



THE TENNESSEE POLL

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About The Tennessee Poll

The Tennessee Poll is conducted by the Applied Social Research Lab (ASRL) in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at East Tennessee State University. ASRL is directed by Dr. Kelly N. Foster, Professor of Sociology.

The Tennessee Poll is an annual public opinion poll funded by East Tennessee State University. The mission of The Tennessee Poll is to provide the citizens and governance of Tennessee with neutral, unbiased information on Tennesseans' perceptions of issues that impact their health, education, and quality of life.

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Would you say things in Tennessee are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

		Total	Gender		Party Affiliation			Race			Age					
			Male	Female	Republican & Republican Leaning	Independents	Democrat & Democrat Leaning	White	Black	Other Race	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Would you say things in Tennessee are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?	Right Direction	44%	53%	35%	60%	31%	30%	46%	27%	49%	46%	32%	37%	42%	52%	52%
	Wrong Track	56%	47%	65%	40%	69%	70%	54%	73%	51%	54%	68%	63%	58%	48%	48%
Total	Unweighted Count	669	320	342	292	174	199	499	108	56	81	131	98	97	97	165

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		Total	Generation				Education			Annual Income			Tennessee Grand Divisions		
			Boomers	Gen X	Millenials	Gen Z	HS Diploma or LT	Some College or Associates	Bachelors or GT	LT \$50,000	\$50,000 - \$100,000	GT \$100,000	East TN	Middle TN	West TN
Would you say things in Tennessee are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?	Right Direction	44%	53%	44%	36%	40%	44%	42%	44%	40%	43%	44%	51%	40%	38%
	Wrong Track	56%	47%	56%	64%	60%	56%	58%	56%	60%	57%	56%	49%	60%	62%
Total	Unweighted Count	669	218	154	182	115	222	209	236	295	188	142	238	286	145

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What is the biggest problem facing the TN today?	Economy/Inflation/Wages/Jobs/Expense	44%	46%	42%	52%	48%	27%	46%	33%	41%	42%	47%	49%	43%	42%	40%
	Immigration and Border Issues	6%	8%	4%	10%	5%	1%	7%	2%	4%	6%	2%	5%	6%	13%	4%
	Violence/Crime/Gun Violence	11%	9%	13%	5%	13%	18%	8%	20%	15%	14%	13%	8%	12%	7%	12%
	Healthcare/Women's Health/ Reproductive Rights/Mental Health/ Drug Addiction	8%	7%	8%	5%	5%	14%	8%	10%	4%	5%	11%	4%	12%	10%	4%
	Politics/Politicians/Political Parties/Upcoming election/State of politics generally/ threat to democracy/divided country	8%	7%	7%	4%	9%	12%	8%	7%	4%	6%	1%	7%	7%	13%	10%
	Education/School System	4%	3%	6%	3%	4%	6%	4%	4%	6%		5%	3%	7%	2%	7%
	Poverty/Homelessness	6%	4%	7%	5%	7%	6%	5%	10%	4%	10%	7%	6%	5%	3%	6%
	Other	6%	6%	5%	6%	3%	7%	6%	4%	5%	8%	4%	9%	3%	6%	5%
	Racism	2%	3%	1%	2%	0%	4%	1%	5%	8%	2%	4%	3%	2%	1%	1%
	Population growth/influx of out of state people	2%	2%	3%	4%	2%	1%	2%	2%	5%	5%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%
	Don't know/no specific problems	4%	5%	3%	5%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	5%	3%	1%	9%
Total	Unweighted Count	701	336	358	300	181	209	525	111	59	82	131	101	101	108	178

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