



Tennessee Statewide Registered Voters Poll Results

Conducted: May 30, 2020 – June 11, 2020

Number of Respondents: 3000

MoE: 1.79%

Q. Which one of the following issues do you believe should be the top priority for the Governor and the State Legislature?

Fixing the Opioid crisis	6%
Government over-spending	9%
Immigration reform	6%
Improving Education	20%
Jobs, Economic Recovery	24%
Investing in Infrastructure	5%
Making Health Care More accessible	17%
Protecting Gun Rights	7%
Reducing Crime	4%
Reducing Taxes	2%
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Q. Do you believe our current public education system prepares students for success after high school?

Yes	35%
No	65%
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Q. In general, do you believe academic standards for students in Tennessee’s public schools should be raised, lowered, or kept about the same?

Raised	63%
Lowered	4%
Kept about the same	23%
Unsure	9%
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Total	100%

Q. How important is it to test public school students from grades three through twelve each year to know if they are meeting the state’s education standards in reading, writing and math?

Important	63%
Not Important	25%
Unsure	12%
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Total	100%

Q. When it comes to the education of Tennessee children, is it important to hold schools and teachers accountable?

Yes	83%
No	8%
Unsure	9%
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Total	100%

Q. Our state has enacted a law aimed at giving parents a clear indicator of school performance by assigning every school an A-F school rating grade. This grade is based on things like student achievement and student growth. Are you supportive of this A-F letter grade rating system?

Yes	65%
No	18%
Unsure	16%
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Total	100%

Q. Now we're going to talk about the future of workers in America. A person used to be able to graduate high school and then get a job that would support themselves and a family their entire life. Today, with technology advances, many of these direct from high school jobs are disappearing. Some have suggested that skilled trades and other forms of vocational education are a viable option for those who don't go to college to secure a good job with a living wage. Which comes closest to your view?

College is the only real option to ensure success
Skilled Trades and Vocational Education are a great alternative to college for lifelong success
Prefer College, but a high school diploma and Skilled Trades are viable path to a livable wage
Don't Know

Total

Q. Do you support or oppose public funding for Skilled Trades and Vocational Education that helps prepare student for technical careers and skilled jobs, like advanced manufacturing?

Strongly Support	71%
Somewhat Support	21%
Somewhat Oppose	3%
Strongly Oppose	1%
Not Sure	5%
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Total	100%

Q. Do you support Public School Choice?

Yes	64%
No	16%
Unsure	20%
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Total	100%

Q. As you may know, Tennessee the last few years has had budget surpluses. Although the Coronavirus Crisis has upended the current State Budget, in the not-too- distant future it is likely the state will have a budget surplus again. Which one of the following ways do you believe Tennessee’s Legislature should utilize that surplus in future years?

Contribute to Tennessee’s Rainy Day Fund	9%
Investing more into public education	40%
Funding infrastructure needs	24%
Cutting taxes	17%
Unsure	10%
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Total	100%

Q. And what would be your highest priority for additional investments in Public Education?

Facility funding for public charter schools	8%
Capital investments	9%
Teacher raises	50%
Increased funding for special needs and English learners	8%
Increased wrap around services	5%
Expand free school breakfast and lunch to all students	17%
Support alternative transportation options such has City Bus passes	3%
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Total	100%

Q. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Governor Bill Lee is doing in handling the Coronavirus crisis?

Approve	52%
Disapprove	33%
No Opinion or Unsure	15%
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Total	100%

Q. In responding to the Coronavirus impact, which one of the following should be the top priority for the state legislature to address?

Revenue loss of state and local governments	9%
Economic harm to businesses	51%
Student learning loss from missed school time	22%
Unsure	18%
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Total	100%

Q. Specifically in addressing student learning loss, what is the most important step to helping Tennessee’s students recover?

A statewide assessment for every student to measure learning loss	13%
Increasing investments in education innovation	42%
Lengthening the school year to make up for lost time in the classroom	25%
Unsure	20%
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Total	100%

Demographics

Media Market

CHATTANOOGA	11%
HUNTSVILLE-DECATUR (FLOR)	1%
JACKSON TN	4%
KNOXVILLE	20%
MEMPHIS	18%
NASHVILLE	39%
PADUCAH-CAPE GIRARD-HARSBG	1%
TRI-CITIES TN-VA	7%
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Total	100%

Party

Republican	42%
Democrat	31%
Independent	19%
Other	4%
Unsure	4%
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Total	100%

Ideology

Very Conservative	23%
Somewhat Conservative	20%
Moderate or Independent	27%
Somewhat Liberal	13%
Very Liberal	8%
Unsure	9%
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Total	100%

Gender

Male	45%
Female	55%
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Total	100%

Age

18-35	25%
36-50	24%
51-65	26%
66 or older	24%
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Total	100%

Level of Education

Some High School, no Diploma	3%
High School Diploma	12%
Some College or Vocational Training	31%
College with a Bachelor's Degree	28%
College with a Master's Degree	19%
College with a Doctorate	6%
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Total	100%

Gender

Cellphone	62%
Landline	38%
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Total	100%

General Vote History

0	7%
1	9%
2	18%
3	20%
4	46%
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Total	100%