

YWWomenVote 2022 - Midterm Elections Spotlight on Georgia

This spotlight on Georgia women provides a brief overview of their concerns and priorities heading into the 2022 midterm elections. Drawn from YWCA USA’s [fifth national survey of women in the United States](#), this data centers the women of Georgia whose voice are critical yet frequently overlooked in policy discussions, and frames clear expectations for legislative actions to address their concerns and priorities.

Election Enthusiasm and Impact

Federal elections: On par with women overall, **just about half (49 percent)** of women in Georgia are enthusiastic about voting in the federal election (ranking their enthusiasm an 8, 9, or 10). More specifically, **35 percent** ranked their enthusiasm as a “10,” which is higher than women surveyed overall (31 percent). Additionally, women in Georgia were slightly more likely to believe these federal elections will have “a big impact” on their and their families’ lives (38 percent in Georgia compared to 35 percent overall).

State and local elections: On par with women surveyed nationally, **just over half of women (51 percent)** in Georgia are enthusiastic to vote in their state and local elections (ranking their enthusiasm as 8, 9, or 10), slightly higher than in federal contests. Specifically, **38 percent** ranked their enthusiasm as a “10”, the highest possible level. Women in Georgia are also five points more likely (**43 percent**) to believe that state and local elections would have “a big impact” in their and their families’ lives compared to federal elections.

Policy Solutions: Women in Georgia

Legislation to ensure access to comprehensive health coverage (including pre-existing conditions and access to birth control) topped the list for women in Georgia (**80%**). See below for additional policies Georgia women prioritize.

Top Policies: Georgia Women				
% One of the most important/very important; Sorted by net				
Policy Category	Policy Issue	Overall	GA	Net
Health & Well-Being	Comprehensive health Coverage (including coverage for pre-existing conditions and birth control)	78%	80%	+2
Health & Well-Being	Access to Contraception	74%	75%	+1
Economic Security	Paid Family & Medical Leave	73%	74%	+1
Health & Community	Expand Mental Health Services for Survivors of Trauma	77%	77%	+0
Gender-Based Violence	Domestic Violence Prevention & Services	76%	76%	+0
Economic Security	Equal Pay	76%	75%	-1
Health & Well-Being	Improve Maternal Health Care	73%	72%	-1
Health & Well-Being	Federal Funding for Nonprofit Community Services	75%	73%	-2
Economic Security	End Workplace Harassment, Discrimination, Sexual Violence	79%	76%	-3
Health & Well-Being	Prevent Gun Violence & Mass Shootings	82%	77%	-5

Top Concerns: Women in Georgia

As women nationwide also reported, the top concern among women in Georgia is the high cost of living (**84 percent**)*. Concerns for women in Georgia centered around economic security, health, and racial justice.

Top Concerns: Georgia Women				
% Very/somewhat worried; Sorted by net from overall women				
Concern Category	Concern	Overall	GA	Net
Economic Security	Afford rent or mortgage	62%	65%	+3
Health/Community	Affordable Mental Health Services	51%	54%	+3
Economic Security	Earning Equal Pay (Gender gap)	50%	53%	+3
Economic Security	Family income not enough to pay bills	68%	70%	+2
Economic Security	Access to paid sick days	42%	43%	+1
Economic Security	Access to paid family and medical leave	41%	42%	+1
Economic Security	Quality, affordable, accessible child care	36%	37%	+1
Racial Justice/Democracy	Ability to cast vote without interference	44%	44%	+0
Racial Justice	Safety from police violence	40%	40%	+0
Health/Well-Being	Access to contraception	31%	31%	+0

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Survey Methodology

This online survey was designed and conducted by Finn Partners. It reached a total of N=3,354 women nationwide between June 21, 2022 and August 2, 2022. This sample is inclusive of oversamples of women in six states (N=400 in each of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Texas), all of which were weighted down to the appropriate size nationwide.

About YWCA USA

For over 160 years, YWCA has been on a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. YWCA has been at the forefront of the most pressing social movements – from voting rights to civil rights, from affordable housing to pay equity, from violence prevention to health care reform. Today, we combine programming and advocacy in order to generate institutional change in three key areas: racial justice and civil rights, empowerment and economic advancement of women and girls, and health and safety of women and girls. Learn more at www.ywca.org.

* This is not represented in the proceeding chart, which ranks concerns by net difference compared to the national survey. Visit YWWomenVote.org for additional information.