

Q1: Some people vote depending on what offices are being decided in an election. How often do you vote in the following types of elections?

1a. U.S. Presidential elections

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Always	70%	76%	63%
Most of the time	19%	17%	21%
Only sometimes	8%	7%	9%
Never	4%	1%	7%

1b. Local elections for offices such as Mayor, Sheriff, school board or State Representative

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Always	42%	50%	35%
Most of the time	27%	28%	26%
Only sometimes	20%	17%	23%
Never	10%	5%	15%

Q2: Thinking ahead to the November election, how motivated are you to vote?

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
I will definitely vote	60%	66%	55%
I will probably vote	16%	13%	18%
Chances are 50-50 that I will vote	14%	12%	16%
I will probably not vote	4%	2%	5%
I will definitely not vote	6%	6%	6%

Q3: If the election for Congress were being held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate in your district, or the Democratic candidate in your district?

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Republican	10%	8%	12%
Democrat	74%	80%	68%
Another Candidate	2%	2%	2%
Don't Know/Haven't Decided	14%	10%	19%

Q4: Are you leaning more towards the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Leaning more Republican	9%	4%	11%
Leaning more Democrat	14%	25%	9%
Leaning toward another candidate	5%	9%	4%
Don't Know/Haven't Decided	72%	61%	77%

Q5: Which of the following activities have you participated in over the past two years?

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Attended a political rally or event	12%	14%	10%
Attended a protest	15%	15%	15%
Volunteered for or donated to a political candidate or party	14%	17%	10%
Signed a petition, in person or online	37%	41%	34%
Encouraged friends or family members to vote	51%	52%	50%
Wrote to or called a politician	10%	12%	7%
Called in to a political show on TV or the radio	9%	12%	6%
None of these	27%	24%	30%

Q6: As you may know, [STATE] allows voters to choose between voting in-person or voting by mail. How are you most likely to cast your ballot in the November 2022 election?

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Vote by mail	28%	51%	5%
Vote in-person on Election Day	41%	31%	52%
Vote in-person before Election Day at an early voting location	21%	12%	30%
Have not decided yet	9%	6%	13%

Q7: In the most recent national election in 2020 for President and Congress, how did you cast your ballot?

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
By mail or absentee ballot	29%	57%	2%
In-person on Election Day	39%	26%	53%
In-person before Election Day at an early voting location	22%	15%	30%
I did not vote for President or Congress in 2020	9%	3%	15%

Q8: If [STATE] election officials mailed a ballot to you, and you filled it out and mailed it back in, how much trust and confidence do you have that your ballot would be counted in the election?

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Very confident	39%	52%	26%
Somewhat confident	32%	35%	30%
Not too confident	15%	8%	21%
Not at all confident	9%	3%	15%
Don't know	5%	2%	8%

Q9: How concerned or worried are you about the following issues coming up if you vote by mail?

q9a. That your ballot will not arrive, or arrive too late for you to vote

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Not at all worried	37%	45%	29%
A little bit worried	29%	29%	30%
Somewhat worried	18%	15%	20%
Very worried	15%	11%	21%

q9b. That your ballot will be mailed to the wrong address

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Not at all worried	47%	54%	40%
A little bit worried	25%	25%	25%
Somewhat worried	15%	12%	18%
Very worried	13%	8%	17%

q9c. That your signature on the ballot will not match your signature on file in the elections department

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Not at all worried	54%	59%	48%
A little bit worried	21%	20%	22%
Somewhat worried	13%	12%	14%
Very worried	13%	9%	16%

q9d. That when you return your ballot by mail, it not be delivered to the elections department

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Not at all worried	39%	45%	32%
A little bit worried	24%	24%	24%
Somewhat worried	23%	22%	23%
Very worried	15%	8%	21%

q9e. That your ballot will not be opened or counted by the elections department

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Not at all worried	38%	44%	32%
A little bit worried	27%	28%	25%
Somewhat worried	18%	16%	20%
Very worried	17%	13%	22%

q9f. That it may be difficult if you change addresses and have to re-apply to vote vote by mail

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Not at all worried	40%	48%	33%
A little bit worried	25%	23%	26%
Somewhat worried	21%	18%	23%
Very worried	14%	10%	17%

Q10: On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means “I do not trust at all” and 10 means “I completely trust”, how much do you trust each of the following to provide accurate information about voting by mail to the [Black/African American] community? (mean response reported)

