

Arizona Statewide Poll

Interview Schedule



April 16-20, 2026
Project: 260150
N=600 Likely Voters
Margin of Error: ± 4%

An asterisk (*) in a response category means that less than 0.5% of respondents chose that response category and a dash (-) represents no response.

Note: due to rounding, some figures may be higher or lower by less than one-half of one percent.

D4C. Party from file.

8/25	4/26	
41%	38%	Republican
34%	33%	Democrat
23%	26%	Unaffiliated/Independent/Something else
2%	3%	All other parties
25%	29%	TOTAL UNAFFILIATED/INDEPENDENT/OTHER

Getting started ...

First of all, I would like to read you a list of names of different people active in politics. For each one, please tell me whether you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of that person. If I mention someone you don't know too much about, just tell me and we'll go on to the next one.

	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	VERY FAV	SMWT FAV	SMWT UNFAV	VERY UNFAV	NO OPIN	NVR HRD	REF
1. Donald Trump									
4/26	47%	49%	37%	11%	5%	45%	2%	*	1%
8/25	49%	49%	38%	12%	3%	46%	1%	1%	*
2. Katie Hobbs									
4/26	41%	44%	21%	20%	10%	34%	10%	4%	1%
8/25	44%	48%	22%	22%	10%	38%	6%	2%	*
3. Andy Biggs									
4/26	31%	26%	19%	11%	6%	20%	16%	26%	1%
8/25	32%	38%	17%	16%	7%	31%	11%	18%	*
4. Republicans in the State Legislature									
4/26	43%	39%	20%	23%	12%	27%	11%	4%	2%
8/25	44%	49%	17%	27%	13%	36%	4%	2%	*
5. Democrats in the State Legislature									
	39%	44%	16%	23%	10%	34%	12%	4%	1%
6. Tom Horne									
	23%	25%	8%	15%	7%	18%	17%	35%	1%
7. Teacher's Unions									
	44%	31%	27%	17%	8%	23%	17%	5%	2%

Now thinking ahead to the November 2026 for Governor and other state offices...

8. First, if the election for Governor were being held TODAY, for whom would you vote if the candidates were:

<u>8/25</u>	<u>4/26</u>	
43%	46%	Andy Biggs, Republican
		...and...
45%	45%	Katie Hobbs, Democrat
—	1%	Won't Vote/Won't Vote for Governor
*	*	Other Candidate
11%	6%	Undecided/Don't Know
*	1%	Refused

9. Next, if the election for State legislator were being held today, for whom would you vote...

<u>8/25</u>	<u>4/26</u>	
45%	46%	the Republican candidate
		...or...
41%	38%	the Democratic candidate
14%	15%	Undecided/Don't Know
*	1%	Refused

Next, as you know, sometimes there are statewide and local initiative issues on the ballot following the choices for candidates such as Governor. Please tell me if you would vote, YES, in favor ... NO, Against, the following hypothetical ballot questions that could appear on the November ballot.

TOTAL	TOTAL	Def	Prob	Prob	Def		
YES	NO	Yes	Yes	No	No	Und/DK	Ref

RANKED BY % DEFINITELY YES

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|-----|--|------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 10. | The Arizona Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Reform and Accountability Act increases oversight of the state’s Empowerment Scholarship Account program and maintains universal eligibility for all families. It creates an online payment system to detect fraud, bans the purchase of luxury items, requires fingerprint clearance for educators and mandates academic testing for ESA students. | 65% | 16% | 31% | 34% | 9% | 7% | 17% | 2% |
| 11. | The Protect Education Act proposes stricter regulations for the state's Empowerment Scholarship Account program and limits the ESA program to families who make \$150,000 a year or less. It mandates state accreditation for ESA funded private schools and requires that 90% of unspent funds be returned to the state’s public education budget. | 59% | 21% | 24% | 35% | 10% | 11% | 18% | 3% |
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Now, thinking some more about Arizona's Empowerment Scholarship Account, or ESA program...

