%	1690
Sep 2019	33%	58%	9%	1680
Jul 2019	25%	65%	9%	1696
May 2019	30%	63%	7%	1690
Mar 2019	36%	56%	8%	1690
Jan 2019	34%	59%	7%	1690
Dec 2018	29%	62%	9%	1686
Oct 2018	25%	64%	11%	1689
Sep 2018	28%	61%	10%	1694
Jul 2018	20%	71%	9%	1697
May 2018	24%	66%	10%	1684
Mar 2018	29%	65%	6%	1697
Jan 2018	21%	72%	7%	1698
Dec 2017	22%	70%	8%	1700

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Q40. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way the US Congress is handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2017	24%	70%	6%	1726
Jul 2017	24%	68%	8%	1702
May 2017	26%	66%	8%	1695
Mar 2017	36%	55%	9%	1692
Jan 2017	33%	58%	9%	1689
Oct 2016	31%	59%	10%	1703
Sep 2016	29%	65%	6%	1699
Jul 2016	28%	66%	6%	1696
May 2016	28%	67%	6%	1696
Mar 2016	24%	70%	6%	1706
Jan 2016	32%	63%	5%	1694
Dec 2015	26%	67%	7%	1697
Sep 2015	32%	62%	7%	1702
Jul 2015	29%	63%	9%	1690
Jun 2015	27%	68%	5%	1701
Mar 2015	24%	69%	7%	1694
Jan 2015	38%	55%	7%	1700
Oct 2014	24%	68%	8%	1689
Sep 2014	24%	66%	10%	1682
Jul 2014	22%	72%	6%	1690
May 2014	24%	69%	7%	1697
Mar 2014	19%	74%	7%	1695
Jan 2014	26%	69%	5%	1702
Dec 2013	18%	76%	6%	1693
Sep 2013	28%	65%	8%	1682
Jul 2013	30%	62%	7%	2092
May 2013	31%	62%	6%	1696
Mar 2013	29%	67%	4%	1696
Jan 2013	34%	59%	7%	1700
Oct 2012	26%	67%	7%	2000
Sep 2012	27%	67%	7%	1989
Aug 2012	27%	66%	7%	2485
May 2012	22%	69%	8%	1993
Mar 2012	24%	68%	8%	1992
Jan 2012	25%	69%	5%	1993
Dec 2011	20%	75%	5%	1988
Sep 2011	27%	64%	9%	1996
Jul 2011	25%	65%	10%	2495
Mar 2011	30%	58%	12%	1988
Oct 2010	31%	64%	5%	1988
Sep 2010	26%	66%	8%	1990
May 2010	31%	61%	8%	1997
Mar 2010	24%	68%	8%	1992

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Q40. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way the US Congress is handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jan 2010	36%	55%	9%	1991
Dec 2009	38%	54%	8%	1994
Sep 2009	39%	54%	7%	2000
May 2009	47%	43%	10%	1998
Mar 2009	43%	47%	10%	1993
Jan 2009	37%	56%	7%	1997
Oct 2008	23%	71%	6%	1993
Sep 2008	29%	63%	9%	1991
Aug 2008	27%	64%	9%	1990
Mar 2008	33%	55%	12%	1992
Dec 2007	31%	62%	7%	1992
Sep 2007	33%	57%	10%	1990
Jun 2007	33%	54%	13%	1989
Jan 2007	42%	44%	13%	2006
Sep 2006	37%	54%	9%	1994
Mar 2006	35%	54%	11%	1992
Oct 2005	42%	46%	11%	1996

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Q41. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way the US Supreme Court is handling its
 job?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	28%	69%	3%	1688
Dec 2025	29%	68%	3%	1662
Jun 2025	31%	66%	3%	1575
Sep 2024	31%	64%	5%	1581
Feb 2024	32%	65%	3%	1616
Sep 2023	30%	68%	3%	1656
Feb 2023	37%	59%	3%	1525
Jan 2017	57%	32%	11%	1687
May 2016	45%	42%	13%	1689
Aug 2005	52%	33%	14%	1991

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Q42. Do you think things in the United States
are generally going in the right direction or the
wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	18%	80%	2%	1692
Feb 2026	22%	77%	1%	1645
Dec 2025	22%	77%	1%	1666
Oct 2025	21%	77%	2%	1693
Jun 2025	26%	73%	1%	1578
Feb 2025	23%	76%	1%	1583
Oct 2024	29%	69%	2%	1638
Sep 2024	27%	71%	2%	1582
Jun 2024	23%	75%	2%	1665
Feb 2024	23%	75%	2%	1618
Sep 2023	29%	70%	1%	1658
Jun 2023	26%	72%	2%	1568
Feb 2023	30%	67%	2%	1528
Oct 2022	33%	62%	5%	1696
Sep 2022	35%	59%	6%	1687
May 2022	30%	63%	6%	1685
Feb 2022	38%	56%	6%	1624
Sep 2021	46%	50%	5%	1687
May 2021	53%	43%	4%	1698
Jan 2021	52%	43%	6%	1699
Oct 2020	33%	62%	5%	1690
Nov 2019	34%	61%	5%	1677
Jan 2019	30%	66%	3%	1686
Oct 2018	36%	57%	7%	1693
Dec 2017	29%	65%	6%	1692
May 2017	29%	65%	6%	1689
Jan 2017	36%	57%	7%	1689
Oct 2016	43%	50%	7%	1697
Mar 2016	40%	56%	4%	1702
Sep 2015	44%	51%	5%	1690
Mar 2015	40%	54%	6%	1690
Mar 2014	39%	56%	5%	1691
Dec 2013	35%	57%	7%	1693
Jan 2013	56%	39%	5%	1701
Oct 2012	46%	49%	5%	1998
Sep 2011	30%	65%	5%	1989
Oct 2010	36%	58%	6%	1982
Dec 2009	42%	53%	5%	1997
May 2009	57%	37%	6%	2000
Jan 2009	32%	62%	6%	1993
Aug 2008	21%	74%	5%	1994
Mar 2008	22%	73%	6%	1997