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Michelle Obama	7.93	8.12	7.72
The United States Post Office	6.65	7.09	6.23
Democrats in Congress	6.45	7.04	5.83
Your chief state election official, like a Secretary of State	5.98	6.51	5.47
Local election officials (the people who run your elections)	6.02	6.42	5.60
Local government (like your city, town or county government)	5.93	6.49	5.41
Historically Black colleges and universities	7.60	7.79	7.40
Colleges and universities	6.49	7.07	5.94
[STATE] elected officials	5.73	6.01	5.44
[Black/AfricanAmerican] elected officials in your state	7.06	7.55	6.58
Religious institutions	6.00	6.26	5.74
Black Lives Matter	7.14	7.36	6.93
Civil rights organizations	6.85	7.16	6.52

Q11: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as President?

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Strongly approve	32%	40%	24%
Somewhat approve	38%	39%	36%
Somewhat disapprove	15%	11%	19%
Strongly disapprove	12%	9%	15%
Don’t know	3%	2%	5%
TOTAL APPROVE	69%	79%	60%
TOTAL DISAPPROVE	27%	19%	35%

Q12: Below is a list of emotions that some people feel about politics. Which ones have you felt about politics since President Biden was elected? I have felt....(all that apply)

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Angry	19%	16%	22%
Depressed	14%	14%	15%
Fearful	19%	17%	22%
Hopeful	49%	52%	45%
Excited	28%	33%	24%
Powerful	18%	22%	14%
Interested in taking action	29%	27%	30%
Disgusted	18%	14%	23%
None of these	11%	9%	13%

Q13: Below is a list of emotions that some people feel about politics. Which ones have you felt about politics over the last year or so? I have felt....(select all that apply)

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Angry	30%	30%	29%
Depressed	20%	18%	21%
Fearful	27%	25%	28%
Hopeful	36%	36%	35%
Excited	21%	23%	19%
Powerful	12%	17%	8%
Interested in taking action	29%	28%	31%
Disgusted	34%	34%	34%
None of these	9%	10%	9%

Q14: Thinking about the upcoming election in November 2022, what are the most important issues facing your community that elected officials should address?

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Coronavirus pandemic	12%	12%	12%
Price of gasoline	29%	27%	30%
Protecting the right to have an abortion	18%	19%	17%
Crime	17%	18%	17%
White Nationalism	8%	10%	6%
Homelessness	13%	12%	13%
Inflation/Prices going up	29%	26%	32%
Cost of housing/rent	18%	16%	20%
Mass shootings and gun violence	28%	28%	28%
Health care costs	14%	17%	12%
Jobs and economy	20%	17%	23%
Immigration reform	4%	5%	4%
Border security	1%	1%	1%
Police brutality / police reform	7%	7%	8%
Education	4%	3%	5%
Medicare and Social Security	7%	7%	8%
Discrimination / racial justice	13%	11%	14%
Climate change	5%	5%	4%
Limit abortion	3%	3%	2%
Corruption in government	5%	6%	5%
Protect voting rights	7%	10%	4%
Lower taxes	4%	4%	4%
Bringing the country together/unity	4%	4%	4%
Supreme Court	4%	5%	2%
Job training	1%	2%	1%

Q15: How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The outcomes of elections have a meaningful impact on my life.

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Strongly agree	41%	47%	36%
Somewhat agree	37%	36%	38%
Somewhat disagree	12%	11%	13%
Strongly disagree	5%	3%	6%
Don't know	5%	3%	6%
TOTAL AGREE	79%	83%	74%
TOTAL DISAGREE	17%	14%	19%

Q16: How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The outcomes of elections have a meaningful impact on my community.

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Strongly agree	46%	49%	43%
Somewhat agree	36%	35%	38%
Somewhat disagree	7%	7%	8%
Strongly disagree	5%	5%	4%
Don't know	6%	5%	7%
TOTAL AGREE	82%	83%	81%
TOTAL DISAGREE	12%	12%	12%

Q17: If you wanted to change something you do not like in America, how effective do you think each of the following activities are at achieving change? Rate each on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means “not at all effective” and 10 means “highly effective”.