12. First, how much have you seen, read or heard RECENTLY about the ESA program? Would you say...

<u>8/25</u>	<u>4/26</u>	
7%	11%	A lot
15%	18%	Some
32%	24%	Not too much
		...or...
44%	47%	Nothing at all
2%	1%	Don't Know
*	1%	Refused
22%	28%	TOTAL A LOT/SOME
76%	70%	TOTAL NOT MUCH/NOTHING

13. Next, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Arizona's Empowerment Scholarship Account, or ESA program?

<u>8/25</u>	<u>4/26</u>	
12%	10%	Very Favorable
13%	21%	Somewhat Favorable
8%	10%	Somewhat Unfavorable
19%	13%	Very Unfavorable
9%	31%	No Opinion
33%	4%	Never Heard Of
4%	9%	Don't Know
*	1%	Refused
62%	86%	TOTAL HEARD OF
25%	31%	TOTAL FAVORABLE
28%	23%	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE

14. Next, as you may know Arizona's Empowerment Scholarship Account, or ESA program, is used by over 100,000 students to pay for a variety of education expenses, including textbooks, tutoring and school tuition. How well do you think the ESA program is working right now? Do you think...

<u>8/25</u>	<u>4/26</u>	
9%	7%	The ESA program works pretty well as it is now
14%	26%	Some changes are needed, but it should stay basically the same
10%	9%	Major changes are needed
11%	14%	A complete overhaul of the current ESA program is needed ...or...
15%	9%	The ESA program should be repealed
40%	34%	Don't Know
–	2%	Refused
23%	33%	TOTAL WORKS WELL/SOME CHANGE
36%	32%	TOTAL MAJOR CHANGES/OVERHAUL/REPEAL

Next, please tell me if you favor or oppose each one of the following proposals related the state's Empowerment Scholarship Account, or ESA program.

TOTAL FAVOR	TOTAL OPP	Stg Favor	Smt Favor	Smt Opp	Stg Opp	DK	Ref
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RANKED BY % STRONGLY FAVOR

19.	Require private schools that receive ESA funds to meet academic accountability and safety standards.	84%	8%	61%	23%	2%	6%	6%	2%
20.	Require that any unused ESA money at the end of the year would go back into the public school fund.	76%	15%	58%	18%	8%	7%	8%	1%
16.	Require students who receive an ESA to take the same academic tests public school students are required to take. (B)	76%	13%	50%	26%	6%	6%	8%	3%
15.	Require students who receive an ESA to take a national or state test that measures academic progress. (A)								
4/26		77%	17%	49%	29%	8%	9%	5%	1%
8/25		73%	15%	53%	20%	6%	8%	11%	1%
17.	Require the use of an online payment platform for all ESA purchases with approved vendors, greatly reducing administrative burden for parents and families while preventing waste, fraud and abuse, ensuring taxpayer funds are spent on core academic instruction.	74%	13%	41%	33%	6%	7%	11%	2%
18.	Limit the ESA program to families who make \$150,000 a year or less. Families of students with disabilities would not be subject to the income cap.	67%	22%	37%	30%	9%	13%	10%	2%

21. Now, let's assume these proposals were implemented. Based on these changes, would you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Arizona's Empowerment Scholarship Account, or ESA program?

<u>INIT</u>	<u>INF</u>	
10%	23%	Very Favorable
21%	44%	Somewhat Favorable
10%	7%	Somewhat Unfavorable
13%	9%	Very Unfavorable
31%	11%	No Opinion
4%	–	Never Heard Of
9%	5%	Don't Know
1%	1%	Refused
25%	67%	TOTAL FAVORABLE
28%	16%	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE

ASKED IF MOVE TO FAVORABLE (ASK IF Q13:3-8 and Q21:1-2)

