



Survey May 21 – 31, 2026

Research Design: Interviewed 1,505 random registered voters in each South Carolina. This included 600 likely voters in the Republican primary and 427 likely voters in the Democratic primary.

Sample gathered from the South Carolina registered voter file, as well as some from Verasight's panel of online respondents.

### Survey Instrument

#### Once Informed Consent is Given

[If the respondent is not known to be a registered voter]

REG\_VTE Are you a registered voter in South Carolina?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Q1 What County in South Carolina are you registered to vote?

[List all 46 counties, selecting the FIPS code] 1 = Abbeville, 3 = Aiken...

Q2 Were you born in South Carolina?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No, born in another state
- 3 No, born in another country
- 9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

Q3A [If born in SC] Have you always lived in South Carolina or did you move back to South Carolina after living somewhere else?

- 1 Always in South Carolina
- 2 Moved back within the past 5 years
- 3 Moved back sometime between 5 and 10 years ago
- 4 Moved back more than 10 years ago
- 9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

Q3B [If not born in SC] Approximately how long have you lived in South Carolina?

- 1 Moved to South Carolina within the past 5 years
- 2 Moved to South Carolina sometime between 5 and 10 years ago
- 3 Moved to South Carolina more than 10 years ago
- 9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

Q4 [If Q2=No, born in another state or Q3A=Moved back] Did you move to South Carolina from one of the following states?

[List all 50 in alphabetical order, with Washington, D.C. listed] 1 = AL

D1 In what year were you born?  
####, year much be lower than 2008

D2 Are you:  
1 Female  
2 Male  
3 Neither/Refused

D3 Are you Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin?  
1 No  
2 Yes, Mexican, Mexican American  
3 Yes, Puerto Rican  
4 Yes, Cuban  
5 Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin [text]

D4 What is your race? Select as many as apply to you.  
1 White  
2 Black or African American  
3 Asian or South Asian  
4 American Indian or Alaska Native  
5 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander  
6 Some other race [Open]

D5 What is the highest level of education you have attained?  
1 Attended high school, but did not graduate  
2 High school diploma or equivalency  
3 High school graduation, some college  
4 Completed Associates Degree  
5 Completed Bachelor's Degree  
6 Graduate or Professional Degree/Coursework  
9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

### **MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE**

Q5 Would you say you follow what's going on in politics most of the time, some of the time, only now and then, or hardly at all?  
1 Most of the time  
2 Some of the time  
3 Only now and then  
4 Hardly at all

The next questions are about your political views

Q6 Do you consider yourself to be a Republican, Democrat, or neither?  
1 Republican  
2 Democrat  
3 Neither

Q6P [If Republican or Democrat] Do you consider yourself to be a strong [Republican/Democrat] or not strong [Republican/Democrat]?

- 1 Strong
- 2 Not strong
- 3 Unsure

Q6N [If independent, no preference, or other party] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party?

- 1 Democratic
- 2 Republican
- 3 Neither

Q7 Using a 7-point scale where 1 is extremely liberal and 7 is extremely conservative, how would you rate your political views?

- 1 Extremely Liberal
- 2 Liberal
- 3 Slightly Liberal
- 4 Moderate, Middle of the Road
- 5 Slightly Conservative
- 6 Conservative
- 7 Extremely Conservative
- 8 Don't know

Q8 How confident are you that South Carolina and its counties will run a fair and accurate election this June?

- 1 Very confident
- 2 Somewhat confident
- 3 Not too confident
- 4 Not confident at all
- 5 Do not know enough to say

## Participation in 2026 primary

Q9 There are many reasons people do or do not vote. Thinking about June's party primaries, on a scale of zero to 10, where 10 means you're certain you will vote and zero means there is no chance you will vote, please tell me how likely it is you will vote. If you have already voted, either early or by sending in a mail or absentee ballot, please just say so.

- 11 Already voted
- 10 Certain to vote
- .
- .
- 3 Probably will vote
- 2 Not sure
- 1 Probably not
- 0 Won't vote

Q10 If the party primaries for governor were held today, would you vote in the Democratic primary, Republican primary, or not vote?

- 0 Probably would not vote
- 1 Democratic primary
- 2 Republican primary

Q11 How are you planning to cast your ballot in June's primary election?

- 3 Request an absentee ballot
- 2 Vote early in-person
- 1 Vote on Election Day
- 4 Unsure

Q11A [If already voted] Did you cast a ballot in-person early or absentee by mail?

- 2 In-person early
- 3 Absentee by mail
- 4 Unsure

## Republican Ballot

Q12R There are a total of six candidates competing for the Republican nomination for governor, how much have you been hearing about the differences among these candidates?

- 1 Nothing at all
- 2 A little
- 3 A moderate amount
- 4 A lot
- 5 A great deal

Q13R Of the potential candidates for governor, do you support Pamela Evette, Josh Kimbrell, Nancy Mace, Ralph Norman, Rom Reddy or Alan Wilson?

