

Texas Poll Toplines

Methodology

Poll number: pr2204

Interview Dates: February 1-9, 2022

Sample Population: 933 registered voters in Texas.

Sample Selection: Scientific online poll - stratified sample of panel respondents.

Weighting Parameters: The sample was weighted based on the U.S. Census Bureau's Voting and Registration Supplement to the Current Population Survey for registered voters in Texas based on age, gender, race, educational attainment, and Hispanic ethnicity. The survey was also balanced to reflect a representative sample of registered voters by media markets (regions) across the state. Additionally, the sample was balanced by the reported proportion of the 2020 presidential vote.

This topline provides weighted percentages, as well as the unweighted N-size for the total sample. Due to the effects of weighting and rounding, figures may or may not add up to 100%. The standard deviation of the weights was: 0.2952348. The maximum weight was: 2.3362515. The minimum weight was: 0.3003019. 95% of the weights were between 0.5165769, 1.7855779.

Margin of Error: The 95% credibility interval for this survey is +/- 3.3%, which includes the square root of the design effect (DEFT): 1.0426266.

approveBiden...Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as President?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly approve	15%	137
Somewhat approve	26%	254
Somewhat disapprove	16%	149
Strongly disapprove	40%	352
Not sure	4%	41

DEM1...Are you currently registered to vote in the state of Texas?

Response	Percent	N
Yes	100%	933

TX1x1...When it comes to generating electricity, do you think the state of Texas should produce more, less, or about the same amount of energy as it does now from the following sources? - Solar energy

Response	Percent	N
Should produce more	73%	688
Should produce about the same	18%	158
Should produce less	3%	30
Not sure	6%	57

TX1x2...When it comes to generating electricity, do you think the state of Texas should produce more, less, or about the same amount of energy as it does now from the following sources? - Wind energy

Response	Percent	N
Should produce more	68%	640
Should produce about the same	19%	169
Should produce less	7%	60
Not sure	6%	64

TX1x3...When it comes to generating electricity, do you think the state of Texas should produce more, less, or about the same amount of energy as it does now from the following sources? - Coal

Response	Percent	N
Should produce more	18%	158
Should produce about the same	31%	275
Should produce less	40%	390
Not sure	11%	110

TX1x4...When it comes to generating electricity, do you think the state of Texas should produce more, less, or about the same amount of energy as it does now from the following sources? - Nuclear

Response	Percent	N
Should produce more	28%	261
Should produce about the same	24%	224
Should produce less	30%	264
Not sure	19%	184

TX1x5...When it comes to generating electricity, do you think the state of Texas should produce more, less, or about the same amount of energy as it does now from the following sources? - Natural gas

Response	Percent	N
Should produce more	42%	388
Should produce about the same	34%	319
Should produce less	15%	148
Not sure	8%	78

TX2x1...Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - The primary goal of Texas' energy policy should be achieving 100% clean power, which means phasing out all fossil fuels used to generate electricity.

Response	Percent	N
Strongly agree	35%	327
Somewhat agree	27%	254
Somewhat disagree	14%	125
Strongly disagree	15%	141
Not sure	9%	86

TX2x2...Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - It should be a land owner's right to install wind turbines or solar panels on their property.

Response	Percent	N
Strongly agree	61%	568
Somewhat agree	27%	251
Somewhat disagree	5%	47
Strongly disagree	2%	15
Not sure	5%	52

TX2x3...Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - Wind and solar are reliable forms of energy.

Response	Percent	N
Strongly agree	45%	419
Somewhat agree	30%	285
Somewhat disagree	13%	122
Strongly disagree	7%	59
Not sure	5%	48

TX2x4...Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - Natural gas is a reliable form of energy.

Response	Percent	N
Strongly agree	41%	375
Somewhat agree	39%	371
Somewhat disagree	10%	92
Strongly disagree	3%	28
Not sure	7%	67

TX2x5...Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - Being a leader in clean energy innovation is important to Texas's future.

Response	Percent	N
Strongly agree	45%	426
Somewhat agree	35%	322
Somewhat disagree	8%	76
Strongly disagree	4%	38
Not sure	7%	71

TX3...Generally speaking, which do you think is more likely to produce a greater number of good jobs for Texans?

