

UMass Lowell / YouGov Survey of U.S. Likely General Election Voters Methodology Statement

Sponsoring Organization: UMass Lowell Center for Public Opinion

Questionnaire Design: UMass Lowell Center for Public Opinion

Fieldwork: YouGov

Interview Dates: April 3 – 8, 2024

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Target Population: Likely Voters in the 2024 General Election

Sample Size: 1,688

Margin of Error: +/-2.7% (adjusted for design effects)

Survey Mode: Online, web-based survey, self-administered with online panels

Sampling Method: YouGov interviewed 2,287 respondents who were then matched

down to a sample of 2,000 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age,

race, and education. The sampling frame is a politically

representative "modeled frame" of US adults, based upon the American Community Survey (ACS) public use microdata file, public voter file records, the 2020 Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration supplements, the 2020 National Election

Pool (NEP) exit poll, and the 2020 CES surveys, including

demographics and 2020 presidential vote.

Weighting: To generate the likely voters' weight, the matched cases were

filtered to include only 1688 registered voters and then weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases

and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score



function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, years of education, region, 2020 presidential vote choice, and own or rent. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles. The weights were then weighted to give likely voter profiles slightly more weight than their unlikely voter counterparts. Finally, the weights were post-stratified on 2020 presidential vote choice as well as stratifications of gender, age (4-categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories), to produce the likely voters' weight.

Likely Voter Model: Then, likely voter profiles were given slightly more weight than

their unlikely voter counterparts, based on behavioral questions.

Transparency: The University of Massachusetts Lowell is a member of the

American Association of Public Opinion Research Transparency Initiative and we are committed to methodological transparency in the reporting of our results. If you have any questions, please

email joshua dyck@uml.edu.

Data Quality checks: We used 3 attention checks, one open end, one grid item and one

single select. We used all 3 in combination when cleaning the data removing anyone who failed 2 or more attention checks. We also removed the top 2% of speeders and skippers from the data.

Limitations All survey research includes some unmeasured error despite the

best efforts of accurate analysis and data collection. While we strive for reliable inference and accuracy, no poll is perfect. Error can result from coverage error, question wording effects, and

priming of the order of the questionnaire.

Critical Mass for Crosstabs All crosstabs must have at least 50 (preferably 100) unweighted

respondents per column in order to report their results. Every crosstab result reported in the release appears in the crosstabs.

Panelists This poll utilizes a non-probability sample. All respondents are

YouGov panelists who have been active panelists for 30 days or

longer.