

Californians and the Environment

July 2026

Time Trends—All Respondents

Methodology Note:

Findings are based on a survey of 1,578 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 13.6 minutes. Interviewing took place from June 29—July 6, 2026.

The sampling error, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is ± 3.1 percent at the 95 percent confidence level for the total unweighted sample of 1,578. This means that 95 times out of 100, the results will be within 3.1 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 November election (Q48–Q53), please refer to the Public Crosstabs—Likely Voters document.

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Q1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way
that Governor Newsom is handling
environmental issues in California?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	51%	46%	2%	1571
Jul 2025	53%	44%	3%	1725
Jul 2024	52%	45%	2%	1640
Jul 2023	58%	40%	1%	1718
Jul 2022	59%	39%	2%	1639
Jul 2021	59%	39%	2%	1559
Jul 2020	69%	29%	1%	1555
Jul 2019	45%	30%	25%	1681

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Q2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way
that the California Legislature is handling
environmental issues in California?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	48%	49%	3%	1571
Jul 2025	47%	50%	3%	1725
Jul 2024	49%	48%	3%	1641
Jul 2023	54%	45%	1%	1719
Jul 2022	55%	42%	3%	1641
Jul 2021	53%	45%	2%	1564
Jul 2020	62%	36%	3%	1553
Jul 2019	45%	38%	17%	1691
Jul 2018	43%	41%	16%	1704
Jul 2017	51%	33%	16%	1697
Jul 2016	48%	36%	15%	1688
Jul 2015	42%	45%	13%	1693
Jul 2014	38%	44%	17%	1685
Jul 2013	38%	41%	21%	2089
Aug 2012	36%	44%	21%	2476
Jul 2011	31%	44%	24%	2489

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Q3. How much of the time can you trust the state government to do what is right
when it comes to handling environmental issues in California?

	just about always	most of the time	only some of the time	never (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	6%	37%	56%	0%	1%	1575
Jul 2025	7%	38%	53%	1%	1%	1729
Jul 2024	6%	38%	55%	0%	0%	1644
Jul 2023	8%	40%	52%	0%	0%	1723
Jul 2022	7%	43%	49%	0%	0%	1642
Jul 2021	7%	41%	51%	0%	1%	1565
Jul 2020	9%	44%	47%	0%	0%	1556
Jul 2005	8%	29%	55%	5%	3%	2497

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Q5. Do you favor or oppose the California state government making its own policies, separate from the federal government, to address the issue of climate change?

	favor	oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	65%	32%	2%	1571
Jul 2025	64%	34%	3%	1726
Jul 2024	66%	32%	2%	1643
Jul 2023	68%	31%	0%	1720
Jul 2022	66%	32%	2%	1639
Jul 2021	67%	31%	2%	1564
Jul 2020	69%	29%	2%	1552
Jul 2019	64%	31%	5%	1698
Jul 2018	65%	28%	7%	1702
Jul 2017	66%	28%	6%	1701
Jan 2017	63%	33%	4%	1696
Jul 2016	67%	26%	6%	1695
Jul 2015	64%	28%	8%	1686
Jul 2014	65%	30%	5%	1692
Jul 2013	60%	32%	8%	2095
Aug 2012	63%	31%	7%	2483
Jul 2011	57%	33%	10%	2490
Jul 2010	57%	35%	8%	2489
Jul 2009	58%	34%	8%	2489
Jul 2008	66%	28%	6%	2499
Jul 2007	67%	26%	6%	2490
Jul 2006	65%	27%	8%	2496
Jul 2005	54%	37%	9%	2488

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Q6. Which of these statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	stricter environment al laws and regulations in California cost too many jobs and hurt the economy	stricter environment al laws and regulations in California are worth the cost	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	43%	55%	2%	1572
Jul 2025	43%	55%	2%	1725
Jul 2024	40%	58%	2%	1641
Jul 2023	39%	61%	0%	1721
Jul 2021	37%	62%	2%	1566
Jul 2020	38%	61%	1%	1557
Mar 2013	45%	49%	6%	1700

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Q7. Would you say that the supply of water is a big problem,
somewhat of a problem, or not much of a problem in your part of
California?

