



Results from June 2020 Saint Louis University/YouGov Poll

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Saint Louis University and YouGov surveyed 900 likely Missouri voters from June 23 – July 1, 2020 about the 2020 Election, current political issues, the COVID-19 pandemic, and education policy in Missouri. The following pages present results for each survey question. The margin of error for survey results is 3.95%. An asterisk (*) next to questions below indicate that a random subsample of approximately 450 Missourians answered the designated question. Analyses and raw survey data are available at <http://www.slu.edu/poll>.

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Methodology and Weighting

YouGov interviewed 1,106 respondents who were then matched down to a sample of 996 registered voters and then subset on 900 likely voters to produce the final dataset. The full set of survey starts were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The frame was constructed by stratified sampling from the Missouri registered voter portion of the 2018 Current Population Study voter supplement with selection within strata by weighted sampling with replacements.

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 years of 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 2016 Presidential vote choice, and a two-way stratification of gender and age (4-categories) from the Missouri voter file to produce the final weight.

POLS001

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

- Strongly Approve: 32%
- Approve: 18%
- Disapprove: 5%
- Strongly Disapprove: 43%
- Not Sure: 1%

POLS002

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

- Strongly Approve: 1%
- Approve: 14%
- Disapprove: 49%
- Strongly Disapprove: 27%
- Not Sure: 10%

POLS003

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

- Strongly Approve: 3%
- Approve: 40%
- Disapprove: 23%
- Strongly Disapprove: 22%
- Not Sure: 12%

POLS004

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

- Strongly Approve: 14%
- Approve: 33%
- Disapprove: 21%
- Strongly Disapprove: 22%
- Not Sure: 9%

POLS005

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

- Strongly Approve: 8%
- Approve: 30%
- Disapprove: 21%
- Strongly Disapprove: 28%
- Not Sure: 13%

POLS006

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

- Strongly Approve: 26%
- Approve: 23%
- Disapprove: 12%
- Strongly Disapprove: 29%
- Not Sure: 11%

POLS007

If the election for President of the United States were being held today, who would you vote for?

- Donald Trump: 50%
- Joe Biden: 43%
- Other: 4%
- Not Sure: 4%

POLS008

If the election for Governor of Missouri were being held today, who would you vote for?

- Mike Parson: 41%
- Nicole Galloway: 39%
- Other: 3%
- Not Sure: 17%

POLS009

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

- Economy: 43%
- Health Care: 28%
- Education: 13%
- Infrastructure: 11%
- Other: 5%

POLS010

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

- Excellent: 4%
- Good: 23%
- Fair: 34%
- Poor: 37%
- Not Sure: 2%

POLS011

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

- Excellent: 4%
- Good: 25%
- Fair: 41%
- Poor: 28%
- Not Sure: 3%

POLS012

How would you rate the condition of the following... Public Schools in your Community?

- Excellent: 13%
- Good: 35%
- Fair: 33%
- Poor: 16%
- Not Sure: 3%

POLS013

How would you rate the condition of the following... Public Schools in the state of Missouri?

- Excellent: 2%
- Good: 28%
- Fair: 46%
- Poor: 17%
- Not Sure: 7%

POLS014

How would you rate the condition of the following... Roads and Infrastructure in the state of Missouri?

- Excellent: 2%
- Good: 17%
- Fair: 41%
- Poor: 39%
- Not Sure: 1%

POLS015

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

- Excellent: 8%
- Good: 31%
- Fair: 38%
- Poor: 21%
- Not Sure: 2%

POLS016

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

- Excellent: 12%
- Good: 33%
- Fair: 31%
- Poor: 19%
- Not Sure: 5%

POLS017

How would you rate the condition of the following... Your access to personal healthcare?

- Excellent: 26%
- Good: 43%
- Fair: 20%
- Poor: 10%
- Not Sure: 1%

POLS018

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

- Excellent: 22%
- Good: 52%
- Fair: 19%
- Poor: 7%
- Not Sure: 0%

POLS019

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

- Excellent: 27%
- Good: 39%
- Fair: 21%
- Poor: 12%
- Not Sure: 0%

POLS020

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

- Excellent: 26%
- Good: 37%
- Fair: 20%
- Poor: 15%
- Not Sure: 2%

POLS021

In all future elections, do you think the Missouri state government should send applications for mail-in ballots to every eligible voter?

- Should send applications for mail-in ballots to every eligible voter: 48%
- Should not send applications for mail-in ballots to every eligible voter: 44%
- Not Sure: 8%

POLS022

Which of the following statements do you agree with... The United States is on the right track and headed in a good direction.

- Agree: 33%

POLS023

Which of the following statements do you agree with... The state of Missouri is on the right track and headed in a good direction.

- Agree: 38%

POLS024

Which of the following statements do you agree with... The Missouri state government should prohibit abortions after 8 weeks of pregnancy.

- Agree: 45%

POLS025

Which of the following statements do you agree with... The Missouri state government should expand its Medicaid program in accordance with the Affordable Care Act.

