



**Napolitan News Service Survey**  
of 800 Registered Voters in Washington  
Conducted September 5-9, 2025

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

Total			
	Approve	Disapprove	Net
<b>Governor Bob Ferguson</b>	46%	40%	+6
<b>Democrats in the state legislature</b>	44%	47%	-3
<b>President Donald Trump</b>	42%	56%	-14
<b>Republicans in the state legislature</b>	36%	54%	-18

Source: Napolitan News Service

Governor Bob Ferguson

- 14% Strongly approve
- 32% Somewhat approve
- 16% Somewhat disapprove
- 24% Strongly disapprove
- 15% Not sure

Total			
	Approve	Disapprove	Net
<b>September 5-9, 2025</b>	46%	40%	+6
<b>April 9-14, 2025</b>	45%	35%	+10
<b>January 3-7, 2025</b>	44%	30%	+14
<b>September 18-20, 2024</b>	46%	36%	+10

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Democrats in the state legislature

- 13% Strongly approve
- 31% Somewhat approve
- 22% Somewhat disapprove
- 25% Strongly disapprove
- 8% Not sure

Total			
	Approve	Disapprove	Net
<b>September 5-9, 2025</b>	44%	47%	<b>-3</b>
<b>April 9-14, 2025</b>	46%	49%	<b>-3</b>
<b>January 3-7, 2025</b>	49%	44%	<b>+5</b>

Source: Napolitan News Service

President Donald Trump

- 23% Strongly approve
- 19% Somewhat approve
- 7% Somewhat disapprove
- 49% Strongly disapprove
- 2% Not sure

Total			
	Approve	Disapprove	Net
<b>September 5-9, 2025</b>	42%	56%	<b>-14</b>
<b>April 9-14, 2025</b>	41%	57%	<b>-16</b>
<b>January 3-7, 2025</b>	41%	56%	<b>-15</b>

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Republicans in the state legislature

- 10% Strongly approve
- 26% Somewhat approve
- 25% Somewhat disapprove
- 29% Strongly disapprove
- 9% Not sure

Total			
	Approve	Disapprove	Net
<b>September 5-9, 2025</b>	36%	54%	<b>-18</b>
<b>April 9-14, 2025</b>	38%	55%	<b>-17</b>
<b>January 3-7, 2025</b>	40%	50%	<b>-10</b>

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*2\* In terms of how you will vote in the next elections, how important are each of the following issues:*

Total	
	Very important
<b>Inflation and cost of living</b>	80%
<b>Economy</b>	78%
<b>Health care</b>	69%
<b>Crime</b>	61%
<b>Housing affordability</b>	61%
<b>Education</b>	57%
<b>Immigration</b>	55%
<b>Gun laws</b>	50%
<b>Abortion</b>	43%
<b>Climate change</b>	43%
<b>Source: Napolitan News Service</b>	

Inflation and cost of living

- 80% Very important
- 19% Somewhat important
- 1% Not very important
- 1% Not at all important
- 0% Not sure



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Economy

78%	Very important
20%	Somewhat important
1%	Not very important
0%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure

Health care

69%	Very important
27%	Somewhat important
2%	Not very important
1%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure

Crime

61%	Very important
31%	Somewhat important
6%	Not very important
2%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure



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*2\* In terms of how you will vote in the next elections, how important are each of the following issues:*

Housing affordability

61%	Very important
31%	Somewhat important
6%	Not very important
2%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure

Education

57%	Very important
32%	Somewhat important
7%	Not very important
4%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure

Immigration

55%	Very important
27%	Somewhat important
12%	Not very important
6%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure



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*2\* In terms of how you will vote in the next elections, how important are each of the following issues:*

Gun laws

50%	Very important
28%	Somewhat important
13%	Not very important
8%	Not at all important
1%	Not sure

Abortion

43%	Very important
27%	Somewhat important
17%	Not very important
11%	Not at all important
2%	Not sure

Climate change

43%	Very important
29%	Somewhat important
12%	Not very important
16%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure

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*3\* Okay... which of the following issues is most important?*

37%	Inflation
14%	Economy
11%	Health care
9%	Immigration
8%	Climate change
7%	Crime
6%	Housing affordability
3%	Education
3%	Abortion
3%	Gun laws

*4\* How do you rate your personal finances these days?*

8%	Excellent
32%	Good
39%	Fair
20%	Poor
0%	Not sure



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*5\* Are your personal finances getting better or worse these days?*

6%	Much better
18%	Somewhat better
37%	About the same
26%	Somewhat worse
13%	Much worse
1%	Not sure

*6\* How serious a problem is housing affordability in your community?*

45%	Very serious
40%	Somewhat serious
8%	Not very serious
2%	Not at all serious
4%	Not sure

