

## Michigan State of the State Survey 95 Topline Results

YouGov interviewed Michigan adults online from October 2 to 19, 2026. The sample of 1,000 respondents was matched to a frame drawn from the American Community Survey and weighted by propensity score, then post-stratified on 2024 presidential vote, gender, age, race, and education. Likely voters are respondents who say they are almost certain or very likely to vote, or who report that they have already voted. The margin of error, accounting for the weighting design effect, is about  $\pm 4.1$  points for all respondents and  $\pm 4.4$  points for likely voters.

The State of the State Survey is a multi-investigator study covering many different topics. We release all data after a 6-month embargo. Here we report the results of election-related questions and those that we publicly reference in relationship to vote choice.

### How likely would you say you are to vote in the November Election?

| Response             | All adults<br>n = 1,000 | Likely voters<br>n = 836 |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Almost certain       | 55.4                    | 72.2                     |
| Very likely          | 12.0                    | 15.7                     |
| Somewhat likely      | 8.9                     | 0.0                      |
| Not very likely      | 5.9                     | 0.0                      |
| Not at all likely    | 8.5                     | 0.0                      |
| I have already voted | 9.3                     | 12.2                     |

### If the November election for Governor of Michigan were being held today, for whom would you vote?

| Response                     | All adults<br>n = 1,000 | Likely voters<br>n = 836 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jocelyn Benson, the Democrat | 43.7                    | 51.5                     |
| John James, the Republican   | 35.3                    | 39.7                     |
| Undecided or Other           | 20.9                    | 8.8                      |

As of today, do you lean more toward Benson or James?

Responses including leaners

| Response                     | All adults<br>n = 1,000 | Likely voters<br>n = 836 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jocelyn Benson, the Democrat | 45.7                    | 53.3                     |
| John James, the Republican   | 36.6                    | 40.9                     |
| Undecided/neither            | 17.7                    | 5.9                      |

If the November election for U.S. Senate were being held today, for whom would you vote?

| Response                     | All adults<br>n = 1,000 | Likely voters<br>n = 836 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Abdul El-Sayed, the Democrat | 43.9                    | 47.7                     |
| Mike Rogers, the Republican  | 39.4                    | 44.2                     |
| Undecided or Other           | 16.7                    | 8.2                      |

As of today, do you lean more toward El Sayed or Rogers?

Responses including leaners

| Response                     | All adults<br>n = 1,000 | Likely voters<br>n = 836 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Abdul El-Sayed, the Democrat | 44.8                    | 48.0                     |
| Mike Rogers, the Republican  | 41.0                    | 45.5                     |
| Undecided/neither            | 14.2                    | 6.5                      |

Regardless of how you plan to vote this year, would each of the following make you more likely or less likely to support a candidate for office, or would it make no difference? A candidate who is Muslim

| Response             | All adults<br>n = 1,000 | Likely voters<br>n = 836 |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Much more likely     | 2.3                     | 2.6                      |
| Somewhat more likely | 1.4                     | 1.1                      |
| No Difference        | 57.7                    | 58.2                     |
| Somewhat less likely | 8.4                     | 7.0                      |
| Much less likely     | 30.2                    | 31.1                     |

A candidate who is a woman

| Response             | All adults<br>n = 1,000 | Likely voters<br>n = 836 |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Much more likely     | 5.5                     | 5.9                      |
| Somewhat more likely | 12.1                    | 13.1                     |
| No Difference        | 72.2                    | 73.4                     |
| Somewhat less likely | 4.6                     | 4.1                      |
| Much less likely     | 5.7                     | 3.5                      |

A candidate who describes themselves as a democratic socialist

| Response             | All adults<br>n = 1,000 | Likely voters<br>n = 836 |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Much more likely     | 10.4                    | 13.2                     |
| Somewhat more likely | 10.5                    | 11.3                     |
| No Difference        | 32.4                    | 27.0                     |
| Somewhat less likely | 10.7                    | 9.2                      |
| Much less likely     | 36.1                    | 39.4                     |