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not much of a problem	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	38%	46%	15%	1%	1574
Jul 2025	41%	41%	17%	1%	1734
Jul 2024	42%	43%	15%	0%	1647
Jul 2023	51%	36%	12%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	68%	24%	7%	0%	1645
Jul 2021	63%	29%	8%	0%	1567
Jul 2020	38%	43%	18%	1%	1558
Jul 2019	30%	27%	41%	1%	1704
Jul 2018	48%	24%	25%	2%	1708
Mar 2018	45%	23%	31%	1%	1705
Jul 2017	37%	27%	34%	1%	1705
Jul 2016	62%	24%	13%	1%	1703
Mar 2016	57%	23%	19%	0%	1708
Sep 2015	70%	19%	10%	1%	1707
Jul 2015	68%	20%	12%	1%	1701
Jun 2015	69%	20%	10%	1%	1705
Mar 2015	66%	19%	14%	1%	1705
Jan 2015	59%	25%	15%	1%	1702
Dec 2014	60%	21%	18%	1%	1700
Oct 2014	68%	17%	13%	1%	1703
Sep 2014	65%	22%	12%	1%	1701
Jul 2014	54%	25%	21%	1%	1704
May 2014	59%	26%	15%	1%	1699
Mar 2014	55%	20%	23%	1%	1700
Dec 2012	31%	28%	39%	2%	2001
Mar 2012	30%	31%	37%	2%	1999
May 2010	42%	27%	29%	2%	2000
Dec 2009	44%	29%	25%	2%	2003

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Q8. Next, would you say that air pollution is a big problem,
somewhat of a problem, or not much of a problem in your part of
California?

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not much of a problem	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	28%	49%	21%	1%	1576
Jul 2025	30%	45%	25%	0%	1734
Jul 2024	31%	48%	21%	0%	1648
Jul 2023	35%	46%	20%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	31%	47%	22%	0%	1644
Jul 2021	35%	46%	19%	0%	1565
Jul 2020	36%	46%	17%	0%	1556
Jul 2019	27%	35%	38%	1%	1705
Jul 2018	29%	37%	33%	1%	1710
Jul 2017	24%	38%	36%	1%	1708
Jul 2016	25%	35%	39%	1%	1703
Jul 2015	24%	34%	41%	1%	1701
Jul 2014	27%	33%	39%	0%	1703
Jul 2013	28%	34%	36%	1%	2102
Aug 2012	25%	39%	35%	1%	2500
Jul 2011	29%	37%	33%	1%	2504
Jul 2010	25%	38%	36%	1%	2501
Jul 2009	23%	40%	36%	1%	2498
Jul 2008	34%	37%	29%	0%	2504
Jul 2007	35%	37%	27%	1%	2495
Jul 2006	41%	34%	24%	1%	2501
Feb 2006	58%	31%	9%	1%	2002
Jul 2005	38%	35%	27%	1%	2501
Nov 2004	30%	37%	31%	1%	2501
Jul 2004	35%	42%	23%	0%	2503
Jun 2004	39%	35%	26%	1%	2504
Jul 2003	31%	45%	23%	1%	1988
Nov 2002	27%	33%	39%	1%	1973
Jun 2002	34%	38%	28%	1%	1976
May 2001	30%	34%	36%	0%	1986
Jun 2000	28%	39%	33%	1%	1968

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Q9. How much of a problem is the threat of wildfires in your part
of California? Is it a:

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not much of a problem	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	47%	36%	17%	0%	1575
Jul 2025	46%	36%	18%	0%	1734
Jul 2024	39%	40%	21%	0%	1648
Jul 2023	44%	34%	21%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	45%	37%	18%	0%	1645
Nov 2021	51%	36%	13%	0%	2290
Jul 2021	55%	30%	15%	0%	1567
Dec 2020	53%	34%	12%	0%	2323
Jul 2020	48%	36%	16%	0%	1559
Mar 2019	40%	30%	29%	0%	1705

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Q10. How much confidence do you have in the government in terms of its
readiness to respond to wildfires in your part of California?

	a great deal	only some	hardly any	none (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	28%	51%	20%	0%	1%	1574
Jul 2025	27%	52%	20%	0%	1%	1733
Jul 2024	32%	52%	15%	0%	0%	1644
Jul 2023	32%	53%	14%	0%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	30%	57%	13%	0%	1%	1644
Nov 2021	34%	49%	17%	0%	0%	2285
Jul 2021	33%	52%	14%	0%	0%	1566
Dec 2020	41%	45%	14%	0%	0%	2321
Jul 2020	35%	56%	9%	0%	0%	1554
Dec 2007	40%	43%	11%	5%	2%	1995

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Q11. Overall, do you think that the state and local governments are doing too much, the right amount, or not enough to address wildfires, including prevention and recovery?

	too much	the right amount	not enough	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	2%	39%	58%	1%	1575
Jul 2025	3%	33%	63%	1%	1730

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Q12. Next, would you say that extreme weather events are a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not much of a problem in your part of California?

