

Oregon RV Poll

October 6-12, 2020



Sample 1,009 Oregon Registered Voters

Margin of Error $\pm 3.5\%$

1. All things considered, do you think Oregon is headed in the right direction, or is it off on the wrong track?

Right direction	39%
Wrong track	50%
Don't know	11%

2. Have you, or has anyone in your household, experienced a loss of employment income since the COVID-19 pandemic began?

Yes	35%
No	65%

3. How worried are you about your personal financial situation?

Very worried	18%
Somewhat worried	35%
Not too worried	31%
Not at all worried	14%
Don't know	1%

4. Which of the following best describes you?

I definitely will not vote in the November general election	8%
I will probably not vote in the November general election	2%
I will probably vote in the November general election	6%
I definitely will vote in the November general election	84%

5. Which of the following describes you?

Among those who intend to vote

I intend to return my ballot later than I usually do	2%
I intend to return my ballot around the same time I usually do	53%
I intend to return my ballot earlier than I usually do	44%

6. Which of the following describes you?

I usually mail my ballot from my residence or place of work	25%
I usually mail my ballot at the Post Office or a postal mailbox	17%
I usually drop my ballot off at an elections drop box or official location (County elections office, library)	55%
Someone else usually delivers my ballot for me	0%
I do not usually vote	2%

7. You said you usually mail your ballot. Have you considered using a drop box in November?

Among those who typically mail their ballot

Yes, I have considered using a drop box in November	59%
No, I will mail my ballot in November	33%
Don't know	7%

8. Why have you considered using a drop box in November? (Check all that apply)

Among those who typically mail their ballot and are considering drop box

A drop box is more convenient	38%
A drop box is more secure	52%
I am not confident in the postal service delivering the ballot on time	46%
I want to wait to vote until after the mailing deadline passes	1%
Other	4%

9. Why haven't you considered using a drop box in November?

Among those who typically mail their ballot and are not considering drop box

Using the mail is more convenient	74%
Using the mail is more secure	17%
I am confident in the postal service delivering my ballot on time	34%
Prepaid postage	8%
Other	4%

10. You said you usually drop off your ballot. Have you considered returning your ballot by mail this November?

Among those who typically use a drop box

Yes, I have considered using the mail	23%
No, I will use a drop box	74%
Don't know	3%

11. Why have you considered using the mail to return your ballot in November?

Among those who typically use a drop box and are considering mailing ballot

The mail is more convenient	59%
The mail is more secure	12%
I am confident in the postal service delivering my ballot on time	34%
Prepaid postage	24%
Other	7%

12. Why haven't you considered using the mail to return your ballot in November?

Among those who typically use a drop box and are not considering mailing ballot

A drop box is more convenient	40%
A drop box is more secure	50%
I want to wait to vote until after the mailing deadline passes	3%
I am not confident in the postal service delivering my ballot on time	42%
Other	6%

13. How worried are you about the spread of COVID-19 in your community?

Very worried	30%
Somewhat worried	38%
Not too worried	19%
Not at all worried	12%
Don't know	1%

14. Does the COVID-19 pandemic make you worried about the safety of voting in the November general election?

The COVID-19 pandemic makes me very worried about voting	12%
The COVID-19 pandemic makes me slightly worried about voting	19%
The COVID-19 pandemic does not make me worried about voting at all	69%

15. As you may know, because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for physical distancing, many states are looking to Oregon as a model for how they might conduct their general elections in November. That would involve sending a ballot by mail to every registered voter, and giving voters an opportunity to return their marked ballot by mail or to a drop box. If other states adopt the Oregon model, how likely do you think it is that the following will happen in November:

	Extremely likely	Somewhat likely	Neutral	Somewhat unlikely	Extremely unlikely
Voter fraud will increase	16%	15%	14%	14%	41%
Many voters will mismark their ballots	9%	20%	26%	24%	21%
Voter turnout will increase	42%	33%	17%	5%	2%
Foreign countries will counterfeit ballots	9%	13%	17%	22%	40%

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	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not too confident	Not at all confident	I don't know
How confident are you that your vote in the November general election will be counted as intended this year?	49%	32%	11%	6%	3%
Think about vote counting in [COUNTY NAME] County. How confident are you that votes in [COUNTY NAME] County will be counted as voters intend?	54%	29%	10%	3%	3%
How confident are you that votes in Oregon will be counted as voters intend?	49%	31%	11%	6%	3%
How confident are you that votes in other states that use full voting by mail will be counted as voters intend?	28%	37%	18%	12%	5%
How confident are you that votes in other states that use in-person voting on Election Day will be counted as voters intend?	31%	45%	14%	6%	5%

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Now thinking about the nation, how
 confident are you that votes nationwide
 will be counted as voters intend?