Response	Percent	N
Increasing domestic production of fossil fuels such as oil and natural gas	34%	313
Increasing domestic production of renewable energy such as wind and solar	48%	450
Not sure	18%	170

TX4...Right now, which of the following do you think should be the most important priority for addressing Texas' energy needs?

Response	Percent	N
Building more natural gas power plants	21%	190
Building more nuclear power plants	9%	85
Developing more renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar	59%	555
Not sure	11%	103

TX5x1...Thinking about Texas's energy sector, how important of a priority should each of the following be for the Texas state government in 2022? - Transitioning to 100% clean, renewable energy like wind and solar

Response	Percent	N
A top priority	42%	392
An important, but lower priority	29%	265
Not too important of a priority	11%	104
Should not be done	13%	115
Not sure	6%	57

TX5x2...Thinking about Texas's energy sector, how important of a priority should each of the following be for the Texas state government in 2022? - Building new gas power plants and pipelines

Response	Percent	N
A top priority	26%	235
An important, but lower priority	30%	282
Not too important of a priority	19%	180
Should not be done	14%	137
Not sure	10%	99

TX5x3...Thinking about Texas's energy sector, how important of a priority should each of the following be for the Texas state government in 2022? - Closing existing coal-fired power plants

Response	Percent	N
A top priority	18%	169
An important, but lower priority	27%	253
Not too important of a priority	20%	185
Should not be done	22%	200
Not sure	13%	126

TX5x4...Thinking about Texas's energy sector, how important of a priority should each of the following be for the Texas state government in 2022? - Reducing carbon pollution

Response	Percent	N
A top priority	51%	479
An important, but lower priority	29%	270
Not too important of a priority	12%	114
Should not be done	3%	26
Not sure	4%	44

TX5x5...Thinking about Texas's energy sector, how important of a priority should each of the following be for the Texas state government in 2022? - Expanding nuclear energy in Texas

Response	Percent	N
A top priority	19%	180
An important, but lower priority	24%	226
Not too important of a priority	20%	187
Should not be done	22%	204
Not sure	14%	136

TX5x6...Thinking about Texas's energy sector, how important of a priority should each of the following be for the Texas state government in 2022? - Offering tax credits and other incentives to companies to deploy battery storage systems for clean energy, including solar and wind

Response	Percent	N
A top priority	38%	361
An important, but lower priority	35%	321
Not too important of a priority	13%	120
Should not be done	6%	55
Not sure	8%	76

TX5x7...Thinking about Texas's energy sector, how important of a priority should each of the following be for the Texas state government in 2022? - Building new coal-fired power plants

Response	Percent	N
A top priority	11%	101
An important, but lower priority	18%	158
Not too important of a priority	22%	199
Should not be done	37%	353
Not sure	13%	122

TX5x8...Thinking about Texas's energy sector, how important of a priority should each of the following be for the Texas state government in 2022? - Investing in energy efficiency programs for homeowners and renters

Response	Percent	N
A top priority	46%	432
An important, but lower priority	36%	334
Not too important of a priority	9%	83
Should not be done	2%	23
Not sure	6%	61

TX5x9...Thinking about Texas's energy sector, how important of a priority should each of the following be for the Texas state government in 2022? - Investing in more local power sources, such as rooftop solar panels

Response	Percent	N
A top priority	39%	360
An important, but lower priority	38%	358
Not too important of a priority	14%	129
Should not be done	3%	25
Not sure	6%	61

TX6...Do you support or oppose requiring electric utility companies in Texas to generate 100% of their electricity from clean, renewable sources, like wind and solar, by the year 2035?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	38%	349
Somewhat support	30%	283
Somewhat oppose	11%	106
Strongly oppose	13%	122
Not sure	8%	73

TX7...If Texas were to transition to 100% clean, renewable energy like wind and solar by 2035, do you think it would have a positive or negative impact on Texas' economy?

Response	Percent	N
Very positive	36%	343
Somewhat positive	25%	232
Somewhat negative	13%	122
Very negative	15%	137
Not sure	10%	99

TX8...All else being equal, would you rather your electricity provider use coal, natural gas, renewable energy like wind and solar to generate power, or does it not make a difference to you?