### A candidate endorsed by Donald Trump

| Response             | All adults<br>n = 1,000 | Likely voters<br>n = 836 |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Much more likely     | 12.1                    | 13.9                     |
| Somewhat more likely | 12.0                    | 12.3                     |
| No Difference        | 24.0                    | 21.4                     |
| Somewhat less likely | 6.5                     | 5.1                      |
| Much less likely     | 45.3                    | 47.3                     |

### A candidate endorsed by Bernie Sanders

| Response             | All adults<br>n = 1,000 | Likely voters<br>n = 836 |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Much more likely     | 14.5                    | 16.9                     |
| Somewhat more likely | 15.8                    | 16.8                     |
| No Difference        | 31.4                    | 24.3                     |
| Somewhat less likely | 9.0                     | 8.8                      |
| Much less likely     | 29.3                    | 33.3                     |

### A candidate who supports Medicare for All

| Response             | All adults<br>n = 1,000 | Likely voters<br>n = 836 |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Much more likely     | 31.6                    | 33.9                     |
| Somewhat more likely | 17.6                    | 15.8                     |
| No Difference        | 22.8                    | 17.2                     |
| Somewhat less likely | 8.6                     | 9.8                      |
| Much less likely     | 19.3                    | 23.3                     |

**Overall, how would you rate the way Donald Trump is performing his job as President?**

| <b>Response</b> | <b>All adults<br/>n = 1,000</b> | <b>Likely voters<br/>n = 836</b> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Excellent       | 13.7                            | 16.2                             |
| Good            | 18.0                            | 19.3                             |
| Fair            | 12.3                            | 9.5                              |
| Poor            | 56.0                            | 55.0                             |

**How would you rate the way Gretchen Whitmer is performing her job as Michigan's Governor?**

| <b>Response</b> | <b>All adults<br/>n = 1,000</b> | <b>Likely voters<br/>n = 836</b> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Excellent       | 14.6                            | 16.5                             |
| Good            | 22.7                            | 24.0                             |
| Fair            | 29.2                            | 27.0                             |
| Poor            | 33.6                            | 32.6                             |

Next please rate your feelings towards the following groups on a scale of 0 to 100. A rating of 100 means you feel very **FAVORABLE** towards that group, and a 0 means you feel very **UNFAVORABLE**. A rating of 50 means you don't feel favorable or unfavorable towards that group. How would you rate your feelings towards ordinary people from these groups? Remember we are asking you to rate ordinary people and not elected officials or candidates.

**People who are Muslim**

| <b>Response</b>    | <b>All adults<br/>n = 1,000</b> | <b>Likely voters<br/>n = 836</b> |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 0-24 (unfavorable) | 20.2                            | 21.7                             |
| 25-49              | 12.3                            | 12.4                             |
| 50 (neither)       | 19.8                            | 19.5                             |
| 51-75              | 17.9                            | 16.6                             |
| 76-100 (favorable) | 21.3                            | 23.9                             |
| Don't know         | 8.4                             | 5.8                              |

**People who are Jewish**

| <b>Response</b>    | <b>All adults<br/>n = 1,000</b> | <b>Likely voters<br/>n = 836</b> |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 0-24 (unfavorable) | 4.3                             | 3.4                              |
| 25-49              | 7.1                             | 7.3                              |
| 50 (neither)       | 20.2                            | 19.4                             |
| 51-75              | 19.9                            | 19.9                             |
| 76-100 (favorable) | 38.8                            | 44.5                             |
| Don't know         | 9.7                             | 5.6                              |

## What is your sex?

| Response | All adults<br>n = 1,000 | Likely voters<br>n = 836 |
|----------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Male     | 48.7                    | 50.7                     |
| Female   | 51.3                    | 49.3                     |

## Age

| Response     | All adults<br>n = 1,000 | Likely voters<br>n = 836 |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 18-29        | 19.5                    | 16.1                     |
| 30-44        | 24.2                    | 20.8                     |
| 45-64        | 31.9                    | 34.2                     |
| 65 and older | 24.4                    | 28.9                     |

