

Idaho Statewide Survey — September 2026

Toplines

n = 600 registered Idaho voters likely to vote in the November 2026 midterm. Results are weighted by age, voter registration, educational level, gender, race/ethnicity and county; design-adjusted margin of error ± 4.0 points at 95% confidence. Mixed mode (SMS-to-web, web panel). Totals may not sum to 100 due to rounding; "<1" denotes a non-zero value under 0.5%.

Screening and political profile

Likelihood to vote in November 2026 midterm	%
<i>How likely are you to vote in the November 2026 midterm elections?</i>	<i>n</i> = 600
Very likely	79
Somewhat likely	21
Somewhat unlikely	0
Very unlikely	0
Unsure	0
Very/Somewhat likely	100

Voter registration	%
<i>According to your official voter registration, how are you currently registered to vote?</i>	<i>n</i> = 600
As a Democrat	12
As an Independent, Unaffiliated or 'Other'	26
As a Republican	62

Party self-identification (7-pt)	%
<i>In politics today, and regardless of how you are registered, do you consider yourself to be a...?</i>	<i>n</i> = 600
Strong Democrat	8
Not so strong Democrat	4
Independent leaning Democrat	11
Independent	14
Independent leaning Republican	14
Not so strong Republican	13
Strong Republican	34
Other	1
Unsure	1
Total Democrat (strong + not so strong)	12
Total Independent (lean Dem + Independent + lean Rep)	39
Total Republican (not so strong + strong)	48

Party ID (collapsed, leaners included)	%
Democrat	23
Independent	14
Republican	62
Other/Unsure	2

2024 Presidential vote	%
<i>For whom did you vote in the 2024 Presidential election?</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
Donald Trump	62
Kamala Harris	25
Someone Else	5
Did not vote	6
Don't recall	<1
Prefer not to say	1

Ideology	%
<i>Thinking for a moment about your social, economic, and political views...Do you consider yourself to be...</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
Very Liberal	7
Somewhat Liberal	11
Moderate	25
Somewhat Conservative	28
Very Conservative	26
Libertarian	1
Unsure	3
<i>Total liberal (very + somewhat)</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Total moderate (moderate + somewhat liberal + somewhat conservative)</i>	<i>64</i>
<i>Total conservative (somewhat + very)</i>	<i>54</i>

Job approval

Approval: U.S. Congress	%
<i>Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
Strongly approve	9
Somewhat approve	30
Somewhat disapprove	26
Strongly disapprove	27
Unsure	7
<i>Total approve</i>	<i>39</i>
<i>Total disapprove</i>	<i>54</i>

Approval: Sen. Jim Risch	%
<i>Do you approve or disapprove of the job Senator Jim Risch is doing?</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
Strongly approve	22
Somewhat approve	31
Somewhat disapprove	13
Strongly disapprove	20
Unsure	14
<i>Total approve</i>	<i>53</i>
<i>Total disapprove</i>	<i>33</i>

Approval: President Donald Trump	%
<i>Do you approve or disapprove of the job President Donald Trump is doing?</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
Strongly approve	31
Somewhat approve	25
Somewhat disapprove	10
Strongly disapprove	31
Unsure	3
<i>Total approve</i>	<i>56</i>
<i>Total disapprove</i>	<i>42</i>

Favorability

Favorability: Donald Trump	%
<i>You will now read a list of political officials and entities in the United States. After each, please indicate whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each. If you don't know or haven't heard of the subject, please note that. Donald Trump</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
Very favorable	35
Somewhat favorable	23
Somewhat unfavorable	9
Very unfavorable	32
Never heard of	<1
Unsure	1
<i>Total favorable</i>	<i>58</i>
<i>Total unfavorable</i>	<i>41</i>
<i>Never heard/Unsure</i>	<i>2</i>

Favorability: The Republican Party	%
<i>You will now read a list of political officials and entities in the United States. After each, please indicate whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each. If you don't know or haven't heard of the subject, please note that. The Republican party</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
Very favorable	26
Somewhat favorable	35
Somewhat unfavorable	16
Very unfavorable	22
Never heard of	<1
Unsure	1
<i>Total favorable</i>	<i>61</i>
<i>Total unfavorable</i>	<i>38</i>
<i>Never heard/Unsure</i>	<i>1</i>

Favorability: The Democratic Party	%
<i>You will now read a list of political officials and entities in the United States. After each, please indicate whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each. If you don't know or haven't heard of the subject, please note that. The Democratic party</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
Very favorable	10
Somewhat favorable	25
Somewhat unfavorable	19
Very unfavorable	44
Never heard of	1
Unsure	2
<i>Total favorable</i>	<i>35</i>
<i>Total unfavorable</i>	<i>63</i>
<i>Never heard/Unsure</i>	<i>3</i>

