

State Innovation Exchange GA Issues Poll

Base sample: 1,000 Registered Georgia Voters

Oversamples: 75 AAPI Registered Voters and 75 Latino Registered Voters

Overall Margin of Error +/- 3.36%

Interview Method: Online panel

Fielded from December 14 – 21, 2023

1. Are you registered to vote in Georgia, or like many people, are you not registered?

	TOTAL
Yes, registered	100%
No, not registered	-
Not sure	-
REF	-

3. Do you think of yourself as...?

	TOTAL
Male	45%
Female	54%
Gender queer/gender nonconforming neither exclusively male nor female	1%
Additional gender category (or other); please specify	0%
REF	0%

4/5. What is your age?

	TOTAL
18-24	11%
25-29	10%
30-39	19%
40-49	16%
50-64	24%
65+	21%

6. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

	TOTAL
Total Non-College	69%
Total College	31%
12th grade or below, no high school diploma	3%
High school graduate/diploma or equivalent	28%
Some college but no degree	24%
Associate degree	14%
Bachelor's degree	21%
Master's degree	9%
Professional degree [e.g., MD, DDS, JD]	1%
Doctorate	1%

7. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

	TOTAL
No, not Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	95%
Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano	2%
Yes, Puerto Rican	1%
Yes, Cuban	1%
Yes, Dominican	0%
Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, please specify	1%
REF	0%

8. What is your race? Select all that apply.

	TOTAL
White	59%
Black or African American	36%
American Indian or Alaska Native	2%
Asian	3%
Pacific Islander	0%
Middle Eastern	0%
Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	2%
Some other race, please specify	0%
REF	0%

BASELINE

9. No matter how frequently you vote in elections, how much power do you feel that your vote has to make a positive impact on issues you care about? Please rate the amount of power you feel your vote has on a scale of 0-10, where “10” means that your vote has a lot of power, “5” means just some power, and “0” means your vote has no power at all.

	TOTAL
Total High Power (5-10)	72%
Total Low Power (0-4)	28%
A lot of power (8-10)	32%
Some power (5-7)	40%
Little power (3-4)	12%
Very little/no power at all (0-2)	16%
Don't know/Refused	0%

10. When thinking about the direction in which Georgia is headed, generally speaking, are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the direction in which Georgia is headed?

	TOTAL
Total Satisfied	58%
Total Unsatisfied	42%
Very satisfied	15%
Somewhat satisfied	43%
Somewhat dissatisfied	30%
Very dissatisfied	12%
Don't know/Refused	0%

11. Below is a list of issues. Which TWO or THREE issues would you say are the most important issues facing Georgia? You may select up to THREE.

	TOTAL
Inflation and the cost of living	58%
Crime and violence	41%
Affordable housing	37%
Jobs and the economy	35%
Healthcare	27%
Racism and discrimination	19%
Education	18%
Abortion access	16%
Climate change and the environment	12%
Criminal justice/police brutality	11%
Paid family leave	3%
Don't know	0%

12. Which of these statements comes closer to your own view, even if neither of them is exactly right?

	TOTAL
State government in Georgia should invest more in education, infrastructure, and healthcare for its people, even if that means that the wealthy and large corporations have to contribute more in taxes.	79%
State government in Georgia should keep taxes low on the wealthy and large corporations, even if that means less funding for education, infrastructure, and healthcare for its people.	21%
Don't know/Refused	0%

13. As you may know, the Georgia state government has a \$16 billion budget surplus, meaning that in the last three years it took in \$16 billion more than it spent. About \$5 billion must go into reserves, leaving the state of Georgia a surplus of approximately \$11 billion to spend.

Which of these statements comes closer to your own view, even if neither of them is exactly right?

	TOTAL
State government in Georgia should invest the surplus in public services like healthcare, housing, education, and job training.	57%
State government in Georgia should use the surplus to give tax rebates to families and businesses.	43%
Don't know/Refused	0%

14. Thinking about the \$11 billion budget surplus you just read about, would you say you feel very positively, somewhat positively, neutral, somewhat negatively or very negatively about the state having such a large budget surplus?