*7\* Which is the best way to make housing more affordable in your community?*

43%	Reduce regulations on building of both apartments and single family homes
28%	Increase rent controls on existing homes
29%	Not sure



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*8\* Generally speaking, are state taxes in Washington too high, too low, or about right?*

42%	Much too high
35%	Somewhat too high
18%	About right
1%	Somewhat too low
0%	Much too low
3%	Not sure

*9\* This year, the legislature and governor passed a \$9 billion tax increase, which is the largest in state history. Following this increase, are state taxes in Washington too high, too low, or about right?*

48%	Much too high
34%	Somewhat too high
13%	About right
2%	Somewhat too low
0%	Much too low
3%	Not sure

*10\* Recently, an increase in the gas tax of 6 cents per gallon went into effect, making it the third highest gas tax in the country and a state with one of the highest prices per gallon. Are gas prices in Washington too high, too low, or about right?*

62%	Much too high
26%	Somewhat too high
10%	About right
1%	Somewhat too low
1%	Much too low
1%	Not sure

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*11\* Previously, the top state estate tax rate was 20%, but it has now increased to 35%. That is on top of the federal estate tax. Is that too high, too low, or about right?*

61%	Much too high
22%	Somewhat too high
11%	About right
2%	Somewhat too low
1%	Much too low
3%	Not sure

*12\* Another tax increase will impact small, independent grocery stores, increasing the cost of groceries at these stores, while leaving large national chains unaffected. Is it appropriate to increase taxes on some grocery stores while leaving others unaffected, or should all grocery stores be treated in the same way?*

13%	It is appropriate to increase taxes on some grocery stores while leaving others unaffected
80%	All grocery stores should be treated in the same way
8%	Not sure

*13\* If the tax causes grocery prices to increase more than inflation, should the legislature consider repealing this tax in 2026?*

89%	Yes
4%	No
8%	Not sure



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*14\* Legislators have begun talking about enacting further tax increases when they are back in session in January. Should legislators begin thinking about a further increase now, or should they wait and see how the current increases work first?*

- 13% They should begin thinking about a further increase now
- 80% They should wait and see how the current increases work
- 6% Not sure

*15\* Many homeless people suffer from drug and alcohol addictions, mental health issues, or both. How important is it to provide treatment for addiction and mental health alongside housing for homeless individuals?*

- 67% Very important
- 25% Somewhat important
- 3% Not very important
- 2% Not at all important
- 2% Not sure

*16\* Would you favor or oppose ending funding for programs that only provide housing, without addressing addiction and mental health, and redirecting those funds to programs that provide both treatment and housing?*

- 35% Strongly favor
- 27% Somewhat favor
- 17% Somewhat oppose
- 13% Strongly oppose
- 7% Not sure



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*17\* A recent executive order ended all federal funding for local government programs that provide only housing without treatment. Consequently, many city and county governments in Washington will lose federal funding for their homelessness programs. Would it be better for those city and local governments to keep the federal funding by adding treatment to their programs, or to keep their programs as they are and make up the lost funding by increasing local taxes?*

- 83% Keep the federal funding by adding treatment
- 8% Keep programs as they are and make up the lost funding by increasing local taxes
- 9% Not sure

*18\* This executive order was issued by President Trump as part of his government spending reforms. Knowing this to be true, would it be better for city and local governments to keep the federal funding by adding treatment to their programs, or to keep their programs as they are and make up the lost funding by increasing local taxes?*

- 80% Keep the federal funding by adding treatment
- 9% Keep programs as they are and make up the lost funding by increasing local taxes
- 10% Not sure



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*19\* Another executive order earlier this year began the process of removing funding from schools that allow biological males to participate in girls' sports. Is it more important to keep the federal funding for schools by amending current sports policies, or to allow biological males to participate in girls' sports?*

- 73% Keep the federal funding for schools by amending current sports policies
- 14% Allow biological males to participate in girls' sports
- 13% Not sure

*20\* Some people argue that allowing biological boys to participate in girls' sports makes it more difficult for girls to compete and therefore undermines decades of work to increase girls' participation in sports through Title IX and other initiatives. Do you agree or disagree that allowing boys to participate in girls' sports undermines efforts to increase girls' participation?*

- 51% Strongly agree
- 19% Somewhat agree
- 10% Somewhat disagree
- 13% Strongly disagree
- 7% Not sure

### **Methodology**

This survey of 800 Registered Voters was conducted online by Scott Rasmussen on September 5-9, 2025. Field work for the survey was conducted by RMG Research, Inc. Certain quotas were applied, and the sample was lightly weighted by geography, gender, age, race, education, internet usage, and political party to reasonably reflect the population of Registered Voters. Other variables were reviewed to ensure that the final sample is representative of that population.

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

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