



Napolitan News Service Survey
of 800 Registered Voters in Washington
Conducted September 5-9, 2025

1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following is performing his or her job?*

| Total | | | |
|---------------------------------------------|---------|------------|-----|
| | Approve | Disapprove | Net |
| Governor Bob Ferguson | 46% | 40% | +6 |
| Democrats in the state legislature | 44% | 47% | -3 |
| President Donald Trump | 42% | 56% | -14 |
| Republicans in the state legislature | 36% | 54% | -18 |
| Source: Napolitan News Service | | | |

Governor Bob Ferguson

14% Strongly approve
32% Somewhat approve
16% Somewhat disapprove
24% Strongly disapprove
15% Not sure

| Total | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|------------|-----|
| | Approve | Disapprove | Net |
| September 5-9, 2025 | 46% | 40% | +6 |
| April 9-14, 2025 | 45% | 35% | +10 |
| January 3-7, 2025 | 44% | 30% | +14 |
| September 18-20, 2024 | 46% | 36% | +10 |
| Source: Napolitan News Service | | | |

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Democrats in the state legislature

13% Strongly approve
31% Somewhat approve
22% Somewhat disapprove
25% Strongly disapprove
8% Not sure

| Total | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|------------|-----|
| | Approve | Disapprove | Net |
| September 5-9, 2025 | 44% | 47% | -3 |
| April 9-14, 2025 | 46% | 49% | -3 |
| January 3-7, 2025 | 49% | 44% | +5 |
| Source: Napolitan News Service | | | |

President Donald Trump

23% Strongly approve
19% Somewhat approve
7% Somewhat disapprove
49% Strongly disapprove
2% Not sure

| Total | | | |
|---------------------|---------|------------|-----|
| | Approve | Disapprove | Net |
| September 5-9, 2025 | 42% | 56% | -14 |
| April 9-14, 2025 | 41% | 57% | -16 |
| January 3-7, 2025 | 41% | 56% | -15 |

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Republicans in the state legislature

10% Strongly approve
26% Somewhat approve
25% Somewhat disapprove
29% Strongly disapprove
9% Not sure

| Total | | | |
|---------------------|---------|------------|-----|
| | Approve | Disapprove | Net |
| September 5-9, 2025 | 36% | 54% | -18 |
| April 9-14, 2025 | 38% | 55% | -17 |
| January 3-7, 2025 | 40% | 50% | -10 |

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2 In terms of how you will vote in the next elections, how important are each of the following issues:*

| Total | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| | Very important |
| Inflation and cost of living | 80% |
| Economy | 78% |
| Health care | 69% |
| Crime | 61% |
| Housing affordability | 61% |
| Education | 57% |
| Immigration | 55% |
| Gun laws | 50% |
| Abortion | 43% |
| Climate change | 43% |
| Source: Napolitan News Service | |

Inflation and cost of living

| | |
|-----|----------------------|
| 80% | Very important |
| 19% | Somewhat important |
| 1% | Not very important |
| 1% | Not at all important |
| 0% | Not sure |



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2 In terms of how you will vote in the next elections, how important are each of the following issues:*

Economy

| | |
|-----|----------------------|
| 78% | Very important |
| 20% | Somewhat important |
| 1% | Not very important |
| 0% | Not at all important |
| 0% | Not sure |

Health care

| | |
|-----|----------------------|
| 69% | Very important |
| 27% | Somewhat important |
| 2% | Not very important |
| 1% | Not at all important |
| 0% | Not sure |

Crime

| | |
|-----|----------------------|
| 61% | Very important |
| 31% | Somewhat important |
| 6% | Not very important |
| 2% | Not at all important |
| 0% | Not sure |



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2 In terms of how you will vote in the next elections, how important are each of the following issues:*

Housing affordability

| | |
|-----|----------------------|
| 61% | Very important |
| 31% | Somewhat important |
| 6% | Not very important |
| 2% | Not at all important |
| 0% | Not sure |

Education

| | |
|-----|----------------------|
| 57% | Very important |
| 32% | Somewhat important |
| 7% | Not very important |
| 4% | Not at all important |
| 0% | Not sure |

Immigration

| | |
|-----|----------------------|
| 55% | Very important |
| 27% | Somewhat important |
| 12% | Not very important |
| 6% | Not at all important |
| 0% | Not sure |

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2 In terms of how you will vote in the next elections, how important are each of the following issues:*

Gun laws

| | |
|-----|----------------------|
| 50% | Very important |
| 28% | Somewhat important |
| 13% | Not very important |
| 8% | Not at all important |
| 1% | Not sure |

Abortion

| | |
|-----|----------------------|
| 43% | Very important |
| 27% | Somewhat important |
| 17% | Not very important |
| 11% | Not at all important |
| 2% | Not sure |

Climate change

| | |
|-----|----------------------|
| 43% | Very important |
| 29% | Somewhat important |
| 12% | Not very important |
| 16% | Not at all important |
| 0% | Not sure |

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3 Okay... which of the following issues is most important?*

| | |
|-----|-----------------------|
| 37% | Inflation |
| 14% | Economy |
| 11% | Health care |
| 9% | Immigration |
| 8% | Climate change |
| 7% | Crime |
| 6% | Housing affordability |
| 3% | Education |
| 3% | Abortion |
| 3% | Gun laws |

4 How do you rate your personal finances these days?*

| | |
|-----|-----------|
| 8% | Excellent |
| 32% | Good |
| 39% | Fair |
| 20% | Poor |
| 0% | Not sure |



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5 Are your personal finances getting better or worse these days?*

| | |
|-----|-----------------|
| 6% | Much better |
| 18% | Somewhat better |
| 37% | About the same |
| 26% | Somewhat worse |
| 13% | Much worse |
| 1% | Not sure |

