

Oregon RV Poll

October 22 - October 31, 2020



Sample 2,008 Oregon Registered Voters
 Margin of Error ±2.8%

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

Right direction	42%
Wrong track	47%
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	37%
No	63%

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

Very worried	17%
Somewhat worried	36%
Not too worried	33%
Not at all worried	13%
Don't know	0%

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

Very worried	35%
Somewhat worried	34%
Not too worried	19%
Not at all worried	12%
Don't know	0%

5. How much confidence do you have in the following people and institutions?

	A great deal of confidence	Only some confidence	Hardly any confidence	No confidence	Don't know
Governor Kate Brown	32%	22%	9%	35%	2%
Secretary of State Bev Clarno	18%	24%	12%	16%	30%
The Oregon State Legislature	14%	37%	21%	21%	8%
The officials who run Oregon state elections	42%	27%	12%	12%	7%
The officials who run elections in [COUNTY NAME]	45%	30%	10%	7%	8%
The United States Postal Service	39%	40%	12%	7%	2%

6. Which of the following best describes you?

I definitely will not vote in the November general election	5%
I will probably not vote in the November general election	1%
I will probably vote in the November general election	4%
I definitely will vote in the November general election	18%
I have already voted in the November general election	72%

7. Which of the following best describes how you returned your ballot?

Among those who already voted

Mailed from my residence or place of work	19%
Mailed at the Post Office or a postal mailbox	12%
Dropped off at an elections dropbox or official location (County election office, library) ...	67%
Someone else delivered it for me	1%
Don't remember	0%

8. Did you encounter any problems returning your ballot that may have interfered with your ability to cast your vote as intended?

Among those who already voted

Yes	1%
No	98%
Don't know	2%

9. Did you encounter any problems marking or completing your ballot that may have interfered with your ability to cast your vote as intended?

Among those who already voted

Yes	1%
No	99%
Don't know	0%

10. Prior to each election, the Oregon Secretary of State sends the Voters' Pamphlet to registered voters. Did you look at or read any portion of the Voters' Pamphlet?

Among those who already voted

Yes	89%
No	8%
Don't remember	2%

11. When you looked at or read the Voters' Pamphlet, did you read about the following:

Among those who already voted and used pamphlet

	Yes, I read all or quite a lot	Yes, I read some or a little	No, I did not	Do not remember
Candidates or measures	72%	27%	0%	0%
How to cast or return your ballot	25%	31%	43%	1%
Election security	19%	32%	44%	5%
Misinformation in the Don't Be Fooled section	17%	26%	46%	11%

12. Please select the reason(s) you did not look at or read the Voters' Pamphlet. Select all that apply.

Among those who already voted and did not use pamphlet

It didn't arrive	13%
I had already decided how I was going to vote	66%
I do not find it useful	21%
I misplaced the pamphlet	3%
Other	4%

13. Would you say that you cast your ballot this year earlier than usual, about the same time as usual, or later than usual?

Among those who already voted

Earlier than usual	48%
About the same time as usual	49%
Later than usual	2%
Do not recall	1%

14. Why did you cast your ballot this year earlier than usual?

Among those who already voted earlier than usual

Interest in the election	65%
To stop receiving campaign communications	7%
To get it over with	22%
Worries about the post office	28%
Worries about my ballot getting counted	43%
Other	7%

15. How concerned are you that events will occur between now and the General Election that will make you regret the votes you cast?

Among those who already voted

Very concerned	2%
Somewhat concerned	4%
Slightly concerned	6%
Not concerned at all	89%

16. In the past 24 hours have you... (check all that apply)

Used social media (such as Facebook or YouTube)	74%
Watched TV news	62%
Read a newspaper in print or online	48%
Listened to a radio news program or talk radio	35%
None of these	4%

17. Did you watch local news, national news, or both?

Among those who watch TV news

Local newscast	18%
National newscast	21%
Both	60%

18. Which of the following sources did you watch news from?

Among those who watch national TV news

ABC	38%
CBS	35%
NBC	38%
CNN	41%
Fox News	42%
MSNBC	32%
BBC	16%
PBS	23%
Other (please specify):	7%

19. Did you read a print newspaper, an online newspaper, or both?

Among those who read a newspaper

Print	12%
Online	67%
Both	21%

20. Did you do any of the following on social media (such as Facebook, YouTube or Twitter)?

Among those who use social media for news

Posted a story, photo, video or link about politics	33%
Posted a comment about politics	40%
Read a story or watched a video about politics	73%
Followed a political event	32%
Forwarded a story, photo, video, or link about politics to friends	38%

21. Which of the following social media platforms did you use?

Among those who use social media for news

Twitter	35%
Facebook	79%
Instagram	37%
TikTok	10%
Snapchat	11%
YouTube	52%
Tumblr	5%
Reddit	17%

