

YWWomenVote 2022 – Midterm Elections

Spotlight on Texas

This spotlight on Texas 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 Texas 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 and state elections: Compared to women overall and women surveyed in other states, women in Texas reported lower enthusiasm for voting in both federal and state-level elections. However, Texas women are more likely to be enthusiastic (reporting eight, nine, or 10 on a scale of one to ten where ten is the highest level of enthusiasm) about voting in state and local elections (**44 percent**) than federal elections (39 percent).

Impact of elections: Majorities of women surveyed in Texas are slightly more likely (**72 percent**) to believe that the outcomes of the upcoming federal elections will have “a big impact” or “somewhat of an impact” on their lives and the lives of their families compared to the impact of state and local contests (**71 percent**).

Policy Solutions: Women in Texas

In Texas, women reported that policies to prevent gun violence and mass shootings should be the top priority for Congress, followed by the need for Congress to ensure robust federal funding for non-profit community services. The top policy areas Texas women want Congress to prioritize are ranked and compared to overall findings below.

Top Policies: Texas Women				
% One of the most important/very important; Sorted by net				
Policy Category	Policy Issue	Overall	TX	Net
Health & well-being	Federal funding for nonprofit community services	75%	76%	+1
Economic security	Paid family & medical leave	73%	73%	+0
Health & well-being	Access to contraception	74%	73%	-1
Economic Security	Equal pay	76%	74%	-2
Health & well-being	Prevent gun violence & mass shootings	82%	79%	-3
Health & well-being	Comprehensive health coverage	78%	75%	-3
Health & well-being	Expand mental health services for survivors of trauma	77%	74%	-3
Health & well-being	Improve maternal health care	73%	70%	-3
Economic security	End workplace harassment, discrimination, & sexual violence	79%	75%	-4
Gender-based violence	Domestic violence prevention & services	76%	71%	-5

Top Concerns: Women in Texas

Consistent with women from other states, Texas women’s highest concern is around the high cost of living. Women in Texas show higher concern than women nationwide for several of the areas of concern tested, including those centered on racial justice and reproductive health. Top concerns, ranked and compared to national findings, are below.

Top Concerns: Texas Women				
% Very/somewhat worried; Sorted by net from overall women				
Concern Category	Concern	Overall	TX	Net
Health & well-being	Affordable mental health services	51%	59%	+8
Economic security	Paid sick days	42%	50%	+8
Economic security	Paid family and medical leave	41%	48%	+7
Health & well-being	Access to contraception	31%	38%	+7
	Acts of hate / racial violence	37%	43%	+6
Economic security	High quality, affordable, accessible, dependable childcare	36%	42%	+6
Racial justice	Safety from police violence	40%	45%	+5
Economic security	Earning equal pay (gender gap)	50%	53%	+3
Economic security	Family income not enough to pay bills	68%	70%	+2
Economic security	Afford rent or mortgage	62%	64%	+2
Economic security	High cost of living	86%	83%	-3

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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.

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