

California 2021 Recall Election



Sample 2,043 California Registered Voters
Conducted August 27-September 1, 2021
Margin of Error ±2.8%

1. Would you say things in this country today are...

Generally headed in the right direction	36%
Off on the wrong track	50%
Not sure	14%

2. And, specifically in California, would you say things in this state are...

Generally headed in the right direction	43%
Off on the wrong track	46%
Not sure	11%

3. What do you think is the most important problem facing California today?

COVID	25%
Crime	7%
Public Safety	4%
Public Education	3%
Homelessness	16%
Affordable Housing	20%
Climate Change	16%
Taxes	10%

4. Were you born in California?

Yes	60%
No	40%

5. Have you given any consideration recently to moving out of California?

Yes, am giving serious consideration to moving out of California	21%
Yes, am giving some consideration to moving out of California	23%
No, but am considering moving to another location within California	11%
No, am not considering a move	45%

6. Have you received a ballot in the mail to vote in the California Gubernatorial Recall Election to be held on September 14, 2021?

Yes	88%
No	9%
Not sure	4%

7. Have you returned your ballot?

Asked of those who have received a ballot

Yes	48%
Not yet, but plan to	47%
No, will not be voting in this election	3%
Not sure	2%

8. How likely are you to vote in the Gubernatorial Recall Election on September 14?

Asked of those who have not returned or received a ballot

Will definitely vote	63%
Probably will vote	14%
Equal chance of voting and not voting	13%
Probably will not vote	6%
Definitely will not vote	4%

9. Shall GAVIN NEWSOM be recalled (removed) from the office of Governor?

Asked of likely voters or those who have already mailed in their ballots

Yes	44%
No	56%

10. Candidates to succeed GAVIN NEWSOM as Governor if he is recalled: Vote for One

Asked of likely voters or those who have already mailed in their ballots

NONE	38%
LARRY A. ELDER	20%
KEVIN PAFFRATH	6%
KEVIN L. FAULCONER	4%
JOHN COX	4%
JACQUELINE MCGOWAN	2%
KEVIN KILEY	2%
DANIEL WATTS	2%
BRANDON M. ROSS	1%
ANGELYNE	1%
HOLLY L. BAADE	1%
JOHN R. DRAKE	1%
DENVER STONER	1%
CAITLYN JENNER	1%
STEVE CHAVEZ LODGE	1%
DAVID LOZANO	1%
JOEL VENTRESCA	1%
DAN KAPELOVITZ	1%
ARMANDO 'MANDO' PEREZ-SERRATO	1%
DAVID MOORE	1%
DOUG OSE	1%
KEVIN K. KAUL	1%
ANTHONY TRIMINO	1%

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MICHAEL LOEBS	1%
TED GAINES	1%
PATRICK KILPATRICK	1%
ROBERT C. NEWMAN II	1%
HEATHER COLLINS	1%
DIEGO MARTINEZ	1%
JEFF HEWITT	1%
JEREMIAH 'JEREMY' MARCINIAK	0%
JENNY RAE LE ROUX	0%
SAM L. GALLUCCI	0%
DENNIS RICHTER	0%
RHONDA FURIN	0%
JAMES G. HANINK	0%
JOE M. SYMMON	0%
MAJOR SINGH	0%
DENIS LUCEY	0%
SARAH STEPHENS	0%
DAVID HILLBERG	0%
LEO S. ZACKY	0%
CHAUNCEY 'SLIM' KILLENS	0%
ADAM PAPAGAN	0%
NICKOLAS WILDSTAR	0%
DAVID ALEXANDER BRAMANTE	0%
DANIEL MERCURI	0%

11. How sure are you about each of your votes on the ballot?

Asked of those who are likely to vote but have not already mailed in their ballot

	Definitely will vote that way	Probably will vote that way	Could easily change my mind
Certainty - Recall Vote	73%	17%	10%
Certainty - Replacement Vote	46%	31%	23%

12. Has anyone contacted you and urged you to vote one way or the other in the Gubernatorial Recall Election?

Asked of likely voters or those who have already mailed in their ballots

Yes	27%
No	73%

13. Did the person or persons contacting you urge you to vote for or against recalling Gavin Newsom?

Asked of those contacted about the recall election

For recalling Newsom	4%
Against recalling Newsom	17%
Was contacted by both sides	7%
Not contacted	73%

14. How likely do you think it is that a majority of voters will vote to recall Newsom and he will be replaced as Governor?

