



All questions are for release after 6PM/ET Thursday, July 30, 2026.

TEXAS SENATE AND GOVERNOR

Methodology

Conducted July 23-27, 2026 under the joint direction of Beacon Research (D) and Shaw & Company Research (R), this Fox News Poll includes interviews with a sample of 1,006 Texas registered voters randomly selected from a statewide voter file. Respondents spoke with live interviewers on landlines (72) and cellphones (681) or completed the survey online by following a link received via text message (253). An oversample of 296 registered Hispanic voters randomly selected from a statewide voter file bring the Hispanic subgroup sample size to 556.

Telephone numbers were randomly selected from a statewide voter file of registered Texas voters using a probability proportionate to size method, which means phone numbers are proportionally representative to the number of voters in all regions across the city. Telephone fieldwork conducted by Braun Research, Inc. of Princeton, NJ.

Results based on the full sample have a margin of sampling error of ± 3 percentage points. Sampling error associated with subgroup results is higher. In addition to sampling error, question wording and order can influence results. Results among subgroups are only shown when the sample size is at least $N=100$. Interviews were conducted by bilingual interviewers. Respondents were given the option of completing the interview in English or Spanish. When necessary, weights are generally applied to age, race, education, and area variables to ensure the demographics of survey respondents are representative of the registered voter population. Sources for developing weight targets include the most recent American Community Survey, Fox News Voter Analysis, and voter file data.

Results are of the statewide sample of registered voters, unless otherwise noted.

Web-based survey wording may differ slightly from telephone wording for improved clarity.

An asterisk () is used for percentages of less than one-half percent. A dash (-) represents a value of zero.*

Some percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. In the same way, percentages in "total" columns may be one point more or less than the sum of their parts due to rounding.

1. How interested are you in the 2026 midterm elections? Are you:

	-----Interested-----			-----Not interested-----			(Don't
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>know</u>)
23-27 July 26	80%	48	32	20	16	4	*

2. There are a range of reasons why people do or do not vote. Thinking about November's election for senate, governor, and other offices, please tell me how likely it is that you will vote on a scale from zero to 10, where 10 means you're certain you will vote and zero means there is no chance you will vote.

	<u>23-27 July 26</u>
10 – Certain to vote	60%
9	7
8	9
7	6
6	4
5	5
4	2
3	2
2	1
1	1
0 – No chance will vote	3
(Don't know / Refused)	*

3. How motivated are you to vote in the November election? Are you:

	-----Motivated-----			-----Not motivated-----			(Don't
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>know</u>)
23-27 July 26	82%	53	30	17	14	3	*

For reference: How motivated do you feel about voting in the presidential election? Are you:

	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>(Don't</u>
					<u>know</u>)
20-23 June 20	61%	21	11	6	1

4. If the Texas election for U.S. Senator were today, would you vote for: **[IF DON'T KNOW: Do you lean closer to one candidate?]** **[RANDOMIZE NAMES]**

	<u>23-27 July 26</u>
Democrat James Talarico	51%
Republican Ken Paxton	48
(Other)	*
(Wouldn't vote)	*
(Don't know)	1

[SKIP IF OTHER, WOULDN'T VOTE, OR DON'T KNOW IN Q4 AND CODE AS DON'T KNOW. SKIP IF LEAN TOWARD CANDIDATE IN Q4 AND CODE AS MAY CHANGE MIND.] [TALARICO SUPPORTERS ±4%, PAXTON SUPPORTERS ±4.5%]

5. Are you certain to support **[Q4 ANSWER: Talarico / Paxton]**, or do you think you may change your mind and support someone else? **[IF DON'T KNOW: Re-read question and probe for answer.]**

	<u>Certain to support</u>	<u>May change mind</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
23-27 July 26	78%	20	1
Talarico supporters	81%	19	*
Paxton supporters	77%	22	1

6. **[IF TALARICO IN Q4]** Would you describe your vote as mainly FOR James Talarico or AGAINST Ken Paxton?

	<u>For Talarico</u>	<u>Against Paxton</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
23-27 July 26	65%	34	1

7. **[IF PAXTON IN Q4]** Would you describe your vote as mainly FOR Ken Paxton or AGAINST James Talarico?

	<u>For Paxton</u>	<u>Against Talarico</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
23-27 July 26	67%	31	2

[SKIP IF OTHER, WOULDN'T VOTE, OR DON'T KNOW IN Q4, ±3%]

8. Would you say that your support for **[Q4 ANSWER: Talarico / Paxton]** is more about: **[ROTATE 1-2] [IF BOTH: Well, if you had to say...]**

	<u>Where he stands on the issues</u>	<u>Who he is as a person</u>	<u>(Both)</u>	<u>(Don't know)</u>
23-27 July 26	82%	17	1	1
Talarico supporters	79%	18	1	1
Paxton supporters	84%	15	*	1

[ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS]

9. Regardless of how you plan to vote, how concerned are you that James Talarico is too extreme?

	-----Concerned-----			-----Not concerned-----			(Don't
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>know</u>)
23-27 July 26	47%	25	22	52	29	23	1

10. Regardless of how you plan to vote, how concerned are you that Ken Paxton lacks the personal character to serve as a U.S. Senator?

	-----Concerned-----			-----Not concerned-----			(Don't
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Extremely</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>know</u>)
23-27 July 26	59%	33	25	40	25	15	1

11. Which one of the following issues will be the MOST important to your vote for Senate?
[IF DON'T KNOW / ALL / OTHER: Well, if you HAD to pick one...]
[RANDOMIZE LIST]

	<u>23-27 July 26</u>
Inflation and high prices	37%
Immigration and border security	18
Healthcare	11
Political divisions within the country	10
Jobs and unemployment	10
The conflict in Iran	5
Crime	4
Abortion	4
(Other)	*
(All/Mix)	1
(Don't know)	*

Moving on...

12. If the Texas election for governor were today, would you vote for: **[IF DON'T KNOW: Do you lean closer to one candidate?]** **[ROTATE NAMES]**

	<u>23-27 July 26</u>
Democrat Gina Hinojosa	49%
Republican Greg Abbott	50
(Other)	*
(Wouldn't vote)	-
(Don't know)	*

13. Thinking about your personal financial situation, do you feel like you are getting ahead financially, holding steady, or falling behind?

	Getting <u>ahead</u>	Holding <u>steady</u>	Falling <u>behind</u>	(Don't know)
23-27 July 26	16%	49	35	*

- 14.-20. Please tell me if you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following. If you've never heard of one, please just say so. **[IF FAVORABLE / UNFAVORABLE: Is that strongly (favorable / unfavorable) or only somewhat?]**
[RANDOMIZE]

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(Can't	Never
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>say)</u>	<u>heard of</u>
Greg Abbott	50%	28	22	49	14	36	1	*
James Talarico	49%	25	24	43	14	30	1	6
The Republican Party	48%	25	23	50	16	34	1	-
Donald Trump	45%	27	18	54	11	43	1	-
The Democratic Party	45%	19	26	54	18	36	1	-
Gina Hinojosa	45%	19	26	34	15	18	2	19
Ken Paxton	45%	19	26	51	15	36	1	4

POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION

	-----Democrat-----			-----Republican-----			Independent /
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Solid</u>	<u>Lean</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Solid</u>	<u>Lean</u>	<u>Other</u>
23-27 July 26	40%	33	7	50	42	8	11
20-23 June 20	40%	34	6	46	37	9	14