19% 44% 22% 10% 5%

17. Have you received any communications from the United States Postal Service regarding voting by mail?

Yes31%
 No54%
 Not sure15%

18. Did you find the communications sent to you about voting by mail from the United States Postal Service helpful?

Among those who received communication from USPS

Yes, the information was helpful53%
 No, the information was not helpful35%
 I don't recall12%

19. In Oregon, to the best of your knowledge, is a mailed ballot counted that is postmarked on Election Day and received by an elections office after Election Day?

Yes39%
 No29%
 Not sure32%

20. In Oregon, to the best of your knowledge, is a ballot counted that is dropped off in a drop box outside of the county of residence?

Yes34%
 No12%
 Not sure53%

21. In Oregon, to the best of your knowledge, do you have the option to cast your ballot in person at your county elections office?

Yes35%
 No30%
 Not sure35%

22. In Oregon, to the best of your knowledge, will your ballot be counted if you fail to insert the ballot in the security sleeve before placing it in the mailing envelope?

Yes32%
 No32%
 Not sure36%

23. In Oregon, to the best of your knowledge, does the Secretary of State's Office review and fact check statements and arguments made in the Voter's Pamphlet?

Yes	36%
No	16%
Not sure	48%

24. Election audits are reviews conducted after the election is over to determine whether or not the results were counted accurately. To the best of your knowledge, do Oregon election officials audit election results?

Yes	50%
No	5%
Don't know	44%

25. To the best of your knowledge, when are election results audited by Oregon election officials?

Among people who think Oregon officials audit election results

When the results are close	23%
When someone requests an audit	19%
Every election	36%
Don't know	22%

26. Does knowing this give you more confidence in the election system, less confidence, or does it make no difference?

Much more confidence	19%
Somewhat more confidence	31%
Makes no difference	36%
Somewhat less confidence	9%
Much less confidence	5%

27. We are going to show you several pairs of phrases that might be used to describe voting and elections. When you see each pair, indicate where you fall between the two.

1 - It is important to make voting as easy as possible, even if there are some security risks	10%
2	10%
3	8%
4	15%
5	12%
6	15%
7 - It is important to make voting as secure as possible, even if voting is less easy	30%

28. We are going to show you several pairs of phrases that might be used to describe voting and elections. When you see each pair, indicate where you fall between the two.

- 1 - Individuals ought to take responsibility for making sure they're registered to vote. 35%
- 2 11%
- 3 5%
- 4 14%
- 5 9%
- 6 9%
- 7 - Government ought to take responsibility for making sure all eligible voters are registered to vote. 17%

29. We are going to show you several pairs of phrases that might be used to describe voting and elections. When you see each pair, indicate where you fall between the two.

- 1 - I am worried about voting fraud. 17%
- 2 10%
- 3 8%
- 4 16%
- 5 9%
- 6 14%
- 7 - I am not worried about voting fraud. 26%

30. We are going to show you several pairs of phrases that might be used to describe voting and elections. When you see each pair, indicate where you fall between the two.

- 1 - Voting is a duty, people should vote in every election no matter how they feel about the candidates and parties. 27%
- 2 15%
- 3 8%
- 4 14%
- 5 8%
- 6 9%
- 7 - Voting is a choice, people can choose to vote or not to vote depending on how they feel about the candidates and parties. 20%

31. These are activities that are usually against the law. For each, we would like to know how often you think they happen in Oregon.

	Occurs frequently	Occurs occasionally	Occurs infrequently	Almost never occurs	Don't know
People voting more than once in an election in Oregon	9%	16%	17%	47%	11%
People stealing or tampering with ballots that have been voted in Oregon	10%	17%	19%	42%	12%
People voting who are not US citizens in Oregon	16%	17%	13%	42%	13%

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People voting with a ballot intended for another person in Oregon	12%	20%	18%	39%	11%
Officials changing the reported vote count in a way that is not a true reflection of the ballots that were actually counted in Oregon	9%	14%	16%	45%	16%

32. Now we would like to know how often you think they happen nationwide.

	Occurs frequently	Occurs occasionally	Occurs infrequently	Almost never occurs	Don't know
People voting more than once in an election nationwide	12%	17%	19%	41%	11%
People stealing or tampering with ballots that have been voted nationwide	13%	19%	22%	34%	12%
People voting who are not US citizens nationwide	17%	18%	16%	39%	11%
People voting with a ballot intended for another person nationwide	13%	21%	20%	33%	12%
Officials changing the reported vote count in a way that is not a true reflection of the ballots that were actually counted nationwide	13%	19%	22%	30%	16%

33. For the upcoming November 3 election, would you support national legislation directing all states to [national VBM frame]

Yes	62%
No	27%
Not sure	12%