



THE CLEAR PATH

Public Opinion Research

# 2026 CALIFORNIA VOTER INDEX BASELINE SURVEY TOPLINE

## FINAL WEIGHTED TOPLINE RESULTS\*

Survey Sample Size: 2,000 California Likely June 2026 Voters  
March 12-17, 2026

Languages: English and Spanish

Modes: Online and Telephone

Margin of Sampling Error: ± 2.19%

*\* Results have been weighted to match the distribution of likely votes by party, gender, age, ethnicity, geography, and language. All numbers are percentages, and some may not sum precisely or to 100% due to rounding.*

### SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

1. In June of this year, there will be a primary election for Governor, Congress, state and local offices, and ballot measures. What are the chances that you will vote in that election?

Please use a scale of “0” to “10”, where a “10” means you will definitely vote and a “0” means you definitely will not vote.

Will definitely vote (10) -----	86
9 -----	4
8 -----	3
7 -----	1
6 -----	<1
5 -----	2
4 -----	1
3 -----	<1
2 -----	0
1 -----	<1
Don't know/unsure -----	<1
Prefer not to answer -----	<1

**SECTION II: GENERAL PERCEPTIONS**

2. In general, do you think things in California are headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

Right direction-----	33
Wrong track-----	52
Mixed-----	5
Don't know -----	8
Prefer not to answer -----	2

**SECTION III: HORSERACE**

As you may know, California Governor Gavin Newsom has reached his term limit and will not be running for re-election. This means that California will elect a new governor in November of this year.

3. If the June Primary for California Governor were held today, who would you vote for if the candidates were...? **[RANDOMIZED]**

- Tony Thurmond, California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, a Democrat
- Katie Porter, Consumer Protection Advocate, a Democrat
- Matt Mahan, San Jose Mayor, a Democrat
- Betty Yee, Family Care Navigator, a Democrat
- Steve Hilton, Small Business Owner, a Republican
- Xavier Becerra, Voting Rights Attorney, a Democrat
- Chad Bianco, Riverside County Sheriff, a Republican
- Tom Steyer, Climate Advocate, a Democrat
- Eric Swalwell, U.S. Representative, a Democrat
- Antonio Villaraigosa, Housing Affordability Advocate, a Democrat

...or some other candidate I did not mention.

**[IF UNDECIDED, ASKED: "Are you leaning toward one candidate over the others?"]**

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<b>TOTAL HILTON</b> -----	<b>16</b>
Steve Hilton -----	15
<b>[LEAN HILTON]</b> -----	1
<b>TOTAL BIANCO</b> -----	<b>14</b>
Chad Bianco -----	13
<b>[LEAN BIANCO]</b> -----	1
<b>TOTAL SWALWELL</b> -----	<b>10</b>
Eric Swalwell -----	9
<b>[LEAN SWALWELL]</b> -----	1
<b>TOTAL PORTER</b> -----	<b>10</b>
Katie Porter -----	8
<b>[LEAN PORTER]</b> -----	2
<b>TOTAL STEYER</b> -----	<b>10</b>
Tom Steyer-----	7
<b>[LEAN STEYER]</b> -----	3
<b>TOTAL BECERRA</b> -----	<b>3</b>
Xavier Becerra-----	3
<b>[LEAN BECERRA]</b> -----	1
<b>TOTAL VILLARAIGOSA</b> -----	<b>3</b>
Antonio Villaraigosa-----	3
<b>[LEAN VILLARAIGOSA]</b> -----	<1
<b>TOTAL MAHAN</b> -----	<b>3</b>
Matt Mahan -----	2
<b>[LEAN MAHAN]</b> -----	1
<b>TOTAL YEE</b> -----	<b>2</b>
Betty Yee-----	1
<b>[LEAN YEE]</b> -----	<1
<b>TOTAL THURMOND</b> -----	<b>1</b>
Tony Thurmond -----	1
<b>[LEAN THURMOND]</b> -----	<1
Some other candidate-----	2
Undecided not leaning toward anyone -----	24
Will skip that office on the ballot -----	<1
Prefer not to answer-----	3

**SECTION IV: DEMOGRAPHICS**

We are almost done.  
 These last questions are to help ensure that we are reaching a diverse group of voters.

4. When it comes to politics, which of the following best describes you?

Progressive-----	20
Liberal-----	19
Moderate-----	29
Conservative-----	24
Other-----	3
Don't know-----	3
Prefer not to answer-----	2

5. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, or something else?

Strong Democrat-----	31
Not a strong Democrat-----	8
Independent, lean Democrat-----	13
Purely Independent/Neither Democrat nor Republican-----	12
Independent, lean Republican-----	8
Not a strong Republican-----	5
Strong Republican-----	16
Some other-----	3
Don't know-----	1
Prefer not to answer-----	3

6. For whom did you vote in the 2024 Presidential Election, was it ... **[ORDER OF HARRIS AND TRUMP RANDOMIZED]**

Kamala Harris-----	56
Donald Trump-----	31
Some other candidate-----	6
Did not vote in that election-----	2
Can't recall-----	<1
Prefer not to answer-----	5

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7. Do you currently own the home or apartment where you live, do you rent, do you live with family, or in a dorm, residence hall, or group housing setting, or do you not have stable housing?

