



Missouri Voters’ Public Opinion: Issue Priorities and Ratings

The following document summarizes the opinions of likely voters in Missouri on issue priorities and ratings of conditions. These results were gathered via SLU/YouGov Poll surveys conducted between 2020 and 2024, and the queried conditions included the economy, schools, crime, race relations, infrastructure, and respondents’ health. The SLU/YouGov Poll is a biannual survey of likely Missouri voters aiming to inform policymakers, citizens, and researchers of Missourians’ opinions on important issues facing the state.

Full demographic crosstabs and raw data for independent analyses of SLU/YouGov Polls are available at slu.edu/poll.

Over Time Summary: Among likely Missouri voters, most consistently rate both the U.S. and Missouri economies as Fair or Poor from 2020-2024. Over that same period, respondents indicated that the economy should be the top priority of Missouri State Government. Eight percent fewer respondents rated schools as Excellent or Good from June 2020 to February 2024. Ratings of crime, infrastructure and roads, and race relations have remained more consistent.

Most Recent Ratings from February 2024

Issue/Condition	Combined Totals		Individual Response Options						Sample Size
	Excellent & Good	Fair & Poor	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not sure	MoE	
US Economy	24%	76%	4%	20%	26%	50%	0%	±3.74%	900
MO Economy	22%	77%	1%	21%	52%	25%	1%	±3.74%	900
Public Schools in your community	40%	56%	7%	33%	33%	23%	3%	±3.74%	900
Public Schools in Missouri	22%	73%	2%	20%	42%	31%	6%	±3.74%	900
MO Roads/Infrastructure	20%	80%	2%	18%	44%	36%	1%	±5.25%	450
Crime in your Community	39%	59%	8%	31%	30%	29%	2%	±5.25%	450
Race Relations in your Community	49%	46%	10%	39%	29%	17%	5%	±5.25%	450

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Which of the following do you think should be the TOP priority of the Missouri State Government...

Poll	Economy	Health Care	Education	Infrastructure	Other	MoE	Sample Size
June 2020	43%	28%	13%	11%	5%	±3.95%	900
Oct. 2020	39%	34%	13%	10%	4%	±3.90%	931
July 2021	42%	25%	13%	15%	6%	±4.18%	950
Aug. 2022	51%	16%	11%	14%	8%	±3.75%	900
Feb. 2023	44%	17%	18%	15%	6%	±3.72%	900
Aug. 2023	44%	19%	14%	16%	7%	±4.02%	900
Feb. 2024	42%	17%	15%	17%	9%	±3.74%	900

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

Poll	Combined Totals		Individual Response Options						MoE	Sample Size
	Excellent & Good	Fair & Poor	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not sure			
June 2020	27%	71%	4%	23%	34%	37%	2%	±3.95%	900	
Oct. 2020	34%	64%	5%	29%	36%	28%	2%	±3.90%	931	
July 2021	24%	73%	2%	22%	39%	34%	3%	±4.18%	950	
Aug. 2022	13%	86%	2%	11%	28%	58%	1%	±3.75%	900	
Feb. 2023	15%	83%	2%	13%	30%	53%	2%	±3.72%	900	
Aug. 2023	19%	81%	3%	16%	28%	53%	1%	±4.02%	900	
Feb. 2024	24%	76%	4%	20%	26%	50%	0%	±3.74%	900	

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

Poll	Combined Totals		Individual Response Options						MoE	Sample Size
	Excellent & Good	Fair & Poor	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not sure			
June 2020	28%	67%	3%	25%	40%	27%	3%	±3.95%	900	
Oct. 2020	35%	62%	4%	31%	37%	25%	3%	±3.90%	931	
July 2021	26%	71%	2%	24%	50%	21%	3%	±4.18%	950	
Aug. 2022	15%	83%	1%	14%	53%	30%	2%	±3.75%	900	
Feb. 2023	20%	78%	2%	18%	50%	28%	3%	±3.72%	900	
Aug. 2023	20%	79%	2%	18%	53%	26%	1%	±4.02%	900	
Feb. 2024	22%	77%	1%	21%	52%	25%	1%	±3.74%	900	

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

Poll	Combined Totals		Individual Response Options						
	Excellent & Good	Fair & Poor	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not sure	MoE	Sample Size
June 2020	48%	48%	13%	35%	32%	16%	3%	±3.95%	900
Oct. 2020	42%	53%	8%	34%	29%	24%	5%	±3.90%	931
July 2021	40%	58%	8%	32%	33%	25%	3%	±4.18%	950
Aug. 2022	39%	58%	6%	33%	35%	23%	3%	±3.75%	900
Feb. 2023	37%	58%	6%	31%	33%	25%	5%	±3.72%	900
Aug. 2023	38%	56%	6%	32%	33%	23%	6%	±4.02%	900
Feb. 2024	40%	56%	7%	33%	33%	23%	3%	±3.74%	900

