

CBS News Poll – April 23-27, 2026

Registered Voters in California



Sample 1,479 Registered Voters in California
 Margin of Error ±4.2 points

15. In your vote for Governor of California, is it important to you that a candidate is focused on the needs and problems of...

Among likely primary voters

	Important	Not important
Hispanic communities	77%	23%
Black communities	77%	23%
Asian communities	73%	27%
White communities	68%	32%

22. Do you feel the cost of housing in your area is...

Very affordable	2%
Somewhat affordable	22%
Somewhat unaffordable	30%
Very unaffordable	46%

23. Regarding homeowner's insurance, which is the bigger concern for you right now:

Among homeowners

Availability of insurance	27%
Costs of insurance	73%

24. If you had to choose, which one of these should be the next governor's top priority for efforts to reduce California's homeless population?

Among likely primary voters

Housing	34%
Mental health and addiction treatments	27%
Employment & jobs	25%
Criminal and law enforcement	14%

26. Do you think the next governor of California should favor or oppose additional state taxes on Californians with assets over one billion dollars?

Among likely primary voters

Should favor	61%
Should oppose	39%

30. These days, how much fraud do you think there generally is in California state agencies and programs?

A lot	38%
Some	39%
Not much	22%
None	1%

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31. Do you think the next governor of California should make investigating any potential fraud in state agencies and programs...

Among likely primary voters

A high priority	56%
A medium priority	36%
A low priority	8%

32. Do you think transgender student athletes should be...

Allowed to play on the team that matches the gender they consider themselves to be	35%
Only allowed to play on the team that matches the sex they were born as	65%

35. Do you think immigration from other countries has generally made life in the state of California...

Better	40%
Worse	31%
Hasn't changed it	29%

36. Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump administration's program to find and deport immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally?

Approve	42%
Disapprove	58%

37. In California, do you think the Trump administration is mainly prioritizing dangerous criminals for deportation, or is it mainly prioritizing people who are not dangerous criminals?

Prioritizing dangerous criminals	43%
Prioritizing those who are not dangerous criminals	57%

39. Do you think Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers should, or should not, be allowed to wear masks that hide their identities while on duty in California?

Yes allowed	29%
No not allowed	71%

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15A. Importance of Candidate Policies toward Groups — Hispanic communities

In your vote for Governor of California, is it important to you that a candidate is focused on the needs and problems of...

Among likely primary voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Important	77%	72%	83%	81%	70%	81%	77%	88%	75%	65%
Not important	23%	28%	17%	19%	30%	19%	23%	12%	25%	35%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,419)	(679)	(740)	(141)	(284)	(485)	(509)	(563)	(401)	(368)

	Total	Party ID			Race				Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	No degree	4 yr degree
Important	77%	87%	72%	67%	74%	85%	89%	75%	80%	75%
Not important	23%	13%	28%	33%	26%	15%	11%	25%	20%	25%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,419)	(639)	(364)	(377)	(821)	(49)	(288)	(171)	(812)	(608)

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15B. Importance of Candidate Policies toward Groups — Black communities

In your vote for Governor of California, is it important to you that a candidate is focused on the needs and problems of...

Among likely primary voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Important	77%	70%	82%	82%	70%	78%	77%	86%	74%	65%
Not important	23%	30%	18%	18%	30%	22%	23%	14%	26%	35%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,416)	(679)	(736)	(141)	(284)	(481)	(509)	(559)	(401)	(368)

	Total	Party ID			Race				Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	No degree	4 yr degree
Important	77%	86%	70%	66%	74%	92%	83%	77%	79%	73%
Not important	23%	14%	30%	34%	26%	8%	17%	23%	21%	27%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,416)	(639)	(360)	(377)	(822)	(49)	(284)	(171)	(808)	(608)

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15C. Importance of Candidate Policies toward Groups — Asian communities

In your vote for Governor of California, is it important to you that a candidate is focused on the needs and problems of...