22. Please tell me which ONE or TWO of the proposals, you found most appealing?

<u>ASKED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
35%	14%	Require students who receive an ESA to take a national or state test that measures academic progress. (A)
26%	10%	Require the use of an online payment platform for all ESA purchases with approved vendors, greatly reducing administrative burden for parents and families while preventing waste, fraud and abuse, ensuring taxpayer funds are spent on core academic instruction.
26%	10%	Require that any unused ESA money at the end of the year would go back into the public school fund.
23%	9%	Require students who receive an ESA to take the same academic tests public school students are required to take. (B)
23%	9%	Limit the ESA program to families who make \$150,000 a year or less. Families of students with disabilities would not be subject to the income cap.
18%	7%	Require private schools that receive ESA funds to meet academic accountability and safety standards.
22%	9%	Don't Know
1%	*	Refused

Next, thinking some more about the ballot proposals we discussed earlier... **(ROTATE BALLOT PROPOSALS)**

(ROTATE POSITIVE/NEGATIVE BLOCKS)

First, The Arizona Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Reform and Accountability Act which increases oversight of the state's ESA program while maintaining universal eligibility.

I'm going to read you some statements you might hear from supporters of this proposal. After I read each statement, and please tell me if you think that statement is a very convincing, somewhat convincing, not too convincing or a not at all convincing argument to vote YES, in favor of it.

TOTAL CONV	TOTAL NOT CONV	VERY CONV	NOT SMWT CONV	TOO CONV	NOT AT ALL	DK	REF
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RANKED BY % VERY CONVINCING

23.	It roots out waste, fraud and abuse and creates safety and accountability measures - all without taking scholarships away from a single family.	70%	27%	29%	41%	12%	14%	2%	1%
25.	It measures the academic performance of ESA participants to ensure the program is working for students and families.	74%	23%	28%	46%	12%	11%	1%	1%
24.	It protects private and religious schools from government overreach, while also ensuring schools are safe for students and more accountable to taxpayers.	61%	36%	24%	37%	20%	16%	2%	1%

(ROTATE POSITIVE/NEGATIVE BLOCKS)

Next, I'm going to read you some statements you might hear from opponents of this proposal. After I read each statement, and please tell me if you think that statement is a very convincing, somewhat convincing, not too convincing or a not at all convincing argument to vote NO, Against it.

TOTAL CONV	TOTAL NOT CONV	VERY CONV	NOT SMWT CONV	TOO CONV	NOT AT ALL	DK	REF
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RANKED BY % NOT AT ALL CONVINCING

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| 26. | It is a billionaire-backed initiative meant to confuse voters and prevent real accountability to Arizona's ESA program. | 38% | 54% | 17% | 22% | 23% | 32% | 6% | 2% |
| 28. | It takes away a parent right to decide what's best for their child's education by letting Department of Education bureaucrats dictate the types of curriculum families can access or buy. | 44% | 50% | 20% | 24% | 19% | 31% | 4% | 2% |
| 27. | It does nothing to stop wealthy families from collecting taxpayer-funded vouchers. A family earning half a million dollars a year still qualifies, even as the program costs taxpayers over a billion dollars. | 50% | 46% | 25% | 25% | 21% | 25% | 2% | 2% |

29. Now, after hearing a little bit more about the Arizona Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Reform and Accountability Act ... if the election were being held today, would you vote "yes, in favor" or "no, against" this proposal?

<u>INIT</u>	<u>INF</u>	
31%	14%	Definitely Yes
34%	34%	Probably Yes
9%	18%	Probably No
7%	12%	Definitely No
17%	20%	Undecided / Don't Know
2%	1%	Refused
65%	47%	TOTAL YES
16%	31%	TOTAL NO

(ASK IF ARIZONA EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT IS READ FIRST)

30. Now, let's assume voters approved the Arizona Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Reform and Accountability Act which increases oversight of the state's ESA program while maintaining universal eligibility. Based on this measure, would you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Arizona's Empowerment Scholarship Account, or ESA program?

20%	Very Favorable
39%	Somewhat Favorable
9%	Somewhat Unfavorable
16%	Very Unfavorable
9%	No Opinion
–	Never Heard Of
4%	Don't Know
3%	Refused

59%	TOTAL FAVORABLE
24%	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE

Next, thinking some more about the ballot proposals we discussed earlier... **(ROTATE BALLOT PROPOSALS)**

(ROTATE POSITIVE/NEGATIVE BLOCKS)

Next, The Protect Education Act which proposes stricter regulations for the state's ESA program while limiting program eligibility to families who make less than \$150,000.

