

Topline Results

Ohio 2026 Election Poll | Fielded September 16-18, 2026 | N = 496 completes

Overall results among all completed interviews. Percentages are of valid responses. Unweighted, with a recall-weighted column shown alongside. N = 496 completes. Field dates: September 16-18, 2026. MOE ± 4.4 pts at 95% confidence.

Weighted column. 'Wtd' applies a single-variable weight on 2024 presidential vote recall, targeted to Ohio's certified two-way 2024 result (Trump 55.7%, Harris 44.3%). It is not a full demographic rake. See the methodology note at the end of this document.

BALLOT TESTS, FAVORABILITY AND ISSUES

U.S. Senate Vote

If the 2026 election for U.S. Senate in Ohio were held today, and the candidates were Jon Husted, Sherrod Brown, and Bill Redpath, who would you vote for?

	n	%	Wtd %
Sherrod Brown (D)	266	55.3%	47.4%
Jon Husted (R)	151	31.4%	38.0%
Bill Redpath (L)	7	1.5%	1.6%
Greg Levy (PSL)	2	0.4%	0.4%
Undecided	55	11.4%	12.6%

Base (unweighted n) = 481

U.S. Senate Choice (with leaners)

If you had to make a choice today, who would you lean toward for U.S. Senate?

	n	%	Wtd %
Sherrod Brown (D)	266	55.8%	47.8%
Jon Husted (R)	149	31.2%	37.8%
Bill Redpath (L)	5	1.0%	1.2%
Greg Levy (PSL)	3	0.6%	0.6%
Still undecided	54	11.3%	12.6%

Base (unweighted n) = 477

U.S. Senate Head-to-Head

If the U.S. Senate race were just between Jon Husted and Sherrod Brown, who would you vote for?

	n	%	Wtd %
Sherrod Brown (D)	269	56.9%	48.8%
Jon Husted (R)	160	33.8%	40.9%
Undecided	44	9.3%	10.2%

Base (unweighted n) = 473

Governor Vote

If the 2026 election for Governor of Ohio were held today, and the candidates were Vivek Ramaswamy (Republican), Amy Acton (Democrat), and Don Kissick (Libertarian), who would you vote for?

	n	%	Wtd %
Amy Acton (D)	271	57.3%	49.1%
Vivek Ramaswamy (R)	166	35.1%	42.4%
Don Kissick (L)	8	1.7%	1.8%
Someone else	13	2.7%	3.3%
Undecided	15	3.2%	3.4%

Base (unweighted n) = 473

Governor Choice (with leaners)

If you had to make a choice today, who would you lean toward for Governor?

	n	%	Wtd %
Amy Acton (D)	270	57.1%	48.9%
Vivek Ramaswamy (R)	166	35.1%	42.4%
Don Kissick (L)	11	2.3%	2.5%
Still undecided	26	5.5%	6.2%

Base (unweighted n) = 473

Governor Head-to-Head

If the Governor's race were just between Vivek Ramaswamy and Amy Acton, who would you vote for?

	n	%	Wtd %
Amy Acton (D)	272	57.7%	49.5%
Vivek Ramaswamy (R)	174	36.9%	44.6%
Undecided	25	5.3%	5.9%

Base (unweighted n) = 471

Secretary of State Vote

If the 2026 election for Ohio Secretary of State were held today, and the candidates were Robert Sprague, Allison Russo, and Tom Pruss, who would you vote for?

	n	%	Wtd %
Allison Russo (D)	101	21.9%	18.5%
Robert Sprague (R)	62	13.4%	16.2%
Tom Pruss (L)	5	1.1%	1.1%
Undecided	293	63.6%	64.2%

Base (unweighted n) = 461

Opinion: Sherrod Brown

What is your overall opinion of Sherrod Brown?

	n	%	Wtd %
Very favorable	156	34.3%	28.7%
Somewhat favorable	89	19.6%	17.0%
Neutral / no opinion	23	5.1%	5.4%
Somewhat unfavorable	30	6.6%	7.3%
Very unfavorable	156	34.3%	41.4%
Never heard of them	1	0.2%	0.3%

Base (unweighted n) = 455

Opinion: Jon Husted

What is your overall opinion of Jon Husted?