Among likely primary voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Important	73%	68%	79%	73%	70%	75%	74%	79%	72%	67%
Not important	27%	32%	21%	27%	30%	25%	26%	21%	28%	33%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,415)	(678)	(736)	(141)	(283)	(481)	(509)	(559)	(400)	(368)

	Total	Party ID			Race				Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	No degree	4 yr degree
Important	73%	79%	70%	67%	70%	86%	78%	86%	75%	72%
Not important	27%	21%	30%	33%	30%	14%	22%	14%	25%	28%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,415)	(639)	(359)	(377)	(822)	(49)	(283)	(171)	(807)	(608)

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15D. Importance of Candidate Policies toward Groups — White communities

In your vote for Governor of California, is it important to you that a candidate is focused on the needs and problems of...

Among likely primary voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Important	68%	63%	74%	80%	67%	72%	63%	65%	70%	69%
Not important	32%	37%	26%	20%	33%	28%	37%	35%	30%	31%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,415)	(679)	(736)	(141)	(284)	(481)	(509)	(559)	(401)	(368)

	Total	Party ID			Race				Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	No degree	4 yr degree
Important	68%	66%	68%	73%	73%	70%	71%	48%	73%	63%
Not important	32%	34%	32%	27%	27%	30%	29%	52%	27%	37%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,415)	(639)	(360)	(377)	(822)	(49)	(283)	(171)	(807)	(608)

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22. Cost of Housing

Do you feel the cost of housing in your area is...

	Gender			Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very affordable	2%	3%	1%	4%	3%	1%	0%	2%	1%	3%
Somewhat affordable	22%	27%	18%	52%	26%	8%	14%	21%	19%	23%
Somewhat unaffordable	30%	31%	28%	22%	30%	30%	34%	34%	34%	22%
Very unaffordable	46%	39%	53%	22%	41%	61%	52%	43%	46%	52%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,478)	(709)	(769)	(267)	(391)	(455)	(367)	(540)	(441)	(368)

	Party ID			Race				Education		
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	No degree	4 yr degree
Very affordable	2%	1%	0%	4%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Somewhat affordable	22%	22%	21%	21%	21%	35%	28%	12%	26%	17%
Somewhat unaffordable	30%	35%	29%	24%	27%	33%	31%	29%	27%	34%
Very unaffordable	46%	41%	50%	51%	51%	31%	39%	56%	46%	47%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,478)	(596)	(460)	(352)	(675)	(71)	(436)	(207)	(890)	(589)

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23. Bigger Concern about Homeowners Insurance

Regarding homeowner's insurance, which is the bigger concern for you right now:

Among homeowners

	Gender			Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Availability of insurance	27%	26%	27%	*	33%	29%	17%	35%	25%	20%
Costs of insurance	73%	74%	73%	*	67%	71%	83%	65%	75%	80%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(671)	(359)	(312)	(62)	(184)	(194)	(230)	(226)	(243)	(176)

	Party ID				Race				Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	No degree	4 yr degree
Availability of insurance	27%	28%	26%	21%	30%	*	23%	17%	24%	29%
Costs of insurance	73%	72%	74%	79%	70%	*	77%	83%	76%	71%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(671)	(279)	(212)	(157)	(338)	(30)	(172)	(89)	(323)	(348)

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24. Next Governor Reduce Homelessness

If you had to choose, which one of these should be the next governor's top priority for efforts to reduce California's homeless population?

Among likely primary voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Housing	34%	31%	36%	34%	37%	38%	28%	44%	36%	18%
Mental health and addiction treatments	27%	27%	27%	7%	18%	29%	35%	25%	24%	29%
Employment & jobs	25%	27%	24%	53%	37%	20%	16%	28%	29%	19%
Criminal and law enforcement	14%	15%	13%	6%	8%	13%	20%	2%	11%	34%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,417)	(678)	(740)	(141)	(285)	(484)	(507)	(563)	(400)	(367)

	Total	Party ID			Race				Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	No degree	4 yr degree
Housing	34%	40%	37%	21%	32%	43%	35%	37%	35%	33%
Mental health and addiction treatments	27%	30%	22%	26%	30%	19%	21%	32%	27%	27%
Employment & jobs	25%	26%	23%	25%	24%	28%	34%	15%	24%	27%
Criminal and law enforcement	14%	3%	18%	28%	14%	10%	10%	16%	14%	13%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,417)	(639)	(363)	(375)	(819)	(49)	(289)	(171)	(812)	(606)

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26. Next Gov Should Favor or Oppose Taxes on Those with Assets Over One Billion Dollars

Do you think the next governor of California should favor or oppose additional state taxes on Californians with assets over one billion dollars?