	TOTAL
Total Positive	41%
Total Negative	21%
Very positive	17%
Somewhat positive	24%
Neutral	38%
Somewhat negative	14%
Very negative	7%
Don't know/Refused	0%

GEORGIA BUDGET PRIORITIES

15. Thinking about the Georgia State budget, which TWO or THREE of the following priorities do you think state legislators and the governor should prioritize funding in the state budget in the upcoming year? You may select up to three choices.

	TOTAL
Affordable housing	45%
Healthcare	39%
Education	26%
Job creation and training	23%
Roads and highways	22%
Economic development	22%
Mental health services	21%
Teacher pay	20%
Medicaid expansion	17%
Abortion and reproductive health services	11%
Public transportation	9%
[SSA] Police departments	9%
[SSB] Fire and emergency services	5%
Paid family leave	5%
Maternal health services	5%
None of the above	2%
Don't know	0%

16. Here are several ways that the state of Georgia could use this \$11 billion surplus. Please indicate whether you support or oppose using surplus spending on each of the following items.

	TOTAL SUPPORT	TOTAL OPPOSE	STR SUPPORT	SMWT SUPPORT	NEITHER	SMWT OPPOSE	STR OPPOSE	DK/REF
Increasing access to affordable healthcare and prescription drugs	85%	4%	59%	26%	11%	3%	1%	0%
Improving funding for elderly care	84%	3%	54%	30%	13%	2%	1%	0%
Expanding healthcare services in rural areas	83%	4%	54%	29%	13%	3%	1%	0%
Expanding access to affordable housing	82%	5%	56%	26%	13%	2%	3%	0%
Creating workforce training, education, and support	80%	3%	47%	33%	17%	2%	1%	0%
Increasing funding for disability care	79%	4%	47%	33%	17%	3%	1%	0%
[SSB] Expanding affordable childcare services	79%	6%	51%	28%	15%	3%	2%	0%
Increasing teacher pay and building an educator pipeline for Georgia public schools	78%	4%	47%	31%	18%	3%	1%	0%
Expanding pre-K and early childhood education	73%	6%	42%	31%	21%	4%	2%	0%
Replacing aging public school buses	73%	5%	39%	33%	22%	3%	2%	0%
Creating more resources to protect maternal health	72%	5%	42%	30%	24%	3%	2%	0%
Expanding access to broadband internet	63%	9%	33%	30%	28%	5%	4%	0%
[SSA] Extending access to paid family leave	60%	10%	32%	27%	30%	7%	3%	0%
Giving bonuses to deserving state employees to improve retention and effectiveness	54%	17%	27%	28%	29%	10%	7%	0%
Improving abortion access in Georgia	53%	25%	34%	18%	22%	8%	18%	0%

ABORTION ACCESS

17. [SSA] Which of the following statements is closest to your view? In your opinion...

	TOTAL
Total Most/Almost All Cases	62%
Total Few Cases/Illegal	38%
Abortion should be legal in almost all cases.	31%
Abortion should be legal in most cases but with some restrictions.	30%
Abortion should be legal in just a few cases.	22%
Abortion should be illegal.	16%
Don't know/Refused	0%

18. [SSB] Here are three statements. Please indicate which of them is closest to your own view.

	TOTAL
I personally support the right to abortion and believe it should be legal and available to everyone.	40%
I am personally against abortion, but I do not believe the government should interfere with a person making that decision for themselves.	42%
I personally believe abortion is wrong and should be illegal.	18%
Don't know/Refused	0%

19. As you may know, Georgia bans abortion after six weeks of pregnancy. How concerned are you about you or someone you know who lives in Georgia being able to access an abortion should they need one?

	TOTAL
Total Concerned	65%
Total Not Concerned	35%
Very concerned	37%
Somewhat concerned	28%
Not very concerned	18%
Not at all concerned	17%
Don't know/Refused	0%

20. [SSA] Below is a list of some potential barriers that a person might face if they decided to obtain an abortion in Georgia. Please select the ONE or TWO items that would present the biggest challenge if you or someone you knew needed to obtain an abortion in Georgia. If you don't think any of these issues present a challenge, please select "none of the above."