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not much of a problem	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	30%	47%	22%	1%	1575
Jul 2025	33%	41%	26%	0%	1734
Jul 2023	35%	41%	24%	0%	1724

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Q13. How concerned are you that home insurance will become more expensive
due to climate change risks?

	very concerned	somewhat concerned	not too concerned	not at all concerned	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	50%	34%	11%	4%	0%	1575
Jul 2025	60%	27%	7%	5%	0%	1732
Jul 2024	47%	34%	12%	7%	0%	1647

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Q14. Which of these statements comes closer
 to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	the state government should ease current land use and environmental restrictions to increase the supply of housing	the state government should maintain current land use and environmental restrictions, even if it increases the cost of new housing	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	55%	42%	3%	1572
Jul 2024	46%	53%	2%	1639
Jul 2023	55%	44%	1%	1716
Nov 2001	43%	53%	4%	1969

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Q15. On another topic, which of the following statements reflects your view of when the effects of climate change will begin to happen?

	they have already begun to happen	they will start happening within a few years	they will start happening within your lifetime	they will not happen within your lifetime, but they will affect future generations	they will never happen	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	60%	4%	13%	11%	10%	1%	1573
Jul 2025	62%	6%	13%	9%	9%	1%	1728
Jul 2024	64%	5%	12%	9%	9%	1%	1647
Jul 2023	64%	6%	12%	11%	8%	0%	1722
Jul 2022	69%	4%	11%	8%	8%	0%	1640
Jul 2021	68%	5%	9%	9%	8%	1%	1563
Jul 2020	68%	4%	11%	9%	7%	1%	1559
Jul 2019	63%	4%	7%	11%	11%	4%	1695
Jul 2018	67%	5%	5%	10%	8%	5%	1695
Jul 2017	66%	5%	5%	11%	8%	4%	1696
Jul 2016	64%	5%	6%	14%	8%	2%	1687
Jul 2015	62%	6%	5%	13%	10%	4%	1689
Jul 2014	62%	4%	7%	12%	12%	3%	1693
Jul 2013	63%	5%	6%	11%	11%	4%	2091
Aug 2012	60%	5%	6%	14%	12%	3%	2490
Jul 2011	61%	4%	7%	11%	12%	5%	2497
Jul 2010	54%	6%	8%	14%	16%	3%	2495
Jul 2009	61%	5%	6%	11%	14%	3%	2497
Jul 2008	64%	5%	8%	10%	10%	3%	2501
Jul 2007	66%	4%	7%	11%	7%	5%	2483
Jul 2006	63%	6%	7%	10%	8%	5%	2498
Jul 2005	57%	5%	9%	15%	9%	6%	2497

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Q16. When it comes to efforts to fight climate change, how important is it to you
that California acts as a leader around the world?

	very important	somewhat important	not too important	not at all important	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	40%	29%	14%	16%	1%	1575
Jul 2025	38%	27%	15%	18%	2%	1729
Jul 2024	35%	32%	16%	17%	0%	1645
Jul 2023	47%	27%	13%	13%	0%	1722
Jul 2022	41%	30%	14%	15%	1%	1640
Jul 2021	43%	28%	15%	13%	1%	1566
Jul 2020	42%	32%	13%	12%	0%	1555
Jul 2019	53%	25%	7%	14%	1%	1703
Jul 2018	54%	24%	9%	12%	1%	1706
Jul 2017	58%	23%	7%	11%	1%	1706

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Q17. How serious of a threat is climate change to the economy and quality of life
for California's future?