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

Poll	Combined Totals		Individual Response Options						
	Excellent & Good	Fair & Poor	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not sure	MoE	Sample Size
June 2020	30%	63%	2%	28%	46%	17%	7%	±3.95%	900
Oct. 2020	26%	66%	3%	23%	43%	23%	9%	±3.90%	931
July 2021	26%	67%	2%	24%	41%	26%	7%	±4.18%	950
Aug. 2022	21%	71%	1%	20%	46%	25%	8%	±3.75%	900
Feb. 2023	23%	69%	1%	22%	42%	27%	7%	±3.72%	900
Aug. 2023	22%	71%	1%	21%	42%	29%	7%	±4.02%	900
Feb. 2024	22%	73%	2%	20%	42%	31%	6%	±3.74%	900

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

Poll	Combined Totals		Individual Response Options						
	Excellent & Good	Fair & Poor	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not sure	MoE	Sample Size
June 2020	19%	80%	2%	17%	41%	39%	1%	±5.36%	457
July 2021	20%	77%	2%	18%	40%	37%	4%	±6.02%	477
Aug. 2022	20%	80%	2%	18%	45%	35%	1%	±5.83%	453
Feb. 2023	16%	81%	1%	15%	45%	36%	3%	±5.50%	443
Aug. 2023	21%	78%	2%	19%	42%	36%	1%	±5.54%	450
Feb. 2024	20%	80%	2%	18%	44%	36%	1%	±5.25%	450

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

Poll	Combined Totals		Individual Response Options						
	Excellent & Good	Fair & Poor	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not sure	MoE	Sample Size
June 2020	39%	59%	8%	31%	38%	21%	2%	±5.36%	457
Oct. 2020	41%	56%	8%	33%	31%	25%	3%	±3.90%	931
July 2021	42%	56%	8%	34%	32%	24%	2%	±5.81%	473
Aug. 2022	34%	64%	7%	27%	35%	29%	2%	±5.83%	453
Feb. 2023	35%	60%	5%	30%	31%	29%	5%	±3.72%	900
Aug. 2023	35%	61%	8%	27%	34%	27%	4%	±5.54%	450
Feb. 2024	39%	59%	8%	31%	30%	29%	2%	±5.25%	450

How would you rate the condition of the following... Race Relations in your Community

Poll	Combined Totals		Individual Response Options						
	Excellent & Good	Fair & Poor	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not sure	MoE	Sample Size
June 2020	45%	50%	12%	33%	31%	19%	5%	±3.95%	900
Oct. 2020	45%	50%	10%	35%	28%	22%	4%	±3.90%	931
July 2021	47%	47%	12%	35%	26%	21%	6%	±4.18%	950
Aug. 2022	45%	50%	9%	36%	31%	19%	6%	±3.75%	900
Feb. 2023	43%	50%	9%	34%	31%	19%	7%	±3.72%	900
Aug. 2023	52%	43%	10%	42%	29%	14%	4%	±5.82%	450
Feb. 2024	49%	46%	10%	39%	29%	17%	5%	±5.25%	450

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

Poll	Combined Totals		Individual Response Options						
	Excellent & Good	Fair & Poor	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not sure	MoE	Sample Size
June 2020	74%	26%	22%	52%	19%	7%	0%	±5.91%	443
Oct. 2020	70%	30%	18%	52%	22%	8%	0%	±3.90%	931
July 2021	67%	31%	16%	51%	23%	8%	2%	±6.02%	477
Aug. 2022	62%	37%	16%	46%	27%	10%	1%	±5.83%	453
Feb. 2023	62%	37%	16%	46%	24%	13%	1%	±5.17%	457
Aug. 2023	63%	36%	12%	51%	28%	8%	0%	±5.54%	450
Feb. 2024	63%	37%	14%	49%	25%	12%	0%	±5.33%	450

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

Poll	Combined Totals		Individual Response Options						
	Excellent & Good	Fair & Poor	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not sure	MoE	Sample Size
June 2020	66%	33%	27%	39%	21%	12%	0%	±5.91%	443
Oct. 2020	63%	37%	23%	40%	25%	12%	0%	±3.90%	930
July 2021	65%	35%	24%	41%	25%	10%	2%	±6.02%	477
Aug. 2022	68%	31%	21%	47%	21%	10%	0%	±5.83%	453
Feb. 2023	64%	36%	27%	37%	25%	11%	1%	±5.17%	457
Aug. 2023	67%	32%	21%	46%	20%	12%	0%	±5.54%	450
Feb. 2024	66%	33%	22%	44%	23%	10%	0%	±5.17%	457

About the SLU/YouGov Poll

The SLU/YouGov Poll is a biannual survey of likely Missouri voters aiming to inform policymakers, citizens, and researchers of Missourians’ opinions on important issues facing the state. No other academic institution regularly conducts a non-partisan, scientific survey of Missouri voters and makes results and raw data publicly available. For questions or suggestions concerning the SLU/YouGov Poll, contact poll director Steven Rogers, Ph.D., at steven.rogers@slu.edu.

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About YouGov

Saint Louis University has partnered with YouGov to conduct its annual survey of Missouri voters. YouGov conducts surveys for multiple academic institutions and is the primary, trusted survey firm for media organizations, including CBS News and The Economist. An independent Pew Research Center study of online survey firms in 2016 further concluded that YouGov “consistently outperforms competitors.”

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