

# Californians and Their Government

## December 2018

### Time Trends – Likely Voters

#### Methodology Note:

Findings for December 2018 are based on a survey of 1,704 California adult residents, with 70 percent interviewed on cell phones (1,193 interviews) and 30 percent interviewed on landline telephones (511 interviews). Live landline and cell phone interviews were conducted in English and Spanish according to the respondents' preferences. Interviews took an average of 18 minutes to complete. Interviewing took place on weekend days and weekday nights November 11-20, 2018.

The December 2018 sampling error for the 1,094 likely voters, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is  $\pm 4.1$  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.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this survey, please contact [surveys@ppic.org](mailto:surveys@ppic.org)

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

	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Dec 2018	52%	40%	8%	1079
Nov 2018	53%	39%	8%	1089
Oct 2018	50%	42%	9%	977
Sep 2018	53%	41%	7%	958
Jul 2018	54%	37%	8%	1013
May 2018	52%	41%	7%	899
Apr 2018	50%	42%	8%	863
Mar 2018	54%	41%	5%	924
Jan 2018	57%	36%	6%	1038
Dec 2017	53%	38%	9%	1066
Nov 2017	56%	36%	8%	1084
Sep 2017	55%	37%	8%	1096
Jul 2017	52%	36%	12%	1084
May 2017	50%	40%	9%	1012
Apr 2017	52%	38%	10%	1026
Mar 2017	61%	32%	7%	1061
Jan 2017	62%	31%	7%	1102
Dec 2016	59%	33%	8%	1112
Oct 2016	56%	32%	12%	1020
Sep 2016	55%	38%	7%	1050
Jul 2016	53%	36%	11%	1048
May 2016	50%	39%	10%	985
Apr 2016	56%	35%	9%	993
Mar 2016	53%	36%	11%	1031
Jan 2016	60%	31%	9%	1036
Dec 2015	54%	35%	11%	1097
Sep 2015	55%	35%	10%	1054
Jul 2015	55%	37%	9%	1054
Jun 2015	54%	36%	10%	1041
Apr 2015	53%	37%	11%	1063
Mar 2015	56%	36%	8%	1056
Jan 2015	58%	33%	9%	1006
Dec 2014	57%	34%	9%	1050
Oct 2014	54%	37%	9%	966
Sep 2014	55%	36%	9%	908
Jul 2014	56%	34%	9%	971
May 2014	54%	35%	11%	1029
Apr 2014	56%	31%	13%	1068
Mar 2014	52%	35%	13%	1080
Jan 2014	60%	32%	8%	1138
Dec 2013	49%	38%	13%	1077
Sep 2013	49%	39%	12%	1092
Jul 2013	54%	31%	15%	1267
May 2013	48%	40%	11%	1117
Apr 2013	49%	41%	10%	1124

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

	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Mar 2013	48%	39%	13%	1132
Jan 2013	50%	36%	14%	1110
Dec 2012	49%	40%	11%	1433
Oct 2012	45%	43%	12%	1331
Sep 2012	42%	47%	11%	1322
Aug 2012	46%	42%	11%	1551
May 2012	42%	43%	14%	1248
Apr 2012	47%	40%	12%	1196
Mar 2012	46%	38%	16%	1160
Jan 2012	44%	38%	17%	1297
Dec 2011	46%	36%	17%	1288
Nov 2011	47%	38%	15%	1622
Sep 2011	45%	35%	20%	1350
Jul 2011	48%	35%	17%	1631
Jun 2011	46%	28%	25%	1400
Apr 2011	46%	32%	21%	1640
Mar 2011	41%	25%	34%	1363
Feb 2011	41%	17%	43%	1552
Jan 2011	47%	20%	33%	1380

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

	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
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
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

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	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
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
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

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	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
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
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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Q5. Would you rather see Gavin Newsom as  
 the next California governor generally continue  
 Jerry Brown's policies or mostly change to  
 different policies?

	continue Jerry Brown's policies	change to different policies	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Dec 2018	39%	50%	12%	1057
Sep 2017	43%	49%	8%	1097

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Q6. Do you think things in California are  
 GENERALLY going in the right direction or the  
 wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
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
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



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 GENERALLY going in the right direction or the  
 wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
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
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

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Q6. Do you think things in California are  
 GENERALLY going in the right direction or the  
 wrong direction?

	right direction	wrong direction	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
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
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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Q7. 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] don't know	Unweighted n
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
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

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Q7. 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] don't know	Unweighted n
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
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

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	good times	bad times	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
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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Q8. Some people think that California is divided into economic groups, the haves and have-nots, while others think it is not divided that way. Do you think that California is divided into haves and have-nots?

	divided into haves and have-nots	not divided that way	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Dec 2018	68%	28%	4%	1081
Dec 2015	68%	28%	4%	1104
Dec 2014	67%	31%	2%	1046
Dec 2013	67%	30%	3%	1075
Dec 2011	61%	35%	4%	1291
Sep 2002	60%	37%	3%	1032
Jan 1999	57%	40%	3%	1051

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Q9. If you had to choose, which of these groups are you in - the  
 haves or have-nots?

	haves	have-nots	[VOL] neither	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Dec 2018	50%	36%	10%	5%	1064
Dec 2015	50%	34%	12%	5%	1095
Dec 2014	49%	35%	13%	4%	1033
Dec 2013	52%	34%	11%	3%	1057
Dec 2011	46%	40%	9%	5%	1282
Sep 2002	69%	23%	0%	8%	1021
Jan 1999	65%	28%	0%	7%	1041

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Q10. Do you think that in California today [ROTATE] [1] all people have an equal opportunity to get ahead, or [2] the government should do more to make sure that all Californians have an equal opportunity to get ahead.