Among likely primary voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should favor	61%	57%	65%	73%	73%	58%	55%	85%	60%	30%
Should oppose	39%	43%	35%	27%	27%	42%	45%	15%	40%	70%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,419)	(678)	(740)	(141)	(285)	(485)	(507)	(562)	(401)	(369)

	Total	Party ID			Race				Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	No degree	4 yr degree
Should favor	61%	81%	57%	33%	63%	62%	60%	55%	57%	66%
Should oppose	39%	19%	43%	67%	37%	38%	40%	45%	43%	34%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,419)	(638)	(364)	(377)	(821)	(49)	(289)	(170)	(811)	(608)

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30. Amount of Fraud in State Agencies and Programs

These days, how much fraud do you think there generally is in California state agencies and programs?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A lot	38%	35%	40%	22%	24%	53%	45%	16%	34%	70%
Some	39%	38%	41%	51%	50%	29%	31%	45%	45%	25%
Not much	22%	26%	18%	26%	24%	17%	23%	38%	20%	5%
None	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,479)	(710)	(769)	(267)	(391)	(455)	(367)	(540)	(442)	(368)

	Total	Party ID			Race				Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	No degree	4 yr degree
A lot	38%	19%	39%	68%	40%	21%	38%	34%	42%	31%
Some	39%	46%	39%	27%	36%	52%	44%	37%	38%	41%
Not much	22%	33%	21%	5%	23%	25%	17%	28%	19%	26%
None	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,479)	(596)	(460)	(353)	(675)	(71)	(436)	(207)	(890)	(589)

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31. Next Governor's Priority on Investigating Fraud

Do you think the next governor of California should make investigating any potential fraud in state agencies and programs...

Among likely primary voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A high priority	56%	56%	56%	41%	41%	61%	63%	32%	58%	88%
A medium priority	36%	36%	36%	54%	43%	33%	30%	54%	35%	10%
A low priority	8%	8%	8%	5%	16%	6%	6%	14%	7%	1%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,479)	(707)	(772)	(147)	(300)	(509)	(523)	(569)	(417)	(392)

	Total	Party ID			Race				Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	No degree	4 yr degree
A high priority	56%	37%	61%	83%	53%	54%	63%	51%	61%	48%
A medium priority	36%	51%	31%	16%	38%	41%	29%	40%	33%	41%
A low priority	8%	12%	8%	1%	8%	5%	7%	9%	6%	10%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,479)	(645)	(402)	(384)	(844)	(51)	(308)	(179)	(858)	(621)

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32. Transgender Athletes

Do you think transgender student athletes should be...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Allowed to play on the team that matches the gender they consider themselves to be	35%	37%	32%	41%	40%	30%	30%	63%	26%	10%
Only allowed to play on the team that matches the sex they were born as	65%	63%	68%	59%	60%	70%	70%	37%	74%	90%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,465)	(702)	(763)	(265)	(390)	(450)	(361)	(530)	(439)	(367)

	Total	Party ID			Race				Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	No degree	4 yr degree
Allowed to play on the team that matches the gender they consider themselves to be	35%	55%	29%	11%	37%	48%	27%	33%	31%	41%
Only allowed to play on the team that matches the sex they were born as	65%	45%	71%	89%	63%	52%	73%	67%	69%	59%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,465)	(589)	(455)	(352)	(664)	(71)	(436)	(207)	(885)	(580)

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35. Impact of Immigration on Life in California

