



## Top Line Results for February 2024 SLU/YouGov Poll

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Saint Louis University and YouGov surveyed 900 likely Missouri voters from February 14 to February 26 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 3.74%. 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 <https://www.slu.edu/poll>.

### **Funding and Support**

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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 13,500 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 1135 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 1018, 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.

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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, years of education, and 2020 presidential vote. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and poststratified according to these deciles.

The weights were then post-stratified on 2020 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 Joe Biden?**

- Strongly approve: 14%
- Approve: 23%
- Disapprove: 10 %
- Strongly disapprove: 52%
- Not sure: 2%

POLS002

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

- Strongly approve: 2%
- Approve: 12%
- Disapprove: 51%
- Strongly disapprove: 27%
- Not sure: 8%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.25%.*

POLS007

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

- Strongly approve: 4%
- Approve: 39%
- Disapprove: 29%
- Strongly disapprove: 22%
- Not sure: 6%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.33%.*

POLS003

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

- Strongly approve: 4%
- Approve: 41%
- Disapprove: 22%
- Strongly disapprove: 22%
- Not sure: 12%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.25%.*

POLS004

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

- Strongly approve: 15%
- Approve: 37%
- Disapprove: 17%
- Strongly disapprove: 25%
- Not sure: 7%

POLS006

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

- Strongly approve: 27%
- Approve: 23%
- Disapprove: 7%
- Strongly disapprove: 34%
- Not sure: 9%

POLS005

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

- Strongly approve: 18%
- Approve: 27%
- Disapprove: 11%
- Strongly disapprove: 25%
- Not sure: 20%

POLS023

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

- Democratic candidate: 38%
- Republican candidate: 52%
- Other: 1%
- Not sure: 8%

POLS024

Which of the following Republican candidates for Governor would you be most likely to support?

- Jay Ashcroft: 18%
- Bill Eigel: 5%
- Mike Kehoe: 8%
- Chris Wright: 3%
- Not sure: 52%
- Other: 15%

Which of the following Republican candidates for Governor would you be most likely to support?

- Jay Ashcroft: 28%
- Bill Eigel: 8%
- Mike Kehoe: 10%
- Chris Wright: 3%
- Not sure: 49%
- Other: 1%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 414; the margin of error is +/- 5.54%.*

*Please note, only voters who said they would support a Republican candidate in the general election are included.*

POLS025

Which of the following Democratic candidates for Governor would you be most likely to support?

- Sheryl Gladney: 2%
- Mike Hamra: 3%
- Crystal Quade: 8%
- Sarah Unsicker: 3%
- Not sure: 68%
- Other: 15%

Which of the following Democratic candidates for Governor would you be most likely to support?

- Sheryl Gladney: 4%
- Mike Hamra: 5%
- Crystal Quade: 21%
- Sarah Unsicker: 4%
- Not sure: 66%
- Other: 0%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 396; the margin of error is +/- 5.57%.*

*Please note, only voters who said they would support a Democratic candidate in the general election are included.*

POLS0010

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

- Economy: 42%
- Health care: 17%
- Education: 15%
- Infrastructure: 17%
- Other: 9%

POLS011

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

- Excellent: 4%
- Good: 20%
- Fair: 20%
- Poor: 50%
- Not sure: 0%

POLS012

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

- Excellent: 1%
- Good: 21%
- Fair: 52%
- Poor: 25%
- Not sure: 1%

POLS013

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

- Excellent: 7%
- Good: 33%
- Fair: 33%
- Poor: 23%
- Not sure: 3%

POLS014

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

- Excellent: 2%
- Good: 20%
- Fair: 42%
- Poor: 31%
- Not sure: 6%

POLS015

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

- Excellent: 8%
- Good: 31%
- Fair: 30%
- Poor: 29%
- Not sure: 2%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.25%.*

POLS017

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

- Excellent: 10%
- Good: 39%
- Fair: 29%
- Poor: 17%
- Not sure: 5%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.25%.*

POLS018

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

- Excellent: 14%
- Good: 49%
- Fair: 25%
- Poor: 12%
- Not sure: 0%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.33%.*

POLS019

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

- Excellent: 22%
- Good: 44%
- Fair: 23%
- Poor: 10%
- Not sure: 0%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.33%.*

POLS020

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

- Excellent: 2%
- Good: 18%
- Fair: 44%
- Poor: 36%
- Not sure: 1%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.25%.*

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: 18%
- Disagree: 74%
- Not sure: 9%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.25%.*