Response	Percent	N
Renewable energy like wind and solar	55%	520
Natural gas	24%	213
Coal	4%	34
Doesn't make a difference	17%	166

TX9...Do you support or oppose Texas providing assistance, including job training and guaranteed wages, to workers who lose jobs in the oil and gas industry?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	51%	470
Somewhat support	33%	309
Somewhat oppose	6%	56
Strongly oppose	3%	27
Not sure	7%	71

TX10...As part of coronavirus recovery, Congress is considering economic stimulus legislation that prioritizes investments in clean energy infrastructure and technologies. Do you support or oppose Congress passing this legislation?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	33%	312
Somewhat support	30%	282
Somewhat oppose	11%	96
Strongly oppose	14%	127
Not sure	12%	116

TX11...As you may know, in November, Congress passed a bipartisan bill allocating \$1.2 trillion dollars for infrastructure, including roads, bridges, rail service, drinking water, power grid improvements, and expanded broadband internet access. Do you support or oppose this funding?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	38%	364
Somewhat support	35%	319
Somewhat oppose	11%	99
Strongly oppose	9%	76
Not sure	7%	75

TX12...As you may know, states including Texas can choose to apply for some of the federal funds allocated in the infrastructure bill. Do you think the Texas state government should apply to receive federal infrastructure funding, or not?

Response	Percent	N
No, the Texas state government should NOT apply to receive federal infrastructure funding	13%	111
Yes, the Texas state government SHOULD apply to receive federal infrastructure funding	71%	667
Not sure	17%	155

TX13...The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is considering adopting stronger air quality standards, which could result in closing down coal plants. Which of the following comes closest to your view, even if none are exactly right?

Response	Percent	N
The EPA should adopt stronger air quality standards and close down all coal plants	22%	213
The EPA should adopt stronger air quality standards and close down the oldest and dirtiest coal plants	58%	541
The EPA should NOT adopt stronger air quality standards or close down any coal plants	20%	179

TX14...On February 15, 2021, Texas experienced mass utility failures due to severe winter storms that resulted in blackouts, water and food shortages across the state. Were you living in Texas in February 2021?

Response	Percent	N
Yes	97%	901
No	3%	31
Not sure	0%	1

TX15...Did your home lose power for any amount of time as a result of the severe winter storms in February 2021? [If answered yes to TX14]

Response	Percent	N
No	28%	254
Yes, for less than a day	18%	163
Yes, for 1-2 days	23%	198
Yes, for 3 or more days	30%	277
Not sure / Don't remember	1%	9

TX16x1...Did you or anyone else in your household experience any of the following as a result of the severe winter storms in February 2021?- Damage to my home or other property [If answered yes to TX14]

Response	Percent	N
Not Selected	73%	659
Selected	27%	242

TX16x2...Did you or anyone else in your household experience any of the following as a result of the severe winter storms in February 2021?- Had difficulty finding food [If answered yes to TX14]

Response	Percent	N
Not Selected	73%	648
Selected	27%	253

TX16x3...Did you or anyone else in your household experience any of the following as a result of the severe winter storms in February 2021?- Anxiety, depression, or other worsened mental health [If answered yes to TX14]

Response	Percent	N
Not Selected	71%	639
Selected	29%	262

TX16x4...Did you or anyone else in your household experience any of the following as a result of the severe winter storms in February 2021?- Knew someone who lost their life [If answered yes to TX14]

Response	Percent	N
Not Selected	95%	858
Selected	5%	43

TX16x5...Did you or anyone else in your household experience any of the following as a result of the severe winter storms in February 2021?- Was unable to receive medical care, including going to a doctor or accessing medication [If answered yes to TX14]

Response	Percent	N
Not Selected	94%	847
Selected	6%	54

TX16x6...Did you or anyone else in your household experience any of the following as a result of the severe winter storms in February 2021?- Had to leave my home or place of residence temporarily or permanently [If answered yes to TX14]

Response	Percent	N
Not Selected	81%	736
Selected	19%	165

TX16x7...Did you or anyone else in your household experience any of the following as a result of the severe winter storms in February 2021?- Was in considerable emotional or psychological duress due to prolonged cold in my home or place of residence [If answered yes to TX14]

Response	Percent	N
Not Selected	76%	684
Selected	24%	217

TX16x8...Did you or anyone else in your household experience any of the following as a result of the severe winter storms in February 2021?- Illness, sickness, or other worsened physical health [If answered yes to TX14]

