

**NBC News | SurveyMonkey Tennessee State Poll Results**  
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The NBC News | SurveyMonkey Tennessee State Poll was conducted online from Sunday, September 9, through Monday, September 24, 2018. Results are among a sample of 1,867 adults aged 18 and over, including 1,609 registered voters, who live in Tennessee. The error estimate for registered voters is plus or minus 3.3 percentage points.

Complete error estimates can be found in the methodology section below.

**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	17	7	39	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 (please specify)</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/9—9/24	3	7	5	15	25	26	8	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	40	50	7	3

**Which of the follow do you think should be the top priority of the Tennessee state government?**

	<u>Education</u>	<u>Health care</u>	<u>Immigration</u>	<u>Infrastructure</u>	<u>Jobs and the economy</u>	<u>Other (please specify)</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/9—9/24	18	28	8	12	28	6	-

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Haslam is handling his job as governor of Tennessee?**

	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/9—9/24	16	51	23	8	2

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Tennessee 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	7	50	27	13	3

**If the 2018 election for Senate were being held today among the following candidates, for whom would you vote?**

	<u>Marsha Blackburn, the Republican</u>	<u>Phil Bredesen, the Democrat</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/9—9/24	42	42	15	-

**If the 2018 election for governor were being held today among the following candidates, for whom would you vote?**

	<u>Bill Lee, the Republican</u>	<u>Karl Dean, the Democrat</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/9—9/24	46	35	19	-

**How would you rate the condition of the Tennessee 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	21	57	17	5	1

**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	2	10	26	34	27	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	2	22	32	28	15	1

**How good of a job is the Tennessee state government doing at maintaining roads, bridges and other infrastructure?**

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Somewhat good</u>	<u>Somewhat poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/9—9/24	7	49	31	13	1

**How willing would you be to pay higher taxes to improve public schools in Tennessee?**

	<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	20	35	26	18	1

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

	<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	16	40	30	14	1

**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	40	24	35	1

**Do you think race relations in Tennessee 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	16	33	50	1

**Do you support or oppose removing Confederate monuments and statues from public spaces around Tennessee?**

	<u>Strongly support</u>	<u>Somewhat support</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
9/9—9/24	20	11	18	51	1

**METHODOLOGY**

The NBC News|SurveyMonkey Tennessee State Poll was conducted online among a sample of 1,867 adults aged 18 and over, including 1,609 who say they are registered to vote and live in Tennessee 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 raking was employed to construct state-level weights. First, postal zip codes are classified into five groups according to their population sizes. Initial respondent weights are derived from estimated sampling rates on the SurveyMonkey News Tracking Endpage within each zip code group. The initial respondent weights are then raked by gender, age, race, and education within the state to match targets obtained from the American Community Survey.

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 3.3 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	1,609	3.3
Republican RVs	828	4.5
Democrat RVs	600	5.3
Independent RVs	168	9.7
Male RVs	766	4.7
Female RVs	843	4.3
White RVs	1,318	3.6
Black RVs	159	8.1