22. How much attention do you pay to news about national politics on TV, radio, printed newspapers, or the Internet?

A great deal	43%
A lot	22%
A moderate amount	21%
A little	12%
None at all	2%

23. How much attention do you pay to news about Oregon politics on TV, radio, printed newspapers, or the Internet?

A great deal	21%
A lot	25%
A moderate amount	32%
A little	18%
None at all	4%

24. There has been a lot of discussion recently about potential problems with mail voting. These news stories and statements by public figures may have changed your thoughts about voting by mail this year. [EXPERIMENTAL CONDITION] How much do you think this coverage about concerns related to mail ballots reduced...

	Greatly reduced	Moderately reduced	Slightly reduced	Did not reduce at all
How likely you are to return your ballot by mail?	19%	17%	17%	47%
How likely others are to return their ballot by mail?	12%	35%	29%	24%
How likely you were to return your ballot by mail?	13%	10%	12%	65%
How likely others were to return their ballot by mail?	12%	29%	31%	28%

25.

	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?	57%	27%	9%	4%	2%
Think about vote counting in [COUNTY NAME]. How confident are you that votes in [COUNTY NAME] will be counted as voters intend?	60%	26%	7%	3%	3%
How confident are you that votes in Oregon will be counted as voters intend?	53%	27%	12%	6%	3%
Now thinking about the nation, how confident are you that votes nationwide will be counted as voters intend?	13%	43%	29%	11%	4%

26. 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	8%	15%	16%	53%	8%
People stealing or tampering with ballots that have been voted	8%	16%	20%	46%	9%
People voting who are not US citizens	16%	15%	15%	45%	10%
People voting with a ballot intended for another person	10%	18%	20%	43%	10%
Officials changing the reported vote count in a way that is not a true reflection of the ballots that were actually cast	8%	15%	16%	48%	13%

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People voting with a ballot intended for another person nationwide	12%	20%	21%	37%	10%
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28. How concerned are you that the Oregon voter registration system might be vulnerable to hackers in the November 2020 presidential election?

Extremely concerned	10%
Moderately concerned	17%
Somewhat concerned	22%
Slightly concerned	26%
Not concerned at all	25%

29. How concerned are you that [COUNTY NAME] voting equipment might be vulnerable to hackers in the November 2020 presidential election?

Extremely concerned	7%
Moderately concerned	12%
Somewhat concerned	18%
Slightly concerned	26%
Not concerned at all	36%

30. Oregon makes certain information about registered voters available to the public in the form of a voter registration file. For each of the following pieces of information, we'd like to know whether you know that the information is included in the Oregon voter file

	Is available	Is not available	Don't know
Your full name	78%	4%	18%
Your full birthday	40%	18%	42%
Your gender	51%	10%	39%
Your phone number	27%	26%	47%
Your street address	60%	11%	29%
A list of elections you have voted in	39%	14%	47%
The party you are registered with	79%	4%	18%
The date of your registration	55%	6%	40%
Your email address	22%	30%	48%

31. Now, regardless of whether it is on the voter registration file or not, we would like to know whether the information should be included in the file and be publicly available.

	Should be available	Should not be available	Don't know
Your full name	61%	30%	9%
Your full birthday	25%	65%	10%
Your gender	39%	48%	13%
Your phone number	15%	75%	9%
Your street address	31%	60%	8%
A list of elections you have voted in	39%	47%	15%
The party you are registered with	59%	32%	10%
The date of your registration	54%	32%	14%
Your email address	15%	75%	10%

32. Would you like to be able to cast your vote using your smartphone?

Yes	25%
No	64%
Don't know	11%

33. Would you like to be able to subscribe to get text, phone, and/or email alerts to track your ballot?

Yes	53%
No	24%
I already subscribe to these alerts	15%
Don't know	8%

34. Would you like to be able to subscribe to get text, phone, and/or email alerts when there is a change in your voter registration?

Yes	76%
No	24%

35. What do you think are the most important problems facing this country? If you think there are more than one, please briefly tell us up to three problems now.

The economy	18%
Jobs and the economy	29%
Immigration	16%
Climate change and the environment	35%
Education	13%
Health care	39%
Taxes	9%
Budget deficits and the national debt	9%
National security and foreign policy	9%
Civil rights and civil liberties	14%
Race relations	12%
Social justice	9%
Gun policy	5%
Criminal justice reform	5%
Violent crime	7%
Supreme Court appointments	6%
Abortion	7%
The coronavirus pandemic	37%
Other	5%

36. And what about in the State of Oregon? What do you think are the most important problems facing the State of Oregon? If you think there are more than one, please briefly tell us up to three problems now.

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