

Missouri Voters' Opinions on Abortion

The following document summarizes the opinions of likely voters in Missouri on issues related to abortion. These results are from SLU/YouGov Polls conducted from June 2020 to February 2026. The SLU/YouGov Poll is a biannual survey of likely Missouri voters aiming to inform policymakers, citizens, and researchers of Missourians' opinions on important issues facing the state.

Full demographic crosstabs and raw data for independent analyses of SLU/YouGov Polls are available at slu.edu/poll.

Key Missouri Findings

- At least 60 percent of Democratic, Republican, and Independent voters support abortion being legal in cases of rape, incest, and when the woman's life is endangered (Feb. 2026 Poll, [Aug. 2022 Poll](#))
- 47 percent of voters support the proposed 2026 ballot initiative to add restrictions on who can receive an abortion in Missouri. 40 percent oppose. 12 percent are not sure. (Feb. 2026 Poll)

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When abortion should be legal or illegal

Do you think it should be possible for a woman to legally obtain an abortion in the state of Missouri...	All Voters	Dem. Voters	Rep. Voters	Ind. Voters
...in the first 8 weeks of the pregnancy	59%	90%	36%	63%
...in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy	47%	78%	24%	50%
...in the first 15 weeks of the pregnancy	35%	64%	14%	38%
...in cases of rape	78%	96%	64%	81%
...in cases of incest	78%	95%	66%	80%
...when the woman's life is endangered by the pregnancy	85%	96%	75%	88%
...when a minor does not have parental consent of at least one parent	40%	62%	25%	35%
...when there is a strong chance of the baby having a physical or mental disability	50%	73%	34%	52%
...when the baby is diagnosed with a disorder resulting in little or no life expectancy	67%	89%	50%	72%
...when the woman wants an abortion for any reason	36%	67%	14%	37%

Reporting percent agree. Source: February 2026 SLU/YouGov Poll, 900 Likely Missouri Voters, MoE ±3.63.

Do you think it should be possible for a woman to legally obtain an abortion in the state of Missouri...	All Voters	Dem. Voters	Rep. Voters	Ind. Voters
...in the first 8 weeks of the pregnancy	58%	91%	32%	58%
...in the first 15 weeks of the pregnancy	40%	74%	13%	42%
...in cases of rape	75%	93%	60%	81%
...in cases of incest	79%	95%	64%	83%
...when the woman's life is endangered by the pregnancy	87%	97%	79%	88%
...when there is a strong chance of the baby having a physical or mental disability	46%	79%	23%	44%
...when the baby is diagnosed with a disorder resulting in little or no life expectancy	65%	90%	45%	66%
...when the woman wants an abortion for any reason	32%	67%	10%	26%

Reporting percent agree. Source: Aug. 2022 SLU/YouGov Poll, 900 Likely Missouri Voters, MoE ±3.75%

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements...	All Voters	Dem. Voters	Rep. Voters	Ind. Voters
...the Missouri state government should prohibit abortions after 8 weeks of pregnancy	56%	32%	79%	54%

Reporting percent agree. Source: July 2021 SLU/YouGov Poll, 477 Likely Missouri Voters, MoE ±6.02%

Ballot Initiatives

In an upcoming election, Missouri voters may be asked to amend the state constitution to address the issue of health care [Respondents saw Amendment 3 Language]. Would you.....	All Voters	Dem. Voters	Rep. Voters	Ind. Voters
...support the above ballot proposition	47%	21%	70%	43%

Reporting percent support. Source: February 2026 SLU/YouGov Poll, 900 Likely Missouri Voters, MoE ±3.63.

In an upcoming election, Missouri voters may be asked to amend the state constitution to address the issue of abortion [Respondents saw Ballot Proposition Language 2024-86]. Would you...	All Voters	Dem. Voters	Rep. Voters	Ind. Voters
...support the above ballot proposition	44%	71%	24%	44%

Reporting percent support. Source: Feb. 2024 SLU/YouGov Poll, 899 Likely Missouri Voters, MoE ±3.74%

If an initiative were put on a Missouri ballot to reverse the new ban on abortions in Missouri, making it legal for women to receive an abortion in Missouri, how would you vote...	All Voters	Dem. Voters	Rep. Voters	Ind. Voters
...would vote to reverse the ban, making abortions legal in Missouri	48%	90%	17%	48%

Reporting percent support. Source: Aug. 2022 SLU/YouGov Poll, 447 Likely Missouri Voters, MoE ±5.93%

Dobbs Decision

In June, the United States Supreme Court overturned *Roe v Wade*, the landmark ruling that established the constitutional right to abortion in the United States during the first two trimesters of pregnancy. Do you...

	All Voters	Dem. Voters	Rep. Voters	Ind. Voters
... [strongly] agree with this Supreme Court ruling	47%	11%	75%	51%

Reporting percent strongly agree/agree. Source: Aug. 2022 SLU/YouGov Poll, 453 Likely Missouri Voters, MoE ±5.83%

Other Abortion Questions

Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt has the discretion to try to criminalize a Missouri woman going to another state to receive an abortion. Do you think a Missouri woman...

	All Voters	Dem. Voters	Rep. Voters	Ind. Voters
...should be criminally prosecuted for receiving an abortion in another state	11%	7%	23%	4%

Reporting percent agree. Source: Aug. 2022 SLU/YouGov Poll, 453 Likely Missouri Voters, MoE ±5.83%

About the SLU/YouGov Poll

The SLU/YouGov Poll is a biannual survey of likely Missouri voters aiming to inform policymakers, citizens, and researchers of Missourians’ opinions on important issues facing the state. No other academic institution regularly conducts a non-partisan, scientific survey of Missouri voters and makes results and raw data publicly available. For questions or suggestions concerning the SLU/YouGov Poll, contact poll director Steven Rogers, Ph.D., at steven.rogers@slu.edu.

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About YouGov

Saint Louis University has partnered with YouGov to conduct its annual survey of Missouri voters. YouGov conducts surveys for multiple academic institutions and is the primary, trusted survey firm for media organizations, including CBS News and The Economist. [FiveThirtyEight \(538\)](#) ranked YouGov as one of the top pollsters in the country, with respect to its strong commitment to accuracy and transparency in polling and in September 2024, The [New York Times](#) reported “Only YouGov, long at the cutting edge of [online] polling, is still producing reasonably accurate results with [online] panels.”

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