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Voting	7.33	7.56	7.09
Volunteering for a political campaign for a candidate	5.46	5.79	5.15
Joining a street protest	4.93	5.27	4.58
Joining a boycott against a company on an issue you care about	5.66	5.90	5.43
Joining an advocacy group on an issue that matters to you	5.56	5.98	5.12
Building or owning a business	6.69	6.87	6.52
Communicating your views through social media like Facebook, Twitter, TikTok or Instagram	5.23	5.31	5.16

Q18: Please indicate whether each of the following statements makes you more likely or less likely to vote by mail.

18a. Voting by mail allows me to track my vote online or through a receipt so that I know that it has been received and will be counted.

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Much more likely	35%	47%	22%
Somewhat more likely	21%	22%	20%
No impact	28%	21%	34%
Somewhat less likely	6%	6%	6%
Much less likely	10%	3%	18%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY TO VBM	56%	70%	42%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY TO VBM	16%	9%	24%

18b. Voting by mail gives me time to read every item on the ballot and even do some research on candidates or issues.

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Much more likely	35%	52%	19%
Somewhat more likely	21%	20%	21%
No impact	27%	22%	32%
Somewhat less likely	6%	4%	8%
Much less likely	11%	2%	20%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY TO VBM	56%	72%	40%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY TO VBM	17%	6%	28%

18c. I vote in person because I enjoy the community nature of voting at my local polling place.

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Much more likely	20%	29%	12%
Somewhat more likely	17%	19%	16%
No impact	35%	36%	34%
Somewhat less likely	12%	10%	14%
Much less likely	15%	6%	24%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY TO VBM	38%	48%	28%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY TO VBM	27%	16%	37%

18d. I vote in person because it sends a message about the political power of the [Black/African American] community.

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Much more likely	21%	25%	16%
Somewhat more likely	17%	19%	15%
No impact	36%	40%	32%
Somewhat less likely	8%	8%	8%
Much less likely	18%	8%	29%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY TO VBM	38%	44%	31%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY TO VBM	27%	16%	37%

18e. I have greater trust that my vote will be counted when I vote in person.

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Much more likely	21%	27%	15%
Somewhat more likely	17%	19%	16%
No impact	31%	34%	27%
Somewhat less likely	11%	11%	10%
Much less likely	20%	8%	32%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY TO VBM	38%	46%	31%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY TO VBM	31%	19%	42%

18f. Voting by mail is not a permanent decision. You can try it out and decide at each election whether you want to vote in person or by mail.

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Much more likely	23%	35%	11%
Somewhat more likely	22%	23%	20%
No impact	34%	31%	37%
Somewhat less likely	8%	6%	11%
Much less likely	13%	5%	21%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY TO VBM	45%	58%	31%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY TO VBM	21%	10%	32%

18g. Information on how to vote by mail is available from sources I trust.

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Much more likely	26%	42%	11%
Somewhat more likely	21%	22%	20%
No impact	34%	27%	40%
Somewhat less likely	9%	7%	11%
Much less likely	10%	2%	18%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY TO VBM	47%	65%	31%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY TO VBM	19%	9%	29%

18h. A significant portion of my community voted by mail in 2020 and will likely vote by mail in 2022.

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Much more likely	20%	31%	10%
Somewhat more likely	20%	28%	13%
No impact	36%	31%	41%
Somewhat less likely	9%	6%	13%
Much less likely	14%	3%	24%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY TO VBM	41%	59%	23%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY TO VBM	23%	9%	36%

18i. By voting by mail from my home, and not waiting until Election Day, I've already done my part. I can simply look forward to Election Day and hearing about the results.

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Much more likely	28%	44%	14%
Somewhat more likely	18%	22%	15%
No impact	32%	25%	38%
Somewhat less likely	10%	7%	13%
Much less likely	11%	2%	20%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY TO VBM	47%	66%	29%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY TO VBM	22%	9%	34%

18j. If enough [Black/African American] voters vote by mail, it is a way for our community to ensure that our votes are locked in early and counted.

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Much more likely	36%	48%	23%
Somewhat more likely	20%	22%	17%
No impact	28%	20%	36%
Somewhat less likely	6%	6%	6%
Much less likely	10%	3%	18%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY TO VBM	56%	70%	40%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY TO VBM	16%	9%	24%

18k. Once I vote by mail, I can let my friends, family, and neighbors know that I have already voted and encourage them to vote as well.

