

Californians and Their Economic Well-Being November 2021

Time Trends – Likely Voters

Methodology Note:

Findings for November 2021 are based on a survey of 2,292 California adult residents, conducted online using the Ipsos KnowledgePanel. Interviews were conducted in English, Spanish, Chinese (simplified or traditional), Vietnamese, and Korean according to the respondents' preferences. The median time to complete the survey was 16.2 minutes. Interviewing took place from October 12–31, 2021.

The November 2021 sampling error for the 1,543 likely voters, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is ± 3.9 percent. 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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Q1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way
 that Governor Newsom is handling the issue of
 jobs and the economy?

	Approve	Disapprove	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	62%	37%	0%	1539
Jul 2021	56%	43%	1%	1117
Apr 2021	59%	40%	1%	1103
Dec 2020	59%	40%	1%	1551
May 2020	57%	35%	8%	1041

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Q1a. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Governor Newsom is handling the state's kindergarten through 12th grade public education system?

	Approve	Disapprove	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	61%	38%	1%	1539
Apr 2021	58%	40%	1%	1103
Apr 2020	73%	26%	1%	1094
Apr 2019	54%	42%	4%	1032

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Q2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way
 that the California Legislature is handling the
 issue of jobs and the economy?

	Approve	Disapprove	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	56%	43%	1%	1538
Dec 2020	54%	46%	1%	1551
Jan 2009	12%	77%	11%	1389

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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 the issue of jobs and the economy?						
	Just about always	Most of the time	Only some of the time	None	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	5%	46%	48%	0%	0%	1540
Dec 2020	6%	46%	47%	0%	0%	1551

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Q4. 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	(VOL) (VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
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
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

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 that during the next 12 months we will have good times
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	Good times	Bad times	(VOL) (VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
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
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

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Q4. 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	(VOL) (VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
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
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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Q5. Looking ahead, in California will we have mostly good times during the next five years or will we have mostly periods of widespread unemployment or depression?

	Good times	Periods of depression or unemployment	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	46%	53%	1%	1541
Dec 2020	41%	58%	1%	1549

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Q6. How much of a problem is the availability of well-paying jobs
 in your part of California today? Is it a big problem, somewhat of
 a problem, or not a problem?

	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not a problem	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	24%	57%	19%	0%	1542
Dec 2020	28%	60%	11%	0%	1552

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Q7. Does the lack of well-paying jobs make you and your family seriously consider moving away from the part of California you live now?

	Yes, elsewhere in California	Yes, outside of the state	Yes, other	No	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	3%	23%	0%	74%	0%	1539
Dec 2020	5%	26%	0%	69%	0%	1549

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Q8. 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	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	19%	17%	63%	0%	1541
May 2021	18%	24%	58%	0%	1069
Dec 2020	17%	22%	61%	0%	1551
May 2020	17%	25%	58%	1%	1043
Nov 2019	22%	22%	57%	0%	1015
Dec 2013	20%	23%	57%	0%	1078
Dec 2011	11%	36%	53%	0%	1295
Dec 2009	9%	52%	38%	1%	1077
Sep 2002	29%	26%	45%	0%	1035
Dec 2001	21%	27%	51%	0%	949
Jan 2001	38%	14%	47%	0%	1094
Sep 2000	43%	9%	48%	0%	1095
Sep 1999	34%	12%	54%	0%	914
Jan 1999	29%	15%	56%	0%	1054
Oct 1998	36%	11%	53%	0%	1110
Sep 1998	33%	12%	55%	0%	1046
May 1998	34%	13%	52%	0%	950
Apr 1998	37%	12%	52%	0%	992

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Q9. Now looking ahead, do you think a year from now that you
 and your family will be better off, worse off, or just about the
 same as now?

	Better off	Worse off	About the same	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	28%	16%	56%	0%	1542
Dec 2020	22%	17%	60%	0%	1551
Sep 2002	39%	8%	48%	5%	1035
Dec 2001	39%	9%	50%	2%	949
Jan 2001	38%	12%	45%	5%	1093
Sep 2000	46%	4%	45%	6%	1093
Sep 1999	38%	7%	53%	2%	912
Jan 1999	39%	8%	52%	2%	1055
Oct 1998	42%	6%	49%	2%	1110
Sep 1998	38%	7%	53%	3%	1045
Apr 1998	42%	6%	50%	2%	993

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Q11. Suppose that you have an emergency expense that costs \$1,000. Based on your current financial situation, how difficult would it be for you to pay for this expense?

