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Introduction and Methodology

From September 17 to 27, 2026, DHM Research conducted a survey of Southwest Washington voters. The purpose of the survey was to gauge voter mood, identify top issues and concerns, and assess preference in the 3rd Congressional District race.

Research Methodology

The mixed-mode survey consisted of 600 voters from Washington's 3rd Congressional District and took approximately 15 minutes to complete. This is a sufficient sample size to assess voter opinions generally and to review findings by multiple subgroups.

Respondents were contacted from a list of registered voters. Telephone respondents were contacted by a live interviewer, and text-to-online respondents received a text invitation directing them to an online survey. In gathering responses, a variety of quality control measures were employed, including questionnaire pre-testing and validation.

The results are reported for all registered voters (N=600) and likely voters in the November 2026 election (N=543). Quotas for all registered voters were set by age, gender, party, area of state, race, income and education. Likely voters included respondents who reported that they are "absolutely certain to vote" and modeled for the expected turnout in the general election by party, age, and vote history.

Statement of Limitations

Any sampling of opinions or attitudes is subject to a margin of error. The margin of error is a standard statistical calculation that represents differences between the sample and total population at a confidence interval, or probability, calculated to be 95%. This means that there is a 95% probability that the sample taken for the study would fall within the stated margin of error if compared with the results achieved from surveying the entire population. The margin of error for this survey using the full registered voter sample is $\pm 4.0\%$. For the likely voter sample the margin of error is $4.2\pm \%$.

DHM Research Background

DHM Research has been providing opinion research and consultation throughout the Pacific Northwest and other regions of the United States for over 40 years. The firm is nonpartisan and independent and specializes in research projects to support public policy making.

OPB Fall Election Survey
September 2026
N=600 all voters; MoE = +/-4.0
N=543 likely voters; MoE = +/-4.2
15 minutes
DHM Research Project #76316

INTRODUCTION

[PHONE:] Hello, my name is _____ from **[name of fielding house]**. I have some questions about issues important to your community. May I speak with **[name in sample file]**? **[Must speak to name on list. If unavailable schedule callback.]**

As needed:

- We are not trying to sell you anything.
- The survey should only take a few minutes, and I think you will find the questions interesting.
- Your answers are strictly confidential.

[ONLINE:] Hello. We have some questions about issues important to your community.

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DEMOGRAPHICS FOR SCREENER

S1. In which state do you live?

Response category	n=600
Washington	100%
All others	--

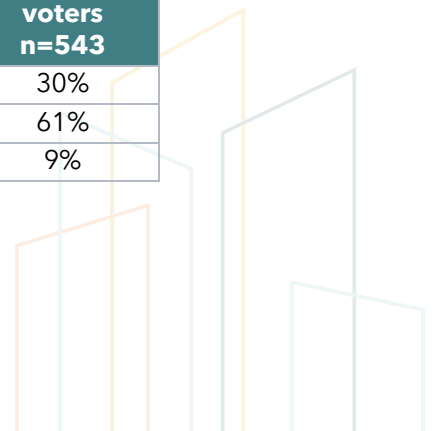
S2. In what language would you prefer to take this survey?

Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
English	98%	99%
Spanish / Español	2%	1%

VOTER MOOD

1. All things considered, do you think Washington is headed in the right direction or on the wrong track?

Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
Right direction	28%	30%
Wrong track	61%	61%
Don't know	11%	9%

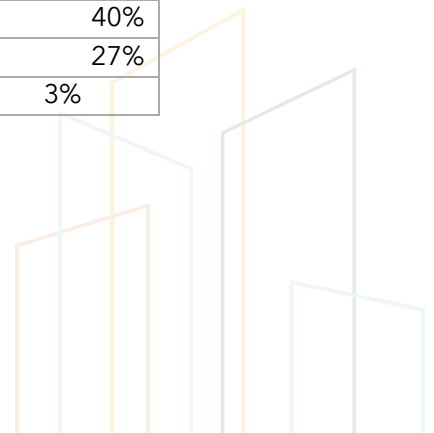


2. What do you think is the most important problem facing Washington today? **[Open]**

Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
Cost of living / Affordability / Inflation	20%	21%
High taxes	18%	20%
Poor leadership / Unresponsive government	11%	11%
Democrats / Liberals / One-party rule	9%	12%
Government spending/mismanagement	9%	9%
Housing affordability	7%	7%
Trump / Federal government / ICE	6%	8%
Economy / Jobs	5%	5%
Homelessness	5%	4%
Crime / Public safety	4%	4%
Elections / Political division / Threats to democracy	4%	3%
Education / Schools	4%	4%
Addiction / Mental health	3%	3%
Health care	3%	3%
Poverty / Inequality / Safety net	3%	2%
Environment / Climate / Wildfires	3%	3%
Gov. Bob Ferguson / Other WA officials	2%	2%
Republicans / Conservatives / MAGA	2%	2%
Immigration	2%	2%
Business climate / Over-regulation	1%	1%
Data centers / AI	<1%	--
Other	5%	4%
Don't know / No answer	1%	<1%