Asked of likely voters or those who have already mailed in their ballots

Very likely	14%
Somewhat likely	14%
50:50 chance	35%
Somewhat unlikely	18%
Very unlikely	10%
Don't know	8%

15. Which replacement candidate do you think will get the most votes in the second question on the ballot? Please give us your best guess.

Asked of likely voters or those who have already mailed in their ballots

Larry A. Elder	41%
Nobody	15%
John Cox	7%
Kevin L. Faulconer	5%
Caitlyn Jenner	3%
Kevin Paffrath	3%
David Lozano	2%
Daniel Watts	2%
Angelyne	1%
Armando "Mando" Perez-Serrato	1%
Kevin Kiley	1%
Holly L. Baade	1%
Ted Gaines	1%
Patrick Kilpatrick	1%
Jacqueline McGowan	1%
Diego Martinez	1%
Doug Ose	1%
Denver Stoner	1%
David Moore	1%
Adam Papagan	1%
Brandon M. Ross	1%
Robert C. Newman II	1%
Steve Chavez Lodge	1%
Nickolas Wildstar	1%
Jeff Hewitt	1%

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David Hillberg	1%
Michael Loeb	1%
Daniel Mercuri	1%
Dennis Richter	1%
John R. Drake	1%
Chauncey "Slim" Killens	0%
David Alexander Bramante	0%
Major Singh	0%
Joel Ventresca	0%
Sarah Stephens	0%
Anthony Trimino	0%
Sam L. Gallucci	0%
Denis Lucey	0%
Kevin K. Kaul	0%
Joe M. Symmon	0%
Heather Collins	0%
Jenny Rae Le Roux	0%
Jeremiah "Jeremy" Marciniak	0%
Dan Kapelovitz	0%
James G. Hanink	0%
Rhonda Furin	0%
Leo S. Zacky	0%

16. How well do you understand how the recall and replacement votes work?

Asked of likely voters or those who have already mailed in their ballots

Understand very well	45%
Understand some	31%
Understand a little	18%
Not at all	6%

17. Do you think it was a good or bad idea to hold the recall election?

Asked of likely voters or those who have already mailed in their ballots

Good idea	37%
Bad idea	49%
Not sure	13%

18. Here are some changes that have been proposed to the Recall process. Please tell us whether you favor or oppose each of these proposals:

Asked of likely voters or those who have already mailed in their ballots

	Favor	Oppose	Not sure
Raise the number of signatures required to trigger an election (currently 12% of the past gubernatorial election)	51%	31%	18%

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Require specific reasons on the ballot as to why a governor should be recalled	61%	24%	16%
Limit recall special elections to the first half of a governor's four-year term	33%	38%	29%
Allow the governor to run as one of the recall candidates	45%	36%	20%
Increase filing requirements (currently \$4,000 and 100 signatures for each candidate)	48%	27%	25%

19. How good a job has Gavin Newsom done as Governor in handling the following things?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not sure
COVID	23%	27%	16%	30%	3%
Homelessness	6%	14%	26%	48%	7%
Reopening of schools	13%	30%	21%	32%	5%
Crime	8%	24%	23%	36%	9%
Government spending	16%	24%	17%	34%	9%

20. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job Gavin Newsom is doing as Governor?

Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	25%
Neither approve nor disapprove	14%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	3%

21. Would you say Gavin Newsom is...

Very liberal	30%
Liberal	30%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	3%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	11%

22. How much do you think Gavin Newsom cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	21%
Some	30%
Not much	17%
Doesn't care at all	26%
Not sure	5%

23. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Gavin Newsom as a person?