## Race/ethnicity (single category)

| Response        | All adults<br>n = 1,000 | Likely voters<br>n = 836 |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| White           | 75.1                    | 77.6                     |
| Black           | 12.5                    | 10.7                     |
| Hispanic        | 4.8                     | 4.6                      |
| Asian           | 3.2                     | 3.0                      |
| Native American | 1.4                     | 1.0                      |
| Other           | 3.0                     | 3.0                      |

## Education

| Response             | All adults<br>n = 1,000 | Likely voters<br>n = 836 |
|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| No HS                | 5.2                     | 3.8                      |
| High school graduate | 32.1                    | 28.7                     |
| Some college         | 21.5                    | 21.1                     |
| 2-year               | 10.8                    | 12.4                     |
| 4-year               | 18.8                    | 20.3                     |
| Post-grad            | 11.5                    | 13.7                     |

## Party identification (7-point)

| Response                     | All adults<br>n = 999 | Likely voters<br>n = 836 |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Strong Republican            | 18.9                  | 22.1                     |
| Not a very strong Republican | 10.0                  | 9.6                      |
| Lean Republican              | 8.6                   | 9.1                      |
| Neither                      | 19.8                  | 12.0                     |
| Lean Democrat                | 11.7                  | 12.3                     |
| Not a very strong Democrat   | 11.0                  | 10.9                     |
| Strong Democrat              | 20.0                  | 24.0                     |

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a conservative, a moderate, or a liberal?

| Response                                     | All adults<br>n = 1,000 | Likely voters<br>n = 836 |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Very conservative                            | 13.4                    | 16.3                     |
| Somewhat conservative                        | 14.6                    | 15.8                     |
| Moderate but closer to the conservative side | 9.8                     | 9.7                      |
| In the middle                                | 23.5                    | 18.5                     |
| Moderate but closer to the liberal side      | 6.5                     | 7.0                      |
| Somewhat liberal                             | 11.0                    | 12.8                     |
| Very liberal                                 | 13.9                    | 16.5                     |
| Don't know                                   | 7.3                     | 3.4                      |

2024 presidential vote

| Response                   | All adults<br>n = 1,000 | Likely voters<br>n = 836 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Kamala Harris              | 32.1                    | 40.4                     |
| Donald Trump               | 35.9                    | 42.2                     |
| Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.     | 0.1                     | 0.1                      |
| Jill Stein                 | 0.5                     | 0.7                      |
| Cornel West                | 0.1                     | 0.1                      |
| Chase Oliver               | 0.1                     | 0.1                      |
| Other                      | 0.4                     | 0.4                      |
| Did not vote for President | 30.8                    | 16.1                     |

## What is the religious group which you feel most closely represents your religious views?

| Response                                                     | All adults<br>n = 1,000 | Likely voters<br>n = 836 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| None; no Religious Group (Atheist, Agnostic, etc.)           | 34.0                    | 32.7                     |
| Catholic; Roman Catholic, Orthodox                           | 18.2                    | 19.2                     |
| Islamic/Muslim                                               | 1.8                     | 1.9                      |
| Jewish                                                       | 1.1                     | 1.4                      |
| Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopalian, etc) | 31.4                    | 32.3                     |
| Other                                                        | 13.6                    | 12.5                     |

## County of residence

| Response           | All adults<br>n = 1,000 | Likely voters<br>n = 836 |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Wayne              | 18.6                    | 18.4                     |
| Oakland            | 10.0                    | 10.8                     |
| Macomb             | 7.5                     | 7.7                      |
| Kent               | 5.8                     | 6.7                      |
| Genesee            | 5.6                     | 4.3                      |
| Washtenaw          | 4.4                     | 5.4                      |
| Ottawa             | 3.4                     | 3.1                      |
| Ingham             | 2.8                     | 3.3                      |
| Kalamazoo          | 3.7                     | 4.2                      |
| All other counties | 38.3                    | 36.2                     |