3. How would you rate the current economic conditions in Washington?

Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
NET Good	28%	31%
Very good	2%	2%
Good	27%	28%
NET Poor	69%	67%
Poor	42%	40%
Very poor	27%	27%
Don't know	3%	3%



4. How would you rate your current personal financial situation?

Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
NET Good	70%	74%
Very good	11%	13%
Good	59%	61%
NET Poor	28%	25%
Poor	19%	19%
Very poor	9%	6%
Don't know	2%	2%

IMPRESSIONS

Q5-Q7 omitted; asked only in Oregon portion of survey.

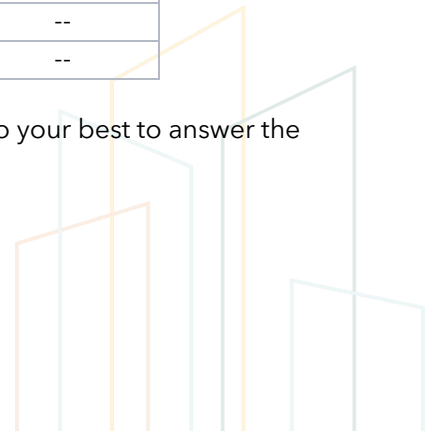
Is your overall impression of the following people or groups positive or negative?

Response category n=	NET Positive	Very positive	Somewhat positive	NET Negative	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Don't know
8. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez							
Registered voters, n=600	34%	6%	27%	57%	27%	30%	9%
Likely voters, n=543	34%	7%	27%	60%	29%	31%	5%
9. John Braun							
Registered voters, n=600	35%	18%	17%	46%	14%	32%	18%
Likely voters, n=543	38%	22%	16%	47%	16%	32%	14%
10. Donald Trump							
Registered voters, n=600	38%	21%	17%	61%	6%	55%	2%
Likely voters, n=543	41%	25%	16%	58%	4%	54%	1%
11. United States Congress							
Registered voters, n=600	15%	2%	13%	82%	28%	54%	3%
Likely voters, n=543	16%	1%	15%	82%	27%	55%	1%

12. As you may know, there will be an election in November 2026. How likely are you to vote in the election?
Are you absolutely certain you will vote, probably will vote, have a 50-50 likelihood to vote, or not likely to vote?

Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
Absolutely certain to vote	90%	100%
Probably will vote	5%	--
50-50 likelihood to vote	2%	--
Not likely to vote	3%	--

[If not likely to vote] Even though you say you are not likely to vote, please do your best to answer the following questions.



Q13-Q20 omitted; asked only in Oregon portion of survey.

NOVEMBER 2026 ELECTION WASHINGTON

This next series of questions is about the November 2026 election. There will be an election for United States House of Representatives in Washington's 3rd Congressional District. The 3rd Congressional district is in southwest Washington.

21. If the election for this 3rd Congressional District was today, who would you be more likely to vote for?

Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, Democrat	44%	44%
John Braun, Republican	43%	46%
Don't know	13%	11%

22. **[If more likely to vote for MGP]** How likely are you to vote for Marie Gluesenkamp Perez?

Response category	Registered voters n=262	Likely voters n=237
Will definitely vote for Gluesenkamp Perez	61%	67%
Will probably vote for Gluesenkamp Perez	28%	22%
Only leaning toward voting for Gluesenkamp Perez	10%	10%
Don't know	1%	<1%

23. **[If more likely to vote for Braun]** How likely are you to vote for John Braun?

Response category	Registered voters n=257	Likely voters n=249
Will definitely vote for Braun	70%	76%
Will probably vote for Braun	16%	13%
Only leaning toward voting for Braun	12%	9%
Don't know	2%	2%

24. **[If unsure of who more likely to vote for]** Which way do you lean as of today?