Response	Percent	N
Not Selected	92%	833
Selected	8%	68

TX16x9...Did you or anyone else in your household experience any of the following as a result of the severe winter storms in February 2021?- Was unable to work [If answered yes to TX14]

Response	Percent	N
Not Selected	50%	452
Selected	50%	449

TX17x1...In your opinion, how responsible are each of the following for the crisis during the severe winter storms in February 2021 in Texas? - Texas electric utility companies

Response	Percent	N
Very responsible	41%	383
Somewhat responsible	37%	350
Not too responsible	10%	93
Not at all responsible	5%	46
Not sure	6%	61

TX17x2...In your opinion, how responsible are each of the following for the crisis during the severe winter storms in February 2021 in Texas? - Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT)

Response	Percent	N
Very responsible	60%	562
Somewhat responsible	24%	218
Not too responsible	5%	41
Not at all responsible	3%	32
Not sure	8%	80

TX17x3...In your opinion, how responsible are each of the following for the crisis during the severe winter storms in February 2021 in Texas? - Texas Governor Greg Abbott

Response	Percent	N
Very responsible	37%	344
Somewhat responsible	26%	244
Not too responsible	17%	154
Not at all responsible	14%	123
Not sure	7%	68

TX17x4...In your opinion, how responsible are each of the following for the crisis during the severe winter storms in February 2021 in Texas? - Fossil fuel power generators and power plants

Response	Percent	N
Very responsible	25%	230
Somewhat responsible	35%	325
Not too responsible	15%	145
Not at all responsible	10%	97
Not sure	14%	136

TX17x5...In your opinion, how responsible are each of the following for the crisis during the severe winter storms in February 2021 in Texas? - Renewable energy generators, such as wind turbines

Response	Percent	N
Very responsible	23%	200
Somewhat responsible	24%	221
Not too responsible	20%	194
Not at all responsible	18%	179
Not sure	15%	139

TX17x6...In your opinion, how responsible are each of the following for the crisis during the severe winter storms in February 2021 in Texas? - The Public Utility Commission (PUC) of Texas

Response	Percent	N
Very responsible	41%	381
Somewhat responsible	36%	331
Not too responsible	7%	69
Not at all responsible	5%	43
Not sure	11%	109

TX18...How worried are you, if at all, about another mass grid failure as a result of severe winter storms in Texas?

Response	Percent	N
Very worried	30%	276
Somewhat worried	40%	371
Not too worried	20%	190
Not at all worried	8%	70
Not sure	2%	26

TX19...Which of the following statements comes closest to your view about how Texas should prepare for future energy needs, even if neither is exactly right?

Response	Percent	N
Texas should invest in fossil fuel infrastructure and production.	25%	226
Texas should invest in renewable energy, energy storage such as batteries, and energy efficiency.	61%	581
Not sure	13%	126

TX20...Who do you think should be MOST responsible for paying to strengthen Texas's electric grid to prevent future blackouts?

Response	Percent	N
Energy companies	80%	743
Texas taxpayers	7%	63
This should not be done	2%	23
Not sure	11%	104

TX21...As you may know, Texas is the only U.S. state that manages its own electric grid that is not connected to other electric grids in the United States and is not supervised by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Some say Texas should connect its electric grid with other electric grids in the United States because it could import electricity when it's needed and could export electricity when there's excess supply. Others say Texas should not connect its electric grid with other electric grids in the United States because Texas should keep its power grid independent from federal regulators. [ORDER OF PREVIOUS TWO SENTENCES WAS RANDOMLY DETERMINED FOR EACH RESPONDENT] - What do you think? Should the Texas electric grid be interconnected with other electric grids in the United States, or not?

Response	Percent	N
No, Texas should NOT connect its electric grid with other electric grids in the United	36%	325
Yes, Texas should connect its electric grid with other electric grids in the United States	48%	456
Not sure	16%	152

TX22...How worried are you about climate change?