	Not too difficult	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	Nearly impossible	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	69%	19%	7%	5%	0%	1538
Dec 2020	64%	21%	9%	6%	0%	1552

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Q12. On another topic, do you think the American Dream—that if you work hard you'll get ahead—still holds true, never held true, or once held true but does not anymore?

	Still holds true	Never held true	Once held true, but not anymore	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	36%	16%	48%	1%	1540
Dec 2020	41%	13%	46%	0%	1550

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Q13. Do you think the American Dream is easier to achieve in California than elsewhere in the U.S. or harder to achieve?

	Easier to achieve	Harder to achieve	About the same	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	13%	56%	30%	1%	1541
Dec 2020	13%	60%	27%	0%	1552

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Q14. When children today in California grow up, do you think they will be better off or worse off financially than their parents?

	Better off	Worse off	About the same	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	30%	69%	0%	1%	1540
Dec 2020	30%	69%	0%	1%	1551
Dec 2018	30%	60%	3%	7%	1087
Dec 2014	28%	65%	3%	4%	1050

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Q15. Do you think the gap between the rich and the poor in your part of California is getting larger, getting smaller, or has it stayed the same?

	Getting larger	Getting smaller	Stayed the same	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	72%	4%	23%	1%	1538
May 2021	71%	3%	24%	3%	1069
Dec 2020	76%	2%	21%	0%	1552
Jan 2020	68%	2%	28%	1%	970
Mar 2019	72%	3%	23%	2%	1111
May 2017	66%	2%	28%	4%	1016

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Q16. Looking ahead to the year 2030, do you think the gap between the rich and the poor in your part of California will be larger, be smaller, or will be the same?

	Be larger	Be smaller	Will be the same	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	67%	9%	22%	2%	1539
Dec 2020	66%	8%	24%	2%	1552

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Q17. Now, please indicate whether you or anyone in your household has done or experienced any of the following in the last 12 months...Been laid off or lost their job?

	Yes, happened to me	Yes, happened to someone in my household	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household	Did not happen to anyone in my household	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	8%	7%	3%	82%	1534
Dec 2020	13%	14%	2%	72%	1548

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Q18. Now, please indicate whether you or anyone in your household has done or experienced any of the following in the last 12 months...Had work hours reduced or pay cut?

	Yes, happened to me	Yes, happened to someone in my household	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household	Did not happen to anyone in my household	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	13%	11%	4%	73%	1537
Dec 2020	17%	16%	7%	60%	1550

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Q19. Now, please indicate whether you or anyone in your household has done or experienced any of the following in the last 12 months...Put off seeing a doctor or purchasing medication for financial reasons?

	Yes, happened to me	Yes, happened to someone in my household	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household	Did not happen to anyone in my household	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	11%	5%	3%	82%	1538
Dec 2020	9%	5%	5%	80%	1549

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Q20. Now, please indicate whether you or anyone in your household has done or experienced any of the following in the last 12 months...Was not able to pay a monthly bill?

	Yes, happened to me	Yes, happened to someone in my household	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household	Did not happen to anyone in my household	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	9%	3%	3%	85%	1537
Dec 2020	7%	5%	4%	85%	1551

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Q21. Now, please indicate whether you or anyone in your household has done or experienced any of the following in the last 12 months...Received food stamps?

	Yes, happened to me	Yes, happened to someone in my household	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household	Did not happen to anyone in my household	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	5%	5%	1%	89%	1536
Dec 2020	6%	5%	1%	88%	1549

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Q22. Now, please indicate whether you or anyone in your household has done or experienced any of the following in the last 12 months...Reduced meals or cut back on food to save money?