Response category	Registered voters n=81	Likely voters n=58
Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, Democrat	22%	30%
John Braun, Republican	19%	25%
Don't know	58%	45%



21-24. Combined Congressional Vote

Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
NET Marie Gluesenkamp Perez	47%	47%
Definitely Marie Gluesenkamp Perez	27%	29%
Probably Gluesenkamp Perez	12%	10%
Lean Gluesenkamp Perez	8%	8%
Don't know	<1%	<1%
NET John Braun	45%	48%
Definitely John Braun	30%	35%
Probably Braun	7%	6%
Lean Braun	8%	7%
Don't know	1%	1%
Don't know	8%	5%

25. When it comes to the political advertising about the election for U.S. Representative in Washington's 3rd Congressional District, which statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right:

Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
I feel worn out by so much political advertising about the campaigns and the candidates.	72%	72%
I like seeing a lot of political advertising about the campaigns and the candidates.	13%	17%
Don't know	15%	11%



ISSUES

The following are issues that may matter to your vote in the 3rd Congressional District. For each, indicate how important the candidates' positions on that issue will be in influencing your vote for the 3rd Congressional District:

Response category n=	NET Important	Very important	Somewhat important	NET Not important	Not too important	Not at all important	Don't know
26. Cost of living							
Registered voters, n=600	99%	83%	16%	1%	<1%	1%	<1%
Likely voters, n=543	100%	83%	16%	<1%	<1%	<1%	--
27. The economy							
Registered voters, n=600	99%	83%	16%	1%	--	1%	<1%
Likely voters, n=543	100%	86%	14%	<1%	--	<1%	--
28. Immigration							
Registered voters, n=600	74%	56%	17%	26%	15%	11%	<1%
Likely voters, n=543	73%	58%	15%	27%	15%	12%	<1%
29. Healthcare							
Registered voters, n=600	90%	67%	22%	10%	7%	3%	<1%
Likely voters, n=543	89%	67%	23%	11%	8%	3%	--
30. K-12 public education							
Registered voters, n=600	88%	62%	26%	11%	7%	4%	2%
Likely voters, n=543	87%	62%	25%	11%	8%	4%	2%
31. Climate change							
Registered voters, n=600	59%	42%	16%	41%	10%	31%	1%
Likely voters, n=543	56%	41%	15%	43%	10%	33%	1%
32. Abortion							
Registered voters, n=600	63%	40%	23%	37%	16%	21%	<1%
Likely voters, n=543	68%	44%	24%	32%	16%	16%	<1%
33. Crime							
Registered voters, n=600	86%	57%	29%	14%	9%	4%	<1%
Likely voters, n=543	86%	56%	29%	14%	10%	4%	--

34. Homelessness							
Registered voters, n=600	86%	52%	34%	13%	9%	5%	1%
Likely voters, n=543	89%	52%	37%	11%	7%	4%	--
35. Guns							
Registered voters, n=600	67%	42%	24%	32%	21%	11%	1%
Likely voters, n=543	72%	47%	25%	28%	19%	9%	<1%
36. Data centers							
Registered voters, n=600	67%	36%	31%	29%	16%	13%	4%
Likely voters, n=543	66%	35%	30%	31%	17%	13%	4%
37. Foreign policy							
Registered voters, n=600	81%	53%	28%	14%	10%	4%	5%
Likely voters, n=543	87%	56%	31%	11%	8%	3%	3%

Q38-Q39 omitted; asked only in Oregon portion of survey.

40. How much confidence do you have that the United States Congress can make progress on the problems that matter most to you: a great deal, a good amount, only a little, or none at all?

Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
Great deal / Good amount	13%	12%
A great deal	2%	2%
A good amount	11%	10%
Little / None	87%	88%
Only a little	43%	45%
None at all	44%	42%
Don't know	<1%	--



Now, indicate how important will the following be to you that the 3rd Congressional District is ...

Response category n=	NET Important	Very important	Somewhat important	NET Not important	Not too important	Not at all important	Don't know
41. Standing up against President Trump							
Registered voters, n=600	60%	50%	10%	37%	6%	32%	3%
Likely voters, n=543	58%	52%	7%	40%	5%	36%	1%
42. Supporting President Trump							
Registered voters, n=600	37%	26%	11%	62%	5%	57%	1%
Likely voters, n=543	42%	31%	10%	57%	3%	55%	1%
43. Standing up against the Democrats in Congress							
Registered voters, n=600	51%	36%	15%	47%	8%	39%	2%
Likely voters, n=543	53%	39%	14%	45%	7%	38%	2%
44. Supporting the Democrats in Congress							
Registered voters, n=600	45%	33%	13%	51%	10%	41%	3%
Likely voters, n=543	46%	36%	11%	52%	7%	45%	2%



OPINIONS ABOUT WASHINGTON STATE

Turning to a new topic. The next questions are about conditions in Washington state.

