



Top Line Results for February 2025 SLU/YouGov Poll

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Saint Louis University and YouGov surveyed 900 likely Missouri voters from February 18 to March 2 about current political issues and education policy in Missouri. The following pages present results for most survey questions. The margin of error for survey results for the full sample is 3.64%. Margins of error for questions asked to subsamples are listed below where available. Original data and analyses from the SLU Poll Directors are available at <http://www.slu.edu/poll>.

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About Saint Louis University

Founded in 1818, Saint Louis University is one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious Catholic institutions. Rooted in Jesuit values and its pioneering history as the first university west of the Mississippi River, SLU offers more than 15,200 students a rigorous, transformative education of the whole person. At the core of the University's diverse community of scholars is SLU's service-focused mission, which challenges and prepares students to make the world a better, more just place.

Methodology and Weighting

YouGov interviewed 1320 Missouri (MO) registered voters, with the goal of screening for and surveying Missouri likely voters. The Missouri registered voters were then matched down to a sample of 1085, yielding a target subsample of 900 likely voters including 450 from each treatment group. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, education and treatment group. The sampling frame is a politically representative “modeled frame” of US adults, based upon the American Community Survey (ACS) public use microdata file, public voter file records, the 2020 Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration supplements, the 2020 National Election Pool (NEP) exit poll, and the 2020 CES surveys, including demographics and 2020 presidential vote.

The matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity and education. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles.

The weights were then post-stratified on 2020 and 2024 presidential vote choice as well as a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (3-categories), and education (4-categories). The weighted dataset of registered MO voters was then subsetted on likely MO voters, and the weights were trimmed and recentered around 1, to produce the final weights for Likely Missouri voters.

POLS001

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...President Donald Trump?

- Strongly approve: 42%
- Approve: 14%
- Disapprove: 5%
- Strongly disapprove: 37%
- Not sure: 2%

POLS002

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...The US Congress?

- Strongly approve: 5%
- Approve: 36%
- Disapprove: 22%
- Strongly disapprove: 27%
- Not sure: 10%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is $\pm 5.28\%$

POLS007

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...The US Supreme Court?

- Strongly approve: 10%
- Approve: 41%
- Disapprove: 21%
- Strongly disapprove: 21%
- Not sure: 7%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is $\pm 5.01\%$

POLS003

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...The Missouri State Legislature?

- Strongly approve: 10%
- Approve: 38%
- Disapprove: 17%
- Strongly disapprove: 23%
- Not sure: 12%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is $\pm 5.28\%$

POLS004

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...Governor Mike Kehoe?

- Strongly approve: 15%
- Approve: 35%
- Disapprove: 11%
- Strongly disapprove: 20%
- Not sure: 18%

POLS006

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...Senator Josh Hawley?

- Strongly approve: 32%
- Approve: 19%
- Disapprove: 10%
- Strongly disapprove: 31%
- Not sure: 9%

POLS005

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job...Senator Eric Schmitt?

- Strongly approve: 23%
- Approve: 25%
- Disapprove: 9%
- Strongly disapprove: 26%
- Not sure: 17%

The original publication of these top-line results on 3/18/2025 incorrectly reported that 35% of Missouri likely voters Approve of Senator Eric Schmitt's performance. The correct figure is 25%. The SLU/YouGov Poll team apologizes for and regrets this error.

POLS010

Which of the following do you think should be the TOP priority of the Missouri state government?

- Economy: 47%
- Health care: 19%
- Education: 13%
- Infrastructure: 14%
- Other, please specify: 6%

POLS011

How would you rate the condition of the following...The Economy in the United States?

- Excellent: 1%
- Good: 13%
- Fair: 46%
- Poor: 38%
- Not sure: 1%

POLS012

How would you rate the condition of the following...The Economy in the State of Missouri?

- Excellent: 1%
- Good: 20%
- Fair: 51%
- Poor: 26%
- Not sure: 2%

POLS013

How would you rate the condition of the following...Public schools in your community?

- Excellent: 6%
- Good: 34%
- Fair: 32%
- Poor: 23%
- Not sure: 5%

POLS014

How would you rate the condition of the following...Public schools in the State of Missouri?

- Excellent: 2%
- Good: 23%
- Fair: 40%
- Poor: 26%
- Not sure: 8%

POLS015

How would you rate the condition of the following...Crime in your community?

- Excellent: 8%
- Good: 36%
- Fair: 32%
- Poor: 21%
- Not sure: 3%

POLS017

How would you rate the condition of the following...Race relations in your community?

- Excellent: 10%
- Good: 42%
- Fair: 29%
- Poor: 13%
- Not sure: 5%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is $\pm 5.28\%$

POLS018

How would you rate the condition of the following...Your physical health in the last month?