	Yes, happened to me	Yes, happened to someone in my household	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household	Did not happen to anyone in my household	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	11%	1%	7%	81%	1536
Dec 2020	11%	3%	7%	79%	1551

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Q23. Now, please indicate whether you or anyone in your household has done or experienced any of the following in the last 12 months...Received unemployment benefits?

	Yes, happened to me	Yes, happened to someone in my household	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household	Did not happen to anyone in my household	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	10%	11%	3%	75%	1537
Dec 2020	13%	15%	3%	69%	1550

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Q24. Now, please indicate whether you or anyone in your household has done or experienced any of the following in the last 12 months...Received food from a food bank or pantry?

	Yes, happened to me	Yes, happened to someone in my household	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household	Did not happen to anyone in my household	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	7%	2%	3%	87%	1536
Dec 2020	8%	4%	3%	85%	1550

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

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Q26. Now, please indicate whether you or anyone in your household has done or experienced any of the following in the last 12 months...Had difficulty paying rent or mortgage?

	Yes, happened to me	Yes, happened to someone in my household	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household	Did not happen to anyone in my household	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	6%	3%	3%	88%	1539
Dec 2020	7%	6%	3%	84%	1550

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Q27. Next, how often, if ever, do you worry about each of the following? You or someone in your family losing their job?

	Every day	Almost every day	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	7%	6%	29%	25%	33%	1540
Dec 2020	8%	8%	33%	21%	30%	1550

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Q28. Next, how often, if ever, do you worry about each of the following? The cost of healthcare for you and your family?

	Every day	Almost every day	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	9%	9%	37%	20%	25%	1540
Dec 2020	11%	8%	35%	22%	24%	1552

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Q29. Next, how often, if ever, do you worry about each of the following? The cost of housing for you and your family?

	Every day	Almost every day	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	11%	11%	30%	19%	28%	1538
Dec 2020	11%	11%	29%	19%	29%	1550

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Q30. Next, how often, if ever, do you worry about each of the following? Paying your bills?

	Every day	Almost every day	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	8%	8%	24%	26%	34%	1538
Dec 2020	9%	8%	24%	26%	32%	1552

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Q31. Next, how often, if ever, do you worry about each of the following? The cost
 of childcare?

	Every day	Almost every day	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	3%	2%	9%	11%	74%	1537
Dec 2020	3%	1%	10%	8%	77%	1548

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Q32. Next, how often, if ever, do you worry about each of the following? The amount of debt your have?

	Every day	Almost every day	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	11%	8%	25%	24%	33%	1539
Dec 2020	11%	8%	24%	25%	32%	1550

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Q33. Next, how often, if ever, do you worry about each of the following? Being able to save enough for your children's college education?

	Every day	Almost every day	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	7%	5%	14%	13%	61%	1539
Dec 2020	6%	5%	17%	14%	58%	1550

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Q34 Next, how often, if ever, do you worry about each of the following? Being able to save enough for your retirement?

	Every day	Almost every day	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	15%	13%	34%	16%	21%	1534
Dec 2020	14%	13%	33%	18%	23%	1550

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Q36. Would you say that you
 have stable and predictable
 pay at work?

	Yes	No	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	90%	10%	689
Dec 2020	86%	14%	706

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Q37. Would you say that you
 have stable and predictable
 hours at work?

	Yes	No	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	84%	16%	689
Dec 2020	83%	17%	707

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Q38. Would you say that your
 job offers opportunities for
 growth and advancement?

	Yes	No	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	64%	36%	688
Dec 2020	62%	38%	706

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Q39. Would you say that your employer cares about your health and safety at work as it relates to COVID-19?

	Yes	No	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	87%	13%	689
Dec 2020	87%	13%	705

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Q40. Would you say that you
 can voice concerns at work
 without fear of negative
 consequences?

	Yes	No	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	74%	26%	689
Dec 2020	76%	24%	706

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Q41. Would you say that
decisions made at work take
into account your views and
concerns?