	people have equal opportunity	government should do more	[VOL] both	[VOL] neither	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Dec 2018	42%	50%	1%	3%	3%	1077
Dec 2015	46%	46%	2%	4%	3%	1103
Dec 2014	45%	44%	2%	6%	3%	1049
Dec 2013	49%	42%	1%	6%	3%	1066
Dec 2011	42%	48%	0%	5%	4%	1289
Sep 2002	56%	38%	1%	2%	3%	1029
Jan 1999	55%	42%	0%	0%	3%	1046

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Q12. Overall, do you think that in 2025 California will be a better place to live than it is now or a worse place to live than it is now or will there be no change?

	better place	worse place	no change	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Dec 2018	35%	39%	21%	5%	1087
Dec 2014	36%	34%	25%	6%	1046
Dec 2012	40%	35%	18%	8%	1430
Aug 2006	21%	51%	23%	5%	1108
Jun 2004	24%	53%	18%	6%	1346

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Q13. When children today in California grow up, do you think they will be better off or worse off financially than their parents?

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	better off	worse off	[VOL] same	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Dec 2018	30%	60%	3%	7%	1087
Dec 2014	28%	65%	3%	4%	1050

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Q15. In general, which of the following  
 statements do you agree with more...

	higher taxes and more services	lower taxes and fewer services	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
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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Q16. Overall, do you think the state and local tax system is in need of major changes, minor changes, or do you think it is fine the way it is?

	major changes	minor changes	fine the way it is	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Dec 2018	54%	29%	13%	4%	1089
Mar 2017	44%	39%	14%	2%	1067
Jun 2015	54%	31%	11%	4%	1045
Mar 2015	53%	31%	12%	4%	1061
Dec 2014	47%	39%	12%	2%	1054
Mar 2014	56%	31%	11%	3%	1090
Sep 2011	68%	21%	8%	4%	1360
Jan 2011	65%	24%	8%	2%	1398
Jan 2010	62%	27%	9%	3%	1302

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Q21. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of  
 the way that Donald Trump is handling his job  
 as president?

	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
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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Q22. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?				
	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
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
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

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Q22. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of  
 the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?

	approve	disapprove	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
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
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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Q24. How much confidence do you have in President Trump to make the right decisions for the country's future - a great deal of confidence, a good amount, just some, or none at all?

	great deal of confidence	a good amount	just some	none at all	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Dec 2018	19%	14%	17%	50%	1%	1087
Jan 2017	19%	15%	19%	45%	1%	1101

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Q27. Please indicate which statement comes  
 closest to your own view - even if neither is  
 exactly right?

	immigrants are a benefit to California	immigrants are a burden to California	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Dec 2018	65%	29%	6%	1058
May 2018	67%	28%	5%	873
Sep 2017	72%	25%	3%	1084
Jan 2016	61%	32%	8%	1014
Sep 2015	56%	37%	7%	1048
Jan 2015	53%	41%	6%	990
Sep 2014	51%	41%	8%	891
Mar 2014	58%	35%	7%	1072
May 2013	53%	41%	6%	1106
Jan 2013	54%	39%	7%	1096
Mar 2012	51%	39%	10%	1143
Sep 2010	47%	44%	9%	1193
Mar 2010	47%	47%	6%	1212
Sep 2009	52%	41%	7%	1318
Aug 2008	48%	45%	7%	1164
Mar 2008	52%	41%	7%	1203
Dec 2007	51%	42%	7%	1136
Jun 2007	48%	42%	10%	1094
Mar 2007	54%	39%	7%	1221
Sep 2006	50%	42%	8%	1199
Sep 2005	50%	41%	9%	1104
Feb 2004	49%	41%	10%	994
Dec 2001	52%	38%	10%	938
Feb 2000	52%	35%	13%	998
Apr 1998	44%	43%	13%	979

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Q28. Which comes closer to your view about  
 how to handle undocumented immigrants who  
 are living in the US... ?

	allowed to stay legally	not allowed to stay legally	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Dec 2018	81%	17%	2%	1086
May 2018	80%	17%	3%	889
Dec 2017	81%	17%	2%	1064
Jan 2017	83%	15%	2%	1097
Sep 2016	80%	18%	2%	1048
May 2016	75%	22%	3%	982
Jan 2016	78%	21%	1%	1032

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Q31. Please indicate which statement comes closest to your own view, even if neither is exactly right. [ROTATE] [1] Government regulation of business is necessary to protect the public interest; [OR] [2] Government regulation of business does more harm than good.

	government regulation of business is necessary to protect the public interest	government regulation of business does more harm than good	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Dec 2018	58%	39%	3%	1086
Mar 2017	56%	39%	5%	1059
Mar 2016	57%	40%	3%	1032
Mar 2012	44%	50%	6%	1163
Aug 2008	56%	38%	7%	1176
Sep 2004	54%	42%	4%	1201
Feb 2000	46%	50%	4%	1012
May 1998	52%	46%	2%	950

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Q32. Please indicate which statement comes closest to your own view, even if neither is exactly right. [ROTATE] [1] Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt the economy [OR] [2] Stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost.

	stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt the economy	stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost	[VOL] don't know	Unweighted n
Dec 2018	33%	61%	6%	1076
Mar 2017	34%	61%	5%	1062
Mar 2014	42%	53%	5%	1083
Mar 2012	47%	47%	6%	1165
Feb 2004	32%	60%	8%	1005
Feb 2002	35%	61%	3%	953
Jun 2000	37%	58%	5%	913
Jan 2000	32%	64%	4%	980
May 1998	37%	59%	4%	948

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