	n	%	Wtd %
Very favorable	72	15.8%	19.4%
Somewhat favorable	64	14.1%	16.7%
Neutral / no opinion	44	9.7%	10.2%
Somewhat unfavorable	68	14.9%	14.3%
Very unfavorable	204	44.8%	38.6%
Never heard of them	3	0.7%	0.7%

Base (unweighted n) = 455

Opinion: Amy Acton

What is your overall opinion of Amy Acton?

	n	%	Wtd %
Very favorable	165	36.4%	30.8%
Somewhat favorable	86	19.0%	16.4%
Neutral / no opinion	19	4.2%	4.4%
Somewhat unfavorable	30	6.6%	7.4%
Very unfavorable	153	33.8%	41.0%
Never heard of them	0	0.0%	0.0%

Base (unweighted n) = 453

Opinion: Vivek Ramaswamy

What is your overall opinion of Vivek Ramaswamy?

	n	%	Wtd %
Very favorable	107	23.6%	28.9%
Somewhat favorable	49	10.8%	13.1%
Neutral / no opinion	25	5.5%	5.8%
Somewhat unfavorable	24	5.3%	5.0%
Very unfavorable	242	53.4%	46.0%
Never heard of them	6	1.3%	1.2%

Base (unweighted n) = 453

Opinion: Donald Trump

What is your overall opinion of Donald Trump?

	n	%	Wtd %
Very favorable	99	22.1%	27.1%
Somewhat favorable	55	12.3%	15.0%
Neutral / no opinion	14	3.1%	3.4%
Somewhat unfavorable	20	4.5%	4.9%
Very unfavorable	259	57.8%	49.3%
Never heard of them	1	0.2%	0.2%

Base (unweighted n) = 448

Opinion: Bill Redpath

What is your overall opinion of Bill Redpath?

	n	%	Wtd %
Very favorable	6	1.3%	1.4%
Somewhat favorable	7	1.5%	1.6%
Neutral / no opinion	87	19.2%	19.4%
Somewhat unfavorable	12	2.6%	2.6%
Very unfavorable	14	3.1%	3.2%
Never heard of them	328	72.2%	71.8%

Base (unweighted n) = 454

Opinion: Don Kissick

What is your overall opinion of Don Kissick?

	n	%	Wtd %
Very favorable	6	1.3%	1.4%
Somewhat favorable	11	2.4%	2.5%
Neutral / no opinion	100	22.2%	22.2%
Somewhat unfavorable	15	3.3%	3.3%
Very unfavorable	15	3.3%	3.7%
Never heard of them	303	67.3%	66.8%

Base (unweighted n) = 450

Job Approval: Mike DeWine

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Mike DeWine is doing as Governor of Ohio?

	n	%	Wtd %
Strongly approve	40	8.9%	9.0%
Somewhat approve	158	35.3%	35.8%
Somewhat disapprove	132	29.5%	28.8%
Strongly disapprove	108	24.1%	24.5%
Not sure	10	2.2%	1.9%

Base (unweighted n) = 448

Ohio Direction

Do you think Ohio is generally headed in the right direction, or is it on the wrong track?

	n	%	Wtd %
Right direction	109	24.3%	27.1%
Wrong track	243	54.2%	50.6%
Not sure	96	21.4%	22.3%

Base (unweighted n) = 448

Marijuana Law Changes

Do you think the Ohio legislature should honor the marijuana legalization law voters approved in 2023, or does it have the right to significantly change it?

	n	%	Wtd %
Should honor what voters approved	313	70.3%	66.9%
Legislature has the right to change it	84	18.9%	21.5%
Not sure	48	10.8%	11.6%

Base (unweighted n) = 445

More Political Choices

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Ohio needs more political choices beyond the two major parties."

	n	%	Wtd %
Strongly agree	95	21.3%	21.5%
Somewhat agree	135	30.3%	28.6%
Somewhat disagree	74	16.6%	17.0%
Strongly disagree	78	17.5%	19.1%
Not sure	64	14.3%	13.8%

Base (unweighted n) = 446

Violence Statement Agreement

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Americans may have to resort to violence in order to get the country back on track."