	Yes	No	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	62%	38%	689
Dec 2020	71%	29%	706

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Q46. Are you or is anyone in your immediate family a member of a labor union? If yes: is that person you or another person in your family?

	yes, respondent	yes, another person in family	yes, both	no	(VOL) Don't know
Nov 2021	15%	13%	4%	67%	0%
Aug 2005	15%	10%	3%	71%	1%
Oct 2004	13%	10%	3%	73%	1%
Sep 2004	12%	11%	2%	74%	0%
Aug 2004	15%	11%	2%	71%	1%
May 2004	13%	10%	3%	73%	1%
Feb 2004	11%	13%	2%	74%	1%
Jan 2004	11%	12%	5%	72%	1%
Jun 2003	23%	0%	0%	77%	0%
Feb 2003	25%	0%	0%	74%	1%

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	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	690
Oct 2005	1168
Aug 2005	1056
Oct 2004	1214
Sep 2004	1204
Aug 2004	1186
May 2004	1104
Feb 2004	1014
Jan 2004	981
Jun 2003	1035
Feb 2003	1082

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Q47. Does your current job provide healthcare coverage?

	Yes	No	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	81%	19%	689
Dec 2020	76%	24%	707

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Q48. Does your current job
 provide paid sick leave?

	Yes	No	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	85%	15%	689
Dec 2020	81%	19%	706

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Q49. Does your current job provide retirement savings?

	Yes	No	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	76%	24%	689
Dec 2020	66%	34%	707

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And thinking about the
 benefits offered at your current
 job... - Does your current job
 provide educational or training
 assistance?

	Yes	No	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	57%	43%	689
Dec 2020	53%	47%	707

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Q51. Next, please read these two statements and say if you completely agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or completely disagree with each one. It is important for workers to organize so that employers do not take advantage of them.

	Completely agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Completely disagree	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	44%	36%	13%	6%	1537
Dec 2020	42%	36%	14%	7%	1550

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Q52. Next, please read these two statements and say if you completely agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or completely disagree with each one.
 Voting gives people like me some say in what the government does.

	Completely agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Completely disagree	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	46%	40%	9%	6%	0%	1539
Dec 2020	47%	43%	6%	4%	0%	1552
Dec 2015	32%	47%	12%	8%	1%	1111

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Q53. Do you favor or oppose a
 government policy to make
 college tuition free at both
 public two-year and four-year
 colleges?

	Favor	Oppose	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	60%	40%	1536
Dec 2020	59%	41%	1549

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Q54. Would you favor or
oppose a government policy to
eliminate college debt?

	Favor	Oppose	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	55%	45%	1534
Dec 2020	60%	40%	1547

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Q55. Do you favor or oppose
 increasing government funding
 so that child care programs
 are available for more lower-
 income working parents?

	Favor	Oppose	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	74%	26%	1536
Dec 2020	76%	24%	1552

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Q56. Do you favor or oppose
 increasing government funding
 for job training programs so
 that more workers have the
 skills they need for today's
 jobs?

	Favor	Oppose	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	82%	18%	1534
Dec 2020	82%	18%	1550

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Q57. Would you favor or
 oppose the government
 offering a health insurance
 plan, similar to Medicare, that
 Americans can choose to
 purchase instead of private
 insurance?

	Favor	Oppose	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	74%	26%	1535
Dec 2020	75%	25%	1552

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Q58. Do you favor or oppose
 the government expanding the
 eligibility and payments of the
 earned income tax credit for
 lower-income working families
 and individuals?

	Favor	Oppose	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	71%	29%	1529
Dec 2020	72%	28%	1546

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Q59. Would you favor or
 oppose the federal
 government providing a
 guaranteed income,
 sometimes called a "Universal
 Basic Income," of about
 \$1,000 a month for all adult
 citizens, whether or not they
 work?

	Favor	Oppose	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	43%	57%	1532
Dec 2020	43%	57%	1544

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Q60. How big of a problem is racism in the U.S. today? Is it a big problem, somewhat of a problem, a small problem, or not a problem at all?

	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Small problem	Not a problem at all	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	49%	31%	13%	7%	0%	1539
Jul 2021	55%	25%	13%	7%	0%	1117
Apr 2021	61%	23%	10%	6%	0%	1103
Dec 2020	56%	26%	11%	7%	0%	1552
Jul 2020	61%	22%	12%	5%	0%	1032

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Q61. Was there a time in the last twelve months when you felt
 you were treated unfairly at your place of work because of your
 racial or ethnic background?

