



**West Virginia Survey**  
**A Survey of West Virginia Residents**  
February 22, 2021

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1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, or something else?

	<b>Total</b>
Democrat	38%
Republican	36%
Something else	26%

2. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Governor Jim Justice?

	<b>Total</b>
Very favorable	30%
Somewhat favorable	32%
Somewhat unfavorable	27%
Very unfavorable	10%
Don't know	2%

3. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Senator Joe Manchin?

	<b>Total</b>
Very favorable	19%
Somewhat favorable	37%
Somewhat unfavorable	20%
Very unfavorable	22%
Don't know	1%

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639 interviews among voters in West Virginia were conducted February 20-21, 2021 via a telephone survey.

The results were weighted to ensure proportional response.

Margin of error for these results is +/- 3.88 percent.

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4. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of West Virginia’s legislature?

	<b>Total</b>
Very favorable	16%
Somewhat favorable	32%
Somewhat unfavorable	29%
Very unfavorable	17%
Don't know	7%

5. In response to COVID, West Virginia’s legislature put tight restrictions on who can meet with politicians and who can observe debate. As a result, some feel that only the powerful allies of our elected officials are able to participate in the legislative process. Do you believe it is fair that legislators are able to decide which voices are heard and who can participate in the legislative process?

	<b>Total</b>
Believe all West Virginians should have equal access to their Representatives	94%
Believe only our elected representatives should decide who can participate	6%

6. How has COVID impacted you and your family?

	<b>Total</b>
COVID has changed things in a major way	51%
Things have changed, but only a little bit	41%
Things have not changed	8%

7. During the last year, have you or a family member personally benefited from services provided by West Virginia’s health care workers, teachers and school service personnel, or other essential workers?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes	43%
No	57%



8. How would you describe West Virginia's public schools?

	<b>Total</b>
Excellent	16%
Good	35%
Fair	22%
Poor	17%
Unsure	10%

9. In your opinion, are schools too dependent on property taxes to fund high quality education?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes	43%
No	29%
Unsure	28%

10. Do you support state lawmakers diverting tax revenue away from public education to use for private school vouchers?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes	16%
No	59%
Unsure	26%

11. Given all that has happened over the past year, do you think now is the right time for West Virginia's legislature to consider legislation that fundamentally changes how public education is funded?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes	36%
No	64%

12. Would you be more likely or less likely to support your legislator if you knew he or she voted to allow tax dollars to be spent on private education?

	<b>Total</b>
More Likely	21%
Less likely	65%
No difference	14%



13. Do you believe it is mean spirited to change employment laws and decrease protections for West Virginia’s teachers and school service personnel?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes	67%
No	33%

14. Do you believe public employers should be able to decide what deductions can be taken from a worker’s paycheck?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes	38%
No	62%

15. Do you believe West Virginians should be able to join a union if they want to?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes	88%
No	12%

16. For statistical purposes only, what is your race?

	<b>Total</b>
African American	4%
White	82%
Hispanic or Latino	1%
Asian-American	1%
Other, or prefer not to say	11%

17. What is your gender?

	<b>Total</b>
Woman	51%
Man	49%

18. What is your highest level of schooling?

	<b>Total</b>
High school or less	22%
Some college	29%
College graduate	29%
Attended graduate school	20%



19. What year were you born?

	<b>Total</b>
Under 45	34%
45-64	28%
65+	20%
N/A	18%