

# California 2021 Recall Election



Sample 1,618 California Likely Voters  
Conducted August 27-September 1, 2021  
Margin of Error ±2.9%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	38%
Off on the wrong track	51%
Not sure	11%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	46%
Off on the wrong track	47%
Not sure	7%

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

COVID	22%
Crime	8%
Public Safety	4%
Public Education	3%
Homelessness	16%
Affordable Housing	19%
Climate Change	19%
Taxes	11%

## 4. Were you born in California?

Yes	57%
No	43%

## 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	21%
No, but am considering moving to another location within California	10%
No, am not considering a move	48%

## 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	100%
No	0%
Not sure	0%

## 7. Have you returned your ballot?

*Asked of those who have received a ballot*

Yes .....	58%
Not yet, but plan to .....	42%
No, will not be voting in this election .....	0%
Not sure .....	0%

## 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 .....	100%
Probably will vote .....	0%
Equal chance of voting and not voting .....	0%
Probably will not vote .....	0%
Definitely will not vote .....	0%

## 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 .....	43%
No .....	57%

## 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 .....	39%
LARRY A. ELDER .....	24%
KEVIN PAFFRATH .....	7%
KEVIN L. FAULCONER .....	5%
JOHN COX .....	3%
KEVIN KILEY .....	2%
JACQUELINE MCGOWAN .....	2%
BRANDON M. ROSS .....	1%
DANIEL WATTS .....	1%
ANGELYNE .....	1%
JOEL VENTRESCA .....	1%
JOHN R. DRAKE .....	1%
DENVER STONER .....	1%
PATRICK KILPATRICK .....	1%
CAITLYN JENNER .....	1%
MICHAEL LOEBS .....	1%
DOUG OSE .....	1%
DAN KAPELOVITZ .....	1%
ARMANDO 'MANDO' PEREZ-SERRATO .....	1%
ANTHONY TRIMINO .....	1%
JEFF HEWITT .....	1%
DAVID MOORE .....	1%
HOLLY L. BAADÉ .....	1%

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DAVID LOZANO	0%
HEATHER COLLINS	0%
ROBERT C. NEWMAN II	0%
TED GAINES	0%
STEVE CHAVEZ LODGE	0%
DENNIS RICHTER	0%
DIEGO MARTINEZ	0%
SAM L. GALLUCCI	0%
JOE M. SYMMON	0%
RHONDA FURIN	0%
JENNY RAE LE ROUX	0%
SARAH STEPHENS	0%
DAVID HILLBERG	0%
KEVIN K. KAUL	0%
JAMES G. HANINK	0%
ADAM PAPAGAN	0%
JEREMIAH 'JEREMY' MARCINIAK	0%
DENIS LUCEY	0%
CHAUNCEY 'SLIM' KILLENS	0%
NICKOLAS WILDSTAR	0%
MAJOR SINGH	0%
LEO S. ZACKY	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	93%	5%	2%
Certainty - Replacement Vote	57%	25%	19%

## 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	30%
No	70%

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 .....	20%
Was contacted by both sides .....	7%
Not contacted .....	70%

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 .....	15%
Somewhat likely .....	13%
50:50 chance .....	32%
Somewhat unlikely .....	20%
Very unlikely .....	12%
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 .....	50%
Nobody .....	15%
John Cox .....	7%
Kevin L. Faulconer .....	5%
Kevin Paffrath .....	3%
Caitlyn Jenner .....	2%
Angelyne .....	1%
Jacqueline McGowan .....	1%
Armando "Mando" Perez-Serrato .....	1%
Doug Ose .....	1%
Kevin Kiley .....	1%
Patrick Kilpatrick .....	1%
Ted Gaines .....	1%
Jeff Hewitt .....	1%
Holly L. Baade .....	1%
Brandon M. Ross .....	1%
Denver Stoner .....	1%
Daniel Watts .....	1%
David Lozano .....	1%
Chauncey "Slim" Killens .....	1%
Diego Martinez .....	0%
David Moore .....	0%
Robert C. Newman II .....	0%
Adam Papagan .....	0%
Anthony Trimino .....	0%

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Major Singh	0%
John R. Drake	0%
Kevin K. Kaul	0%
Sarah Stephens	0%
Joel Ventresca	0%
Dennis Richter	0%
Steve Chavez Lodge	0%
Sam L. Gallucci	0%
David Alexander Bramante	0%
Jeremiah "Jeremy" Marciniak	0%
Denis Lucey	0%
Daniel Mercuri	0%
Nickolas Wildstar	0%
James G. Hanink	0%
Jenny Rae Le Roux	0%
Michael Loeb	0%
David Hillberg	0%
Dan Kapelovitz	0%
Heather Collins	0%
Rhonda Furin	0%
Leo S. Zacky	0%
Joe M. Symmon	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	55%
Understand some	30%
Understand a little	13%
Not at all	2%