6 How serious a problem is housing affordability in your community?*

| | |
|-----|--------------------|
| 45% | Very serious |
| 40% | Somewhat serious |
| 8% | Not very serious |
| 2% | Not at all serious |
| 4% | Not sure |

7 Which is the best way to make housing more affordable in your community?*

| | |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 43% | Reduce regulations on building of both apartments and single family homes |
| 28% | Increase rent controls on existing homes |
| 29% | Not sure |



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8 Generally speaking, are state taxes in Washington too high, too low, or about right?*

| | |
|-----|-------------------|
| 42% | Much too high |
| 35% | Somewhat too high |
| 18% | About right |
| 1% | Somewhat too low |
| 0% | Much too low |
| 3% | Not sure |

9 This year, the legislature and governor passed a \$9 billion tax increase, which is the largest in state history. Following this increase, are state taxes in Washington too high, too low, or about right?*

| | |
|-----|-------------------|
| 48% | Much too high |
| 34% | Somewhat too high |
| 13% | About right |
| 2% | Somewhat too low |
| 0% | Much too low |
| 3% | Not sure |

10 Recently, an increase in the gas tax of 6 cents per gallon went into effect, making it the third highest gas tax in the country and a state with one of the highest prices per gallon. Are gas prices in Washington too high, too low, or about right?*

| | |
|-----|-------------------|
| 62% | Much too high |
| 26% | Somewhat too high |
| 10% | About right |
| 1% | Somewhat too low |
| 1% | Much too low |
| 1% | Not sure |

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11 Previously, the top state estate tax rate was 20%, but it has now increased to 35%. That is on top of the federal estate tax. Is that too high, too low, or about right?*

| | |
|-----|-------------------|
| 61% | Much too high |
| 22% | Somewhat too high |
| 11% | About right |
| 2% | Somewhat too low |
| 1% | Much too low |
| 3% | Not sure |

12 Another tax increase will impact small, independent grocery stores, increasing the cost of groceries at these stores, while leaving large national chains unaffected. Is it appropriate to increase taxes on some grocery stores while leaving others unaffected, or should all grocery stores be treated in the same way?*

| | |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 13% | It is appropriate to increase taxes on some grocery stores while leaving others unaffected |
| 80% | All grocery stores should be treated in the same way |
| 8% | Not sure |

13 If the tax causes grocery prices to increase more than inflation, should the legislature consider repealing this tax in 2026?*

| | |
|-----|----------|
| 89% | Yes |
| 4% | No |
| 8% | Not sure |

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14 Legislators have begun talking about enacting further tax increases when they are back in session in January. Should legislators begin thinking about a further increase now, or should they wait and see how the current increases work first?*

- | | |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 13% | They should begin thinking about a further increase now to match their increased government spending |
| 80% | They should wait and see how the current increases work |
| 6% | Not sure |

15 Many homeless people suffer from drug and alcohol addictions, mental health issues, or both. How important is it to provide treatment for addiction and mental health alongside housing for homeless individuals?*

- | | |
|-----|----------------------|
| 67% | Very important |
| 25% | Somewhat important |
| 3% | Not very important |
| 2% | Not at all important |
| 2% | Not sure |

16 Would you favor or oppose ending funding for programs that only provide housing, without addressing addiction and mental health, and redirecting those funds to programs that provide both treatment and housing?*

- | | |
|-----|-----------------|
| 35% | Strongly favor |
| 27% | Somewhat favor |
| 17% | Somewhat oppose |
| 13% | Strongly oppose |
| 7% | Not sure |

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17 A recent executive order ended all federal funding for local government programs that provide only housing without treatment. Consequently, many city and county governments in Washington will lose federal funding for their homelessness programs. Would it be better for those city and local governments to keep the federal funding by adding treatment to their programs, or to keep their programs as they are and make up the lost funding by increasing local taxes?*

- 83% Keep the federal funding by adding treatment
- 8% Keep programs as they are and make up the lost funding by increasing local taxes
- 9% Not sure

18 This executive order was issued by President Trump as part of his government spending reforms. Knowing this to be true, would it be better for city and local governments to keep the federal funding by adding treatment to their programs, or to keep their programs as they are and make up the lost funding by increasing local taxes?*

- 80% Keep the federal funding by adding treatment
- 9% Keep programs as they are and make up the lost funding by increasing local taxes
- 10% Not sure



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19 Another executive order earlier this year began the process of removing funding from schools that allow biological males to participate in girls' sports. Is it more important to keep the federal funding for schools by amending current sports policies, or to allow biological males to participate in girls' sports?*

- 73% Keep the federal funding for schools by amending current sports policies
- 14% Allow biological males to participate in girls' sports
- 13% Not sure

20 Some people argue that allowing biological boys to participate in girls' sports makes it more difficult for girls to compete and therefore undermines decades of work to increase girls' participation in sports through Title IX and other initiatives. Do you agree or disagree that allowing boys to participate in girls' sports undermines efforts to increase girls' participation?*

- 51% Strongly agree
- 19% Somewhat agree
- 10% Somewhat disagree
- 13% Strongly disagree
- 7% Not sure

Methodology

This survey of 800 Registered Voters was conducted online by Scott Rasmussen on September 5-9, 2025. Field work for the survey was conducted by RMG Research, Inc. Certain quotas were applied, and the sample was lightly weighted by geography, gender, age, race, education, internet usage, and political party to reasonably reflect the population of Registered Voters. Other variables were reviewed to ensure that the final sample is representative of that population.

The margin of sampling error for the full sample is +/- 3.5 percentage points.

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