



Napolitan News Service Survey
of 800 Registered Voters in Washington
Conducted January 3-7, 2025

1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following is performing his or her job?*

Total			
	Favorable	Unfavorable	Net
Governor-elect Bob Ferguson	44%	30%	+14
Democrats in the state legislature	49%	44%	+5
Republicans in the state legislature	40%	50%	-10
President-elect Donald Trump	41%	56%	-15

Source: RMG Research, Inc.

Governor-elect Bob Ferguson

- 16% Strongly approve
- 28% Somewhat approve
- 14% Somewhat disapprove
- 16% Strongly disapprove
- 26% Not sure

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January 3-7, 2025	44%	30%	+14
September 18-20, 2024	46%	36%	+10

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Democrats in the state legislature

19%	Strongly approve
30%	Somewhat approve
20%	Somewhat disapprove
24%	Strongly disapprove
7%	Not sure

Republicans in the state legislature

12%	Strongly approve
28%	Somewhat approve
26%	Somewhat disapprove
24%	Strongly disapprove
9%	Not sure

President-elect Donald Trump

23%	Strongly approve
18%	Somewhat approve
9%	Somewhat disapprove
47%	Strongly disapprove
3%	Not sure



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2 Generally speaking, are taxes in Washington state too high or too low?*

43%	Much too high
35%	Somewhat too high
19%	About right
1%	Somewhat too low
0%	Much too low
1%	Not sure

3 What about the taxes that you and your household personally pay? Are they too high or too low?*

40%	Much too high
36%	Somewhat too high
19%	About right
2%	Somewhat too low
0%	Much too low
2%	Not sure

4 Are you currently paying your fair share of taxes, more than your fair share, or less than your fair share?*

40%	More than my fair share
53%	My fair share
1%	Less than my fair share
5%	Not sure



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5 In November, three ballot initiatives that would have repealed or lowered taxes were rejected by voters. Is it fair for state legislators to interpret these votes as approval from voters for raising other taxes during the upcoming legislative session?*

- 13% Yes, this should be seen as approval for raising other taxes
- 76% No, this should not be seen as approval for raising other taxes
- 11% Not sure

6 The outgoing governor Jay Inslee has proposed a two year state budget that would increase state government spending from \$72 billion in 2024 to \$82 billion in 2026. Twelve years ago, when he first took office, the budget was just \$37 billion. Would this increase in government spending be good or bad for the state's economy?*

- 5% Very good
- 23% Somewhat good
- 25% Somewhat bad
- 31% Very bad
- 3% No impact
- 13% Not sure

7 In the past 12 years, the state budget has increased by 43% after inflation, and the governor is proposing another 14% increase over the next two years. This increase has created a state budget deficit. Are tax increases the best way to address the state's current budget deficit, or would it be better to cut government spending?*

- 79% Cut government spending
- 9% Increase taxes
- 12% Not sure

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8 Is it possible to balance the state budget by simply eliminating wasteful spending?*

61% Yes
18% No
20% Not sure

9 The legislature is considering a new tax on every mile driven by cars. This could be in addition to, not a replacement for, the gas tax. Would you favor or oppose this new per mile tax?*

5% Strongly favor
12% Somewhat favor
17% Somewhat oppose
62% Strongly oppose
4% Not sure

10 Another proposal has been made to eliminate the gas tax completely and replace it with the per mile tax. This would reduce the advantage that drivers of electric, hybrid, and fuel efficient vehicles currently have in the state's tax system. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?*

11% Strongly favor
23% Somewhat favor
20% Somewhat oppose
33% Strongly oppose
12% Not sure



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11 The per mile tax could be calculated using trackers in cars that would provide data to the state including the miles driven and the places traveled. Proponents argue that this would make it difficult for drivers to cheat, but opponents are concerned about privacy. Would you favor or oppose this sort of tracking system to allow the state government to calculate a per mile tax based where you drive over the course of a year?*

7%	Strongly favor
16%	Somewhat favor
17%	Somewhat oppose
53%	Strongly oppose
6%	Not sure

12 The Democratic majority in the legislature wants to introduce the new per mile tax, increase business and occupation taxes, and impose a wealth tax on high earners. These tax increases would fund further growth in the overall size of government. Knowing this, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the way Democrats in the legislature are doing their job?*

9%	Very favorable
27%	Somewhat favorable
22%	Somewhat unfavorable
35%	Very unfavorable
7%	Not sure



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13 Last summer, the legislature passed three initiatives rather than having them placed on the November 2024 ballot. These initiatives restored police pursuit of criminals, ensured parents were notified about curriculum and health issues affecting their children in public schools, and prevented the introduction of a state income tax. Some legislators are now considering repealing all three of these initiatives. Is the legislature acting in good faith, or was this an attempt to circumvent the will of the 1.3 million voters who signed the initiatives asking for action to be taken on all three issues?*

- 24% The legislature is acting in good faith
- 58% This was an attempt to circumvent the will of voters
- 18% Not sure

14 Voters passed initiative 2066 in November which protects access to natural gas for homes and businesses. Is it important for the state agency responsible to implement the initiative right away, or should they wait and implement it sometime late in 2025?*

- 56% It is important for them to implement the initiative right away
- 26% They should wait and implement it sometime late in 2025
- 17% Not sure

15 Some local governments have sued the state in an attempt to overturn the vote so that they can ban natural gas. Is it appropriate for local governments to use the courts to try to overturn the will of voters in this way?*

- 17% Yes
- 70% No
- 12% Not sure



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16 On a different topic, how serious a problem is homelessness in your area?*

46%	Very serious
36%	Somewhat serious
13%	Not very serious
3%	Not at all serious
1%	Not sure

17 Over the last year or two, has the homelessness problem been getting better or worse?*

4%	Much better
10%	Somewhat better
42%	Somewhat worse
38%	Much worse
7%	Not sure

18 Which of the following is the most significant root cause of homelessness?*

32%	Unaffordable housing
31%	Drug addiction
15%	Untreated mental illness
6%	Unemployment
3%	Family breakdown
4%	Something else
9%	Not sure



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19 A proposal has been made by a state legislator to make it illegal for cities to prevent homeless people from setting up tents in public areas or building homeless encampments. Would this make the problem better or worse?*

- 9% Much better
- 20% Somewhat better
- 29% Somewhat worse
- 31% Much worse
- 12% Not sure

20 When it comes to addressing issues like homelessness, is it better to allow cities and local governments to develop different solutions that work in their areas, or for the state government to make rules that must be applied in the same way everywhere?*

- 68% Allow cities and local governments to develop different solutions
- 22% Have the state government make rules that must be applied in the same way everywhere
- 9% Not sure

21 Washington is one of the few states in the country to conduct elections completely by mail. When it comes to Washington's elections, which is closest to your view?*

- 48% Washington elections are fair and accurate
- 38% Washington elections could always improve, but are mostly fair
- 11% Washington elections are rife with fraud and should be replaced with in-person voting
- 4% Not sure



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Methodology

The survey of 800 Registered Voters was conducted online on January 3-7, 2025. Field work for the survey was conducted by RMG Research, Inc. Certain quotas were applied, and the sample was lightly weighted by gender, age, and race.

The margin of sampling error for the full sample is +/- 3.5 percentage points.