	n	%	Wtd %
Strongly agree	33	7.5%	7.8%
Somewhat agree	45	10.2%	10.8%
Somewhat disagree	43	9.8%	9.7%
Strongly disagree	273	62.0%	60.6%
Not sure	46	10.5%	11.1%

Base (unweighted n) = 440

Top Issue

Which ONE issue is most important to you in deciding your vote this year?

	n	%	Wtd %
Cost of living / inflation	150	34.2%	33.3%
Government spending / fiscal responsibility	50	11.4%	12.2%
Civil liberties / personal freedom	48	11.0%	9.6%
Economy and jobs in general	41	9.4%	8.7%
Immigration	34	7.8%	9.4%
Healthcare	31	7.1%	6.4%
Crime and public safety	22	5.0%	6.1%
Taxes	14	3.2%	3.6%
Education	16	3.7%	3.4%
Housing affordability	4	0.9%	0.9%
Something else	28	6.4%	6.3%

Base (unweighted n) = 438

Libertarian Self-Description

Would you describe yourself as a libertarian?

	n	%	Wtd %
Yes, I already do	21	4.9%	4.9%
Yes, I might	59	13.7%	14.2%
Used to, but not anymore	18	4.2%	4.3%
No, I wouldn't	224	51.9%	52.4%
Never really thought about it	110	25.5%	24.2%

Base (unweighted n) = 432

SAMPLE COMPOSITION

2026 Turnout Likelihood

How likely are you to vote in the November 2026 election?

	n	%	Wtd %
Extremely likely	469	95.1%	94.9%
Very likely	13	2.6%	2.6%
Somewhat likely	7	1.4%	1.6%
Not very likely	4	0.8%	0.9%

Base (unweighted n) = 493

Party Registration

You are currently registered as:

	n	%	Wtd %
Republican	206	42.0%	48.8%
Democrat	185	37.8%	31.9%
Independent / unaffiliated	80	16.3%	15.1%
Libertarian	5	1.0%	1.1%
Other	14	2.9%	3.0%

Base (unweighted n) = 490

2024 Presidential Vote

In the 2024 presidential election, did you vote for...

	n	%	Wtd %
Donald Trump	182	41.6%	51.3%
Kamala Harris	222	50.7%	40.9%
Another candidate	8	1.8%	1.8%
Did not vote in 2024	1	0.2%	0.2%
Prefer not to say	25	5.7%	5.7%

Base (unweighted n) = 438

Age

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	n	%	Wtd %
18-24	3	0.7%	0.7%
25-34	9	2.1%	2.0%
35-44	41	9.4%	9.1%
45-54	64	14.6%	14.4%
55-64	96	21.9%	21.8%
65-74	136	31.1%	31.9%
75 or older	76	17.4%	17.1%
Prefer not to say	13	3.0%	3.2%

Base (unweighted n) = 438

Gender

Gender

	n	%	Wtd %
Male	220	50.2%	51.1%
Female	199	45.4%	44.6%
Prefer not to say	19	4.3%	4.3%

Base (unweighted n) = 438

Region (area code proxy)

Region derived from the area code of the mobile number sampled.

	n	%	Wtd %
Cleveland / Northeast	79	17.5%	17.1%
Akron-Youngstown	76	16.9%	16.8%
Columbus / Central	69	15.3%	15.1%
Toledo / Northwest	66	14.6%	14.7%
Cincinnati / Southwest	58	12.9%	12.8%
Dayton / West	54	12.0%	12.5%
Southeast / Appalachian	49	10.9%	11.0%

Base (unweighted n) = 451

Race / Ethnicity

Race / ethnicity

	n	%	Wtd %
White	370	84.7%	85.0%
Black or African American	14	3.2%	2.8%
Hispanic or Latino	5	1.1%	1.0%
Asian	1	0.2%	0.2%
Two or more races	7	1.6%	1.6%
Native American or Alaska Native	2	0.5%	0.5%
Other	5	1.1%	1.4%
Prefer not to say	33	7.6%	7.7%

Base (unweighted n) = 437

Education

Education

	n	%	Wtd %
Less than high school	2	0.5%	0.6%
High school or GED	40	9.2%	9.8%
Some college, no degree	95	21.7%	22.4%
Associate degree	45	10.3%	10.0%
Bachelor's degree	128	29.3%	29.0%
Graduate or professional degree	115	26.3%	25.2%
Prefer not to say	12	2.7%	3.0%