	TOTAL
Fear of potential legal prosecution	28%
Felt unsafe or intimidated due to anti-abortion protestors at clinics	20%
Costs too much money	18%
Poor quality of services	18%
Felt guilt, shame, or fear about someone finding out	16%
Must travel too far	13%
Process is too confusing or don't know where/how to get services	12%
Unable to find an appointment	11%
Unable to find coverage at work/would have to miss work	5%
Unable to find childcare during appointment	4%
Other	2%
None of the above	21%
Don't know	0%

21. [SSB] As you may know, a new law banning abortion in Georgia after six weeks of pregnancy went into effect earlier this year. Below is a list of concerns that people have expressed about the abortion ban. Please rate each item on a scale from 0 to 10, where “10” means that it is EXTREMELY concerning, “5” means that it is JUST SOMEWHAT concerning, and “0” means that it is NOT CONCERNING AT ALL.

	TOTAL CONCERN	TOTAL NOT CONCERNED	EXT CONCERN	SMWT CONCERN	SLIGHT CONCERN	NO CONCERN	DK/REF
With this law in place, having a miscarriage could trigger an investigation and possible legal charges.	82%	18%	56%	26%	5%	13%	0%
Healthcare providers could lose their medical licenses for providing care to patients who miscarry.	82%	18%	58%	24%	5%	13%	0%
Peoples' lives could be put at risk because healthcare providers might fear legal repercussions for administering life-saving care to patients.	81%	19%	56%	25%	6%	13%	0%
Healthcare providers could be prosecuted and jailed for providing life-saving medical care.	80%	20%	56%	23%	6%	15%	0%
This law is an overreaching government mandate.	77%	23%	47%	30%	6%	17%	0%
The ban prohibits abortion after six weeks of pregnancy, before many people know they are pregnant.	76%	24%	47%	29%	6%	18%	0%
This ban violates every Georgian's right to liberty, privacy, and equal protection as established by the state constitution.	76%	24%	52%	24%	5%	20%	0%

POTENTIAL LEGISLATION AND POLICIES

22. Generally speaking, how affordable do you think childcare is in Georgia? If you have no opinion, you may indicate that.

	TOTAL
Total Affordable	27%
Total Unaffordable	56%
Very affordable	8%
Somewhat affordable	20%
Somewhat unaffordable	30%
Very unaffordable	27%
No opinion	16%
Don't Know/Refused	0%

23. Georgia currently provides three weeks of paid parental leave to all state employees following the birth or adoption of a child. Here are several proposals that would expand the circumstances that state employees can take those three weeks of paid parental leave. Please indicate whether you would support or oppose each proposal.

	TOTAL SUPPORT	TOTAL OPPOSE	STR SUPPORT	SMWT SUPPORT	NEUTRAL	SMWT OPPOSE	STR OPPOSE	DK/REF
Expand to include parents who suffer the loss or death of a child under age 18.	80%	5%	57%	23%	15%	3%	1%	0%
Expand to include parents experiencing a stillbirth, or the unintended death or loss of a baby before or during delivery.	78%	5%	53%	26%	16%	3%	2%	0%
Expand to include parents who experience a miscarriage.	74%	8%	45%	29%	18%	6%	2%	0%
Expand coverage to all public employees in Georgia, not just state employees.	71%	7%	48%	23%	21%	4%	3%	0%
Expand to include parents who experience an abortion.	46%	24%	27%	18%	30%	10%	14%	0%

24. [SSA] Below is a list of medical treatments that people might receive. Thinking about the last 60 days, please rate on a scale from 0-10 the ease with which you were able to receive each treatment, where “10” means that it was EXTREMELY easy to get this treatment, “5” means that it was neither easy nor difficult, and “0” means that it was EXTREMELY DIFFICULT to get this treatment. You may select any number from 0-10. If you did not receive this treatment in the last 60 days, please indicate so.