- 1 Pamela Evette
- 2 Josh Kimbrell
- 3 Nancy Mace
- 4 Ralph Norman
- 5 Rom Reddy
- 6 Alan Wilson
- 7 Not sure

Q13\_NS Would you say you are leaning towards Pamela Evette, Josh Kimbrell, Nancy Mace, Ralph Norman, Rom Reddy or Alan Wilson?

- 1 Pamela Evette
- 2 Josh Kimbrell
- 3 Nancy Mace
- 4 Ralph Norman
- 5 Rom Reddy
- 6 Alan Wilson
- 7 Truly undecided

[Ask Q14# as a follow up to the answer selected in Q13R or Q13\_NS]

Q14RE What is the reason you most prefer Pamela Evette to be governor? Is it because:

- 1 Evette has been successful as lieutenant governor
- 2 Evette's success in business
- 3 Evette is focused on the issues you care about the most
- 4 or something else [enter text]

Q14RK What is the reason you most prefer Josh Kimbrell to be governor? Is it because:

- 1 Kimbrell has been an effective state senator
- 2 Kimbrell offers a new direction for the state
- 3 Kimbrell is focused on the issues you care about the most
- 4 or something else [enter text]

Q14RM What is the reason you most prefer Nancy Mace to be governor? Is it because:

- 1 Mace has been an effective US congresswoman
- 2 Mace fights for people like me
- 3 Mace is focused on the issues you care about the most
- 4 or something else [enter text]

Q14RN What is the reason you most prefer Ralph Norman to be governor? Is it because:

- 1 Norman has been an effective US congressman
- 2 Norman fights for people like me
- 3 Norman is focused on the issues you care about the most
- 4 or something else [enter text]

Q14RR What is the reason you most prefer Rom Reddy to be governor? Is it because:

- 1 Reddy is completely independent
- 2 Reddy's success in business
- 3 Reddy is focused on the issues you care about the most
- 4 or something else [enter text]

Q14RW What is the reason you most prefer Alan Wilson to be governor? Is it because:

- 1 Wilson has been an effective Attorney General
- 2 Wilson fights for people like me
- 3 Wilson is focused on the issues you care about the most
- 4 or something else [enter text]

Q15R1 Do you believe the Republican primary for South Carolina Governor will be a close election or not a close election?

- 1 A close election
- 2 A non-close election
- 3 Not sure

Q15R2 Who do you believe will win Republican primary for South Carolina Governor?

- 1 Pamela Evette
- 2 Josh Kimbrell
- 3 Nancy Mace
- 4 Ralph Norman
- 5 Rom Reddy
- 6 Alan Wilson
- 7 Not sure

Q16R Lindsey Graham and Mark Lynch are both competing for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate, how much have you been hearing about the differences among these candidates?

- 1 Nothing at all
- 2 A little
- 3 A moderate amount
- 4 A lot
- 5 A great deal

Q17R Of the potential candidates for senator, do you support Lindsey Graham or Mark Lynch?

- 1 Lindsey Graham
- 2 Mark Lynch
- 3 Not sure

Q18R1 Do you believe the Republican primary for the US Senator from South Carolina will be a close election or not a close election?

- 1 A close election
- 2 A non-close election
- 3 Not sure

Q18R2 Who do you believe will win Republican primary for US Senator from South Carolina?

- 1 Lindsey Graham
- 2 Mark Lynch
- 3 Not sure

## Democratic Ballot

Q12D Jermaine Johnson, Mullins McLeod, and Billy Webster are competing for the Democratic nomination for governor, how much have you been hearing about the differences among these candidates?

- 1 Nothing at all
- 2 A little
- 3 A moderate amount
- 4 A lot
- 5 A great deal

Q13D Of the potential candidates for governor in the Democratic primary, do you support Jermaine Johnson, Mullins McLeod, or Billy Webster?

- 1 Jermaine Johnson
- 2 Mullins McLeod
- 3 Billy Webster
- 4 Not sure

Q14D1 Do you believe the Democratic primary for South Carolina Governor will be a close election or not a close election?

- 1 A close election
- 2 A non-close election
- 3 Not sure

Q14D2 Who do you believe will win Democratic primary for South Carolina Governor?

- 1 Jermaine Johnson
- 2 Mullins McLeod
- 3 Billy Webster
- 4 Not sure

Q15D Annie Andrews, Brandon Brown, and Kyle Freeman are competing for the Democratic nomination for US Senator, how much have you been hearing about the differences among these candidates?

- 1 Nothing at all
- 2 A little
- 3 A moderate amount
- 4 A lot
- 5 A great deal

Q16D Of the potential candidates for US Senate in the Democratic primary, do you support Annie Andrews, Brandon Brown, or Kyle Freeman?

- 1 Annie Andrews
- 2 Brandon Brown
- 3 Kyle Freeman
- 4 Not sure

Q17D1 Do you believe the Democratic primary for the US Senator from South Carolina will be a close election or not a close election?

- 1 A close election
- 2 A non-close election
- 3 Not sure

Q17D2 Who do you believe will win Democratic primary for US Senator from South Carolina?