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: 39%
- Disagree: 42%
- Not sure: 19%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.25%.*

POLS026

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...Property taxes should not be raised for Missouri homeowners who are 62 years old or older?**

- Agree: 80%
- Disagree: 13%
- Not sure: 8%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.25%.*

POLS027

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...The U.S.-Mexican border situation is a crisis that needs to be resolved immediately?**

- Agree: 75%
- Disagree: 18%
- Not sure: 8%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.25%.*

POLS028

**Do you support the following policies...Eliminate existing state sale taxes on groceries?**

- Strongly support: 49%
- Support: 32%
- Oppose: 9%
- Strongly oppose: 2%
- Not sure: 8%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.33%.*

POLS029

**Do you support the following policies...Eliminate existing local sales taxes on groceries?**

- Strongly support: 44%
- Support: 28%
- Oppose: 15%
- Strongly oppose: 3%
- Not sure: 10%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.33%.*

POLS030

**Do you support the following policies...Eliminate existing local sales taxes on groceries if the state replaces lost revenue for local governments?**

- Strongly support: 31%
- Support: 29%
- Oppose: 13%
- Strongly oppose: 8%
- Not sure: 18%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.33%.*

POLS031

**Do you think the following should be legal in the state of Missouri for those who are 21 years old or older...betting on professional sports?**

- Should be legal: 60%
- Should not be legal: 25%
- Not sure: 14%

POLS032

**Do you think the following should be legal in the state of Missouri for those who are 21 years old or older...betting on collegiate sports?**

- Should be legal: 47%
- Should not be legal: 39%
- Not sure: 14%

POLS033

Do you think the following should be legal in the state of Missouri for those who are 21 years old or older...video lottery gaming machines in convenience stores?

- Should be legal: 46%
- Should not be legal: 40%
- Not sure: 14%

POLS034

Do you think the following should be legal in the state of Missouri for those who are 21 years old or older... video lottery gaming machines in bars, truck stops, fraternal organizations, and veterans' organizations?

- Should be legal: 54%
- Should not be legal: 31%
- Not sure: 15%

POLS035

Would you support the above ballot proposition?

- Yes: 44%
- No: 37%
- Not sure: 19%

POLS036

Do you favor or oppose the following in the state of Missouri...Death penalty sentences in cases of first-degree murder?

- Favor: 62%
- Oppose: 24%
- Not sure: 14%

POLS037

Do you favor or oppose the following in the state of Missouri...When a jury cannot unanimously agree to sentence the death penalty, the judge decides whether to sentence the death penalty or life in prison without parole?

- Favor: 48%
- Oppose: 35%
- Not sure: 16%

POLS038

Do you favor or oppose the following in the state of Missouri...The Governor being allowed to change death penalty sentences to life in prison without parole?

- Favor: 52%
- Oppose: 30%
- Not sure: 18%

EDU007a

Do you agree or disagree that this funding formula should do the following...Base school district funding on enrollment more than attendance?

- Agree: 56%
- Disagree: 28%
- Not sure: 16%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.33%.*

EDU007b

Do you agree or disagree that this funding formula should do the following...Base school district funding on attendance more than enrollment?

- Agree: 43%
- Disagree: 37%
- Not sure: 20%

*Subsample Question: The sample size for this question is 450; the margin of error is +/- 5.25%.*

Do you agree or disagree that this funding formula should do the following...Base school district funding on enrollment more than attendance?

*Combine responses of previous two listed questions: EDU007a and EDU007b*

- Agree: 47%
- Disagree: 36%
- Not sure: 18%

EDU008

Do you agree or disagree that this funding formula should do the following...Provide more funds for each student who receives free and reduced-priced lunch?

- Agree: 63%
- Disagree: 22%
- Not sure: 15%

EDU009

Do you agree or disagree that this funding formula should do the following...Provide more funds for each student with special education needs?

- Agree: 81%
- Disagree: 9%
- Not sure: 10%

EDU010

Do you agree or disagree that this funding formula should do the following...Provide more funds for each student who is learning English as a non-native language?

- Agree: 44%
- Disagree: 38%
- Not sure: 17%

EDU011:

Should the school funding formula use 2004 property values or more recent property values (such as those within the last 5 years) when making these estimates?

- The formula should use 2004 property values: 18%
- The formula should use more recent property values: 62%
- Not sure: 20%

EDU012

Do you support or oppose the following policies...Allow students to enroll in public schools outside of the school district where they live?