	very serious	somewhat serious	not too serious	not at all serious	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	41%	37%	12%	10%	1%	1573
Jul 2025	46%	34%	9%	9%	1%	1732
Jul 2024	41%	36%	12%	10%	0%	1648
Jul 2023	43%	37%	13%	7%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	47%	33%	11%	8%	1%	1643
Jul 2021	50%	33%	9%	7%	0%	1566
Jul 2020	48%	32%	12%	8%	0%	1558
Jul 2019	57%	22%	9%	10%	2%	1702
Jul 2018	56%	24%	9%	9%	2%	1703
Jul 2017	58%	23%	7%	10%	2%	1703
Jul 2016	54%	27%	11%	7%	1%	1698
Jul 2015	52%	27%	8%	9%	3%	1693
Dec 2014	53%	23%	11%	12%	2%	1696
Jul 2014	49%	31%	9%	10%	1%	1698
Jul 2013	50%	27%	11%	9%	3%	2096
Aug 2012	45%	30%	11%	12%	1%	2495
Jul 2011	47%	28%	12%	11%	2%	2497
Jul 2010	44%	29%	11%	14%	3%	2493
Jul 2009	47%	28%	10%	14%	2%	2495
Jul 2008	52%	27%	9%	9%	2%	2500
Jul 2007	54%	28%	8%	7%	3%	2491
Jul 2006	49%	30%	9%	8%	3%	2499
Jul 2005	39%	36%	12%	10%	3%	2499

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Q18. Do you think that climate change is a
more serious threat in lower-income
communities than other communities in your
part of California, or not?

	yes	no	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	54%	45%	1%	1574
Jul 2025	43%	56%	1%	1729

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Q19. Do you think that climate change is a more serious threat to communities of color than other communities in your part of California, or not?

	yes	no	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	40%	59%	2%	1575
Jul 2025	33%	66%	1%	1730

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Q21. Do you favor or oppose the state setting a goal to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible, but no later than 2045?

	favor	oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	65%	33%	2%	1572
Jul 2025	63%	36%	1%	1721
Jul 2023	69%	30%	1%	1722

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Q22. When it comes to the state government's plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, should it...

	take action right away	wait until the state economy and job situation improve to take action	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	53%	45%	2%	1565
Jul 2020	49%	49%	1%	1554
Jul 2014	61%	35%	4%	1664
Jul 2013	65%	30%	4%	1691
Aug 2012	56%	40%	5%	2456
Jul 2011	58%	38%	4%	2475
Jul 2010	53%	42%	5%	2477
Jul 2009	48%	46%	6%	2475
Jul 2008	57%	36%	6%	2488

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Q22a. Do you favor or oppose the idea of taxing
corporations based on the amount of carbon
emissions they produce?

	favor	oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	73%	25%	2%	1575
Jul 2024	74%	25%	1%	1641

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Q23. How much of a problem is the cost of energy, such as gasoline, natural gas, and electric utility bills in your part of California today?

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not a problem	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	63%	33%	3%	1%	1576
Jul 2025	54%	39%	7%	0%	1732

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Q24. Do you favor or oppose the state law that requires 100 percent of the state's electricity to come from renewable energy sources by the year 2045?

	favor	oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	62%	35%	3%	1575
Jul 2025	62%	37%	1%	1722
Jul 2024	66%	33%	1%	1644
Jul 2023	68%	31%	1%	1722
Jul 2022	72%	27%	2%	1637
Jul 2021	70%	28%	1%	1563
Jul 2020	77%	21%	2%	1556
Jul 2019	71%	24%	6%	1701
Jul 2018	72%	21%	7%	1707

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Q25. In order to help reduce climate change,
would you be willing or not willing to pay more
for electricity if it were generated by renewable
sources like solar or wind energy?

	willing	not willing	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	38%	60%	2%	1574
Jul 2025	40%	59%	1%	1729
Jul 2024	44%	56%	1%	1645
Jul 2023	43%	57%	0%	1722
Jul 2022	44%	55%	1%	1643
Jul 2021	45%	55%	1%	1563
Jul 2020	47%	52%	1%	1555
Jul 2019	51%	45%	4%	1692
Jul 2018	50%	44%	6%	1700
Jul 2017	51%	45%	4%	1691
Jul 2016	56%	40%	4%	1697

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Q26. Do you favor or oppose Governor
Newsom's executive order banning the sale of
all new gasoline-powered vehicles by 2035?

	favor	oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	32%	66%	2%	1573
Jul 2025	35%	63%	1%	1722
Jul 2024	39%	60%	1%	1641
Jul 2023	45%	54%	1%	1723
Jul 2022	48%	50%	2%	1637
Jul 2021	49%	49%	2%	1567

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Q27. Would you say that you have or have not seriously considered getting an electric vehicle the next time you buy or lease a vehicle, or do you already have one?