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Much more likely	29%	40%	17%
Somewhat more likely	23%	23%	23%
No impact	32%	27%	37%
Somewhat less likely	8%	8%	9%
Much less likely	8%	2%	15%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY TO VBM	51%	63%	40%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY TO VBM	16%	10%	24%

18l. There are often long lines to vote in person. Voting by mail allows me to avoid long lines.

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Much more likely	32%	42%	22%
Somewhat more likely	20%	24%	17%
No impact	31%	26%	37%
Somewhat less likely	6%	6%	7%
Much less likely	10%	2%	17%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY TO VBM	53%	66%	39%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY TO VBM	16%	8%	24%

18m. Michelle Obama has advocated that voting by mail should be accessible to all Americans.

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Much more likely	37%	47%	26%
Somewhat more likely	18%	20%	16%
No impact	29%	25%	34%
Somewhat less likely	6%	6%	7%
Much less likely	9%	2%	17%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY TO VBM	55%	67%	43%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY TO VBM	16%	8%	24%

18n. I should be able to choose how I want to vote, including voting by mail, voting early, or voting in person on election day.

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Much more likely	38%	49%	26%
Somewhat more likely	16%	19%	14%
No impact	30%	24%	36%
Somewhat less likely	6%	5%	7%
Much less likely	10%	3%	17%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY TO VBM	54%	68%	39%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY TO VBM	16%	8%	24%

18o. From white nationalists to some racist politicians, there are a lot of people who want to take rights away from [Black/African American] people. Voting by mail is more important now than ever.

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Much more likely	35%	45%	24%
Somewhat more likely	22%	24%	19%
No impact	29%	24%	34%
Somewhat less likely	5%	4%	5%
Much less likely	10%	4%	17%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY TO VBM	56%	69%	43%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY TO VBM	15%	8%	22%

18p. I worry about dangerous people creating a disruption at my voting location. Voting by mail is safer than voting in person.

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Much more likely	30%	44%	16%
Somewhat more likely	22%	22%	22%
No impact	31%	27%	36%
Somewhat less likely	6%	4%	7%
Much less likely	11%	3%	19%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY TO VBM	52%	66%	38%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY TO VBM	16%	7%	26%

18p. Because of COVID-19, I would prefer to vote by mail.

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Much more likely	31%	43%	19%
Somewhat more likely	20%	22%	18%
No impact	31%	26%	36%
Somewhat less likely	7%	4%	9%
Much less likely	12%	5%	18%
TOTAL MORE LIKELY TO VBM	51%	65%	37%
TOTAL LESS LIKELY TO VBM	18%	10%	27%

Q19: Would you be more likely or less likely to vote by mail if you knew the following were going to vote by mail?

19a. Your close friends and family

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
More likely to vote by mail	33%	41%	25%
Makes no difference in my decision	57%	53%	62%
Less likely to vote by mail	10%	6%	14%

19b. Many of your neighbors and members of your community

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
More likely to vote by mail	22%	33%	12%
Makes no difference in my decision	67%	61%	72%
Less likely to vote by mail	11%	6%	16%

19c. Many people from your church or place of worship

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
More likely to vote by mail	26%	32%	20%
Makes no difference in my decision	63%	60%	67%
Less likely to vote by mail	11%	8%	13%

19d. Many [Black/African American] people across the country

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
More likely to vote by mail	23%	32%	15%
Makes no difference in my decision	62%	60%	64%
Less likely to vote by mail	14%	8%	21%

19e. Leaders that you trust

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
More likely to vote by mail	34%	41%	27%
Makes no difference in my decision	56%	53%	58%
Less likely to vote by mail	10%	6%	15%

19f. Your co-workers

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
More likely to vote by mail	17%	25%	9%
Makes no difference in my decision	70%	66%	73%
Less likely to vote by mail	13%	9%	18%

Q20: Are you more or less likely to vote if you believe someone is trying to suppress [Black/African American] votes or stop [Black/African American] people from voting?

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
More likely to vote	64%	66%	61%
Makes no difference in my decision	29%	27%	31%
Less likely to vote	7%	7%	8%

Q21: Some people are automatically mailed an application to vote by mail so that they can quickly apply to vote by mail. If you received a vote by mail application, what information would be helpful and encourage you to complete and return the vote by mail application?

