

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 2025, 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: Likely Missouri voters consistently rate both the U.S. and Missouri economies as Fair or Poor from 2020-2025. From February 2024 to February 2025, 15% more voters rated the U.S. Economy as Fair or Poor, while there was little change in the ratings of the Missouri state economy. Most voters rate crime in their community as Fair or poor, but compared to the February 2024 poll, 5% more voters rated crime in their community as Excellent or Good, and 3% more voters rated race relations in their community as Excellent or Good. 66% of voters rate Missouri public schools as Fair or Poor, which is 7% higher than findings from February 2024.

Most Recent Ratings from February 2025

Issue/Condition	Combined Totals		Individual Response Options						Sample Size
	Excellent & Good	Fair & Poor	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not sure	MoE	
US Economy	14%	84%	1%	13%	46%	38%	1%	±3.64%	900
MO Economy	21%	77%	1%	20%	51%	26%	2%	±3.64%	900
Public Schools in your community	40%	55%	6%	34%	32%	23%	5%	±3.64%	900
Public Schools in Missouri	25%	66%	2%	23%	40%	26%	8%	±3.64%	900
Missouri Roads/Infrastructure	23%	77%	3%	20%	43%	34%	1%	±5.01%	450
Crime in your Community	44%	53%	8%	36%	32%	21%	3%	±3.64%	900
Race Relations in your Community	52%	42%	10%	42%	29%	13%	5%	±5.28%	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
Aug. 2024	47%	18%	15%	10%	9%	±3.79%	900
Feb. 2025	47%	19%	13%	14%	6%	±3.64%	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
Aug. 2024	31%	69%	8%	23%	24%	45%	1%	±3.79%	900
Feb. 2025	14%	84%	1%	13%	46%	38%	1%	±3.64%	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
Aug. 2024	28%	71%	5%	23%	49%	22%	1%	±3.79%	900
Feb. 2025	21%	77%	1%	20%	51%	26%	2%	±3.64%	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
Aug. 2024	42%	53%	8%	34%	35%	18%	5%	±3.79%	900
Feb. 2025	40%	55%	6%	34%	32%	23%	5%	±3.64%	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
Aug. 2024	29%	65%	5%	24%	44%	21%	6%	±3.79%	900
Feb. 2025	25%	66%	2%	23%	40%	26%	8%	±3.64%	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
Aug. 2024	25%	74%	4%	21%	48%	26%	1%	±5.40%	450
Feb. 2025	23%	77%	3%	20%	43%	34%	1%	±5.01%	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
Aug. 2024	42%	53%	8%	34%	36%	17%	4%	±5.33%	450
Feb. 2025	44%	53%	8%	36%	32%	21%	3%	±3.64%	900

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
Aug. 2024	53%	44%	11%	42%	31%	13%	4%	±3.79%	900
Feb. 2025	52%	42%	10%	42%	29%	13%	5%	±5.28%	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
Aug. 2024	65%	35%	15%	50%	27%	8%	0%	±5.40%	450
Feb. 2025	60%	39%	14%	46%	30%	9%	0%	±3.64%	900

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
Aug. 2024	66%	33%	26%	40%	24%	9%	0%	±5.40%	450
Feb. 2025	64%	36%	24%	40%	23%	13%	0%	±3.64%	900

About the SLU/YouGov Poll

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