	have considered	have not considered	already have one	don't drive/don't have a car/won't be buying another vehicle (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	33%	54%	12%	0%	1%	1576
Jul 2025	36%	52%	11%	0%	0%	1732
Jul 2024	38%	52%	10%	0%	0%	1646
Jul 2023	50%	41%	8%	0%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	49%	45%	6%	0%	0%	1643
Jul 2016	47%	39%	8%	4%	1%	1691
Jul 2015	48%	41%	5%	5%	1%	1690
Jul 2013	51%	35%	6%	6%	2%	2086

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Q28. How confident are you that the state will build the charging stations and infrastructure needed to support large numbers of electric vehicles on the roads?

	extremely confident	very confident	somewhat confident	not too confident	not at all confident	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	5%	15%	32%	24%	22%	1%	1574
Jul 2024	6%	16%	35%	21%	22%	0%	1644

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Q29. Next, is the current price of gasoline at the pump a major problem, minor problem, or not a problem for you?

	major problem	minor problem	not a problem	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	63%	27%	9%	1%	1576
Jul 2025	52%	34%	13%	0%	1732
Jul 2004	39%	56%	0%	4%	2349

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Q32. How important is the condition of oceans and beaches to the economy and quality of life for California's future?

	very important	somewhat important	not too important	not at all important	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	65%	28%	4%	2%	1%	1574
Jul 2025	60%	30%	6%	3%	1%	1732
Jul 2024	57%	35%	6%	2%	0%	1646
Jul 2023	67%	27%	4%	2%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	58%	33%	6%	1%	1%	1643
Jul 2021	64%	31%	4%	2%	0%	1565
Jul 2020	61%	32%	4%	1%	1%	1558
Jul 2019	77%	18%	2%	3%	1%	1704
Jul 2018	74%	21%	2%	2%	1%	1708
Jul 2017	73%	22%	2%	2%	1%	1708

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Q33. Do you think that ocean and beach pollution along the California coast is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem in California today?

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not a problem	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	40%	50%	9%	1%	1573
Jul 2025	40%	49%	10%	1%	1732
Jul 2024	41%	49%	10%	1%	1645
Jul 2023	50%	44%	6%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	40%	49%	10%	1%	1644
Jul 2021	48%	43%	8%	1%	1566
Jul 2020	45%	48%	7%	0%	1558
Jul 2017	46%	37%	16%	2%	1708
Feb 2006	50%	35%	10%	5%	1999
Nov 2003	53%	34%	9%	3%	1994
Jun 2002	50%	34%	10%	6%	1975
Jun 2000	53%	36%	7%	4%	1968

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Q34. How about plastics and marine debris? Do you think this is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem in the part of the California coast that is closest to you?

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not a problem	don't know	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	65%	30%	4%	0%	1571
Jul 2025	60%	32%	8%	1%	1729
Jul 2024	60%	34%	6%	1%	1645
Jul 2023	71%	26%	3%	0%	1724
Jul 2022	58%	37%	5%	0%	1643
Jul 2021	61%	32%	6%	0%	1565
Jul 2020	64%	30%	5%	0%	1558
Jul 2019	72%	18%	9%	2%	1705

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Q35. How about declining marine life? Do you think this is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem in the part of the California coast that is closest to you?

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not a problem	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	55%	38%	7%	1%	1571
Jul 2025	44%	41%	14%	2%	1729
Jul 2024	46%	41%	13%	1%	1645
Jul 2023	60%	34%	6%	0%	1724
Jul 2020	52%	37%	9%	1%	1558
Jul 2017	45%	32%	17%	6%	1707

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Q36. How about limited public access to the coast and beaches?
Do you think this is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not
a problem in the part of the California coast that is closest to
you?

	big problem	somewhat of a problem	not a problem	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	21%	50%	29%	1%	1571
Jul 2022	17%	45%	37%	1%	1642
Jul 2021	18%	45%	36%	2%	1565
Jul 2020	19%	45%	35%	1%	1559
Jul 2017	18%	32%	47%	2%	1706
Feb 2006	20%	33%	42%	4%	2002
Nov 2003	20%	38%	37%	4%	1995

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Q38. Marine Protected Areas, or MPAs, are managed by the California State Fish and Game Commission to protect fish, wildlife, and their habitat in coastal waters. Do you think it is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all that California has Marine Protected Areas?