- Agree: 49%

POLS026

Which of the following statements do you agree with... Missouri should require a background check for all firearm sales.

- Agree: 66%

POLS027

Which of the following statements do you agree with... The Missouri state government should spend more to aid the poor.

- Agree: 45%

POLS028

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each has handled the COVID-19 pandemic... President Donald Trump?

- Strongly Approve: 27%
- Approve: 21%
- Disapprove: 7%
- Strongly Disapprove: 44%
- Not Sure: 1%

POLS029

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each has handled the COVID-19 pandemic... Governor Mike Parson?

- Strongly Approve: 15%
- Approve: 33%
- Disapprove: 27%
- Strongly Disapprove: 21%
- Not Sure: 5%

POLS030

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each has handled the COVID-19 pandemic... Your local government leaders (i.e. Mayor and County Executives)?

- Strongly Approve: 13%
- Approve: 51%
- Disapprove: 19%
- Strongly Disapprove: 8%
- Not Sure: 10%

POLS031

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each has handled the COVID-19 pandemic... Your local school district?

- Strongly Approve: 16%
- Approve: 49%
- Disapprove: 9%
- Strongly Disapprove: 5%
- Not Sure: 21%

EDU050

Do you have any children currently in school?

- Yes: 24%
- No: 76%

EDU051

What is your best guess for how much public schools spend per kindergarten through 12th grade student each year... across the United States?

- Mean Response: \$12,428.73
- Median Response: \$12,130

EDU052

What is your best guess for how much public schools spend per kindergarten through 12th grade student each year... across Missouri?

- Mean Response: \$11,165.27
- Median Response: \$10,834

EDU053

What is your best guess for how much public schools spend per kindergarten through 12th grade student each year...in your school district?

- Mean Response: \$11,187.93
- Median Response: \$11,093

EDU054

Do you think the amount the state of Missouri spends on public schools is

- Too much: 11%
- Not enough: 62%
- About right: 27%

EDU055

What is your best guess for the average salary of a public school teacher in Missouri?

- Mean Response: \$45,341
- Median Response: \$42,390

EDU056

Do you think that public school teacher salaries should...

- Increase: 74%
- Decrease: 3%
- Stay the same: 23%

EDU057

To increase teacher salary, most states would require an increase in taxes. Would you be willing to pay more in taxes to pay teachers more?

- Yes: 81%
- No: 19%

EDU058

Do you support or oppose the following policies... allowing students to enroll in public schools outside of their assigned school district?

- Strongly support: 30%
- Somewhat support: 37%
- Somewhat oppose: 16%
- Strongly oppose: 9%
- Not sure: 8%

EDU059

Do you support or oppose the following policies... allowing students to use tax-funded scholarships to attend private schools, including religious schools?

- Strongly support: 24%
- Somewhat support: 23%
- Somewhat oppose: 16%
- Strongly oppose: 29%
- Not sure: 8%

EDU060

Do you support or oppose the following policies... allowing undocumented immigrants to be eligible for the in-state college tuition rate if they graduated from high school in your state?

- Strongly support: 25%
- Somewhat support: 19%
- Somewhat oppose: 12%
- Strongly oppose: 39%
- Not sure: 6%

EDU061

Do you support or oppose the following policies...allowing students to use tax-funded scholarships to attend private schools?

- Strongly support: 23%
- Somewhat support: 23%
- Somewhat oppose: 17%
- Strongly oppose: 24%
- Not sure: 13%

EDU062

Do you support or oppose the following policies...paying individuals who teach difficult to staff subject (e.g. math, science, and special education) more than easier to fill positions?

- Strongly support: 28%
- Somewhat support: 46%
- Somewhat oppose: 8%
- Strongly oppose: 4%
- Not sure: 14%

EDU063

Do you support or oppose the following policies...making all public two or four-year colleges in Missouri free to attend?

- Strongly support: 33%
- Somewhat support: 20%
- Somewhat oppose: 13%
- Strongly oppose: 27%
- Not sure: 7%

EDU064

You may be familiar with charter schools in Missouri. Would you describe charter schools as public schools or private schools?

- Public: 40%
- Private: 60%

EDU065

Missouri permits the formation of charter schools in the state...Do you support the formation of charter schools?

- Strongly support: 21%
- Somewhat support: 31%
- Somewhat oppose: 14%
- Strongly oppose: 10%
- Not sure: 23%

PH101

Which of the following statements do you agree with?... Kindergarten through 12th grade schools should have face to face instruction in the fall.

- Agree: 59%

PH102

Which of the following statements do you agree with?... I lost access to child care during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Agree: 7%

PH103

Which of the following statements do you agree with?... I have postponed going to the doctor during the COVID-19 pandemic

- Agree: 49%

PH104

Which of the following statements do you agree with?...I home schooled children during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Agree: 19%

PH105

How have you or someone in your household been providing care or home schooling for your child(ren) during the COVID-19 pandemic?...Alternating work hours with someone in my household to provide child care or homeschooling.