- Excellent: 14%
- Good: 46%
- Fair: 30%
- Poor: 9%
- Not sure: 0%

POLS019

How would you rate the condition of the following...Your mental health in the last month?

- Excellent: 24%
- Good: 40%
- Fair: 23%
- Poor: 13%
- Not sure: 0%

POLS020

How would you rate the condition of the following...Roads and infrastructure in the State of Missouri?

- Excellent: 3%
- Good: 20%
- Fair: 43%
- Poor: 34%
- Not sure: 1%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is $\pm 5.01\%$

POLS021

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...The United States is on the right track and headed in a good direction?

- Agree: 51%
- Disagree: 41%
- Not sure: 8%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is $\pm 5.28\%$

POLS022

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...The State of Missouri is on the right track and headed in a good direction?

- Agree: 47%
- Disagree: 37%
- Not sure: 17%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is $\pm 5.28\%$

POLS023

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...The Federal Government should expand the Child Tax Credit from a maximum of \$2,000 per child to \$5,000 per child?

- Agree: 54%
- Disagree: 20%
- Not sure: 27%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is $\pm 5.28\%$

POLS024

Would you support or oppose eliminating Missouri's state income tax?

- Support: 52%
- Oppose: 25%
- Not sure: 23%

POLS025b

If the State of Missouri eliminated the state income tax, which of the following would you be most willing to tax to make up for lost revenue?

- Auto and home repair services: 3%
- Professional services (for example, accounting and legal): 15%
- Personal care services (for example, salons): 10%
- Real estate transfers: 13%
- Inheritances: 13%
- Not sure: 46%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is $\pm 5.28\%$

POLS025a

If Missouri eliminated its state income tax, what should Missouri's state government spend less on to make up for lost revenue?

Open-ended responses available at slu.edu/poll

POLS026

Do you favor or oppose the following policies...Charging someone with first-degree murder if they knowingly distributed fentanyl to a person that caused that person's death?

- Favor: 78%
- Oppose: 12%
- Not sure: 10%

POLS027

Do you favor or oppose the following policies...Imprisoning someone for 5 to 10 years if their manufacturing or possession of fentanyl endangers a child?

- Favor: 87%
- Oppose: 4%
- Not sure: 8%

POLS028

Do you favor or oppose the following policies...Requiring law enforcement agencies to report criminal offenders' citizenship status to the Missouri Department of Public Safety?

- Favor: 68%
- Oppose: 18%
- Not sure: 13%

POLS029

Do you favor or oppose the following policies...Providing full-tuition scholarships to public colleges for first responders (for example, police officers, firefighters, and paramedics) and their legal dependents?

- Favor: 52%
- Oppose: 24%
- Not sure: 23%

POLS030

Missouri state legislators have proposed police departments in some Missouri cities can be controlled by the state (for example, a board that includes the mayor and members approved by the governor) instead of locally (for example, a board appointed by the mayor).

Who do you prefer to control the following police departments in the state of Missouri...Kansas City police department?

- State control (for example, Governor-appointed board): 35%
- Local control (for example, a board appointed by the mayor): 48%
- Not sure: 16%

POLS031

Missouri state legislators have proposed police departments in some Missouri cities can be controlled by the state (for example, a board that includes the mayor and members approved by the governor) instead of locally (for example, a board appointed by the mayor).

Who do you prefer to control the following police departments in the state of Missouri...St. Louis City police department?

- State control (for example, Governor-appointed board): 39%
- Local control (for example, a board appointed by the mayor): 47%
- Not sure: 14%

POLS032

Missouri state legislators have proposed police departments in some Missouri cities can be controlled by the state (for example, a board that includes the mayor and members approved by the governor) instead of locally (for example, a board appointed by the mayor).

Who do you prefer to control the following police departments in the state of Missouri...Springfield police department?

- State control (for example, Governor-appointed board): 25%
- Local control (for example, a board appointed by the mayor): 55%
- Not sure: 20%

POLS033

Missouri state legislators have proposed police departments in some Missouri cities can be controlled by the state (for example, a board that includes the mayor and members approved by the governor) instead of locally (for example, a board appointed by the mayor).

Who do you prefer to control the following police departments in the state of Missouri...Your local police department?

- State control (for example, Governor-appointed board): 22%
- Local control (for example, a board appointed by the mayor): 68%
- Not sure: 11%

EDU003

To the best of your knowledge, what time do public high schools start in your district?