Own-----	56
Rent-----	30
Live with family -----	10
Live in a dorm or residence hall -----	<1
Live in a group housing setting -----	<1
Don't have stable housing -----	1
Prefer not to answer -----	3

8. How many people, including yourself, currently live in your household?

1-----	19
2-----	36
3-----	18
4-----	14
5-----	7
6-----	3
7-----	1
8 or more -----	1
Prefer not to answer -----	3

9. Are you a parent, stepparent, or legal guardian of any children 18 or under?

Yes-----	22
No-----	76
Prefer not to answer -----	2

10. Do you identify as having a disability?

Yes-----	16
No-----	81
Don't know -----	1
Prefer not to answer -----	2

11. What is your gender?

Woman -----	50
Man -----	46
Non-binary-----	1
Prefer to self-describe -----	<1
Prefer not to answer -----	2

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12. In what year were you born? Please enter the four-digit year (for example, 1984). [**OPEN-ENDED; UPCODED INTO CATEGORIES**]

Ages 18-24-----	5
Ages 25-29-----	6
Ages 30-34-----	6
Ages 35-39-----	7
Ages 40-44-----	7
Ages 45-49-----	7
Ages 50-54-----	7
Ages 55-59-----	8
Ages 60-64-----	8
Ages 65-69-----	9
Ages 70-74-----	10
Ages 75 or older-----	16
Prefer not to answer -----	3

13. What is the last grade or highest level of education you completed in school?

Some grade school (1-8) -----	1
Some high school (9-11) -----	1
High school graduate/GED -----	9
Technical/vocational school -----	3
Some college or community college -----	17
2-Year college degree (Associate's) -----	11
4-Year college degree (Bachelor's) -----	32
Post-Graduate degree -----	24
Prefer not to answer -----	1

14. Last year, in 2025, what was the total income for your household before taxes?

Less than \$20,000-----	5
\$20,000 or more, but less than \$30,000 -----	5
\$30,000 or more, but less than \$50,000 -----	9
\$50,000 or more, but less than \$75,000 -----	10
\$75,000 or more, but less than \$100,000 -----	12
\$100,000 or more, but less than \$250,000 -----	27
\$250,000 or more -----	12
Can't recall-----	4
Prefer not to answer -----	17

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15. Are you or is anyone in your immediate family a member of a labor union?

Yes, self only -----	8
Yes, both self and immediate family -----	3
Yes, immediate family only -----	7
No, but I am a retired union member -----	6
No -----	73
Prefer not to answer -----	3

16. Were one or more of your grandparents born outside of the United States?

Yes -----	53
No -----	43
Don't know -----	2
Prefer not to answer -----	3

17. Were one or more of your parents born outside of the United States?

Yes -----	39
No -----	58
Don't know -----	<1
Prefer not to answer -----	3

18. Were you born outside of the United States?

Yes -----	16
No -----	82
Don't know -----	<1
Prefer not to answer -----	2

**[Q19 ASKED AMONG THOSE BORN OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES]**

19. In what year did you arrive in the United States? Please enter the four-digit year (for example, 1984). **[OPEN-ENDED]**

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**[RESUMED ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS]**

20. Which of the following best describes the ethnic/racial groups you consider a part of your identity?  
 Please select all that apply. **[MULTIPLE RESPONSES ACCEPTED]**

If you consider yourself to be mixed or biracial, please select each one you consider a part of your heritage.

Asian American, Pacific Islander, or South Asian-----	15
Black or African American-----	8
Hispanic or Latino-----	24
White, but not Hispanic-----	50
Middle Eastern-----	2
Native American or American Indian-----	3
Some other background-----	<1
Bi-racial or mixed-----	8
Prefer not to answer-----	5

**[Q21 ASKED AMONG THOSE WHO SELECTED “ASIAN AMERICAN, PACIFIC ISLANDER, OR SOUTH ASIAN” IN Q20]**

21. Do you identify with any of the following ethnic backgrounds? **[MULTIPLE RESPONSES ACCEPTED]**

Chinese-----	31
Filipino-----	16
Vietnamese-----	9
Japanese-----	10
Korean-----	4
South Asian-----	13
Native Hawaiian or Alaskan Native-----	3
Prefer to self-describe-----	10
Prefer not to answer-----	8

22. What language do you primarily speak at home?

English-----	88
Spanish-----	6
Chinese-----	1
Tagalog-----	<1
Vietnamese-----	1
Korean-----	<1
Armenian-----	<1
Russian-----	<1
Japanese-----	<1
Arabic-----	<1
Farsi-----	<1
Some other language-----	1
Prefer not to answer-----	1

## 23. How often do you attend church or religious services?

More than once a week-----	6
Once a week -----	16
A few times a month -----	5
About once a month -----	3
A few times a year -----	12
About once a year-----	7
Never -----	41
Prefer not to answer -----	8

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

<b>LANGUAGE OF RESPONSE</b>	Spanish -----	5
	English-----	95
<b>LANGUAGE ON FILE</b>	Spanish -----	3
	English-----	97
<b>GENDER ON FILE</b>	Male-----	45
	Female -----	51
	Unknown -----	4
<b>ETHNICITY ON FILE</b>	Latino -----	22
	Black -----	4
	Asian -----	10
	Other -----	64
<b>PARTY REGISTRATION ON FILE</b>	Democrat -----	50
	Republican -----	31
	No Party Preference-----	14
	Other -----	5
<b>AGE ON FILE</b>	18-24 -----	5
	25-34 -----	12
	35-44 -----	15
	45-54 -----	15
	55-64 -----	18
	65+ -----	36
<b>REGION ON FILE</b>	Los Angeles -----	23
	Inland Empire-----	10
	Other Southern California-----	19
	San Francisco Bay Area -----	22
	Central Valley -----	9
	Central Coast-----	7
	Greater Sacramento Region-----	7
	Far North -----	5