Favorability: A politician willing to work with both sides of the aisle	%
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Very favorable	37
Somewhat favorable	43
Somewhat unfavorable	9
Very unfavorable	4
Never heard of	3
Unsure	5
<i>Total favorable</i>	<i>79</i>
<i>Total unfavorable</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Never heard/Unsure</i>	<i>8</i>

Favorability: Todd Achilles	%
<i>You will now read a list of political officials and entities in the United States. After each, please indicate whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each. If you don't know or haven't heard of the subject, please note that. Todd Achilles</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
Very favorable	17
Somewhat favorable	28
Somewhat unfavorable	10
Very unfavorable	8
Never heard of	16
Unsure	21
<i>Total favorable</i>	<i>45</i>
<i>Total unfavorable</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Never heard/Unsure</i>	<i>37</i>

Favorability: Jim Risch	%
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Very favorable	26
Somewhat favorable	31
Somewhat unfavorable	13
Very unfavorable	18
Never heard of	4
Unsure	9
<i>Total favorable</i>	<i>57</i>
<i>Total unfavorable</i>	<i>31</i>
<i>Never heard/Unsure</i>	<i>12</i>

Mood and role of independents

Health of American democracy	%
<i>Moving on...Overall, how would you rate the current health of American democracy?</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
Very healthy	9
Somewhat healthy	28
Somewhat unhealthy	30
Very unhealthy	29
Unsure	4
<i>Total healthy</i>	<i>37</i>
<i>Total unhealthy</i>	<i>59</i>

How federally elected officials in DC are doing	%
<i>How do you think federally elected officials in Washington, DC are doing at their job?</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
They're doing fine	12
We can do better	86
Unsure	2

Role of independent candidates (closer to view)	%
<i>Which of the following statements comes closer to your own view about the role independent candidates could play in our political system, even if neither is exactly right?</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
"Electing a few independent candidates could provide a necessary, stabilizing voice, acting as the adult in the room to lower the temperature and bring both sides together to get things done."	68
"The current system is not broken, and the two major parties remain the most effective and stable way to pass laws and represent the country."	20
Unsure	12

Preferred U.S. House candidate: party caucus vs. independent	%
<i>Which of the following candidates would you prefer to represent your district in the U.S. House of Representatives, even if neither is exactly perfect?</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
A candidate who goes to Washington to caucus, vote, and work on legislative committees exclusively within one political party, giving them more institutional power to pass legislation.	26
A candidate who does not caucus with either major political party, so that they can independently evaluate every single bill that crosses their desk based entirely on what is best for the people of their district.	60
Unsure	15

Demographics

Gender	%
<i>Your gender identification?</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
Female	50
Male	50
Other	<1

Age	%
18 to 24	8
25 to 34	13
35 to 44	16
45 to 54	17
55 to 64	16
65 or older	30

Education	%
<i>What is the highest level of formal education that you have completed?</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
High school or less	29
Some college, Associate degree, or technical school	37
4-year college graduate (Bachelor's degree) or higher	34

Household income	%
<i>We want to classify households into broad income groups only. Would you estimate your total annual household income to be...?</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
Less than \$30,000	17
\$30,000 to \$54,999	25
\$55,000 to \$100,000	36
More than \$100,000	21
Prefer not to answer	2

Race/ethnicity	%
<i>***Hidden for Race/Ethnicity Autopunch***</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
Non-hispanic White	86
Non-hispanic Black	2
Hisp/Latino	8
Non-hispanic Asian	1
Other / Multi racial	3

County	%
Ada	29
Canyon	11
Kootenai	11
Bonneville	7
All other counties	42

Area type	%
<i>Would you best describe the neighborhood or area you live in as...</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
Urban	26
Suburban	47
Rural	26
Unsure	2

Marital status	%
<i>What would best describe your marital status?</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
Single or never married	17
Married	61
Separated	1

Divorced	11
Widowed	7
Other	3

Children in household	%
<i>Do you have children currently living in your household?</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
Yes	43
No	56
Prefer not to say	1

Homeownership	%
<i>Do you currently own (outright/pay mortgage) your residence?</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
Own (outright/pay mortgage)	65
I do not own my residence (rent/other)	35

Invests in IRA/401k	%
<i>Do you invest into an IRA or 401k?</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
Yes	53
No	47

Occupational status	%
<i>Please describe your current occupational status.</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
Employed (Government)	10
Employed (Private Sector)	37
Small Business Owner	5
Student	2
Homemaker	7
Retired	30
Unemployed	6
Other	4
Unsure	<1

LGBTQ identification	%
<i>Do you consider yourself to be lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning?</i>	<i>n = 600</i>
Yes	8
No	90
Unsure	1
Prefer not to answer	1