	TOTAL EASY (6-10)	TOTAL DIFFICULT (0-4)	EXTREMELY EASY (8-10)	SMWT EASY (6-7)	NEUTRAL (5)	SMWT DIFFICULT (3-4)	VERY DIFFICULT (0-2)	DID NOT RECEIVE IN LAST 60 DAYS	DK/REF
Physical healthcare, like going to your doctor, pediatrician, or internist	54%	17%	43%	11%	18%	10%	6%	12%	0%
Oral healthcare, like going to the dentist or orthodontist	43%	22%	31%	12%	15%	9%	13%	20%	0%
Reproductive healthcare, like going to an obstetrician-gynecologist, or OB-GYN	30%	14%	20%	10%	18%	6%	8%	38%	0%
Mental healthcare, such as seeing a therapist, psychiatrist, or support group	27%	22%	17%	10%	17%	10%	11%	35%	0%

25. [SSB] Here is a list of some healthcare professionals. Please indicate how familiar you are with each of the following types of healthcare professionals.

	TOTAL FAMILIAR	TOTAL UNFAMILIAR	VERY FAMILIAR	SMWT FAMILIAR	NOT THAT FAMILIAR	NOT AT ALL FAMILIAR	DK/REF
An obstetrician-gynecologist, or OB-GYN	90%	10%	69%	21%	5%	5%	0%
A Midwife	78%	22%	39%	39%	15%	6%	0%
A Lactation Consultant	51%	49%	24%	26%	21%	29%	0%
A Doula	44%	56%	18%	25%	18%	38%	0%

26. The state legislature is considering whether or not to expand Medicaid eligibility and coverage in the next few years. Medicaid is the government health-insurance option for low-income people. **[SSB ONLY]** Over the last decade, many states have expanded Medicaid services with existing grants from the federal government. Georgia is currently one of only 10 states that has refused to expand Medicaid coverage, which has left nearly 450,000 Georgians without health insurance.

Would you support or oppose expanding Medicaid in Georgia?

	SSA (W/O INFO)	SSB (W/ INFO)
Total Support	75%	80%
Total Oppose	9%	6%
Strongly support	53%	57%
Somewhat support	22%	23%
Neither support nor oppose	15%	13%
Somewhat oppose	7%	4%
Strongly oppose	3%	2%
Don't Know/Refused	0%	0%

27. Here are several proposals that would expand the kinds of support that Medicaid, Georgia's public low-cost health insurance, would offer to people during their pregnancy. Please indicate whether you would support or oppose each proposal.

	TOTAL SUPPORT	TOTAL OPPOSE	STR SUPPORT	SMWT SUPPORT	NEUTRAL	SMWT OPPOSE	STR OPPOSE	DK/REF
Include maternal mental health screening and services during and after pregnancy	78%	5%	50%	27%	17%	3%	2%	0%
Include comprehensive oral health care during pregnancy	72%	7%	44%	28%	20%	4%	3%	0%
Include home healthcare visits for new parents	71%	8%	41%	29%	21%	5%	3%	0%
Include lactation consultation	61%	7%	36%	25%	32%	4%	3%	0%
Include coverage for abortion and reproductive health services	55%	25%	35%	20%	20%	10%	15%	0%
Allow doula support during pregnancy	51%	8%	30%	20%	41%	5%	3%	0%

28. Do you support or oppose state governments passing laws that ban certain books from school classrooms and libraries?

	TOTAL
Total Support	33%
Total Oppose	46%
Strongly support	18%
Somewhat support	16%
Neither support nor oppose	20%
Somewhat oppose	14%
Strongly oppose	32%
Don't Know/Refused	0%

29. Which of these statements comes closer to your own view, even if neither of them is exactly right?

	TOTAL
Georgia's schoolbook bans are bad because they deny the truth of racial oppression in the history of our state, giving an inaccurate view of history to future generations.	66%
Georgia's schoolbook bans are good because they protect children from sexualization and woke ideology.	34%
Don't know/Refused	0%

30. Would you support or oppose legalizing marijuana for adult use in Georgia?

	TOTAL
Total Support	62%
Total Oppose	19%
Strongly support	41%
Somewhat support	21%
Neither support nor oppose	19%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	13%
Don't Know/Refused	0%

31. How familiar are you with Certificate of Need laws, or CON laws?

	TOTAL
Total Familiar	26%
Total Unfamiliar	74%
Very familiar	10%
Somewhat familiar	16%
Not that familiar	26%
Not at all familiar	49%
Don't Know/Refused	0%

32. Current laws in Georgia require that healthcare providers that want to open or expand services in a geographic area provide a “certificate of need” that demonstrates a demand for more services. Which of the following statements do you agree with more?