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Q42. Do you think things in the United States
 are generally going in the right direction or the
 wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jun 2007	31%	63%	6%	1982
Jan 2007	34%	60%	6%	2003
Oct 2006	31%	62%	7%	1992
Sep 2005	34%	62%	5%	2002
Jan 2005	43%	51%	5%	1997
Sep 2004	42%	54%	4%	1995
Sep 2003	42%	51%	7%	1979

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Q43. Turning to economic conditions, do you think that during the next 12 months the United States will have good times financially or bad times?

	good times	bad times	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	20%	78%	1%	1697
Feb 2026	25%	72%	3%	1646
Dec 2025	23%	75%	2%	1665
Oct 2025	22%	76%	2%	1692
Jun 2025	26%	73%	1%	1580
Feb 2025	27%	72%	2%	1582
Oct 2024	37%	60%	3%	1640
Sep 2024	36%	61%	4%	1592
Jun 2024	29%	68%	3%	1675
Feb 2024	34%	63%	3%	1620
Sep 2023	31%	66%	3%	1665
Jun 2023	22%	76%	2%	1569
Feb 2023	24%	74%	2%	1533
Sep 2022	28%	66%	7%	1694
May 2022	22%	70%	8%	1691
Feb 2022	38%	54%	8%	1631
Sep 2021	44%	47%	9%	1694
May 2021	55%	39%	5%	1694
Jan 2021	45%	49%	6%	1697
Sep 2020	35%	58%	7%	1687
Jun 2020	23%	70%	6%	1693
Nov 2019	47%	43%	10%	1692
Oct 2018	48%	42%	10%	1695
May 2017	39%	50%	11%	1697
Jan 2017	52%	39%	8%	1692
Oct 2016	46%	39%	15%	1693
Mar 2016	48%	42%	10%	1702
Sep 2015	48%	45%	7%	1695
Mar 2015	53%	41%	6%	1686
Mar 2014	45%	48%	7%	1689
Dec 2013	43%	48%	9%	1693
Oct 2012	45%	46%	10%	1997
Sep 2011	29%	65%	6%	1995
Sep 2010	35%	58%	7%	1985
Dec 2009	35%	58%	8%	1999
May 2009	33%	61%	6%	2001
Jan 2009	24%	71%	5%	1995
Aug 2008	23%	70%	7%	1992
Mar 2008	18%	76%	5%	1998
Jun 2007	39%	53%	8%	1993
Jan 2007	47%	46%	8%	2006

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Q43. Turning to economic conditions, do you think that during the next 12 months the United States will have good times financially or bad times?

	good times	bad times	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Oct 2006	44%	46%	9%	1996
Sep 2005	30%	63%	7%	2002
Jan 2005	48%	43%	9%	1996
Sep 2004	47%	41%	12%	1996
Sep 2003	47%	42%	11%	1974

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Q44. Thinking about the issue of immigration, do you favor or oppose ending the automatic granting of citizenship to children born in the US to undocumented immigrants.

	strongly support	somewhat support	somewhat oppose	strongly oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	23%	17%	17%	42%	2%	1693
Feb 2025	18%	14%	16%	51%	1%	1576

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Q45. Do you approve or disapprove of the job
 the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement
 agency or ICE is doing?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	25%	74%	1%	1690
Feb 2026	22%	77%	1%	1640
Dec 2025	26%	72%	1%	1662
Oct 2025	28%	71%	1%	1686

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Q46. Do you favor or oppose the California state and local governments making their own policies and taking actions, separate from the federal government, to protect the legal rights of undocumented immigrants in California?

	favor	oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	59%	39%	2%	1691
Oct 2025	60%	37%	2%	1690
Feb 2025	63%	35%	2%	1577
Mar 2019	61%	34%	4%	1699
Oct 2018	58%	36%	6%	1686
Mar 2018	62%	35%	3%	1239
Jan 2018	65%	31%	4%	1701
Jan 2017	65%	32%	3%	1697
Jan 2014	58%	36%	6%	1698

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Q47. When it comes to increased federal immigration enforcement, how much do you worry that someone that you know could be deported? Would you say that you worry a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

	a lot	some	not much	not at all	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	17%	28%	22%	33%	1%	1697
Oct 2025	22%	27%	21%	29%	1%	1693
Feb 2025	20%	23%	24%	31%	1%	1578
Sep 2019	29%	21%	15%	35%	1%	1700
Sep 2018	29%	20%	15%	34%	2%	1700
Dec 2017	28%	20%	16%	35%	1%	1698
May 2017	30%	21%	15%	32%	1%	1705

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Q49. Do you favor or oppose the US placing
 new tariffs on goods imported from other
 countries?

	favor	oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
May 2026	21%	77%	2%	1696
Oct 2025	25%	72%	3%	1690

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding