

Californians and Their Government February 2026

Time Trends—Likely Voters

Methodology Note:

Findings are based on a survey of 1,049 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 14 minutes. Interviewing took place from February 3—11, 2026.

These crosstabs are based on a subgroup of 1,049 likely voters. The sampling error, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is ± 3.9 percent at the 95 percent confidence level for the unweighted sample of 1,049 likely voters. The sampling error for unweighted likely voter 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.

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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	haven't heard enough to have an opinion (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2026	52%	47%		1%	1043
Dec 2025	56%	43%		1%	1083
Oct 2025	55%	44%		1%	940
Jun 2025	46%	53%		1%	1075
Feb 2025	55%	45%		0%	1085
Oct 2024	47%	52%		1%	1132
Sep 2024	51%	48%		1%	1069
Jun 2024	47%	52%		1%	1098
Feb 2024	48%	50%		1%	1071
Dec 2023	52%	47%		1%	1107
Sep 2023	56%	44%		1%	1139
Jul 2023	59%	41%		0%	1091
Jun 2023	56%	43%		1%	1060
Feb 2023	57%	42%		1%	1049
Oct 2022	52%	45%		3%	1103
Sep 2022	55%	42%		4%	1056
May 2022	52%	40%		8%	1173
Mar 2022	50%	45%		5%	1199
Feb 2022	57%	41%		3%	1044
Sep 2021	53%	43%		4%	1075
May 2021	54%	42%		4%	1070
Mar 2021	53%	42%		5%	1164
Jan 2021	52%	43%		5%	1123
Oct 2020	57%	39%		4%	1179
Sep 2020	60%	37%		3%	1163
Jun 2020	64%	31%		6%	1043
Feb 2020	52%	39%		9%	1043
Jan 2020	49%	42%		9%	960
Nov 2019	48%	45%		7%	1001
Sep 2019	43%	44%		13%	1020
Jul 2019	47%	39%		14%	1070
May 2019	47%	37%		16%	1111
Mar 2019	45%	36%	14%	6%	1108
Jan 2019	43%	29%	21%	8%	1144

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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
Feb 2026	49%	49%	2%	1047
Dec 2025	53%	45%	2%	1085
Oct 2025	52%	47%	2%	941
Jun 2025	45%	53%	2%	1077
Feb 2025	51%	48%	1%	1085
Oct 2024	44%	55%	1%	1133
Sep 2024	48%	50%	1%	1068
Jun 2024	43%	56%	2%	1097
Feb 2024	42%	56%	2%	1074
Dec 2023	47%	51%	1%	1109
Sep 2023	48%	51%	1%	1143
Jul 2023	52%	48%	0%	1091
Jun 2023	50%	49%	1%	1060
Feb 2023	49%	50%	2%	1048
Oct 2022	43%	50%	7%	1105
Sep 2022	47%	47%	6%	1054
May 2022	47%	44%	9%	1175
Mar 2022	41%	51%	8%	1193
Feb 2022	44%	47%	9%	1042
Sep 2021	45%	47%	8%	1072
May 2021	43%	46%	11%	1067
Mar 2021	48%	42%	9%	1166
Jan 2021	46%	41%	12%	1118
Oct 2020	45%	42%	14%	1177
Sep 2020	45%	43%	12%	1157
Jun 2020	50%	39%	11%	1044
Feb 2020	49%	43%	8%	1042
Jan 2020	45%	45%	9%	961
Nov 2019	39%	51%	10%	1002
Sep 2019	38%	51%	11%	1025
Jul 2019	40%	48%	12%	1074
May 2019	34%	53%	13%	1116
Mar 2019	42%	45%	13%	1102
Jan 2019	46%	43%	11%	1147
Dec 2018	43%	47%	10%	1084
Nov 2018	44%	48%	8%	1090
Oct 2018	43%	48%	10%	985
Sep 2018	44%	46%	10%	957
Jul 2018	46%	46%	8%	1014
May 2018	42%	48%	10%	895
Apr 2018	42%	49%	9%	864
Mar 2018	45%	46%	8%	924

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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
Jan 2018	50%	41%	9%	1036
Dec 2017	46%	44%	10%	1065
Nov 2017	45%	45%	10%	1083
Sep 2017	44%	47%	9%	1098
Jul 2017	45%	42%	13%	1088
May 2017	41%	46%	12%	1012
Apr 2017	44%	45%	11%	1033
Mar 2017	48%	41%	11%	1057
Jan 2017	50%	38%	11%	1101
Dec 2016	45%	44%	11%	1115
Oct 2016	43%	43%	14%	1016
Sep 2016	42%	48%	9%	1050
Jul 2016	42%	48%	10%	1045
May 2016	38%	49%	13%	982
Apr 2016	40%	51%	9%	993
Mar 2016	38%	50%	12%	1029
Jan 2016	41%	48%	11%	1034
Dec 2015	38%	48%	14%	1100
Sep 2015	39%	47%	15%	1056
Jul 2015	32%	54%	13%	1055
Jun 2015	30%	52%	18%	1043
Apr 2015	36%	55%	9%	1061
Mar 2015	39%	50%	11%	1059
Jan 2015	41%	47%	13%	1003
Dec 2014	39%	51%	10%	1046
Oct 2014	37%	51%	13%	969
Sep 2014	32%	54%	14%	901
Jul 2014	31%	56%	13%	972
May 2014	36%	54%	11%	1027
Apr 2014	29%	56%	15%	1074
Mar 2014	32%	57%	12%	1084
Jan 2014	33%	57%	10%	1145
Dec 2013	32%	56%	12%	1077
Sep 2013	32%	57%	10%	1095
Jul 2013	33%	55%	12%	1272
May 2013	29%	59%	12%	1125
Apr 2013	29%	64%	7%	1129
Mar 2013	25%	61%	14%	1130
Jan 2013	31%	55%	14%	1115
Dec 2012	26%	61%	13%	1434
Oct 2012	21%	68%	11%	1329
Sep 2012	22%	68%	10%	1325
Aug 2012	21%	69%	10%	1560

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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 2012	17%	71%	11%	1248
Apr 2012	15%	73%	12%	1199
Mar 2012	21%	66%	14%	1162
Jan 2012	17%	71%	12%	1297
Dec 2011	16%	69%	15%	1293
Nov 2011	17%	70%	13%	1634
Sep 2011	17%	71%	12%	1363
Jul 2011	15%	74%	11%	1639
Jun 2011	17%	72%	11%	1404
Apr 2011	14%	74%	12%	1644
Mar 2011	16%	70%	14%	1360
Feb 2011	20%	63%	17%	1558
Jan 2011	18%	68%	14%	1390
Nov 2010	9%	82%	9%	1673
Oct 2010	10%	86%	3%	1238
Sep 2010	11%	85%	4%	1214
Jul 2010	10%	82%	8%	1462
May 2010	11%	80%	8%	1247
Apr 2010	11%	79%	9%	1540
Mar 2010	9%	85%	6%	1235
Jan 2010	12%	80%	7%	1299
Dec 2009	10%	83%	7%	1077
Nov 2009	10%	80%	10%	1630
Sep 2009	16%	76%	8%	1339
Jul 2009	10%	84%	6%	1563
May 2009	12%	80%	8%	1213
Apr 2009	16%	74%	10%	1596
Mar 2009	11%	80%	10%	1136
Feb 2009	14%	75%	10%	1564
Jan 2009	15%	76%	9%	1387
Nov 2008	20%	69%	11%	1633
Oct 2008	22%	70%	8%	1280
Sep 2008	16%	76%	9%	1277
Aug 2008	20%	74%	6%	1183
May 2008	23%	65%	12%	1224
Apr 2008	22%	66%	12%	1517
Mar 2008	25%	64%	11%	1219
Jan 2008	27%	61%	12%	1226
Dec 2007	35%	54%	10%	1146
Oct 2007	32%	54%	14%	1574
Sep 2007	29%	59%	11%	1158
Jun 2007	35%	47%	18%	1106
May 2007	36%	51%	14%	1127

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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
Apr 2007	35%	51%	14%	1510
Mar 2007	39%	47%	14%	1233
Jan 2007	37%	49%	14%	1274
Oct 2006	26%	61%	13%	1188
Sep 2006	32%	55%	13%	1207
Aug 2006	27%	61%	12%	1105
May 2006	23%	61%	15%	1093
Mar 2006	23%	65%	12%	1002
Jan 2006	25%	63%	12%	1256
Jan 2006	23%	60%	17%	1443
Oct 2005	21%	65%	14%	1161
Sep 2005	28%	60%	12%	1111
Aug 2005	23%	64%	13%	1052
May 2005	24%	63%	12%	1237
Jan 2005	33%	57%	11%	1230
Oct 2004	40%	46%	14%	1210
Sep 2004	37%	51%	12%	1191
Aug 2004	37%	52%	11%	1183
Jun 2004	38%	51%	11%	1346
May 2004	35%	52%	13%	1098
Jan 2004	34%	50%	16%	977
Aug 2003	22%	68%	10%	1067
Jun 2003	29%	58%	13%	1032
Feb 2003	29%	55%	16%	1071
Sep 2002	40%	45%	15%	1029
Jan 2002	46%	43%	11%	967
Dec 2001	50%	36%	14%	939
Jan 2001	56%	32%	12%	1085
Sep 2000	56%	34%	11%	1089

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Q4. Do you think that Governor Newsom and
 the state legislature will be able to work
 together and accomplish a lot in the next year,
 or not?

	yes, will be able to work together	no, will not be able to work together	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2026	59%	39%	2%	1047
Feb 2025	63%	35%	2%	1086
Feb 2024	61%	37%	2%	1072
Feb 2023	64%	34%	1%	1048
Feb 2022	54%	38%	8%	1043
Jan 2021	57%	34%	9%	1120
Jan 2020	58%	33%	9%	965
Jan 2019	65%	25%	10%	1151
Jan 2018	58%	33%	9%	1039
Jan 2017	64%	25%	12%	1103
Jan 2016	53%	38%	9%	1038
Jan 2015	52%	39%	9%	1008
Jan 2014	51%	40%	9%	1147
Jan 2013	51%	40%	9%	1114
Jan 2012	32%	59%	8%	1302
Jan 2011	52%	34%	14%	1393
May 2010	14%	80%	6%	1248
Jan 2010	20%	74%	6%	1301
Jan 2009	35%	56%	8%	1387
Jan 2008	44%	47%	9%	1231
Jun 2007	49%	41%	10%	1112
Jan 2007	60%	30%	10%	1276
Mar 2006	31%	57%	11%	847
Jan 2006	41%	51%	8%	1254

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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 2026	48%	52%	1%	1047
Dec 2025	51%	48%	1%	1085
Nov 2025	51%	48%	1%	1303
Oct 2025	49%	50%	1%	941
Jun 2025	44%	56%	0%	1078
Feb 2025	48%	51%	1%	1086
Dec 2024	46%	53%	0%	1447
Oct 2024	40%	59%	1%	1134
Sep 2024	46%	53%	1%	1070
Jun 2024	39%	59%	2%	1096
Feb 2024	44%	55%	1%	1073
Dec 2023	45%	55%	0%	1109
Nov 2023	47%	52%	1%	1392
Sep 2023	45%	54%	1%	1143
Jun 2023	46%	53%	0%	1058
Feb 2023	50%	49%	1%	1049
Oct 2022	43%	54%	3%	1098
Sep 2022	48%	49%	3%	1057
May 2022	45%	52%	3%	1174
Feb 2022	46%	50%	4%	1046
Sep 2021	45%	48%	6%	1071
May 2021	51%	44%	5%	1067
Jan 2021	46%	49%	5%	1124
Oct 2020	50%	46%	4%	1180
Sep 2020	48%	48%	3%	1156
Jun 2020	56%	41%	3%	1039
Jan 2020	49%	49%	3%	966
Sep 2019	41%	54%	5%	1026
Jan 2019	51%	45%	3%	1149
Dec 2018	50%	46%	4%	1079
Sep 2018	50%	47%	3%	957
Jan 2018	54%	43%	3%	1039
Dec 2017	49%	47%	4%	1062
Sep 2017	51%	45%	4%	1103
Mar 2017	53%	43%	4%	1066
Jan 2017	58%	38%	4%	1102
Oct 2016	50%	45%	5%	1021
Sep 2016	45%	52%	3%	1051
May 2016	45%	51%	4%	986
Mar 2016	45%	50%	5%	1032
Jan 2016	49%	47%	4%	1037
Dec 2015	44%	50%	6%	1106

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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
Sep 2015	43%	52%	6%	1062
Jun 2015	40%	52%	8%	1042
Mar 2015	49%	47%	5%	1057
Jan 2015	49%	45%	5%	1009
Dec 2014	47%	48%	5%	1055
Oct 2014	40%	54%	6%	970
Sep 2014	43%	52%	6%	913
May 2014	44%	50%	6%	1035
Mar 2014	41%	53%	6%	1085
Jan 2014	47%	48%	5%	1143
Dec 2013	41%	55%	4%	1077
Sep 2013	40%	54%	6%	1100
Jun 2013	39%	53%	9%	1433
May 2013	41%	54%	4%	1121
Mar 2013	37%	57%	6%	1132
Jan 2013	45%	49%	6%	1115
Dec 2012	39%	56%	5%	1430
Oct 2012	34%	60%	6%	1330
Sep 2012	29%	66%	5%	1325
May 2012	27%	68%	5%	1246
Mar 2012	32%	59%	9%	1161
Jan 2012	29%	66%	5%	1297
Dec 2011	24%	68%	8%	1294
Sep 2011	25%	69%	7%	1359
Jun 2011	22%	68%	9%	1485
Jun 2011	27%	66%	7%	1401
Mar 2011	27%	63%	10%	1361
Feb 2011	32%	56%	12%	1566
Jan 2011	32%	61%	7%	1393
Oct 2010	12%	77%	11%	1227
Sep 2010	13%	77%	9%	1210
Jul 2010	8%	86%	5%	1462
May 2010	13%	82%	5%	1249
Mar 2010	13%	83%	4%	1234
Jan 2010	15%	80%	5%	1299
Dec 2009	11%	82%	7%	1075
Nov 2009	12%	83%	5%	1626
Sep 2009	18%	77%	6%	1340
Jul 2009	9%	87%	5%	1569
Jun 2009	16%	74%	9%	1500
May 2009	17%	76%	7%	1216
Mar 2009	17%	77%	7%	1135
Feb 2009	13%	80%	7%	1564

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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
Jan 2009	16%	78%	6%	1387
Nov 2008	24%	66%	10%	1635
Oct 2008	20%	70%	10%	1274
Sep 2008	21%	67%	11%	1282
Aug 2008	24%	68%	8%	1179
Jun 2008	22%	69%	9%	1412
May 2008	24%	67%	9%	1220
Mar 2008	24%	66%	9%	1215
Jan 2008	35%	55%	10%	1224
Dec 2007	38%	50%	13%	1146
Sep 2007	41%	51%	9%	1154
Jun 2007	44%	47%	9%	1104
May 2007	47%	45%	7%	1122
Mar 2007	44%	48%	8%	1233
Jan 2007	55%	38%	7%	1271
Oct 2006	44%	47%	10%	1183
Sep 2006	45%	46%	9%	1208
Aug 2006	42%	49%	9%	1102
Jul 2006	45%	48%	7%	1346
May 2006	34%	59%	8%	1096
Mar 2006	36%	55%	9%	1007
Feb 2006	34%	58%	8%	1232
Jan 2006	36%	57%	7%	1252
Jan 2006	28%	64%	8%	1447
Oct 2005	29%	62%	10%	1156
Sep 2005	27%	64%	9%	1108
Aug 2005	34%	58%	8%	1055
Jul 2005	39%	50%	11%	1461
May 2005	37%	56%	7%	1238
Apr 2005	34%	56%	10%	1472
Jan 2005	48%	42%	10%	1229
Oct 2004	47%	43%	11%	1210
Sep 2004	47%	42%	12%	1197
Aug 2004	46%	43%	11%	1179
Jul 2004	47%	42%	12%	1447
Jun 2004	46%	43%	11%	1342
May 2004	48%	41%	11%	1100
Feb 2004	32%	54%	15%	1006
Jan 2004	44%	40%	16%	972
Nov 2003	31%	55%	14%	1183
Oct 2003	18%	74%	8%	1128
Sep 2003	17%	75%	8%	1143
Aug 2003	17%	74%	9%	1065

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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
Jul 2003	25%	66%	9%	1153
Jun 2003	22%	68%	10%	1033
Feb 2003	22%	69%	9%	1070
Nov 2002	45%	47%	8%	914
Oct 2002	40%	50%	10%	1048
Sep 2002	48%	43%	8%	1035
Aug 2002	37%	53%	10%	966
Feb 2002	50%	42%	7%	948
Jan 2002	55%	38%	7%	968
Dec 2001	55%	36%	9%	945
Jan 2001	63%	29%	8%	1092
Oct 2000	56%	34%	9%	1088
Aug 2000	63%	30%	8%	1011
Feb 2000	64%	28%	8%	1007
Jan 2000	66%	27%	7%	977
Dec 1999	60%	34%	6%	907
Sep 1999	59%	35%	6%	906
Jan 1999	66%	28%	7%	1049
Oct 1998	63%	30%	7%	1103
Sep 1998	58%	35%	7%	1046
May 1998	56%	36%	9%	936
Apr 1998	55%	37%	8%	990

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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
Feb 2026	27%	73%	1%	1048
Dec 2025	24%	74%	2%	1085
Nov 2025	28%	70%	2%	1305
Oct 2025	23%	76%	1%	940
Jun 2025	22%	77%	1%	1077
Feb 2025	29%	71%	1%	1085
Dec 2024	41%	57%	2%	1447
Oct 2024	40%	58%	2%	1135
Sep 2024	41%	57%	2%	1071
Jun 2024	35%	64%	1%	1097
Feb 2024	41%	58%	1%	1074
Dec 2023	37%	61%	2%	1112
Nov 2023	37%	60%	3%	1393
Sep 2023	37%	62%	2%	1145
Jun 2023	32%	67%	1%	1061
Feb 2023	34%	64%	2%	1049
Nov 2022	28%	71%	2%	1341
Jul 2022	30%	69%	1%	1132
Apr 2022	39%	59%	2%	1056
Nov 2021	46%	53%	1%	1541
Jul 2021	57%	42%	1%	1115
Apr 2021	55%	43%	2%	1102
Dec 2020	30%	69%	1%	1551
Jul 2020	17%	83%	0%	1031
Apr 2020	21%	78%	1%	1094
Jan 2020	50%	42%	8%	962
Sep 2019	37%	54%	10%	1022
May 2019	42%	48%	10%	1114
Jan 2019	45%	45%	10%	1148
Dec 2018	46%	44%	10%	1080
Oct 2018	47%	39%	14%	983
Sep 2018	55%	38%	7%	953
May 2018	50%	40%	10%	897
Jan 2018	56%	34%	10%	1036
Sep 2017	51%	42%	7%	1099
Mar 2017	50%	41%	10%	1060
Jan 2017	51%	34%	15%	1100
Oct 2016	46%	40%	14%	1019
Sep 2016	47%	42%	11%	1048
May 2016	45%	43%	12%	983
Mar 2016	46%	45%	9%	1030

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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
Jan 2016	44%	46%	11%	1034
Dec 2015	47%	43%	10%	1106
Sep 2015	46%	44%	10%	1060
Jun 2015	44%	44%	11%	1041
Mar 2015	49%	39%	12%	1055
Jan 2015	54%	36%	10%	1001
Dec 2014	51%	40%	9%	1047
Oct 2014	42%	47%	11%	970
Sep 2014	44%	46%	10%	906
May 2014	44%	46%	10%	1033
Mar 2014	42%	48%	10%	1084
Jan 2014	46%	47%	8%	1139
Dec 2013	38%	52%	10%	1076
Sep 2013	44%	46%	10%	1095
Jun 2013	46%	44%	10%	1431
May 2013	45%	46%	9%	1117
Mar 2013	41%	52%	8%	1131
Jan 2013	44%	44%	11%	1110
Dec 2012	37%	55%	8%	1428
Oct 2012	34%	53%	12%	1329
Sep 2012	29%	63%	9%	1321
May 2012	27%	65%	9%	1242
Mar 2012	28%	62%	11%	1165
Jan 2012	27%	65%	8%	1294
Dec 2011	22%	68%	10%	1288
Sep 2011	19%	74%	7%	1357
Jun 2011	20%	70%	10%	1483
Jun 2011	29%	63%	8%	1401
Mar 2011	26%	65%	8%	1362
Feb 2011	31%	57%	12%	1558
Jan 2011	28%	63%	9%	1392
Oct 2010	20%	65%	14%	1220
Sep 2010	24%	62%	13%	1206
Jul 2010	19%	74%	7%	1461
May 2010	22%	71%	7%	1243
Mar 2010	21%	72%	7%	1230
Jan 2010	17%	76%	7%	1299
Dec 2009	20%	73%	6%	1078
Nov 2009	17%	75%	7%	1627
Sep 2009	22%	71%	7%	1337
Jul 2009	13%	81%	6%	1568
Jun 2009	18%	77%	5%	1502
May 2009	19%	75%	6%	1217

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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 2009	15%	79%	6%	1136
Feb 2009	13%	83%	4%	1565
Jan 2009	13%	82%	5%	1389
Nov 2008	17%	75%	9%	1636
Oct 2008	15%	77%	8%	1277
Sep 2008	17%	72%	11%	1281
Aug 2008	17%	75%	8%	1182
Jul 2008	14%	80%	7%	1454
Jun 2008	12%	82%	6%	1422
May 2008	16%	75%	9%	1220
Mar 2008	12%	80%	8%	1221
Jan 2008	18%	74%	9%	1227
Dec 2007	23%	68%	9%	1150
Sep 2007	29%	62%	9%	1157
Jun 2007	43%	47%	10%	1106
May 2007	41%	47%	12%	1122
Mar 2007	41%	49%	11%	1233
Jan 2007	52%	37%	11%	1274
Oct 2006	52%	35%	13%	1186
Sep 2006	48%	40%	12%	1209
Aug 2006	45%	43%	12%	1100
Jul 2006	42%	43%	15%	1351
May 2006	39%	48%	12%	1093
Mar 2006	50%	38%	12%	1000
Feb 2006	46%	42%	12%	1232
Jan 2006	49%	40%	11%	1252
Jan 2006	43%	45%	12%	1446
Oct 2005	35%	54%	11%	1159
Sep 2005	33%	57%	10%	1110
Aug 2005	42%	47%	12%	1054
Jul 2005	45%	39%	16%	1459
May 2005	44%	45%	11%	1241
Apr 2005	38%	51%	11%	1470
Jan 2005	47%	38%	15%	1227
Oct 2004	45%	40%	15%	1209
Sep 2004	48%	39%	14%	1195
Aug 2004	46%	40%	14%	1181
Jul 2004	50%	39%	12%	1445
Jun 2004	42%	45%	12%	1336
May 2004	43%	43%	14%	1099
Feb 2004	42%	45%	13%	1007
Jan 2004	51%	34%	15%	979
Nov 2003	40%	45%	15%	1183

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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
Oct 2003	34%	44%	22%	1119
Sep 2003	31%	51%	18%	1133
Aug 2003	27%	56%	17%	1057
Jul 2003	29%	62%	9%	1153
Jun 2003	25%	66%	9%	1025
Feb 2003	15%	76%	9%	1075
Nov 2002	45%	46%	9%	913
Oct 2002	35%	53%	12%	1046
Sep 2002	40%	50%	10%	1036
Aug 2002	35%	53%	12%	969
Feb 2002	46%	47%	7%	950
Jan 2002	46%	48%	6%	971
Dec 2001	35%	59%	6%	947
Jan 2001	52%	36%	12%	1090
Aug 2000	78%	16%	7%	1013
Feb 2000	81%	11%	8%	1012
Dec 1999	79%	15%	6%	910
Sep 1999	76%	19%	5%	914

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Q7. Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect the economy in your local area to be
 [ROTATE] [1] much stronger, [2] somewhat stronger, [3] about the same, [4] somewhat weaker, or
 [5] much weaker than it is now?

	much stronger	somewhat stronger	about the same	somewhat weaker	much weaker	don't know (vol)
Feb 2026	1%	6%	50%	32%	10%	0%
Feb 2024	2%	14%	47%	22%	16%	0%
Dec 2023	2%	11%	48%	24%	14%	1%
Sep 2023	2%	11%	48%	27%	13%	0%

	Unweighted n
Feb 2026	1047
Feb 2024	1075
Dec 2023	1113
Sep 2023	1145

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Q8. Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect your personal financial situation to be [ROTATE] [1] much stronger, [2] somewhat stronger, [3] about the same, [4] somewhat weaker, or [5] much weaker than it is now?

	much stronger	somewhat stronger	about the same	somewhat weaker	much weaker	don't know (vol)
Feb 2026	2%	14%	61%	18%	4%	0%
Sep 2024	4%	19%	55%	16%	6%	0%
Feb 2024	3%	16%	53%	19%	10%	0%
Dec 2023	4%	16%	54%	19%	7%	0%
Sep 2023	3%	18%	56%	17%	6%	0%

	Unweighted n
Feb 2026	1049
Sep 2024	1071
Feb 2024	1075
Dec 2023	1113
Sep 2023	1145

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Q10. How concerned are you, if at all, about not having enough money to pay your rent or mortgage?

	very concerned	somewhat concerned	not too concerned	not at all concerned	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2026	10%	21%	33%	37%	0%	1049
Oct 2025	10%	21%	30%	37%	1%	942
Feb 2023	14%	24%	27%	35%	0%	1048
Mar 2022	19%	25%	25%	31%	0%	1198
Mar 2021	19%	21%	22%	38%	1%	1172
Oct 2010	30%	22%	17%	30%	1%	1235
Mar 2010	33%	20%	17%	30%	0%	1237
Dec 2009	37%	18%	16%	28%	1%	1077
May 2009	29%	20%	17%	33%	1%	1220
Mar 2009	31%	23%	18%	28%	0%	1136

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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
Feb 2026	47%	45%	8%	0%	1047
Jun 2025	46%	47%	7%	0%	1080
Feb 2025	44%	47%	9%	1%	1086
Jun 2024	48%	45%	6%	1%	1098
Feb 2024	47%	44%	8%	1%	1074
Jun 2023	39%	49%	12%	1%	1062
Feb 2023	38%	47%	14%	1%	1048
May 2022	39%	35%	22%	5%	1176
Feb 2022	40%	33%	23%	5%	1047
May 2021	41%	34%	21%	5%	1071
Jan 2021	44%	39%	11%	7%	1125
Jun 2020	52%	33%	9%	6%	1044
Jan 2020	46%	34%	16%	4%	971
May 2019	50%	31%	13%	6%	1115
Jan 2019	43%	38%	16%	3%	1152
Jan 2018	49%	30%	18%	3%	1038
May 2017	49%	32%	14%	5%	1017
Jan 2017	38%	47%	10%	5%	1105
May 2016	51%	33%	13%	3%	989
Mar 2016	55%	33%	9%	3%	1036
Jan 2016	46%	39%	12%	4%	1041
Dec 2015	50%	35%	10%	6%	1113
Jun 2015	52%	35%	11%	2%	1045
Mar 2015	50%	34%	12%	3%	1063
Jan 2015	56%	35%	7%	2%	1009
Dec 2014	55%	35%	8%	2%	1056
Oct 2014	62%	29%	6%	3%	974
Sep 2014	62%	29%	6%	2%	913
May 2014	58%	34%	5%	2%	1036
Jan 2014	56%	36%	6%	2%	1150
Sep 2013	66%	28%	4%	2%	1101
May 2013	67%	27%	4%	1%	1128
Mar 2013	72%	23%	4%	1%	1137
Jan 2013	71%	23%	4%	1%	1116
Dec 2012	74%	21%	3%	1%	1437
Oct 2012	80%	18%	1%	1%	1336
Sep 2012	83%	15%	1%	1%	1331
May 2012	83%	14%	2%	2%	1256
Apr 2012	80%	16%	2%	1%	1207
Mar 2012	78%	17%	3%	1%	1167
Jan 2012	78%	20%	2%	1%	1305

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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
Dec 2011	83%	14%	2%	2%	1297
Sep 2011	81%	16%	1%	2%	1362
Jun 2011	82%	15%	3%	1%	1409
Mar 2011	83%	14%	2%	1%	1372
Jan 2011	83%	16%	0%	1%	1398
Sep 2010	90%	9%	1%	0%	1219
May 2010	88%	11%	1%	1%	1251
Mar 2010	87%	12%	1%	1%	1237
Jan 2010	83%	15%	0%	1%	1301
Dec 2009	88%	10%	1%	0%	1078
Sep 2009	85%	12%	1%	1%	1342
May 2009	83%	16%	1%	1%	1219
Mar 2009	85%	13%	1%	2%	1138
Jan 2009	82%	16%	1%	1%	1391
Oct 2008	80%	17%	1%	1%	1284
Sep 2008	84%	14%	1%	1%	1283
Aug 2008	84%	14%	1%	1%	1186
May 2008	76%	22%	1%	1%	1229
Mar 2008	79%	18%	2%	2%	1221
Jan 2008	74%	23%	2%	2%	1234
May 2007	46%	46%	5%	3%	1127
Jan 2007	49%	42%	5%	4%	1277
May 2006	64%	30%	2%	3%	1097
Jan 2006	68%	27%	3%	2%	1257

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Q12. 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:

	K-12 public education	higher education	health and human services	prisons and correction	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2026	40%	4%	46%	9%	1%	1047
Jun 2025	42%	4%	44%	10%	0%	1075
Feb 2025	43%	5%	43%	9%	0%	1078
Jun 2024	44%	5%	41%	9%	1%	1092
Feb 2024	42%	6%	41%	10%	1%	1070
Feb 2023	49%	5%	40%	6%	1%	1048
Mar 2022	41%	8%	39%	9%	2%	1189
Mar 2021	44%	10%	37%	6%	3%	1161
Jan 2020	38%	12%	40%	7%	3%	945
Jan 2019	49%	15%	30%	4%	2%	1136
Jan 2017	49%	15%	28%	5%	3%	1096
Jan 2016	54%	18%	23%	3%	2%	1032
Jan 2015	57%	17%	19%	4%	3%	1002

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Q13. 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
Feb 2026	45%	55%	1%	1041
Jun 2025	46%	52%	2%	1069
Feb 2025	49%	50%	1%	1077
Jun 2024	42%	56%	2%	1090
Feb 2024	48%	51%	2%	1065
Feb 2023	45%	54%	1%	1044
Mar 2022	48%	49%	3%	1181
Mar 2021	52%	44%	4%	1148
Jan 2020	53%	44%	3%	953
Dec 2018	49%	47%	4%	1067
Sep 2018	49%	46%	5%	945
Jan 2017	49%	47%	4%	1092
Dec 2015	45%	48%	7%	1087
Dec 2014	45%	47%	7%	1035
Sep 2014	41%	53%	6%	898
Jan 2014	44%	51%	5%	1123
May 2013	44%	49%	7%	1095
Dec 2012	48%	47%	6%	1402
May 2012	49%	46%	5%	1233
Jan 2012	45%	48%	7%	1285
Jan 2011	41%	54%	4%	1373
Mar 2010	39%	53%	8%	1207
Sep 2009	47%	43%	10%	1306
May 2009	42%	49%	9%	1201
Jan 2009	47%	46%	7%	1379
May 2008	45%	47%	8%	1213
Jan 2008	44%	47%	9%	1208
May 2007	48%	44%	8%	1098
Jan 2007	49%	44%	6%	1256
May 2006	49%	44%	7%	1083
Jan 2006	56%	36%	8%	1239
May 2005	41%	51%	8%	1224
Jan 2005	41%	50%	9%	1212
May 2004	45%	47%	9%	1089
Jan 2004	39%	51%	10%	962
Sep 2003	38%	52%	10%	1127
Jun 2003	38%	54%	7%	1011
Feb 2003	40%	55%	6%	1047

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Q15. As you may know, the state government currently has an annual general fund budget of around \$248 billion dollars and faces a \$2.9 billion-dollar gap between spending and revenues. How would you prefer to deal with the state's budget gap?

	mostly through spending cuts	mostly through tax increases	through a mix of spending cuts and tax increases	okay to borrow money and run a budget deficit	other (specify)	don't know (vol)
Feb 2026	49%	7%	38%	5%		0%
Jun 2024	47%	6%	41%	6%		1%
Feb 2024	45%	8%	40%	5%		2%
Oct 2012	40%	11%	43%	3%	2%	3%
Sep 2012	37%	13%	41%	2%	2%	4%
May 2012	35%	13%	44%	2%	1%	4%
Apr 2012	36%	12%	46%	2%	2%	2%
Mar 2012	34%	11%	45%	4%	3%	4%
Jan 2012	41%	13%	40%	3%	1%	2%
Dec 2011	33%	11%	45%	5%	3%	3%
Jun 2011	38%	10%	43%	4%	3%	3%
Mar 2011	40%	11%	41%	3%	2%	3%
Jan 2011	41%	8%	45%	2%	1%	2%
Sep 2010	43%	7%	42%	3%	2%	3%
May 2010	41%	8%	42%	3%	3%	3%
Mar 2010	41%	6%	42%	4%	4%	3%
Jan 2010	40%	11%	41%	2%	3%	2%
Dec 2009	44%	8%	39%	4%	2%	3%
Jan 2009	32%	8%	48%	4%	4%	4%
Oct 2008	37%	8%	44%	4%	2%	5%
Sep 2008	37%	7%	48%	2%	2%	4%
Aug 2008	38%	8%	44%	4%	2%	3%
May 2008	36%	9%	47%	3%	3%	3%
Mar 2008	32%	9%	47%	5%	3%	4%
Jan 2008	37%	8%	44%	4%	3%	4%
Dec 2007	43%	5%	41%	4%	3%	3%
May 2005	31%	11%	47%	4%	3%	4%
Jan 2005	37%	11%	43%	3%	4%	3%
Jan 2004	30%	6%	53%	5%	3%	3%
Sep 2003	34%	8%	44%	5%	5%	4%
Feb 2003	34%	7%	48%	4%	3%	4%

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	Unweighted n
Feb 2026	1048
Jun 2024	1095
Feb 2024	1074
Oct 2012	1333
Sep 2012	1326
May 2012	1248
Apr 2012	1204
Mar 2012	1165
Jan 2012	1304
Dec 2011	1292
Jun 2011	1402
Mar 2011	1365
Jan 2011	1399
Sep 2010	1215
May 2010	1244
Mar 2010	1236
Jan 2010	1298
Dec 2009	1075
Jan 2009	1392
Oct 2008	1284
Sep 2008	1279
Aug 2008	1185
May 2008	1224
Mar 2008	1218
Jan 2008	1230
Dec 2007	1151
May 2005	1241
Jan 2005	1235
Jan 2004	978
Sep 2003	1141
Feb 2003	1081

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Q18. Overall, how fair do you think our present state and local tax system is: very fair, moderately fair, not too fair, or not at all fair?

	very fair	moderately fair	not too fair	not at all fair	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2026	2%	36%	36%	25%	1%	1046
Feb 2023	3%	40%	37%	20%	1%	1050
Mar 2022	5%	32%	28%	34%	1%	1199
Mar 2021	5%	45%	23%	25%	2%	1172
Mar 2019	5%	39%	25%	28%	3%	1109
Mar 2017	4%	49%	26%	19%	2%	1066
Mar 2016	5%	49%	24%	19%	3%	1034
Mar 2015	3%	47%	29%	19%	2%	1056
Mar 2014	3%	44%	32%	19%	2%	1091
Jan 2012	4%	49%	29%	16%	1%	1301
Jan 2011	4%	50%	27%	17%	2%	1397
Jan 2010	3%	50%	26%	19%	2%	1300
Jun 2003	4%	58%	21%	14%	3%	1033

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Q19. When you combine all of the taxes you pay to state and local governments, do you feel that you pay much more than you should, somewhat more than you should, about the right amount, or less than you should?

	much more	somewhat more	about the right amount	less than you should	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2026	33%	36%	27%	4%	0%	1045
Jun 2024	41%	30%	25%	4%	0%	1096
Feb 2023	29%	38%	28%	4%	1%	1048
Mar 2022	40%	25%	31%	3%	1%	1196
Mar 2021	31%	29%	35%	4%	1%	1169
Mar 2019	40%	23%	32%	4%	2%	1105
Mar 2018	41%	20%	31%	5%	2%	927
Mar 2017	34%	25%	36%	2%	2%	1063
Mar 2016	34%	27%	36%	2%	1%	1034
Mar 2015	35%	23%	35%	5%	2%	1060
Mar 2014	31%	27%	36%	4%	2%	1088
Jan 2012	20%	27%	44%	8%	1%	1305
Jan 2011	26%	26%	38%	8%	2%	1394
Jan 2010	31%	25%	35%	8%	2%	1298
Jan 2004	21%	26%	46%	5%	1%	977
Jun 2003	26%	24%	44%	5%	2%	1035
Feb 2003	27%	25%	43%	3%	1%	1079

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Q22. If the June primary for governor were being held today, and these were the candidates, who would you vote for?

	Katie Porter, a Democrat	Chad Bianco, a Republican	Xavier Becerra, a Democrat	Steve Hilton, a Republican	Antonio Villaraigosa, a Democrat	Betty Yee, a Democrat
Feb 2026	13%	12%	5%	14%	5%	5%
Dec 2025	21%	10%	14%	14%	8%	7%

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Q22. If the June primary for governor were being held today, and these were the candidates, who would you vote for?

	Ian Calderon, a Democrat	Tony Thurmond, a Democrat	Sharifah Hardie, a Republican	Brandon Jones, a Republican	Kyle Langford, a Republican	Daniel Mercuri, a Republican
Feb 2026	1%	2%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Dec 2025	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%

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Q22. If the June primary for governor were being held today, and these were the candidates, who would you vote for?

	Butch Ware, Green Party	Leo Zacky, a Republican	Jimmy Parker, a Republican	Eric Swalwell, a Democrat	Tom Steyer, a Democrat	Jon Slavet, a Republican
Feb 2026	2%	1%	1%	11%	10%	1%
Dec 2025	1%	1%	1%			

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Q22. If the June primary for governor were being held today, and these were the candidates, who would you vote for?

	Matt Mahan, a Democrat	Neither/would not vote for governor (vol)	Someone else (specify)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2026	3%	1%	3%	10%	1030
Dec 2025			12%	5%	1074

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Q23. How closely are you following news about candidates for the 2026
 governor's election?

	very closely	fairly closely	not too closely	not at all closely	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2026	11%	28%	48%	13%	0%	1049
Dec 2025	11%	25%	46%	18%	0%	1086
Nov 2025	29%	41%	26%	4%	0%	1307
Oct 2025	30%	36%	27%	7%	0%	943
Oct 2024	41%	43%	14%	2%	0%	1137
Apr 2024	31%	43%	22%	3%	0%	1088
Feb 2024	33%	41%	20%	6%	0%	1075
Dec 2023	20%	43%	29%	8%	0%	1112
Nov 2023	25%	37%	31%	7%	0%	1395
Nov 2022	14%	40%	36%	10%	0%	1342
Oct 2022	25%	35%	25%	15%	0%	1109
Sep 2022	17%	33%	35%	15%	0%	1060
Sep 2021	40%	41%	12%	7%	0%	1079
May 2021	21%	41%	27%	11%	0%	1072
Mar 2021	20%	43%	25%	11%	1%	1171
Oct 2020	58%	34%	6%	2%	0%	1184
Sep 2020	53%	34%	9%	3%	0%	1167
Jul 2020	35%	43%	20%	2%	0%	1032
Jun 2020	44%	36%	14%	5%	0%	1048
Apr 2020	40%	43%	15%	3%	0%	1094
Feb 2020	44%	39%	12%	4%	0%	1049
Jan 2020	38%	44%	13%	4%	0%	972
Nov 2019	40%	39%	16%	5%	0%	1015
Sep 2019	38%	39%	15%	8%	0%	1029
Jul 2019	37%	33%	20%	10%	0%	1085
May 2019	28%	41%	22%	9%	0%	1120
Oct 2018	28%	40%	21%	10%	1%	988
Sep 2018	21%	41%	27%	11%	0%	962
Jul 2018	17%	42%	28%	13%	0%	1019
May 2018	19%	39%	30%	11%	1%	900
Apr 2018	18%	36%	32%	13%	1%	862
Mar 2018	14%	34%	35%	16%	0%	931
Jan 2018	7%	23%	39%	30%	0%	1041
Dec 2017	7%	18%	45%	29%	1%	1070
Oct 2016	60%	32%	6%	1%	0%	1024
Sep 2016	61%	33%	5%	1%	0%	1053
Jul 2016	53%	38%	7%	2%	0%	1055
May 2016	55%	34%	9%	3%	0%	990
Apr 2016	57%	35%	6%	1%	0%	997
Mar 2016	52%	37%	9%	2%	1%	1039
Jan 2016	45%	37%	14%	3%	0%	1043
Oct 2014	18%	34%	34%	13%	1%	974
Sep 2014	12%	40%	28%	19%	0%	915

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Q23. How closely are you following news about candidates for the 2026 governor's election?						
	very closely	fairly closely	not too closely	not at all closely	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2014	11%	42%	31%	15%	1%	983
May 2014	8%	31%	41%	19%	1%	1037
Apr 2014	9%	23%	40%	27%	1%	1077
Mar 2014	7%	23%	39%	29%	2%	1089
Jan 2014	7%	21%	50%	21%	0%	1151
Dec 2013	5%	17%	40%	37%	1%	1080
Oct 2012	58%	35%	6%	1%	0%	1335
Sep 2012	53%	37%	9%	1%	0%	1331
Aug 2012	40%	44%	12%	3%	0%	1568
May 2012	42%	44%	12%	2%	0%	1255
Apr 2012	43%	42%	12%	3%	0%	1206
Mar 2012	41%	42%	14%	2%	0%	1167
Jan 2012	36%	49%	13%	3%	0%	1305
Dec 2011	40%	42%	14%	3%	0%	1298
Oct 2010	39%	50%	9%	2%	0%	1238
Sep 2010	30%	51%	16%	2%	0%	1219
Jul 2010	22%	48%	23%	7%	0%	1466
May 2010	21%	46%	27%	6%	0%	1251
Mar 2010	17%	46%	28%	8%	0%	1238
Jan 2010	11%	34%	42%	12%	1%	1302
Dec 2009	10%	33%	36%	20%	1%	1078
Nov 2008	62%	30%	5%	2%	1%	1640
Oct 2008	54%	37%	7%	2%	0%	1282
Sep 2008	52%	39%	7%	1%	0%	1283
Aug 2008	39%	49%	10%	2%	1%	1184
Jul 2008	42%	44%	12%	2%	0%	1456
May 2008	47%	43%	7%	2%	0%	1229
Mar 2008	50%	42%	7%	1%	0%	1222
Jan 2008	44%	44%	10%	2%	0%	1233
Dec 2007	26%	52%	19%	3%	0%	1153
Sep 2007	29%	54%	14%	3%	0%	1164
Jul 2007	30%	49%	17%	4%	0%	1416
Jun 2007	21%	52%	23%	4%	0%	1115
May 2007	30%	48%	17%	5%	0%	1130
Mar 2007	25%	44%	25%	6%	0%	1239
Oct 2006	19%	55%	20%	5%	0%	1191
Sep 2006	17%	57%	20%	6%	0%	1213
Aug 2006	15%	49%	28%	8%	1%	1106
Jul 2006	19%	49%	24%	7%	0%	1353
May 2006	18%	50%	24%	6%	1%	1093
Apr 2006	16%	44%	29%	11%	0%	1267
Mar 2006	13%	39%	34%	14%	0%	1008
Oct 2004	61%	34%	4%	1%	1%	1217

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Q23. How closely are you following news about candidates for the 2026
 governor's election?

	very closely	fairly closely	not too closely	not at all closely	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Sep 2004	51%	39%	8%	3%	0%	1204
Aug 2004	48%	41%	9%	2%	0%	1188
Feb 2004	33%	47%	14%	6%	0%	1015
Jan 2004	22%	40%	25%	13%	0%	982
Sep 2003	49%	43%	6%	1%	0%	1149
Aug 2003	45%	44%	8%	2%	0%	1068
Oct 2002	22%	53%	20%	4%	0%	1051
Sep 2002	28%	52%	16%	4%	0%	1036
Aug 2002	22%	54%	19%	4%	0%	974
Feb 2002	13%	43%	35%	9%	0%	958
Jan 2002	12%	39%	33%	15%	1%	976
Jan 2001	72%	21%	5%	2%	0%	1095
Oct 2000	56%	34%	8%	2%	0%	1090
Sep 2000	48%	39%	10%	3%	0%	1095
Aug 2000	41%	44%	11%	4%	0%	1014
Feb 2000	21%	55%	20%	4%	0%	1014
Jan 2000	14%	51%	29%	6%	0%	985
Dec 1999	16%	52%	26%	5%	0%	910
Sep 1999	20%	57%	20%	3%	0%	914
Jan 1999	19%	59%	19%	3%	0%	1054
Oct 1998	13%	50%	30%	7%	0%	1111
Sep 1998	9%	45%	35%	11%	1%	1046
May 1998	13%	49%	32%	7%	0%	952
Apr 1998	9%	43%	39%	9%	0%	993

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Q24. In general, would you say you are
 satisfied or not satisfied with your choices of
 candidates in the primary election for governor
 next June?

	satisfied	not satisfied	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2026	61%	35%	3%	1042
Dec 2025	55%	40%	5%	1086

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Q28. If the 2026 election for US House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for [ROTATE] [1] the Republican candidate [OR] [2] the Democratic candidate] in your district?