- Mean: 7:43 AM
- Median: 8:00 AM

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 814; 85 respondents answered with "don't know" and 1 respondent did not answer

EDU004a

Research indicates that high school students need more sleep, and later school start times could increase the amount of sleep students get and thus provide health, academic, and safety benefits. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that high schools delay start times until at least 8:30 AM. However, some say delaying school start times disrupts the schedules of working parents, creates transportation issues, and complicates the scheduling of extracurricular activities (e.g., sports).

What time do you think public high schools in your district *should* start?

- Mean: 8:08 AM
- Median: 8:01 AM

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 429; 21 respondents answered with “don’t know”

EDU004b

What time do you think public high schools in your district *should* start?

- Mean: 8:09 AM
- Median: 8:00 AM

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 433; 17 respondents answered with “don’t know”

EDU005

What would be your main concern about moving back school start times?

- My work schedule: 9%
- Extracurricular activities (for example, sports): 6%
- Childcare: 6%
- Student waking time: 11%
- Transportation (for example, bussing): 12%
- I am not resistant to moving back school start times: 57%

EDU006

Over the last forty years, there have been advances in technology. Do you believe the following advances in technology have had more positive or negative effects on society...Personal computer?

- Positive: 79%
- Neither positive nor negative: 14%
- Negative: 5%
- Not sure: 2%

EDU007

Over the last forty years, there have been advances in technology. Do you believe the following advances in technology have had more positive or negative effects on society...The internet?

- Positive: 64%
- Neither positive nor negative: 20%
- Negative: 14%
- Not sure: 2%

EDU008

Over the last forty years, there have been advances in technology. Do you believe the following advances in technology have had more positive or negative effects on society...Smart phones?

- Positive: 52%
- Neither positive nor negative: 19%
- Negative: 28%
- Not sure: 1%

EDU009

Over the last forty years, there have been advances in technology. Do you believe the following advances in technology have had more positive or negative effects on society...Social media?

- Positive: 13%
- Neither positive nor negative: 23%
- Negative: 62%
- Not sure: 2%

EDU010

Over the last forty years, there have been advances in technology. Do you believe the following advances in technology have had more positive or negative effects on society...Artificial intelligence (for example, ChatGPT or Google Gemini)?

- Positive: 16%
- Neither positive nor negative: 29%
- Negative: 41%
- Not sure: 14%

EDU011

Do you favor or oppose Missouri public schools providing each student a personal laptop or tablet computer to use in the classroom for education purposes in...Elementary schools?

- Favor: 44%
- Oppose: 43%
- Not sure: 13%

EDU012

Do you favor or oppose Missouri public schools providing each student a personal laptop or tablet computer to use in the classroom for education purposes in...Middle schools?

- Favor: 66%
- Oppose: 24%
- Not sure: 11%

EDU013

Do you favor or oppose Missouri public schools providing each student a personal laptop or tablet computer to use in the classroom for education purposes in...High schools?

- Favor: 80%
- Oppose: 13%
- Not sure: 7%

EDU014

Do you favor or oppose public schools prohibiting students from accessing their cell phones during regular instructional activities unless authorized by the school principal in...Elementary schools?

- Favor: 76%
- Oppose: 20%
- Not sure: 5%

EDU015

Do you favor or oppose public schools prohibiting students from accessing their cell phones during regular instructional activities unless authorized by the school principal in...Middle schools?

- Favor: 75%
- Oppose: 20%
- Not sure: 5%

EDU016

Do you favor or oppose public schools prohibiting students from accessing their cell phones during regular instructional activities unless authorized by the school principal in...High schools?

- Favor: 70%
- Oppose: 22%
- Not sure: 7%

EDU017

Do you favor or oppose public schools prohibiting students from accessing social media using the school's internet access, except when instructed by the teacher for educational purposes, in...Elementary schools?

- Favor: 84%
- Oppose: 13%
- Not sure: 3%

EDU018

Do you favor or oppose public schools prohibiting students from accessing social media using the school's internet access, except when instructed by the teacher for educational purposes, in...Middle schools?

- Favor: 83%
- Oppose: 13%
- Not sure: 4%

EDU019

Do you favor or oppose public schools prohibiting students from accessing social media using the school's internet access, except when instructed by the teacher for educational purposes, in...High schools?

- Favor: 81%
- Oppose: 14%
- Not sure: 5%

EDU020

At what age should children be legally allowed access to social media?

- Mean: 12
- Median: 12

EDU021

A bill in the Missouri state legislature proposed school districts adopt internet safety policies for students to be allowed to access the internet provided by the school district. These policies would:

- Limit students' internet access to age-appropriate subject matter
- Protect students' security and safety when using electronic communications (for example, email or chat rooms)
- Prohibit students from accessing data or information relating to unlawful online activities (for example, hacking or fraud)
- Prohibit students from accessing websites or software that does not protect students' personal information

Do you favor or oppose school districts adopting such policies?