- Strongly support: 21%
- Support: 38%
- Oppose: 20%
- Strongly oppose: 10%
- Not sure: 11%

EDU013

Do you support or oppose the following policies...Allow students to enroll in public schools, excluding charter schools, outside of the school district where they live?

- Strongly support: 11%
- Support: 34%
- Oppose: 25%
- Strongly oppose: 12%
- Not sure: 18%

EDU014

Do you support or oppose the following policies...Allow students enrolled in a district's schools to remain in that district's schools for the complete school year, even if they move out of the district during the school year?

- Strongly support: 31%
- Support: 46%
- Oppose: 10%
- Strongly oppose: 4%
- Not sure: 9%

EDU015

Do you support or oppose the following policies...Allow students enrolled in a district's schools to remain in that district's schools until they graduate high school, even if they move out of the district?

- Strongly support: 20%
- Support: 35%
- Oppose: 25%
- Strongly oppose: 7%
- Not sure: 14%

EDU016

If Missouri allows students to enroll in public schools outside their residential school districts (that is, the district where they live), indicate whether you support or oppose the following...School districts may limit the number of students who transfer out of their district?

- Strongly support: 7%
- Support: 23%
- Oppose: 33%
- Strongly oppose: 17%
- Not sure: 20%

EDU017

If Missouri allows students to enroll in public schools outside their residential school districts (that is, the district where they live), indicate whether you support or oppose the following...School districts may opt out of having students transfer into their districts?

- Strongly support: 9%
- Support: 30%
- Oppose: 30%
- Strongly oppose: 13%
- Not sure: 19%

EDU018

If Missouri allows students to enroll in public schools outside their residential school districts (that is, the district where they live), indicate whether you support or oppose the following...School districts must accept transferring in students who have special education needs?

- Strongly support: 23%
- Support: 39%
- Oppose: 14%
- Strongly oppose: 5%
- Not sure: 20%

EDU019

If Missouri allows students to enroll in public schools outside their resident school districts (that is, the district where they live), indicate whether you support or oppose the following...School districts must accept transferring in students who have special education needs only if the receiving school district determines it can provide appropriate special educational services?

- Strongly support: 21%
- Support: 47%
- Oppose: 12%
- Strongly oppose: 5%
- Not sure: 16%

EDU020

If Missouri allows students to enroll in public schools outside of their resident school districts (that is, the district where they live), how should local tax revenue designated for a student's education be allocated for students who attend school outside of the district where they live?

- All local tax revenue should stay in the student's resident district, where the student lives: 40%
- Less than half of local tax revenue should transfer to the nonresident school district, where the student now attends school: 10%
- More than half of local tax revenue should transfer to the nonresident school district, where the student now attends school: 11%
- All local tax revenue should transfer to the nonresident school district, where the student now attends school: 19%
- Not sure: 20%

EDU021

If Missouri allows students to enroll in public schools outside of their resident school districts (that is, the district where they live), indicate whether you support or oppose the following...Transferring students or their guardians should be responsible for transportation to and from nonresident districts?

- Strongly support: 46%
- Support: 37%
- Oppose: 5%
- Strongly oppose: 2%
- Not sure: 9%



EDU022

If Missouri allows students to enroll in public schools outside of their resident school districts (that is, the district where they live), indicate whether you support or oppose the following...The State of Missouri should reimburse the receiving school district for the transportation costs of nonresident students who qualify for free or reduced-price school lunch or special education services?

- Strongly support: 16%
- Support: 33%
- Oppose: 21%
- Strongly oppose: 13%
- Not sure: 18%

EDU023

In Missouri, tax-funded Education Savings Accounts should be made available to (check all that apply): All Students

- Selected: 44%
- Not Selected: 56%

In Missouri, tax-funded Education Savings Accounts should be made available to (check all that apply): Students with special education needs:

- Selected: 58%
- Not Selected: 42%

In Missouri, tax-funded Education Savings Accounts should be made available to (check all that apply): Students in households that earn up to \$75,000 (250% of the federal poverty level)

- Selected: 64%
- Not Selected: 36%

In Missouri, tax-funded Education Savings Accounts should be made available to (check all that apply): No one:

- Selected: 12%
- Not selected: 88%

POLS039:

**In Missouri, would you prefer to see...**

- Daylight Savings Time all year round – with more daylight in the evening and less in the morning: 47%
- Standard Time all year round – with more daylight in the morning and less in the evening: 31%
- Switch back and forth between Daylight Savings and Standard Time like most states do now: 16%
- Not sure: 6%