	very important	somewhat important	not too important	not at all important	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	59%	31%	6%	2%	1%	1573
Jul 2025	60%	29%	6%	3%	1%	1729
Jul 2017	77%	18%	2%	1%	1%	1705

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Q40. How about allowing more oil drilling off the
California coast? Do you favor or oppose this
proposal?

	favor	oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	35%	63%	2%	1574
Jul 2025	34%	65%	1%	1724
Jul 2024	31%	67%	2%	1642
Jul 2023	34%	66%	1%	1722
Jul 2022	32%	67%	1%	1639
Jul 2021	27%	72%	2%	1562
Jul 2020	26%	73%	1%	1552
Jul 2019	28%	67%	5%	1697
Jul 2018	27%	67%	6%	1709
Jul 2017	25%	69%	5%	1704
Jul 2016	36%	59%	6%	1698
Jul 2015	38%	56%	6%	1701
Jul 2014	46%	51%	3%	1703
Jul 2013	41%	54%	5%	2100
Aug 2012	48%	48%	4%	2497
Jul 2011	46%	49%	5%	2501
Jul 2010	36%	59%	5%	1247
Jul 2009	51%	43%	6%	2495
Jul 2008	51%	45%	5%	2499
Jul 2007	41%	52%	7%	2488
Jul 2006	42%	51%	7%	2499
Feb 2006	31%	64%	5%	1999
Jul 2005	41%	53%	6%	2495
Jul 2004	44%	50%	7%	2498
Jul 2003	39%	54%	6%	1984

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Q41. How about allowing wind power and wave
energy projects off the California coast? Do you
favor or oppose this proposal?

	favor	oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	73%	24%	3%	1572
Jul 2025	75%	23%	2%	1726
Jul 2024	78%	20%	2%	1642
Jul 2023	83%	17%	0%	1722
Jul 2022	81%	17%	2%	1640
Jul 2021	81%	15%	3%	1563
Jul 2020	77%	20%	3%	1553
Jul 2019	72%	19%	9%	1698
Jul 2017	73%	19%	8%	1702

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Q42. Do you approve or disapprove of the way
that President Trump is handling environmental
issues in the United States?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	25%	73%	2%	1571
Jul 2025	27%	72%	2%	1720
Jul 2020	24%	74%	2%	1548
Jul 2019	26%	66%	8%	1697
Jul 2018	24%	67%	8%	1694
Jul 2017	22%	70%	8%	1699

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Q43. Do you approve or disapprove of the way
the U.S. Congress is handling environmental
issues in the United States?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	19%	77%	4%	1573
Jul 2025	22%	76%	2%	1721
Jul 2024	24%	73%	3%	1642
Jul 2023	25%	74%	1%	1720
Jul 2022	25%	71%	4%	1635
Jul 2021	35%	62%	3%	1558
Jul 2020	20%	78%	3%	1546
Jul 2019	25%	63%	12%	1693
Jul 2018	23%	66%	10%	1694
Jul 2017	26%	63%	11%	1699
Jul 2016	31%	59%	10%	1692
Jul 2015	33%	55%	12%	1693
Jul 2014	24%	65%	11%	1685
Jul 2013	29%	59%	12%	2089
Aug 2012	27%	61%	12%	2487
Jul 2011	25%	60%	15%	2494

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Q44. How much of the time can you trust the federal government to do what is right when it comes to handling environmental issues in the United States?

	just about always	most of the time	only some of the time	never (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	2%	20%	76%	0%	1%	1572
Jul 2025	3%	20%	75%	1%	1%	1726
Jul 2024	3%	26%	70%	1%	1%	1644
Jul 2023	6%	25%	68%	0%	0%	1722
Jul 2022	5%	24%	69%	0%	1%	1641
Jul 2021	4%	29%	65%	1%	2%	1561
Jul 2020	2%	22%	74%	0%	1%	1550
Jul 2005	8%	24%	56%	10%	3%	2499

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Q45. Right now, which ONE of the following do you think should be the more important priority for addressing America's energy supply:

	developing alternative energy sources such as wind, solar, and hydrogen technology	expanding exploration and production of oil, coal, and natural gas	both (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2026	70%	29%	0%	1%	1571
Jul 2025	71%	27%	1%	2%	1727
Jul 2022	74%	24%	0%	2%	1638
Jul 2021	80%	18%	0%	1%	1566

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