	Yes	No	Not applicable	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	7%	93%	0%	0%	1537
Dec 2020	8%	92%	0%	0%	1551

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Q62. How much do you think that racial and ethnic discrimination contributes to economic inequality in this country?

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not too much	Not at all	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	39%	32%	20%	9%	0%	1539
Dec 2020	39%	35%	19%	8%	0%	1552

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Q63. How much of a problem is the threat of wildfires in your part of California? Is it a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not much of a problem?

	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not much of a problem	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	56%	32%	12%	0%	1542
Jul 2021	57%	28%	15%	0%	1117
Dec 2020	54%	34%	12%	0%	1552
Jul 2020	52%	32%	15%	0%	1032
Mar 2019	46%	29%	25%	1%	1112

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Q64. How serious is the threat of wildfires in your part of California to your personal and economic wellbeing—very serious, somewhat serious, or not too serious?

	Very serious	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	25%	38%	36%	0%	1542
Jul 2021	32%	33%	35%	0%	1117
Dec 2020	27%	33%	40%	0%	1552

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Q65. 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, or hardly any confidence?

	A great deal	Only some	Hardly any confidence	None	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	36%	46%	18%	0%	0%	1540
Jul 2021	31%	52%	17%	0%	0%	1117
Dec 2020	41%	45%	14%	0%	0%	1552
Jul 2020	36%	56%	8%	0%	0%	1031
Dec 2007	42%	44%	8%	3%	2%	1150

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Q66. At this time, how much would you say that you know about how the recall process works in California?

	A lot	Some	Very little	Nothing	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	29%	52%	16%	3%	0%	1541
Jul 2021	16%	45%	30%	8%	0%	1117
Oct 2003	33%	49%	16%	2%	0%	1136
Sep 2003	32%	45%	19%	3%	0%	1144
Aug 2003	25%	50%	22%	2%	0%	1067

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Q67. Currently, a statewide official can be recalled for any or no reason. Would you support or oppose changing this so that an elected official could only be recalled because of illegal or unethical activity?

	Support	Oppose	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	64%	36%	0%	1540
Jul 2021	60%	39%	1%	1117
Oct 2003	59%	37%	4%	1133

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Q68. Would you support or oppose raising this
 requirement to 25 percent of the total votes cast
 in the previous election?

	Support	Oppose	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	64%	36%	0%	1536
Jul 2021	55%	43%	2%	1116
Oct 2003	56%	39%	4%	1133

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding

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Q69. Generally speaking, and regardless of how you felt about the upcoming election, do you think the recall election process in California needs major changes, minor changes, or is it basically fine the way it is?

	Major changes	Minor changes	Basically fine the way it is	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	50%	28%	21%	1%	1539
Jul 2021	30%	36%	32%	2%	1117
Oct 2004	26%	25%	45%	4%	1216
Oct 2003	32%	25%	37%	5%	1133
Sep 2003	34%	24%	35%	8%	1146

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Q70. Generally speaking, and regardless of how you felt about the upcoming election, do you think it is a good thing or a bad thing that the California constitution provides a way to recall the state's elected officials, such as the Governor?

	Good thing	Bad thing	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	86%	14%	0%	1539
Jul 2021	86%	13%	1%	1116
Oct 2004	74%	23%	3%	1218
Oct 2003	76%	22%	2%	1132
Aug 2003	80%	17%	3%	1065

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Q71. Currently, the winner of the second part of a recall ballot could get under 50 percent of the vote. Would you support or oppose changing the law so that if no candidate got more than 50 percent of the vote, there would be a runoff election between the top two candidates?

	Support	Oppose	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	72%	27%	1%	1539
Jul 2021	68%	29%	3%	1116
Oct 2003	64%	32%	4%	1128

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Q72. According to the state Department of Finance, the special election to recall Governor Newsom will cost an estimated \$276 million. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

	This election was a waste of money	This election was worth the cost	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	79%	20%	0%	1541
Jul 2021	69%	30%	0%	1115
Aug 2003	53%	44%	3%	1067

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