I'm going to read you some statements you might hear from supporters of this proposal. After I read each statement, and please tell me if you think that statement is a very convincing, somewhat convincing, not too convincing or a not at all convincing argument to vote YES, in favor of it.

TOTAL CONV	TOTAL NOT CONV	VERY CONV	NOT SMWT CONV	TOO CONV	NOT AT ALL	DK	REF
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RANKED BY % VERY CONVINCING

33. It requires background checks for every tutor and school employee with access to children, mandates safety inspections at voucher schools, and gives the Attorney General power to investigate and prosecute fraud.

80% **17%** 55% 25% 9% 8% 1% 2%

31. It reduces waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer funds by banning the of ESA funds for non-educational items like diamond rings, vacations, lingerie, and other luxury items.

74% **23%** 47% 27% 8% 15% 2% 2%

34. It returns millions of dollars back to public school classrooms by ending the stockpiling of taxpayer funds in private savings accounts.

69% **25%** 41% 28% 10% 15% 4% 2%

32. It limits school vouchers to families earning under \$150,000 a year so the program helps families who need it not wealthy families who can already afford private schools. Students with disabilities stay eligible regardless of income.

71% **26%** 40% 30% 13% 13% 2% 1%

(ROTATE POSITIVE/NEGATIVE BLOCKS)

Next I'm going to read you some statements you might hear from opponents of this proposal. After I read each statement, and please tell me if you think that statement is a very convincing, somewhat convincing, not too convincing or a not at all convincing argument to vote NO, Against it.

TOTAL CONV	TOTAL NOT CONV	VERY CONV	SMWT CONV	NOT TOO CONV	NOT AT ALL	DK	REF
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RANKED BY % NOT AT ALL CONVINCING

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| 38. | It gives a political committee permanent legal standing to file lawsuits against private schools and families - embedding a private political organization into Arizona's legal system and bypassing the Attorney General. | 40% | 52% | 14% | 26% | 22% | 31% | 5% | 3% |
| 37. | It strips away existing legal protections for private and religious schools, opening the door for state bureaucrats to regulate how those schools operate. | 44% | 52% | 17% | 27% | 21% | 30% | 3% | 2% |
| 36. | It would raid more than a million dollars from health care programs to pay for the new bureaucracy it creates - money that would otherwise fund health programs. | 43% | 51% | 18% | 25% | 24% | 27% | 4% | 2% |
| 35. | It would force tens of thousands of families already in the program to lose their scholarships. A teacher married to a firefighter could be told they make too much to choose where their child goes to school. | 50% | 46% | 22% | 28% | 19% | 27% | 2% | 1% |
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39. Now, after hearing a little bit more about The Protect Education Act ... if the election were being held today, would you vote "yes, in favor" or "no, against" this proposal?

INIT	INF	
24%	21%	Definitely Yes
35%	35%	Probably Yes
10%	16%	Probably No
11%	12%	Definitely No
18%	15%	Undecided / Don't Know
3%	1%	Refused
59%	56%	TOTAL YES
21%	28%	TOTAL NO

(ASK IF PROTECT EDUCATION ACT BLOCK IS READ FIRST)

40. Now, let's assume voters approved the Protect Education Act which which proposes stricter regulations for the state's ESA program while limiting program eligibility to families who make less than \$150,000. Based on this measure, would you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Arizona's Empowerment Scholarship Account, or ESA program?

20%	Very Favorable
32%	Somewhat Favorable
18%	Somewhat Unfavorable
16%	Very Unfavorable
8%	No Opinion
–	Never Heard Of
4%	Don't Know
1%	Refused
52%	TOTAL FAVORABLE
34%	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE

41. Now, let's assume you could only vote for ONE of the ballot proposals we discussed, which ONE would be more likely to vote for:

37% The Arizona Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Reform and Accountability Act which increases oversight of the state's ESA program while maintaining universal eligibility.
...Or...