Statement A: Certificate of need laws unfairly limit access to critical healthcare services, like new hospitals and nursing homes

Statement B: Certificate of need laws are critical to controlling costs and ensuring that new healthcare services go where they’re needed most.

	TOTAL
Total Statement A	48%
Total Statement B	52%
Statement A – much more	18%
Statement A – somewhat more	30%
Statement B – somewhat more	38%
Statement B – much more	15%
Don’t Know/Refused	0%

33. Would you support or oppose allowing cities, counties, or the state to enact rent control, or limits on the amount of rent that landlords can increase on tenants every year?

	TOTAL
Total Support	67%
Total Oppose	14%
Strongly support	42%
Somewhat support	24%
Neither support nor oppose	19%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	7%
Don't Know/Refused	0%

34. Would you support or oppose allowing cities, counties, or the state to enact requirements that landlords maintain their rental properties in livable, safe, and sanitary conditions?

	TOTAL
Total Support	82%
Total Oppose	5%
Strongly support	65%
Somewhat support	17%
Neither support nor oppose	12%
Somewhat oppose	4%
Strongly oppose	2%
Don't Know/Refused	0%

DEMOGRAPHICS

35/36/37 In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent? **[IF DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN]** Do you consider yourself a strong or not strong **[DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN]**? **[IF INDEPENDENT]** Do you lean more towards the Republican Party, the Democratic Party, or neither?

	TOTAL
Total Democrat	37%
Total Republican	38%
Strong Dem	21%
Not strong Dem	9%
Lean Dem	7%
Independent	25%
Lean Rep	6%
Not strong Rep	10%
Strong Rep	22%
Refused	0%

38. Thinking about your approach to political issues, would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

	TOTAL
Total Liberal	28%
Total Conservative	30%
Very liberal	12%
Somewhat liberal	16%
Moderate	42%
Somewhat conservative	16%
Very conservative	14%
Don't Know/Refused	0%

39. Do you currently own your home, rent, live with a family member or friend, or something else?

	TOTAL
Homeowner	55%
Rent	34%
Live with friend/family member	10%
Something else	1%
Don't Know/Refused	0%

40. [IF RENT IN Q39] Has your rent increased in the last year or so? If yes, did it increase a lot or a little?

	TOTAL
Total Increased	75%
Yes, a lot	35%
Yes, a little	40%
No	25%
Don't Know/Refused	0%

41. Which of the following best represents how you think of yourself?

	TOTAL
Heterosexual or straight	90%
Lesbian or gay	4%
Bisexual	6%
Something else, please specify	1%
Don't Know/Refused	0%

42. Are you married, unmarried living with a partner, single, separated, divorced or widowed?

	TOTAL
Married	42%
Unmarried living with partner	10%
Single	30%
Separated / Divorced	14%
Widowed	5%
Don't Know/Refused	0%

43. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?

	TOTAL
Yes	33%
No	67%
Don't Know/Refused	0%

44. For whom did you vote in the 2020 general election for President, or were you not able to vote?

	TOTAL
Joe Biden, the Democrat	42%
Donald Trump, the Republican	41%
Someone else	6%
Not eligible (too young, not registered, etc.)	3%
Did not vote	8%
Don't Know/Refused	0%

45. Last year, that is 2022, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Was it...?

	TOTAL
Less than \$24,999	20%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	15%
\$35,000 to \$44,999	11%
\$45,000 to \$54,999	11%
\$55,000 to \$64,999	9%
\$65,000 to \$74,999	6%
\$75,000 to \$84,999	7%
\$85,000 to \$99,999	6%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	15%
\$250,000 to \$399,999	1%
\$400,000 or more	0%
Don't know/Refused	0%

46. Which of the following best describes the area where you live?

	TOTAL
Urban	19%
Suburban	50%
Small town	10%
Rural	22%
Don't Know/Refused	0%