**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	38%
Bad idea	56%
Not sure	6%

**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)	54%	33%	13%

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Require specific reasons on the ballot as to why a governor should be recalled	63%	24%	13%
Limit recall special elections to the first half of a governor's four-year term	33%	41%	26%
Allow the governor to run as one of the recall candidates	48%	37%	15%
Increase filing requirements (currently \$4,000 and 100 signatures for each candidate)	52%	27%	21%

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

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not sure
COVID	27%	28%	14%	30%	1%
Homelessness	6%	14%	29%	46%	4%
Reopening of schools	15%	32%	18%	32%	3%
Crime	8%	26%	23%	36%	7%
Government spending	18%	25%	15%	35%	6%

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

Strongly approve	26%
Somewhat approve	27%
Neither approve nor disapprove	8%
Somewhat disapprove	7%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	1%

## 21. Would you say Gavin Newsom is...

Very liberal	35%
Liberal	35%
Moderate	21%
Conservative	3%
Very conservative	1%
Not sure	6%

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

A lot	26%
Some	29%
Not much	14%
Doesn't care at all	28%
Not sure	3%

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

Like a lot	18%
Like somewhat	22%
Neither like nor dislike	27%
Dislike somewhat	10%
Dislike a lot	19%
Not sure	5%

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

Very honest	15%
Mostly honest and trustworthy	36%
Somewhat dishonest	15%
Very dishonest	27%
Not sure	7%

25. Do you think Gavin Newsom ...

Says what he believes	42%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	46%
Not sure	11%

26. Click on the candidate you prefer.

Gavin Newsom	61%
Larry A. Elder	39%

27. Click on the candidate you prefer.

Gavin Newsom	68%
Caitlyn Jenner	32%

28. Click on the candidate you prefer.

Gavin Newsom	63%
John Cox	37%

29. Click on the candidate you prefer.

Gavin Newsom	60%
Kevin Paffrath	40%

30. Click on the candidate you prefer.

Gavin Newsom	61%
Kevin Faulconer	39%

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

Favor	41%
Oppose	40%
Not sure	19%

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

Legal in all cases	36%
Legal in most cases	35%
Illegal in most cases	20%
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	66%
Oppose	22%
Not sure	11%

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	59%
No change	22%
Make gun laws less strict	15%
Not sure	4%

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

Very serious	59%
Somewhat serious	15%
Not too serious	11%
Not a problem	12%
Not sure	3%

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	56%
Oppose	28%
Not sure	16%

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

Yes	63%
No	27%
Not sure	10%



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

Yes	22%
No	69%
Not sure	8%

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

Joe Biden	59%
Donald Trump	30%
Someone else	5%
I did not vote for president in 2020	6%

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

Strongly approve	29%
Somewhat approve	27%
Neither approve nor disapprove	7%
Somewhat disapprove	6%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	1%

## 41. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	27%
Liberal	27%
Moderate	38%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	4%

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

A lot	36%
Some	25%
Not much	11%
Doesn't care at all	27%
Not sure	1%

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

Like a lot	34%
Like somewhat	22%
Neither like nor dislike	16%
Dislike somewhat	7%
Dislike a lot	19%
Not sure	2%

<b>44. Do you think Joe Biden is honest and trustworthy, or not?</b>	
Very honest .....	29%
Mostly honest and trustworthy .....	31%
Somewhat dishonest .....	8%
Very dishonest .....	27%
Not sure .....	5%
<b>45. Do you think Joe Biden...</b>	
Says what he believes .....	55%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	38%
Not sure .....	8%
<b>46. Are you... ?</b>	
Male .....	48%
Female .....	52%
<b>47. Respondent age by category</b>	
Under 30 .....	11%
30-44 .....	21%
45-64 .....	38%
65+ .....	30%
<b>48. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?</b>	
White .....	52%
Black .....	6%
Hispanic .....	24%
Asian .....	12%
Other .....	6%
<b>49. What is the highest level of education you have completed?</b>	
HS or less .....	19%
Some college .....	33%
College grad .....	31%
Postgrad .....	17%
<b>50. Regardless of how you view yourself today, on your official voting registration, are you registered as a...?</b>	
Democrat .....	51%
Republican .....	26%
Ind/NPP .....	22%
Not sure .....	1%

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

Very liberal	16%
Liberal	22%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	16%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	2%