

2023 WISCONSIN Issues Poll

	ALL VOTERS	GOP	DEM	IND	MALE	FEMALE
1. School board voting is often held during special elections when voter turnout is low. Would you support or oppose requiring local school board elections to appear on the same ballot as other general elections for statewide or federal offices?						
Strongly or Somewhat Support	83%	89%	78%	82%	85%	81%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	8%	5%	11%	10%	8%	9%
Unsure	9%	6%	11%	9%	7%	10%
2. Would you support or oppose requiring school boards to publicly disclose all proposed school curricula?						
Strongly or Somewhat Support	83%	91%	74%	85%	85%	81%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	10%	4%	19%	7%	10%	11%
Unsure	7%	5%	7%	8%	5%	8%
3. Would you support or oppose requiring school officials to communicate with a child's parents about issues the child is facing, including health problems or issues surrounding sexual orientation and gender identity?						
Strongly or Somewhat Support	79%	88%	66%	82%	83%	74%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	14%	9%	24%	10%	12%	17%
Unsure	7%	3%	10%	8%	5%	9%
4. Would you support or oppose requiring businesses to report job applicants who are collecting, or are suspected of collecting, unemployment benefits when they refuse an offer for suitable work?						
Strongly or Somewhat Support	76%	85%	66%	76%	80%	72%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	14%	10%	22%	11%	11%	17%
Unsure	10%	5%	12%	13%	9%	11%

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5. Would you support or oppose requiring businesses to report job applicants who are collecting, or are suspected of collecting, unemployment benefits when they fail to show up for work after being hired?						
Strongly or Somewhat Support	82%	91%	76%	80%	84%	80%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	9%	5%	14%	8%	7%	11%
Unsure	9%	4%	10%	12%	9%	9%
6. Would you support or oppose temporarily suspending individuals from unemployment benefits if they repeatedly fail to show up for scheduled job interviews?						
Strongly or Somewhat Support	84%	90%	75%	86%	87%	81%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	11%	7%	17%	9%	9%	13%
Unsure	5%	3%	8%	5%	4%	6%
7. Would you support or oppose requiring individuals on unemployment to perform at least one meaningful work search activity each business day?						
Strongly or Somewhat Support	77%	84%	69%	79%	79%	76%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	16%	13%	20%	15%	15%	17%
Unsure	6%	3%	11%	6%	6%	7%
8. Would you support or oppose requiring the state to verify work search activity reports that are submitted by individuals on unemployment?						
Strongly or Somewhat Support	78%	88%	66%	79%	78%	78%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	15%	8%	26%	10%	14%	15%
Unsure	8%	4%	8%	11%	8%	7%
9. Would you support or oppose requiring able-bodied adults with no children at home to work, train, or volunteer for at least 20 hours per week as a condition of eligibility for food stamps?						
Strongly or Somewhat Support	80%	88%	71%	81%	80%	81%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	14%	8%	20%	14%	15%	14%
Unsure	6%	3%	8%	5%	6%	5%
10. Would you support or oppose reducing taxes for middle-class Wisconsin taxpayers?						
Strongly or Somewhat Support	90%	94%	86%	90%	89%	91%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	6%	5%	9%	5%	8%	5%
Unsure	4%	1%	5%	5%	3%	5%

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11. Would you be more or less likely to support reducing taxes for middle-class Wisconsin taxpayers if you knew that the state currently has a \$4 billion budget surplus?						
More Likely	78%	86%	68%	80%	83%	73%
Less Likely	8%	6%	11%	6%	7%	9%
Unsure	14%	8%	21%	13%	10%	18%
12. How would you prefer the state government to spend the \$4 billion budget surplus, even if neither one is exactly right?						
Subsidize certain businesses to temporarily lower costs.	13%	10%	15%	14%	14%	12%
Return it to Wisconsinites through tax cuts or rebates.	87%	90%	85%	86%	86%	88%
13. Would you support or oppose requiring local prosecutors to send a yearly report about criminal cases and victims of crime to the state legislature?						
Strongly or Somewhat Support	74%	85%	69%	69%	75%	74%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	11%	9%	14%	9%	13%	8%
Unsure	15%	6%	17%	22%	11%	18%
14. Judges are expected to recuse themselves or step away from a case in which they have a conflict of interest or bias against one side or the other. Should justices on the Wisconsin Supreme Court recuse themselves from cases when they have made political statements that show they have a bias in that case?						
Definitely or probably should recuse	77%	87%	68%	76%	76%	78%
Definitely or probably should not recuse	12%	9%	17%	10%	14%	10%
Unsure	11%	4%	14%	15%	9%	13%
15. Would you support or oppose the state legislature impeaching a judge who fails to recuse themselves from cases in which they have a clear conflict of interest?						
Strongly or Somewhat Support	66%	79%	60%	58%	64%	68%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	22%	11%	28%	29%	28%	17%
Unsure	12%	10%	12%	13%	8%	15%
16. Currently, political groups from Washington, D.C., are attempting to overturn more than a dozen state senate elections, claiming the senators were elected using unfair maps. Do you support or oppose the efforts of Washington, D.C., political groups to overturn Wisconsin's state senate elections?						
Strongly or Somewhat Support	28%	28%	36%	19%	34%	23%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	51%	56%	41%	57%	53%	50%
Unsure	21%	16%	23%	24%	14%	27%

