

NBC News | SurveyMonkey Southern Regional Poll Results
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The NBC News | SurveyMonkey Southern Regional Poll was conducted online from Sunday, September 9, through Monday, September 24, 2018. Results are among a regional sample of 3,174 adults aged 18 and over, including 2,655 registered voters, who live in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. The error estimate for registered voters is plus or minus 2.8 percentage points.

Complete error estimates can be found in the methodology section below. Some questions are held for future release.

TOPLINE RESULTS

Among registered voters

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/9—9/24	36	16	8	41	1

Which one of the following issues matters MOST to you right now?

	<u>Foreign policy</u>	<u>The environment</u>	<u>Terrorism</u>	<u>Immigration</u>	<u>Health care</u>	<u>Jobs and the economy</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/9—9/24	3	8	4	16	22	27	10	9	1

If the November 2018 elections for U.S. Congress were being held today, in your district, would you vote for the:

	<u>Democratic Party candidate</u>	<u>Republican Party candidate</u>	<u>Would not vote</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/9—9/24	43	48	6	3

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?

	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/9—9/24	4	24	28	42	2

Do you approve or disapprove of the way your state legislature is handling its job?

	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/9—9/24	9	41	28	20	2

How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days?

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Fairly good</u>	<u>Fairly bad</u>	<u>Very bad</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/9—9/24	27	44	19	8	2

How would you rate the condition of your state economy these days?

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Fairly good</u>	<u>Fairly bad</u>	<u>Very bad</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/9—9/24	24	48	19	7	2

How often do you trust the federal government to do what is right?

	<u>Just about always</u>	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>About half of the time</u>	<u>Some of the time</u>	<u>Almost never</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/9—9/24	3	14	25	31	26	1

How often do you trust the state government to do what is right?

	<u>Just about always</u>	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>About half of the time</u>	<u>Some of the time</u>	<u>Almost never</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/9—9/24	4	22	29	27	19	1

Thinking about the upcoming elections in November, how important is state government spending on infrastructure to your vote?

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/9—9/24	41	44	10	4	1

How willing would you be to pay higher taxes to improve public schools in your state?

	<u>Very willing</u>	<u>Somewhat willing</u>	<u>Not too willing</u>	<u>Not at all willing</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/9—9/24	22	38	21	18	1

How willing would you be to pay higher taxes to fund improvements to infrastructure, like roads and bridges, in your state?

	<u>Very willing</u>	<u>Somewhat willing</u>	<u>Not too willing</u>	<u>Not at all willing</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/9—9/24	18	45	23	13	-

Thinking about the upcoming elections in November, if a candidate wanted to expand Medicaid in your state, would that make you more likely to vote for that candidate, less likely, or wouldn't it make much difference in your vote?

	<u>More likely</u>	<u>Less likely</u>	<u>Wouldn't make much difference</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/9—9/24	42	27	29	2

Do you think race relations in your state are getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	<u>Getting better</u>	<u>Getting worse</u>	<u>Staying about the same</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/9—9/24	14	44	41	1

Do you support or oppose removing Confederate monuments and statues from public spaces around your state?

	<u>Strongly support</u>	<u>Somewhat support</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/9—9/24	23	15	17	44	1

METHODOLOGY

The NBC News|SurveyMonkey Southern Regional Poll was conducted online among a regional sample of 3,174 adults aged 18 and over, including 2,655 who say they are registered to vote, and live in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia from September 9 through September 24, 2018. Respondents for this survey were selected from the nearly three million people who take surveys on the SurveyMonkey platform each day.

A multi-stage raking was employed to construct region-level weights. First state-division geographic units are defined according to state population sizes and Census division classification within the sampled region. States with over five million residents are defined as stand-alone units, while smaller states are grouped together within a Census division to form secondary geographic units. Then postal zip codes are classified into five groups according to their population sizes within each geographic unit. Initial respondent weights are derived from estimated sampling rates on the SurveyMonkey News Tracking Endpage within each zip code group. At first-stage of raking, the initial weights are controlled to geographic unit population sizes. The second-stage raking adjusts first-stage weights by gender, age, race, and education to match targets obtained from the American Community Survey within the geographic unit.

Because the sample is based on those who initially self-selected for participation rather than a probability sample, no estimates of sampling error can be calculated. All surveys may be subject to multiple sources of error, including, but not limited to sampling error, coverage error, and measurement error.

To assess the variability in the estimates and account for design effects, we create a bootstrap confidence interval to produce an error estimate. The bootstrap confidence interval for registered voters in this survey is plus or minus 2.8 percentage points.

To calculate the bootstrap confidence interval, we use the weighted data to generate 10,000 independent samples and calculate the 95% confidence intervals for the weighted average. When analyzing the survey results and their accuracy, this error estimate should be taken into consideration in much the same way that analysis of probability polls takes into account the margin of sampling error.

Group	Unweighted N	Plus or minus
Total RVs	2,655	2.8
Republican RVs	1,278	4.2
Democrat RVs	1,103	4.2
Independent RVs	246	8.7
Male RVs	1,359	3.9
Female RVs	1,348	3.8
White RVs	1,946	3.6
Black RVs	327	6.0
Hispanic RVs	165	8.1