	Republican candidate	Democratic candidate	other (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2026	36%	62%		2%	1044
Dec 2025	35%	63%		2%	1080
Oct 2024	38%	61%		2%	1127
Sep 2024	36%	62%		2%	1063
Jul 2024	36%	62%		2%	1250
Jun 2024	36%	62%		2%	1091
Apr 2024	38%	60%		3%	1080
Feb 2024	36%	61%		3%	1069
Dec 2023	37%	62%		2%	1105
Oct 2022	39%	56%		5%	1097
Sep 2022	34%	60%		7%	1046
May 2022	35%	55%		10%	1162
Mar 2022	42%	51%		7%	1191
Oct 2020	37%	58%		5%	1169
Sep 2020	33%	60%		7%	1152
Jun 2020	34%	59%		8%	1028
Oct 2018	37%	55%		8%	973
Sep 2018	37%	54%		9%	949
May 2018	38%	52%		10%	891
Mar 2018	39%	53%		8%	917
Oct 2014	41%	48%		11%	954
Oct 2006	36%	48%	5%	11%	1184
Oct 2000	41%	47%	2%	11%	1089
Sep 2000	41%	47%	2%	10%	1091

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Q29. How enthusiastic would you say you are about voting for Congress this year?extremely enthusiastic, very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not at all enthusiastic?

	extremely enthusiastic	very enthusiastic	somewhat enthusiastic	not too enthusiastic	not at all enthusiastic	don't know (vol)
Feb 2026	21%	17%	29%	22%	10%	0%
Oct 2024	15%	15%	31%	28%	11%	0%
Jun 2024	16%	14%	27%	32%	11%	0%
Apr 2024	16%	14%	30%	24%	16%	0%
Feb 2024	15%	13%	27%	28%	16%	0%
Oct 2022	18%	33%	29%	14%	5%	1%
May 2022	17%	21%	34%	15%	12%	1%
Oct 2018	25%	28%	28%	10%	8%	1%
May 2018	20%	26%	32%	14%	6%	1%

	Unweighted n
Feb 2026	1047
Oct 2024	1136
Jun 2024	1096
Apr 2024	1086
Feb 2024	1075
Oct 2022	1106
May 2022	1178
Oct 2018	986
May 2018	899

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Q32. On another topic, when it comes to the tough choices involved in the state budget this year, would you prefer-[rotate] [1] that the governor and legislature make all of the decisions about spending and taxes; [or] [2] that California voters make some of the decisions about spending and taxes at the ballot box?

	the governor and legislature make all of the decisions about spending and taxes	California voters make some of the decisions about spending and taxes at the ballot box	other (specify)	both (vol)	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2026	22%	77%			0%	1045
Jan 2019	18%	78%	1%	1%	1%	1149
Jan 2015	21%	76%	1%	1%	1%	1008
Sep 2014	18%	78%	1%	0%	2%	911
May 2014	18%	76%	2%	2%	2%	1035
Sep 2012	18%	78%	1%	1%	2%	1327
May 2012	15%	81%	0%	0%	3%	1251
Jun 2011	21%	76%	1%	2%	1%	1405

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Q33. How much trust and confidence do you have in California's voters when it comes to making decisions about the state budget, spending and taxes at the ballot box?

	a great deal	a fair amount	not too much	none at all	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2026	6%	45%	36%	13%	0%	1046
Oct 2003	11%	44%	36%	7%	1%	1134

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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
Feb 2026	30%	70%	0%	1042
Dec 2025	29%	71%	0%	1083
Oct 2025	33%	67%	0%	941
Jun 2025	34%	66%	0%	1078
Feb 2025	33%	67%	0%	1082
Oct 2020	34%	64%	3%	1179
Sep 2020	32%	67%	2%	1159
Jun 2020	33%	65%	2%	1036
Feb 2020	35%	63%	2%	1043
Jan 2020	38%	61%	1%	970
Nov 2019	39%	59%	2%	1009
Sep 2019	35%	62%	2%	1022
Jul 2019	38%	60%	1%	1080
May 2019	38%	60%	2%	1117
Mar 2019	34%	64%	2%	1104
Jan 2019	36%	62%	2%	1145
Dec 2018	36%	61%	3%	1083
Oct 2018	39%	58%	3%	981
Sep 2018	37%	61%	2%	958
Jul 2018	34%	64%	2%	1012
May 2018	38%	58%	4%	889
Mar 2018	37%	61%	2%	920
Jan 2018	32%	67%	1%	1038
Dec 2017	34%	63%	3%	1058
Sep 2017	31%	66%	3%	1095
Jul 2017	34%	63%	3%	1085
May 2017	33%	63%	3%	1013
Mar 2017	35%	62%	3%	1058
Jan 2017	34%	55%	11%	1094

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Q37. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way the US Congress is handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2026	19%	81%	1%	1044
Dec 2025	19%	80%	1%	1081
Oct 2025	17%	83%	1%	940
Jun 2025	20%	79%	2%	1077
Feb 2025	18%	81%	1%	1083
Oct 2024	18%	80%	2%	1130
Sep 2024	20%	78%	3%	1066
Jun 2024	15%	83%	1%	1090
Feb 2024	12%	85%	2%	1072
Dec 2023	16%	83%	2%	1109
Sep 2023	18%	81%	1%	1142
Jul 2023	23%	77%	0%	1092
Jun 2023	21%	78%	1%	1056
Feb 2023	22%	77%	1%	1042
Oct 2022	29%	68%	3%	1105
Sep 2022	34%	62%	4%	1054
May 2022	20%	74%	6%	1177
Mar 2022	24%	73%	2%	1194
Feb 2022	19%	76%	5%	1046
Sep 2021	31%	63%	5%	1069
May 2021	31%	64%	5%	1067
Mar 2021	33%	63%	3%	1169
Jan 2021	29%	66%	5%	1120
Oct 2020	26%	70%	3%	1177
Sep 2020	21%	75%	3%	1155
Jun 2020	31%	65%	4%	1034
Feb 2020	32%	63%	5%	1039
Jan 2020	30%	66%	4%	960
Nov 2019	21%	74%	4%	1006
Sep 2019	24%	71%	5%	1015
Jul 2019	17%	79%	4%	1080
May 2019	22%	73%	5%	1107
Mar 2019	29%	67%	5%	1102
Jan 2019	23%	72%	5%	1146
Dec 2018	20%	74%	6%	1086
Oct 2018	20%	75%	6%	983
Sep 2018	20%	74%	7%	958
Jul 2018	14%	83%	3%	1015
May 2018	18%	78%	5%	891
Mar 2018	22%	74%	4%	925
Jan 2018	15%	81%	3%	1040
Dec 2017	15%	80%	4%	1068
Sep 2017	18%	79%	3%	1098