- Favor: 85%
- Oppose: 3%
- Not sure: 12%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is $\pm 5.01\%$

EDU022

Do you favor or oppose requiring Missouri public schools to teach students...The importance of the right to freedom of speech?

- Favor: 95%
- Oppose: 2%
- Not sure: 3%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is $\pm 5.01\%$

EDU023

Do you favor or oppose requiring Missouri public schools to teach students...How to identify online misinformation?

- Favor: 86%
- Oppose: 7%
- Not sure: 7%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is $\pm 5.01\%$

EDU024

Do you favor or oppose requiring Missouri public schools to teach students...The purpose and acceptable use of social media platforms?

- Favor: 76%
- Oppose: 14%
- Not sure: 10%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is $\pm 5.01\%$

EDU025

Do you favor or oppose requiring Missouri public schools to teach students...About social media's negative effects on mental health?

- Favor: 86%
- Oppose: 6%
- Not sure: 8%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is $\pm 5.01\%$

EDU026

Do you favor or oppose requiring Missouri public schools to teach students...How to appropriately use artificial intelligence (for example, ChatGPT) in educational and workplace settings?

- Favor: 70%
- Oppose: 13%
- Not sure: 17%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is $\pm 5.01\%$

EDU027

Do you favor or oppose the following policies...The federal government banning access to social media platforms owned by other countries (for example, TikTok)?

- Favor: 46%
- Oppose: 34%
- Not sure: 20%

Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is $\pm 5.01\%$

EDU028

Do you favor or oppose the following policies...Prohibiting students from using artificial intelligence on schoolwork?

- Favor: 69%
- Oppose: 15%
- Not sure: 16%

EDU029

Do you favor or oppose the following policies...Requiring political advertisements to include a disclaimer if they contain artificial intelligence-generated content?

- Favor: 84%
- Oppose: 7%
- Not sure: 10%

EDU030

Do you favor or oppose the following policies...Prohibiting the usage of artificial intelligence-generated content in political advertisements?

- Favor: 75%
- Oppose: 12%
- Not sure: 14%

EDU031

Would you support or oppose eliminating the U.S. Department of Education?

- Strongly support: 26%
- Somewhat support: 15%
- Somewhat oppose: 10%
- Strongly oppose: 42%
- Not sure: 8%

EDU032

In general, do you support or oppose an Education Savings Account program for Missouri?

- Strongly support: 35%
- Somewhat support: 27%
- Somewhat oppose: 4%
- Strongly oppose: 5%
- Not sure: 30%

EDU033

Do you favor or oppose the following proposed or enacted policies concerning Missouri schools...Children who are 6 years old must attend school (for example, public, private, or home-school)?

- Favor: 90%
- Oppose: 5%
- Not sure: 5%

EDU034

Do you favor or oppose the following proposed or enacted policies concerning Missouri schools...Public school students must receive the polio vaccine, allowing exemptions for religious and medical reasons?

- Favor: 76%
- Oppose: 12%
- Not sure: 12%

EDU035

Do you favor or oppose the following proposed or enacted policies concerning Missouri schools...Allowing public school teachers to carry concealed weapons with a valid concealed carry permit and school's permission?

- Favor: 49%
- Oppose: 37%
- Not sure: 14%

EDU036

Do you favor or oppose the following proposed or enacted policies concerning Missouri schools...Public schools must provide free meals to students, regardless of income?

- Favor: 62%
- Oppose: 22%
- Not sure: 16%

EDU037

Do you favor or oppose the following policies...Allowing charter schools to operate in my school district?

- Favor: 55%
- Oppose: 19%
- Not sure: 26%

EDU038

Do you favor or oppose the following policies...Allowing charter schools to operate in all parts of the state?

- Favor: 56%
- Oppose: 18%
- Not sure: 26%

EDU039

Do you favor or oppose requiring individuals to meet the following requirements to teach in a Missouri public school (i.e., kindergarten through 12th grade)...Teachers must receive certification from the state?

- Favor: 92%
- Oppose: 3%
- Not sure: 5%

EDU040

Do you favor or oppose requiring individuals to meet the following requirements to teach in a Missouri public school (i.e., kindergarten through 12th grade)...Teachers must pass a standardized test in their subject area?

- Favor: 92%
- Oppose: 4%
- Not sure: 4%

EDU041

Do you favor or oppose requiring individuals to meet the following requirements to teach in a Missouri public school (i.e., kindergarten through 12th grade)...Teachers must have a 3.0 collegiate grade-point average in their subject area?