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17. Currently, political groups from Washington, D.C., are attempting to create legislative district maps for Wisconsin's legislature that would help elect their preferred candidates. Do you support or oppose the efforts of Washington, D.C., political groups to create maps for Wisconsin's legislative districts?

Strongly or Somewhat Support	21%	21%	28%	14%	23%	20%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	61%	63%	51%	69%	64%	58%
Unsure	18%	16%	21%	17%	13%	23%

18. Would you support or oppose universities providing out-of-state college students, paying out-of-state tuition, absentee ballot applications to vote in elections in their home state?

Strongly or Somewhat Support	63%	55%	71%	62%	63%	62%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	25%	36%	16%	23%	27%	23%
Unsure	12%	9%	12%	15%	9%	15%

19. Do you support or oppose allowing out-of-state college students, paying out-of-state tuition, to vote in Wisconsin's elections?

Strongly or Somewhat Support	37%	26%	53%	30%	38%	35%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	51%	61%	34%	58%	53%	48%
Unsure	12%	12%	13%	12%	8%	16%

20. Currently, out-of-state college students, paying out-of-state tuition, are eligible to vote as a resident in Wisconsin elections after 28 days, but they are not eligible for resident tuition until after two years. Should requirements for residency be the same for both voting and tuition purposes?

Yes, residency requirements should be the same.	63%	70%	59%	59%	66%	60%
No, different residency requirements are acceptable.	23%	20%	26%	23%	23%	23%
Unsure	14%	10%	15%	19%	12%	17%

21. Do you support or oppose investing taxpayer money in banks and investment funds that make business decisions based on their political agenda?

Strongly or Somewhat Support	16%	18%	20%	8%	19%	13%
Strongly or Somewhat Oppose	70%	67%	67%	76%	66%	73%
Unsure	14%	15%	13%	16%	15%	14%

22. Would you be more or less likely to support investing taxpayer money in banks and investment funds that make business decisions based on their political agenda if you knew that Wisconsin's pension system would be at risk?

More Likely	15%	17%	20%	8%	18%	13%
Less Likely	64%	66%	59%	66%	66%	61%
Unsure	21%	17%	21%	26%	16%	26%

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23. How concerned are you about the worker shortage in Wisconsin?						
Very or Somewhat Concerned	73%	79%	72%	68%	68%	78%
Not Very or Not at All Concerned	27%	21%	28%	32%	32%	22%
24. How concerned are you about the cost of living in Wisconsin?						
Very or Somewhat Concerned	90%	93%	87%	91%	87%	93%
Not Very or Not at All Concerned	10%	7%	13%	9%	13%	7%
25. Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the job Tony Evers is doing as Governor of Wisconsin?						
Strongly or Somewhat Approve	52%	18%	86%	52%	51%	53%
Strongly or Somewhat Disapprove	43%	79%	8%	40%	46%	39%
Unsure	5%	3%	6%	8%	3%	8%

DEMOGRAPHICS



Results for this poll were collected using a sampling frame from an online panel collected by the Center for Excellence in Polling. The statewide sample is of 543 likely Wisconsin voters.

The survey was conducted September 13, 2023. The margin of sampling error is ± 4.21 percentage points. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups. Results presented may not always appear to total 100 percent due to rounding.

Data were post-stratified using weighted demographic information from the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement and the state election authorities. Demographic information for actual voters in past elections was used to construct sample target weights.

Opportunity Solutions Project paid for all costs associated with this survey.