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Q37. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way the US Congress is handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Jul 2017	17%	78%	5%	1091
May 2017	19%	76%	5%	1017
Mar 2017	27%	68%	6%	1059
Jan 2017	25%	68%	7%	1098
Oct 2016	17%	77%	6%	1024
Sep 2016	16%	81%	3%	1054
Jul 2016	17%	80%	3%	1051
May 2016	15%	82%	3%	985
Mar 2016	14%	83%	2%	1038
Jan 2016	19%	78%	3%	1040
Dec 2015	14%	81%	5%	1111
Sep 2015	17%	79%	4%	1065
Jul 2015	17%	78%	6%	1057
Jun 2015	20%	74%	6%	1045
Mar 2015	16%	80%	4%	1057
Jan 2015	24%	71%	5%	1008
Oct 2014	16%	79%	5%	970
Sep 2014	16%	80%	5%	907
Jul 2014	15%	83%	2%	976
May 2014	14%	82%	4%	1034
Mar 2014	9%	87%	4%	1091
Jan 2014	15%	82%	3%	1150
Dec 2013	10%	86%	4%	1078
Sep 2013	18%	79%	3%	1086
Jul 2013	18%	77%	4%	1268
May 2013	19%	77%	5%	1124
Mar 2013	16%	81%	3%	1132
Jan 2013	21%	73%	6%	1113
Oct 2012	15%	81%	4%	1332
Sep 2012	17%	78%	5%	1325
Aug 2012	15%	81%	4%	1562
May 2012	16%	78%	5%	1252
Mar 2012	17%	79%	4%	1163
Jan 2012	14%	82%	4%	1300
Dec 2011	9%	88%	3%	1293
Sep 2011	15%	79%	6%	1360
Jul 2011	17%	78%	5%	1638
Mar 2011	22%	69%	9%	1365
Oct 2010	26%	71%	3%	1233
Sep 2010	21%	74%	5%	1214
May 2010	26%	68%	6%	1250
Mar 2010	14%	82%	4%	1231
Jan 2010	29%	65%	6%	1296

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Q37. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of
 the way the US Congress is handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Dec 2009	29%	66%	5%	1076
Sep 2009	34%	60%	6%	1338
May 2009	39%	53%	7%	1216
Mar 2009	35%	58%	7%	1134
Jan 2009	30%	64%	6%	1389
Oct 2008	18%	78%	4%	1281
Sep 2008	26%	67%	7%	1280
Aug 2008	22%	72%	6%	1180
Mar 2008	30%	63%	7%	1220
Dec 2007	23%	72%	5%	1147
Sep 2007	28%	66%	6%	1160
Jun 2007	30%	62%	9%	1106
Jan 2007	37%	51%	12%	1276
Sep 2006	31%	63%	6%	1207
Mar 2006	31%	62%	7%	1004
Oct 2005	37%	55%	8%	1164

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Q38. Do you think that President Trump and the
 US Congress will be able to work together and
 accomplish a lot in the next year, or not?

	yes, will be able to work together	no, will not be able to work together	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2026	28%	71%	1%	1046
Feb 2025	47%	52%	1%	1082
Feb 2024	22%	76%	2%	1074
Feb 2023	20%	78%	1%	1047
Feb 2022	24%	72%	4%	1045
Jan 2021	64%	32%	4%	1125
Jan 2020	14%	84%	2%	970
Jan 2019	18%	79%	3%	1152
Jan 2018	27%	69%	4%	1039
Jan 2017	55%	39%	6%	1103
Jan 2015	18%	78%	4%	1011
Jan 2014	22%	75%	3%	1149
Jan 2013	37%	57%	5%	1115
Jan 2012	19%	77%	4%	1304
Jan 2010	48%	46%	6%	1302
May 2009	69%	24%	7%	1217
Jan 2009	79%	15%	5%	1387
Jun 2007	15%	81%	3%	1113
Jan 2007	30%	65%	5%	1278

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Q39. 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
Feb 2026	27%	73%	0%	1045
Dec 2025	26%	74%	0%	1086
Oct 2025	28%	72%	1%	943
Jun 2025	30%	70%	0%	1078
Feb 2025	26%	74%	0%	1085
Oct 2024	30%	69%	2%	1132
Sep 2024	28%	70%	2%	1069
Jun 2024	25%	74%	1%	1090
Feb 2024	23%	76%	1%	1071
Sep 2023	28%	72%	0%	1140
Jun 2023	25%	74%	1%	1060
Feb 2023	30%	69%	1%	1044
Oct 2022	25%	71%	4%	1102
Sep 2022	33%	63%	4%	1053
May 2022	23%	73%	4%	1166
Feb 2022	30%	66%	5%	1044
Sep 2021	39%	56%	5%	1074
May 2021	45%	52%	3%	1070
Jan 2021	46%	50%	4%	1123
Oct 2020	25%	72%	3%	1178
Nov 2019	34%	63%	4%	998
Jan 2019	29%	68%	3%	1144
Oct 2018	38%	56%	6%	981
Dec 2017	27%	67%	7%	1061
May 2017	28%	64%	7%	1010
Jan 2017	37%	57%	6%	1101
Oct 2016	40%	55%	5%	1020
Mar 2016	34%	63%	3%	1034
Sep 2015	35%	61%	4%	1059
Mar 2015	34%	61%	5%	1054
Mar 2014	35%	61%	5%	1084
Dec 2013	32%	63%	4%	1075
Jan 2013	47%	49%	4%	1114
Oct 2012	42%	55%	3%	1332
Sep 2011	24%	72%	4%	1355
Oct 2010	35%	60%	5%	1229
Dec 2009	39%	56%	5%	1078
May 2009	52%	43%	5%	1217
Jan 2009	31%	64%	5%	1386
Aug 2008	22%	73%	5%	1180
Mar 2008	21%	75%	4%	1219
Jun 2007	26%	68%	6%	1107

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Q39. 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
Jan 2007	33%	63%	4%	1271
Oct 2006	31%	62%	6%	1188
Sep 2005	35%	60%	5%	1117
Jan 2005	43%	52%	4%	1233
Sep 2004	41%	56%	3%	1200
Sep 2003	43%	52%	5%	1146

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Q40. 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
Feb 2026	29%	69%	2%	1048
Dec 2025	26%	73%	1%	1086
Oct 2025	27%	73%	1%	941
Jun 2025	27%	72%	1%	1078
Feb 2025	29%	70%	1%	1084
Oct 2024	44%	53%	3%	1135
Sep 2024	43%	54%	3%	1071
Jun 2024	36%	62%	2%	1096
Feb 2024	40%	57%	3%	1075
Sep 2023	34%	63%	2%	1145
Jun 2023	23%	75%	2%	1061
Feb 2023	24%	75%	2%	1047
Sep 2022	32%	64%	4%	1057
May 2022	20%	75%	5%	1169
Feb 2022	34%	59%	7%	1042
Sep 2021	42%	49%	8%	1074
May 2021	51%	43%	6%	1068
Jan 2021	40%	55%	5%	1122
Sep 2020	31%	60%	9%	1153
Jun 2020	20%	73%	7%	1042
Nov 2019	50%	40%	10%	1004
Oct 2018	53%	39%	9%	984
May 2017	43%	46%	11%	1014
Jan 2017	54%	38%	8%	1101
Oct 2016	44%	39%	16%	1017
Mar 2016	45%	47%	9%	1032
Sep 2015	43%	50%	7%	1060
Mar 2015	50%	42%	8%	1050
Mar 2014	40%	51%	8%	1084
Dec 2013	38%	55%	7%	1074
Oct 2012	42%	48%	10%	1328
Sep 2011	20%	74%	6%	1357
Sep 2010	30%	63%	7%	1208
Dec 2009	26%	67%	7%	1076
May 2009	25%	70%	5%	1219
Jan 2009	17%	78%	5%	1388
Aug 2008	19%	74%	6%	1182
Mar 2008	13%	82%	4%	1222
Jun 2007	39%	54%	7%	1110
Jan 2007	47%	45%	8%	1274

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Q40. 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	49%	42%	9%	1187
Sep 2005	30%	62%	8%	1117
Jan 2005	48%	43%	8%	1231
Sep 2004	47%	41%	12%	1200
Sep 2003	46%	44%	9%	1142

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Q41. 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
Feb 2026	27%	73%	0%	1044
Dec 2025	33%	67%	0%	1084
Oct 2025	34%	65%	0%	941

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Q42. Do you approve or disapprove of recent protests against ICE actions?						
	strongly approve	somewhat approve	somewhat disapprove	strongly disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Feb 2026	48%	13%	11%	28%	0%	1047
Dec 2025	41%	18%	12%	28%	0%	1085

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