Do you think immigration from other countries has generally made life in the state of California...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Better	40%	41%	39%	45%	37%	38%	41%	62%	38%	19%
Worse	31%	34%	28%	20%	26%	34%	39%	10%	25%	63%
Hasn't changed it	29%	25%	33%	34%	37%	28%	19%	28%	37%	18%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,478)	(710)	(768)	(267)	(391)	(455)	(366)	(539)	(441)	(368)

	Total	Party ID			Race				Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	No degree	4 yr degree
Better	40%	54%	39%	22%	38%	29%	41%	49%	34%	49%
Worse	31%	13%	32%	60%	35%	26%	30%	18%	33%	27%
Hasn't changed it	29%	32%	29%	18%	27%	45%	29%	32%	33%	24%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,478)	(595)	(460)	(353)	(674)	(71)	(436)	(207)	(890)	(588)

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36. Trump Deportation Program Approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump administration’s program to find and deport immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	42%	43%	40%	45%	37%	41%	45%	13%	38%	87%
Disapprove	58%	57%	60%	55%	63%	59%	55%	87%	62%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,459)	(710)	(749)	(267)	(378)	(449)	(366)	(539)	(429)	(367)

	Total	Party ID			Race				Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	No degree	4 yr degree
Approve	42%	13%	44%	85%	49%	25%	41%	27%	46%	36%
Disapprove	58%	87%	56%	15%	51%	75%	59%	73%	54%	64%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,459)	(594)	(447)	(353)	(675)	(71)	(417)	(207)	(883)	(576)

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37. In California, Trump Admin Deportation Prioritizing Dangerous Criminals or Not

In California, do you think the Trump administration is mainly prioritizing dangerous criminals for deportation, or is it mainly prioritizing people who are not dangerous criminals?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Prioritizing dangerous criminals	43%	48%	38%	54%	39%	42%	41%	17%	40%	83%
Prioritizing those who are not dangerous criminals	57%	52%	62%	46%	61%	58%	59%	83%	60%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,469)	(708)	(762)	(266)	(391)	(454)	(359)	(539)	(441)	(364)

	Total	Party ID			Race				Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	No degree	4 yr degree
Prioritizing dangerous criminals	43%	21%	40%	88%	48%	43%	42%	31%	47%	37%
Prioritizing those who are not dangerous criminals	57%	79%	60%	12%	52%	57%	58%	69%	53%	63%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,469)	(596)	(456)	(353)	(674)	(71)	(433)	(207)	(883)	(586)

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39. Should ICE Be Allowed to Wear Masks in California

Do you think Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers should, or should not, be allowed to wear masks that hide their identities while on duty in California?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes allowed	29%	29%	29%	20%	20%	33%	41%	6%	22%	71%
No not allowed	71%	71%	71%	80%	80%	67%	59%	94%	78%	29%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,478)	(709)	(769)	(267)	(391)	(454)	(367)	(540)	(441)	(368)

	Total	Party ID			Race				Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	No degree	4 yr degree
Yes allowed	29%	7%	25%	70%	37%	9%	21%	25%	32%	25%
No not allowed	71%	93%	75%	30%	63%	91%	79%	75%	68%	75%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,478)	(595)	(460)	(352)	(675)	(71)	(436)	(206)	(890)	(588)

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

The CBS News/YouGov survey of 1,479 registered voters in California was conducted between April 23-27, 2026.

Respondents were selected to be representative of registered voters in California. Of the 1,479 respondents, 1,465 were selected from YouGov's online panel and 14 were selected from Welcome Research's online panel. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish.

The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, and geographic region, based on the voter file, U.S. Census American Community Survey, and U.S. Census Current Population Survey, as well as to 2024 presidential vote. "Likely voters" – respondents' relative probabilities of voting – were determined using a regression model that incorporates current, self-reported intentions to vote, along with individual-level and aggregate data about voters, such as demographics and vote history.

The weights range from 0.1 to 6.7, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 1.3.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the entire sample is approximately ± 4.2 points. It is calculated using the formula

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 \times \sqrt{\frac{1 + CV^2}{n}}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and n is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.