- 1 Annie Andrews
- 2 Brandon Brown
- 3 Kyle Freeman
- 4 Not sure

## Policies

Q19 Do you believe South Carolina should keep the open primary where registered voters can vote in any party primary without formally registering with a party or should primaries be closed to only voters who register as a member of a political party?

- 1 Keep the open primary
- 2 Close primaries to only voters who register with a party
- 3 I don't know enough to say

Q20 A proposed map in South Carolina would make the one House district held by Democrats more likely to be won by Republicans. Do you support or oppose the current proposal to redraw South Carolina's congressional districts?

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Somewhat support
- 3 Neither support nor oppose
- 4 Somewhat oppose
- 5 Strongly oppose

Q20B As you may know, the Supreme Court ruled in April that Louisiana should not draw congressional districts to match the share of a race in the state. Since then, Alabama and Tennessee have adopted new districts. Do you believe South Carolina should adopt a new map for this election before early voting begins in the June primary, wait for the 2028 election, or wait for Census data in 2031?

- 1 for this election, before voting begins in the June primary
- 2 wait for the 2028 election
- 3 wait for Census data in 2031
- 4 (Vol) Don't know

Q21 Do you support or oppose adding optional toll lanes in your local area to bypass traffic?

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Somewhat support
- 3 Neither support nor oppose
- 4 Somewhat oppose
- 5 Strongly oppose

Q22 At a time when gas prices are unusually high, do you support a short-term suspension of the state's gasoline tax of 28 cents per gallon or believe it is important to collect these funds as usual to pay for future road maintenance?

- 1 A short-term suspension is needed
- 2 Keep collecting the tax so the state can improve roads later

Q23 Thinking of life in your town or city in the next 30 years, how concerned are you about:

	Not concerned at all	Not too concerned	Neither concerned nor unconcerned	Somewhat concerned	Extremely concerned
More severe hurricanes	1	2	3	4	5
Prolonged droughts					
More frequent heatwaves					

Q26 Do you believe the following actions are effective ways to mitigate climate change?

	Not effective at all	Not too effective	Somewhat effective	Very effective	Not sure
Reduce travel to work or driving by yourself	1	2	3	4	5
Drive an electric vehicle (or hybrid)					
Upgrade to smart home appliances					

Q30 Have you considered:

	Never	Not too often	Sometimes	Always	I did this recently
Reducing travel to work or driving by yourself	1	2	3	4	5
Driving an electric vehicle (or hybrid)					
Upgrading to smart home appliances					

Q33 Do you approve or disapprove of the way  
[RANDOMIZE order of names displayed]

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Neither
Donald Trump is handling his job as president?	1	2	3	4	5
Lindsey Graham is handling his job as senator? (SC)					
Tim Scott is handling his job as senator? (SC)					
Henry McMaster is handling his job as governor? (SC)					

### Demographics Questionnaire

Q43 In the November 2024 presidential election between Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump, who did you vote for?

- 0 Did not vote
- 1 Democrat Kamala Harris
- 2 Republican Donald Trump
- 3 Someone else
- 9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

D6 What is your marital status?

- 1 Married
- 2 Divorced
- 3 Separated
- 4 Single/Never Married
- 5 Widowed
- 9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

D7 Did you ever serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces?

- 0 No
- 1 Active duty now
- 2 Active duty in the past

D7\_F [If Active Duty Now or in the Past] When did you serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces? [Select all that apply]

- 1 Gulf War era II (September 2001–present)
- 2 Gulf War era I (August 1990–August 2001)
- 3 Vietnam era (August 1964–April 1975)
- 4 Korean War (July 1950–January 1955)
- 5 World War II (December 1941–December 1946)
- 6 Other service periods (all other time periods)

D8F How many children under 18 are currently living with you, if any?

- 0 None
- 1 One
- 2 Two
- 3 Three
- 4 Four or more
- 9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

D9 In the last calendar year, what was your total household income, including wages, salaries, Social Security, and retirement benefits before taxes?

- 1 Less than \$30,000
- 2 \$30,000-\$49,999
- 3 \$50,000-\$74,999
- 4 \$75,000-\$99,999
- 5 \$100,000-\$149,999
- 6 \$150,000-\$199,999
- 7 \$200,000 or more
- 9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

D10 Thinking about your family's financial situation, would you say you are living comfortably, just getting by, or struggling to make ends meet?

- 1 Living comfortably
- 2 Just getting by
- 3 Struggling to make ends meet
- 9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

- D11 What is your present religion, if any? Are you:
- 1 Protestant
  - 2 Roman Catholic
  - 3 Mormon
  - 4 Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox
  - 5 Jewish
  - 6 Muslim
  - 7 Buddhist
  - 8 Hindu
  - 9 Atheist
  - 10 Agnostic
  - 11 Something else
  - 12 or nothing in particular
  - 99 (DO NOT READ) Refused

- D12 [If protestant, something else, or nothing in particular] Do you consider yourself a born-again Christian?
- 1 Yes
  - 2 No
  - 3 Unsure

- D13 Are you willing to be contacted again to share your opinions in the future?
- 1 Yes
  - 2 No
  - 3 No answer given