45. Overall, would you say Washington is a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad place to do business?

Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
NET Good	46%	44%
Very good	14%	12%
Somewhat good	32%	32%
NET Bad	48%	51%
Somewhat bad	21%	23%
Very bad	28%	28%
Don't know	6%	5%

46. When children growing up in Washington today become adults, do you think they will be better off, worse off, or about the same as people are now?

Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
Better off	3%	3%
Worse off	80%	80%
About the same	13%	14%
Don't know	4%	3%

*Q47-Q58, Q63-Q67, and Q73-Q87 withheld for future release.
Q59-Q62 and Q68-Q72 omitted; asked only in Oregon portion of survey.*



DEMOGRAPHICS

These last questions are to ensure that we hear from a representative group of voters.

88. How do you describe your gender?

Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
Man	50%	49%
Woman	50%	51%
Non-binary	n=2	n=2
Gender fluid	--	--
Trans woman	--	--
Trans man	--	--
Two-Spirit	n=1	n=1
Another way:	--	--
I prefer not to say	--	--

89. In what year were you born?

Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
18-29	17%	11%
30-44	24%	20%
45-64	31%	33%
65+	28%	36%
I prefer not to say	--	--

90. Area

Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
Clark	65%	65%
Cowlitz	14%	14%
Lewis	11%	11%
All other counties	10%	10%



91. What political party do you most closely align with?

Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
Democratic Party	31%	30%
Republican Party	26%	30%
More of an independent	38%	35%
Some other party	3%	3%
I prefer not to say	2%	1%

92. How do you consider your views when it comes to politics and elections?

Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
NET Liberal	28%	29%
Very liberal	11%	11%
Liberal	17%	18%
Moderate	32%	30%
NET Conservative	35%	37%
Conservative	21%	22%
Very conservative	14%	15%
I prefer not to say	5%	4%

93. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2024 presidential election?

Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
Kamala Harris	36%	43%
Donald Trump	38%	46%
Someone else	3%	2%
Did not vote	23%	9%
Don't know	1%	<1%

94. Voting history

Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
0 of 4	22%	5%
1 of 4	17%	19%
2 of 4	19%	19%
3 of 4	16%	19%
4 of 4	26%	38%
0 - 2 of 4	58%	42%
3 - 4 of 4	42%	58%

95. Which of the following best describes your race or ethnicity? *You may choose more than one.*

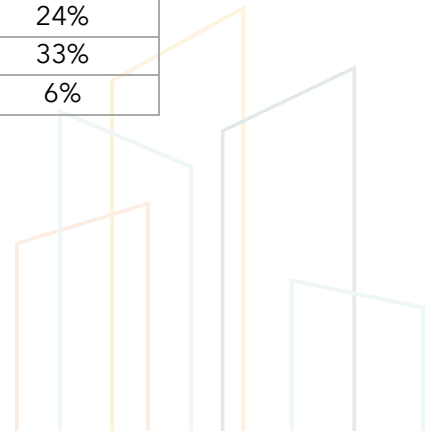
Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
African	2%	1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	5%	2%
Black/African American	1%	1%
Hispanic/Latino/a/x	7%	6%
Middle Eastern/North African	1%	1%
Native American/American Indian	6%	3%
White/Caucasian	80%	83%
Other	1%	1%
Don't know	<1%	<1%
I prefer not to say	7%	7%
White only	72%	79%
POC	21%	14%

96. What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
Less than high school	3%	3%
High school diploma/GED	30%	23%
Some college/2-year degree	37%	37%
College degree/4-year degree	18%	22%
Graduate/professional school	12%	14%
I prefer not to say	1%	1%

97. Which category best describes your gross household income, before taxes? Remember to include everyone living in your household. Your best estimate will do.

Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
Less than \$25,000	5%	3%
\$25,000 to less than \$50,000	16%	9%
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	11%	10%
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	17%	15%
\$100,000 to less than \$150,000	21%	24%
\$150,000 or more	25%	33%
I prefer not to say	6%	6%



98. Do any children under age 18 live in your home?

Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
Yes	23%	21%
No	75%	77%
I prefer not to say	3%	2%

99. What is your primary mode of transportation?

Response category	Registered voters n=600	Likely voters n=543
Vehicle that uses gasoline or diesel	87%	87%
All-electric vehicle	6%	7%
Walking or cycling	1%	1%
Public transportation	1%	1%
Other	3%	4%
I prefer not to say	2%	1%