Like a lot	15%
Like somewhat	21%
Neither like nor dislike	31%
Dislike somewhat	10%
Dislike a lot	16%
Not sure	7%

24. Do you think Gavin Newsom is honest and trustworthy?

Very honest	13%
Mostly honest and trustworthy	34%
Somewhat dishonest	17%
Very dishonest	24%
Not sure	12%

25. Do you think Gavin Newsom ...

Says what he believes	38%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	47%
Not sure	16%

26. Click on the candidate you prefer.

Gavin Newsom	59%
Larry A. Elder	41%

27. Click on the candidate you prefer.

Gavin Newsom	68%
Caitlyn Jenner	32%

28. Click on the candidate you prefer.

Gavin Newsom	65%
John Cox	35%

29. Click on the candidate you prefer.

Gavin Newsom	59%
Kevin Paffrath	41%

30. Click on the candidate you prefer.

Gavin Newsom	59%
Kevin Faulconer	41%

31. Do you favor or oppose abolishing the death penalty in California?

Favor	38%
Oppose	39%
Not sure	23%

32. Which comes closest to your position on abortion? Do you think abortion should be...

Legal in all cases	34%
Legal in most cases	36%
Illegal in most cases	21%
Illegal in all cases	9%

33. Do you favor or oppose providing a way for illegal immigrants currently in the country to gain legal citizenship if they pass background checks, pay fines, and have jobs?

Favor	64%
Oppose	22%
Not sure	14%

34. In general, do you feel the laws covering the sale of handguns should be made more strict than they are now?

Make gun laws more strict	57%
No change	22%
Make gun laws less strict	14%
Not sure	6%

35. In your view, how serious a problem is climate change?

Very serious	56%
Somewhat serious	19%
Not too serious	11%
Not a problem	11%
Not sure	4%

36. Currently, California's top marginal income tax rate is 13.3%. Would you favor adding three new surcharges on seven-figure earners? This proposal would add a 1% surcharge to gross income of more than \$1 million, 3% on income over \$2 million and 3.5% on income above \$5 million.

Favor	54%
Oppose	26%
Not sure	20%

37. Should the state of California require all school children to be vaccinated?

Yes	57%
No	30%
Not sure	12%

38. Do you think the 2020 Presidential election was stolen from Donald Trump?

Yes	23%
No	66%
Not sure	11%

39. How did you vote in the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election?

Joe Biden	53%
Donald Trump	27%
Someone else	5%
I did not vote for president in 2020	14%

40. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as President?

Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	27%
Neither approve nor disapprove	11%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	2%

41. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	25%
Liberal	25%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	8%

42. How much do you think Joe Biden cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	30%
Some	26%
Not much	15%
Doesn't care at all	25%
Not sure	3%

43. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Joe Biden as a person?

Like a lot	29%
Like somewhat	22%
Neither like nor dislike	20%
Dislike somewhat	8%
Dislike a lot	18%
Not sure	4%

44. Do you think Joe Biden is honest and trustworthy, or not?	
Very honest	26%
Mostly honest and trustworthy	31%
Somewhat dishonest	11%
Very dishonest	25%
Not sure	8%
45. Do you think Joe Biden...	
Says what he believes	49%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	41%
Not sure	10%
46. Are you... ?	
Male	48%
Female	52%
47. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	20%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	23%
48. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White	47%
Black	7%
Hispanic	27%
Asian	12%
Other	7%
49. What is the highest level of education you have completed?	
HS or less	26%
Some college	32%
College grad	28%
Postgrad	15%
50. Regardless of how you view yourself today, on your official voting registration, are you registered as a...?	
Democrat	47%
Republican	24%
Ind/NPP	25%
Not sure	3%

51. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal	14%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	34%
Conservative	16%
Very conservative	10%
Not sure	5%