Base (unweighted n) = 437

Political Views

Political views

	n	%	Wtd %
Conservative	132	30.3%	36.5%
Moderate	121	27.8%	25.9%
Liberal	61	14.0%	11.6%
Progressive	37	8.5%	7.0%
Libertarian	13	3.0%	3.2%
Socialist	12	2.8%	2.3%
Environmental	5	1.1%	1.2%
Nationalist	3	0.7%	0.8%
Populist	1	0.2%	0.3%
None of these	50	11.5%	11.4%

Base (unweighted n) = 435

Future Survey Opt-In

May we include your contact information for future surveys?

	n	%	Wtd %
Yes	197	45.7%	46.3%
No thank you	234	54.3%	53.7%

Base (unweighted n) = 431

METHODOLOGY

Field dates and mode. Pollfinity Research LLC surveyed 496 Ohio registered voters on September 16 to 18, 2026. Respondents were drawn from a commercially licensed Ohio statewide registered-voter file and contacted by SMS with an invitation to a self-administered online questionnaire hosted on Prompt.io.

Sample size and completion. 496 Ohio registered voters completed the survey. Of respondents who began it, 87% completed the questionnaire and 431 answered all 31 questions.

Margin of error. ± 4.4 percentage points at 95% confidence on the full unweighted sample. Subgroup margins are larger and are governed by the base printed on every table. Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

Sample composition and weighting. The unweighted sample recalls voting for Kamala Harris over Donald Trump in 2024 by 50.7% to 41.6%, or 55.0% to 45.0% among those naming one of the two. Ohio's certified 2024 result was the reverse: Trump 55.1%, Harris 43.9%. The sample therefore sits roughly 21 points more Democratic than the state on the best composition check available. Party registration in the raw sample is close to balanced at 42% Republican and 38% Democrat, so this reflects differential response rather than the sample frame.

Where a weighted figure is shown, the adjustment is a single-variable weight on 2024 presidential vote recall targeted to the certified Ohio two-way result. Trump recallers receive a weight of 1.2355 and Harris recallers 0.8070; all other respondents receive 1.0. This is not a full rake: no adjustment was made for age, education, gender, region or party registration, and no turnout model was applied. Recall weighting carries its own documented bias, because voters drift toward recalling a vote for the winner.

Ballot tests. This survey's ballot tests for U.S. Senate, Governor and Secretary of State are published in full in the topline and crosstab documents and are not reported as headline findings. Pollfinity does not apply a fixed numerical cutoff for when a ballot test may lead a release; that judgment is made survey by survey and the reasoning is disclosed each time. For this survey the sample's 2024 presidential vote recall diverges from Ohio's certified result by roughly 21 points and the sign of the margin is reversed, which is a difference of composition rather than of sampling error and would not be resolved

by a larger sample. Issue findings are reported within subgroups, where composition does not drive the estimate.

Why a demographic rake was not used. Weighting this sample on age, gender, education and party registration to plausible Ohio targets moves the statewide ballot margins by only about five points and leaves them far outside any plausible range. The bias in this sample does not sit in its demographic composition, which is unremarkable, but inside the party columns: 11% of the registered Republicans in this sample recall voting for Kamala Harris in 2024, against 3% of registered Democrats who recall voting for Donald Trump. A demographic rake would yield the correct number of Republicans and the same unrepresentative Republicans. That is why the adjustment used here targets 2024 recall directly.

Region. Region is derived from the area code of the mobile number sampled and is a proxy rather than a measurement. Mobile area codes persist when a voter moves. 45 of 496 respondents carried a non-Ohio area code and are excluded from regional tables.

Screening. Respondents who reported that they are not registered to vote in Ohio were screened out and are excluded from the published dataset and from every table in these documents. Seven respondents were removed on that basis, from 503 completed interviews to a published base of 496.

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Data availability. Full crosstabulations, the complete questionnaire and de-identified respondent-level data are published at pollfinity.com. Respondent names, telephone numbers and voter file identifiers have been removed.

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