- Yes: 21%

PH106

How have you or someone in your household been providing care or home schooling for your child(ren) during the COVID-19 pandemic?...Working outside of normal business hours to provide child care or homeschooling.

- Yes: 12%

PH107

How have you or someone in your household been providing care or home schooling for your child(ren) during the COVID-19 pandemic?...Working less hours to provide child care or homeschooling.

- Yes: 17%

PH108

How have you or someone in your household been providing care or home schooling for your child(ren) during the COVID-19 pandemic?...Taking paid or unpaid leave to provide child care or home schooling.

- Yes: 13%

PH109

How have you or someone in your household been providing care or home schooling for your child(ren) during the COVID-19 pandemic?...A family member or friend is caring for or homeschooling my child(ren).

- Yes: 19%

PH110

How have you or someone in your household been providing care or home schooling for your child(ren) during the COVID-19 pandemic?...Hired a nanny or babysitter to provide care and/or homeschooling.

- Yes: 7%

PH111

How have you or someone in your household been providing care or home schooling for your child(ren) during the COVID-19 pandemic?...Continued to use our previous care arrangement.

- Yes: 18%

PH112

How have you or someone in your household been providing care or home schooling for your child(ren) during the COVID-19 pandemic?...Utilized child care arranged for essential workers.

- Yes: 1%

PH113

How have you or someone in your household been providing care or home schooling for your child(ren) during the COVID-19 pandemic?... Other.

- Yes: 29%

PH114

When thinking about sending your child back to child care (including after care programs) which of the following concerns you?...My previous care provider won't be re-opened.

- Yes: 12%

PH115

When thinking about sending your child back to child care (including after care programs) which of the following concerns you?...My previous care provider will not have a space for my child(ren).

- Yes: 9%

PH116

When thinking about sending your child back to child care (including after care programs) which of the following concerns you?...My family will be more likely exposed to COVID-19.

- Yes: 45%

PH117

When thinking about sending your child back to child care (including after care programs) which of the following concerns you?...I won't be able to afford care.

- Yes: 14%

PH118

When thinking about sending your child back to child care (including after care programs) which of the following concerns you?...My child(ren) will have a hard time returning to child care.

- Yes: 10%

PH119

When thinking about sending your child back to child care (including after care programs) which of the following concerns you?...I will not be as involved with my child's care.

- Yes: 12%

PH120

When thinking about sending your child back to child care (including after care programs) which of the following concerns you?...Other (please specify).

- 39%

PH121

How have individuals in your household experienced a change in their workplace situation as a direct result of COVID-19?...I am now working remotely or at home.

- Yes: 18%

PH122

How have individuals in your household experienced a change in their workplace situation as a direct result of COVID-19?...Someone in my household is now working remotely or at home.

- Yes: 15%

PH123

How have individuals in your household experienced a change in their workplace situation as a direct result of COVID-19?...I am working less hours.

- Yes: 15%

PH124

How have individuals in your household experienced a change in their workplace situation as a direct result of COVID-19?...Someone in my household is working less hours.

- Yes: 8%

PH125

How have individuals in your household experienced a change in their workplace situation as a direct result of COVID-19?...I have been laid off or furloughed.

- Yes: 10%

PH126

How have individuals in your household experienced a change in their workplace situation as a direct result of COVID-19?...Someone in my household has been laid off or furloughed.

- Yes: 8%

PH127

How have individuals in your household experienced a change in their workplace situation as a direct result of COVID-19?...No one in my household has experienced a change.

- Yes: 40%

PH128

How have individuals in your household experienced a change in their workplace situation as a direct result of COVID-19?... Other (please specify).

- Yes: 12%

PH129

Please indicate which of the following has occurred since COVID-19...My child(ren) is allowed more screen time.

- Yes: 51%

PH130

Please indicate which of the following has occurred since COVID-19...My child(ren) is allowed less screen time.

- Yes: 3%

PH131

Please indicate which of the following has occurred since COVID-19...My child(ren) has increased physical activity.

- Yes: 24%

PH132

Please indicate which of the following has occurred since COVID-19...My child(ren) has decreased physical activity.

- Yes: 36%

PH133

Please indicate which of the following has occurred since COVID-19...My child(ren) has gained weight.

- Yes: 14%

PH134

Please indicate which of the following has occurred since COVID-19...My child has lost weight.

- Yes: 1%

PH135

Please indicate which of the following has occurred since COVID-19...My child(ren) participated in the school meal program.

- Yes: 15%

PH136

Please indicate which of the following has occurred since COVID-19...My child(ren) has been more stressed with increased tantrums or behavior issues.

- Yes: 18%

PH137

Please indicate which of the following has occurred since COVID-19...My relationship with my child(ren) has improved.

- Yes: 48%

PH138

Please indicate which of the following has occurred since COVID-19...My relationship with my child(ren) has become more difficult.

- Yes: 7%

PH139

Please indicate which of the following has occurred since COVID-19...I have been overwhelmed with my child(ren) during COVID-19.

- Yes: 16%