- Favor: 68%
- Oppose: 14%
- Not sure: 18%

EDU042

For an individual to teach in a Missouri public school (i.e., kindergarten through 12th grade), the individual should at least have a...

- High school diploma: 11%
- Associate or two-year college degree: 26%

- Bachelor's degree (i.e., four-year college): 58%
- Master's degree: 4%
- Missouri public school teachers should not be required to have one of the above degrees: 1%

EDU043

Below are different federal programs or services. Does the Department of Agriculture, Department of Education, or Department of Health and Human Services primarily run these programs...Medicaid?

- Department of Health and Human Services: 88%
- Department of Agriculture: 1%
- Department of Education: 1%
- Not sure: 10%

EDU044

Below are different federal programs or services. Does the Department of Agriculture, Department of Education, or Department of Health and Human Services primarily run these programs...HeadStart?

- Department of Health and Human Services: 20%
- Department of Agriculture: 2%
- Department of Education: 60%
- Not sure: 19%

EDU045

Below are different federal programs or services. Does the Department of Agriculture, Department of Education, or Department of Health and Human Services primarily run these programs...Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program?

- Department of Health and Human Services: 48%
- Department of Agriculture: 32%
- Department of Education: 5%
- Not sure: 15%

EDU046

Below are different federal programs or services. Does the Department of Agriculture, Department of Education, or Department of Health and Human Services primarily run these programs...Free and reduced school lunch?

- Department of Health and Human Services: 29%
- Department of Agriculture: 25%
- Department of Education: 29%
- Not sure: 17%

EDU047

Below are different federal programs or services. Does the Department of Agriculture, Department of Education, or Department of Health and Human Services primarily run these programs...Student loans (i.e., Federal student aid)?

- Department of Health and Human Services: 6%
- Department of Agriculture: 1%
- Department of Education: 73%
- Not sure: 20%

EDU048

Below are different federal programs or services. Does the Department of Agriculture, Department of Education, or Department of Health and Human Services primarily run these programs...Federal special education funding (i.e., Individuals with Disabilities with Education Act)?

- Department of Health and Human Services: 25%
- Department of Agriculture: 1%
- Department of Education: 59%
- Not sure: 15%

EDU049

Below are different federal programs or services. Does the Department of Agriculture, Department of Education, or Department of Health and Human Services primarily run these programs...Federal funding for schools serving low-income students (i.e., Title 1)?

- Department of Health and Human Services: 17%
- Department of Agriculture: 3%
- Department of Education: 62%
- Not sure: 18%

EDU050

Would you describe charter schools as public schools or private schools?

- Public: 23%
- Private: 58%
- Not sure: 19%

EDU051

To the best of your knowledge, are these policies *currently* enacted in Missouri...Children who are 6 years old must attend school (e.g., public, private, or home-school)?

- Yes, this policy is enacted: 69%
- No, this policy is not enacted: 7%
- Not sure: 25%

EDU052

To the best of your knowledge, are these policies *currently* enacted in Missouri...Public school students must receive the polio vaccine, allowing exemptions for religious and medical reasons?

- Yes, this policy is enacted: 62%
- No, this policy is not enacted: 7%
- Not sure: 31%

EDU053

To the best of your knowledge, are these policies *currently* enacted in Missouri...Allowing public school teachers to carry concealed weapons with a valid concealed carry permit and school's permission?

- Yes, this policy is enacted: 11%
- No, this policy is not enacted: 58%
- Not sure: 32%

EDU054

To the best of your knowledge, are these policies *currently* enacted in Missouri...Public schools must provide free meals to students, regardless of income?

- Yes, this policy is enacted: 17%
- No, this policy is not enacted: 57%
- Not sure: 26%

EDU055

To the best of your knowledge, are these policies *currently* enacted in Missouri or your school district...Charter schools can operate in my school district?

- Yes, this policy is enacted: 29%
- No, this policy is not enacted: 18%
- Not sure: 53%

EDU056

To the best of your knowledge, are these policies *currently* enacted in Missouri or your school district...Charter schools can operate in all parts of the state?

- Yes, this policy is enacted: 24%
- No, this policy is not enacted: 19%
- Not sure: 57%

EDU057

To your knowledge, does Missouri have an Education Savings Account Program?

- Yes: 33%
- No: 14%
- Not sure: 54%

POLS034

Which of these regional styles of American barbecue is your favorite?

- Carolina style: 2%
- Texas style: 10%
- Kansas City style: 41%
- Memphis style: 9%
- St. Louis style: 17%
- Another style of barbecue: 3%
- I don't like barbecue: 5%
- Not sure: 12%