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Information on how vote by mail works	32%	34%	29%
An explanation of how I know that my mailed-in ballot will be counted	35%	39%	32%
A postcard from someone I trust saying why I can have confidence in voting by mail	15%	16%	14%
Calendar of key dates and deadlines for voting by mail	29%	35%	24%
A link with information about how to track my ballot after I've mailed it	37%	38%	36%
A check list explaining the steps I need to take to vote by mail and ensure my ballot is counted	37%	42%	33%
A reminder that I or someone in my household has previously voted by mail	18%	22%	14%
A reminder that voting by mail allows me to take my time and research who I want to vote for while I look at the ballot	34%	41%	28%
None of these	18%	10%	25%

PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

S1: What is your age?

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
18-29 years	26%	26%	27%
30-39 years	20%	17%	22%
40-49 years	16%	14%	18%
50-59 years	16%	14%	19%
60 years or above	22%	30%	14%

S2: What state do you live in?

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Arizona	6%	10%	2%
Florida	29%	31%	28%
Iowa	1%	1%	1%
Kansas	2%	1%	2%
Maine	0%	0%	0%
Michigan	14%	17%	12%
Minnesota	3%	3%	3%
New Mexico	1%	1%	1%
North Carolina	26%	19%	32%
Pennsylvania	15%	15%	14%
Wisconsin	4%	3%	4%

S4: What is your gender?

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Man / Male	49%	48%	49%
Woman / Female	51%	52%	51%
I identify in another way	0%	0%	0%

S6: People use different terms to identify themselves. Do you prefer the term Black or African American to identify yourself?

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Black	52%	53%	51%
African American	37%	36%	37%
Something else	2%	2%	2%
Either	9%	9%	9%

S7: Have you ever voted by mail?

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Yes, I always vote by mail	21%	43%	0%
Yes, but not all the time	29%	57%	0%
No, but I would consider doing so in the future	24%	0%	48%
No, and do not plan to in the future	26%	0%	52%

S8: What is the highest level of education you've completed?

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Some high school or less	4%	3%	4%
High school or GED	28%	26%	30%
Some college, but no degree	24%	23%	25%
Associate or technical school degree	15%	14%	15%
Bachelor's degree	22%	25%	19%
Graduate degree	6%	6%	5%
Doctorate degree	2%	3%	1%

D1: In general, how would you describe your political views?

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Very Liberal or Progressive	12%	16%	8%
Liberal or Progressive	19%	20%	18%
Moderate	39%	34%	44%
Conservative	14%	14%	13%
Very Conservative	8%	9%	8%
Prefer not to say	8%	7%	9%

D2: Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as:

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Republican	7%	7%	7%
Democrat	67%	72%	62%
Independent	20%	17%	24%
Other party	1%	1%	1%
Don't know	4%	3%	6%

D3: What, if any, is your religion?

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Catholic	6%	6%	5%
Protestant	14%	16%	12%
Christian (not Catholic or Protestant)	42%	41%	44%
Muslim	2%	2%	2%
Hindu	0%	1%	0%
Buddhist	1%	0%	2%
Jewish	1%	1%	1%
Mormon / LDS	0%	0%	0%
Another religion	6%	6%	6%
Spiritual but not religious	12%	12%	12%
Atheist or agnostic	4%	4%	3%
Prefer not to say	11%	10%	12%

D4: Prior to the COVID19 outbreak, how often did you attend religious services?

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
More than once a week	14%	15%	13%
Once a week	30%	33%	27%
Rarely or few times a year	29%	29%	29%
Not at all	23%	20%	26%
Prefer not to say	4%	3%	6%

D5: In terms of your work situation, are you currently:

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Employed full time	47%	41%	54%
Employed part time	13%	14%	12%
Full time home maker or caregiver	4%	4%	3%
Full time student	4%	4%	4%
Seeking employment	7%	6%	8%
Not working due to health or disability	9%	11%	8%
Retired	17%	23%	11%
Prefer not to say	3%	2%	3%

D6: What was your total combined household income in 2021 before taxes?

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Less than \$20,000	19%	19%	20%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	24%	25%	23%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	20%	17%	22%
\$60,00 to \$79,999	13%	13%	13%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	7%	7%	6%
\$100,000 to \$150,000	8%	9%	6%
More than \$150,000	4%	6%	3%
Prefer not to say	5%	4%	6%

D7: Are you currently:

	Total	PriorVBM	NeverVBM
Married	34%	38%	30%
Not married	63%	59%	66%
Prefer not to say	4%	3%	4%