Response	Percent	N
Very worried	34%	319
Somewhat worried	33%	313
Not too worried	18%	165
Not at all worried	15%	136

TX23x1...Do you think that climate change is having a large effect, some effect, just a little effect, or no real effect on the following? - Texas' economy

Response	Percent	N
Large effect	28%	248
Some effect	33%	316
Just a little effect	12%	120
No real effect	22%	200
Not sure	5%	49

TX23x2...Do you think that climate change is having a large effect, some effect, just a little effect, or no real effect on the following? - Texas' agriculture

Response	Percent	N
Large effect	36%	337
Some effect	31%	284
Just a little effect	12%	114
No real effect	16%	142
Not sure	5%	56

TX23x3...Do you think that climate change is having a large effect, some effect, just a little effect, or no real effect on the following? - Texans' health

Response	Percent	N
Large effect	25%	230
Some effect	32%	298
Just a little effect	14%	132
No real effect	24%	221
Not sure	5%	52

TX23x4...Do you think that climate change is having a large effect, some effect, just a little effect, or no real effect on the following? - Extreme weather events in Texas such as hurricanes, flooding, cold snaps, and droughts

Response	Percent	N
Large effect	43%	405
Some effect	26%	246
Just a little effect	11%	96
No real effect	16%	143
Not sure	4%	43

TX23x5...Do you think that climate change is having a large effect, some effect, just a little effect, or no real effect on the following? - Your family's health

Response	Percent	N
Large effect	19%	172
Some effect	30%	278
Just a little effect	16%	159
No real effect	30%	277
Not sure	5%	47

TX24...Do you think that climate change had a large effect, some effect, just a little effect, or no real effect on the severe winter storms in February 2021 in Texas?

Response	Percent	N
Large effect	38%	354
Some effect	26%	242
Just a little effect	9%	78
No real effect	23%	206
Not sure	6%	53

TX25...When extreme weather events (such as hurricanes, flooding, cold snaps, and droughts) occur, when do you think is the proper time for the news media to talk about how climate change impacts these events?

Response	Percent	N
The news media should talk about climate change as the event is occurring	49%	452
The news media should wait about a day or two after the event	10%	98
The news media should wait about a week after the event	8%	73
The news media should wait about a month after the event	2%	20
The news media should wait longer than a month after the event	2%	19
The news media should never talk about climate change and its role in weather-related disasters and extreme weather events	16%	140
Not sure	13%	131

TX26...Thinking ahead to the November election for Texas governor, how likely is it that you will vote in this year's election? Would you say you...

Response	Percent	N
Will definitely vote	72%	660
Will probably vote	15%	146
Have about a 50-50 chance to vote	7%	74
Will probably NOT vote	2%	24
Will definitely NOT vote	0%	2
Not sure	3%	27

TX27LV...If the election for Texas governor were being held today, and the candidates were Beto O'Rourke the Democrat and Greg Abbott the Republican, for whom would you vote? [AMONG LIKELY VOTERS: DEFINITELY/PROBABLY VOTE]

Response	Percent	N
Beto O'Rourke the Democrat	40%	336
Greg Abbott the Republican	45%	351
Neither candidate or other candidate	7%	52
Not sure	8%	67

TX28LV...If the election for Congress were being held today, in your district, would you vote for the Democratic Party candidate or the Republican Party candidate? [AMONG LIKELY VOTERS: DEFINITELY/PROBABLY VOTE]

Response	Percent	N
Democratic Party candidate	41%	343
Republican Party candidate	48%	365
Neither candidate or other candidate	3%	26
Not sure	8%	72

Sample Statistics (Weighted Frequencies)

Var1	Freq
Age18-34	28.1%
Age35-54	36.5%
Age55+	35.4%
Gender-Female	52.2%
Gender-Male	47.8%
Race-Black	12%
Race-Other	7.9%
Race-White	80.1%
Education-Advanced	12%
Education-Bachelors	24.3%
Education-LessThanBachelors	63.7%
party-ID: Democrat	34.6%
party-ID: Independent	21.6%
party-ID: Republican	39.7%
party-ID: Something else	4%
Hispanic-No	65.1%
Hispanic-Yes	34.9%
Vote2020: Biden	42.6%
Vote2020: Didn't Vote	7.8%
Vote2020: Someone else	1.9%
Vote2020: Trump	47.7%
DMA Dallas/Ft. Worth	28.2%
DMA Houston	25.3%
DMA Other	36.2%
DMA San Antonio	10.3%