47% The Protect Education Act which proposes stricter regulations for the state's ESA program while limiting program eligibility to families who make less than \$150,000.

11% Don't Know

4% Refused

Now, we've been focusing a great deal on education, so let's talk a little about you...

D1. In what year were you born?

<u>8/25</u>	<u>4/26</u>	
5%	5%	18 - 24
6%	6%	25 - 34
13%	13%	35 - 44
14%	14%	45 - 54
18%	18%	55 - 64
44%	44%	65 AND ABOVE
–	*	REFUSED

D7A. To ensure that we have a representative sample, are you from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background?

<u>8/25</u>	<u>4/26</u>	
16%	16%	Yes, Hispanic or Latino
83%	83%	No, not Hispanic or Latino
1%	1%	Refused

D7B. And, for statistical purposes only, what is your race?

<u>8/25</u>	<u>4/26</u>	
79%	79%	Caucasian or White
12%	16%	Hispanic or Latino
3%	1%	African American or Black
2%	1%	Asian or Pacific Islander
1%	1%	American Indian or Alaskan Native
1%	*	Other or Mixed Race
*	*	Don't know
1%	1%	Refused

D3B. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

<u>8/25</u>	<u>4/26</u>	
*	2%	Grade school
2%	2%	Some high school
14%	19%	High school graduate
23%	17%	Some college, no degree
7%	2%	Vocational training/school
11%	14%	2-year college degree
21%	24%	4-year college/bachelor's degree
5%	2%	Some postgraduate work, no degree
14%	10%	2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree
3%	7%	Doctoral/law degree (e.g. PhD, MD, JD)
*	*	Refused
16%	23%	TOTAL HS OR LESS
41%	34%	TOTAL SOME COLLEGE
43%	43%	TOTAL COLLEGE+

D16A. Do you have children at home under the age of 18 you are responsible for raising who are not yet in college or the workforce?

<u>8/25</u>	<u>4/26</u>	
21%	15%	Yes
79%	83%	No
*	—	Don't know
1%	2%	Refused

(ASK IF D16A:1 ONLY / HAVE CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OLD)

GR. Thinking more about the children under 18 in your household... Are they...

<u>8/25</u>	<u>4/26</u>	
13%	25%	Not yet in kindergarten
43%	41%	Elementary school
34%	20%	Middle School
		...or...
48%	42%	High School
5%	2%	High School Graduate
2%	–	Something else
–	2%	Don't Know
–	2%	Refused

(ASK IF D16A:1 ONLY / HAVE CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OLD)

SH. What kind of school does your child or children under the age of 18 attend?

<u>8/25</u>	<u>4/26</u>	
63%	66%	Public district school
20%	9%	Charter school
4%	8%	Private school
9%	8%	Religious school
		...or...
10%	8%	Home school
6%	9%	Other
–	7%	Don't Know
1%	–	Refused

ESA. Do you currently, or have you in the past, used an Empowerment Scholarship Account, or ESA, to pay for educational expenses?

<u>8/25</u>	<u>4/26</u>	
3%	3%	Yes, Currently
2%	2%	Yes, in the past
94%	93%	No
2%	1%	Don't Know
–	1%	Refused
5%	5%	TOTAL YES

D9A. And for statistical purposes only... Is your total annual HOUSEHOLD income greater or less than \$80,000 dollars?

6%	Under \$20,000
8%	Between \$20,000 - \$40,000
10%	Between \$40,000 - \$60,000
14%	Between \$60,000 - \$80,000
11%	Between \$80,000 - \$100,000
14%	Between \$100,000 and \$150,000
13%	Between \$150,000 and \$200,000
4%	Between \$200,000 and \$250,000
	...or....
7%	Over \$250,000
13%	Refused
38%	UNDER \$80,000
49%	OVER \$80,000

D2. Gender

<u>8/25</u>	<u>4/26</u>	
47%	47%	Male
53%	53%	Female
