



From May 16 to 19, 2022, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 935 likely voters in Texas using SMS and web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is  $\pm 3$  percentage points.

NB: subgroups with a n-size less than 50 (<50) are not shown on these cross-tabs. We choose not to display N<50 subgroups because the sample is too small to have statistical significance. We did, however, take samples of these subgroups for representational and weighting purposes to accurately reflect the electorate makeup. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

N=935 unless otherwise specified.

**[1]** Would you say that Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas state government is doing enough to prepare Texas for the impacts of climate change, such as extreme weather and natural disasters?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes, I think they are doing enough	35	7	24	64
No, I do not think they are doing enough	50	86	55	19
Don't know	16	7	21	17
Weighted N	935	248	327	359

**[2]** Please select the **three actions** you would **most want** to see Governor Abbott and the Texas state government do to help the state prepare for climate change:

— Expand the production of clean energy in Texas

(N=463)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes	55	54	55	60
No	45	46	45	40
Weighted N	463	214	181	68

**[3]** Please select the **three actions** you would **most want** to see Governor Abbott and the Texas state government do to help the state prepare for climate change:

— Develop a comprehensive plan for how Texas will respond to climate change

(N=463)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes	38	45	34	28
No	62	55	66	72
Weighted N	463	214	181	68

**[4]** Please select the **three actions** you would **most want** to see Governor Abbott and the Texas state government do to help the state prepare for climate change:

— Set a goal to ensure 100 percent of Texas' energy comes from clean energy sources by 2050

(N=463)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes	31	34	33	18
No	69	66	67	82
Weighted N	463	214	181	68

**[5]** Please select the **three actions** you would **most want** to see Governor Abbott and the Texas state government do to help the state prepare for climate change:

— Set a goal to ensure Texas is the world leader in clean energy expansion and production

(N=463)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes	28	27	29	28
No	72	73	71	72
Weighted N	463	214	181	68

**[6]** Please select the **three actions** you would **most want** to see Governor Abbott and the Texas state government do to help the state prepare for climate change:

— Provide assistance for upgrading homes and businesses to be more energy efficient

(N=463)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes	33	30	35	35
No	67	70	65	65
Weighted N	463	214	181	68

**[7]** Please select the **three actions** you would **most want** to see Governor Abbott and the Texas state government do to help the state prepare for climate change:

— Create educational programming for students to learn about the causes and impacts of climate change

(N=463)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes	18	22	16	13
No	82	78	84	87
Weighted N	463	214	181	68

**[8]** Please select the **three actions** you would **most want** to see Governor Abbott and the Texas state government do to help the state prepare for climate change:

— Improve infrastructure in cities to better withstand extreme weather and natural disasters

(N=463)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes	42	44	35	49
No	58	56	65	51
Weighted N	463	214	181	68

**[9]** Please select the **three actions** you would **most want** to see Governor Abbott and the Texas state government do to help the state prepare for climate change:

— Curb the production of oil and natural gas in Texas

(N=463)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes	11	10	14	8
No	89	90	86	92
Weighted N	463	214	181	68

**[10]** Please select the **three actions** you would **most want** to see Governor Abbott and the Texas state government do to help the state prepare for climate change:

— Require oil and gas companies plug abandoned wells that release harmful pollution

(N=463)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes	31	26	34	40
No	69	74	66	60
Weighted N	463	214	181	68

**[11]** Please select the **three actions** you would **most want** to see Governor Abbott and the Texas state government do to help the state prepare for climate change:

— Other

(N=463)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes	2	1	4	1
No	98	99	96	99
Weighted N	463	214	181	68

**[12]** Please select the **three actions** you would **most want** to see Governor Abbott and the Texas state government do to help the state prepare for climate change:

— None of these

(N=463)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes	4	3	4	7
No	96	97	96	93
Weighted N	463	214	181	68

**[13]** When thinking about the regulation of the energy industry in Texas, which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? (N=430)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Regulations on energy companies need to be stronger in Texas to ensure power stays on and to protect Texas consumers from high prices.	56	82	52	42
Regulations on energy companies are an overstep of the government, don't usually deliver the benefits they promise, and are not worth the cost.	34	11	39	46
Don't know	10	7	10	12
Weighted N	430	120	145	165

**[14]** When thinking about the regulation of the energy industry in Texas, which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? (N=505)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Strong regulations on oil and gas companies protects our air and water and saves the long-term costs of addressing public health issues caused by pollution.	51	79	60	24
Regulations on energy companies are an overstep of the government, don't usually deliver the benefits they promise, and are not worth the cost.	36	18	20	62
Don't know	14	3	20	15
Weighted N	505	128	183	194

**[15]** Do you think the clean energy transition will improve or worsen Texas' economy? (N=446)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Improve Texas' economy	47	80	49	26
Worsen Texas' economy	35	10	25	58
Won't impact Texas' economy	9	5	18	6
Don't know	9	6	8	11
Weighted N	446	113	140	193

**[16]** Do you think expanding the production of clean energy and related technologies will improve or worsen Texas' economy? (N=489)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Improve Texas' economy	49	75	44	34
Worsen Texas' economy	24	7	23	38
Won't impact Texas' economy	13	8	14	15
Don't know	14	10	19	13
Weighted N	489	135	188	166

**[17]** Would you say that your home energy bills (e.g., electricity and gas) are higher, lower, or about the same as they were last year at this time?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Higher	57	53	58	58
Lower	2	3	2	2
I don't pay any home energy bills	3	4	4	1
About the same	32	35	24	36
Don't know	7	5	12	3
Weighted N	935	248	327	359

**[18]** What are the **two people or entities** you blame the **most** for your higher energy bills?

— Governor Greg Abbott

(N=530)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes	32	69	38	3
No	68	31	62	97
Weighted N	530	133	190	208

**[19]** What are the **two people or entities** you blame the **most** for your higher energy bills?

— President Joe Biden

(N=530)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes	49	4	37	89
No	51	96	63	11
Weighted N	530	133	190	208

**[20]** What are the **two people or entities** you blame the **most** for your higher energy bills?

— ERCOT (Electric Reliability Council of Texas)

(N=530)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes	51	54	45	54
No	49	46	55	46
Weighted N	530	133	190	208

**[21]** What are the **two people or entities** you blame the **most** for your higher energy bills?

— The Texas Public Utility Commission

(N=530)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes	15	18	21	8
No	85	82	79	92
Weighted N	530	133	190	208

**[22]** What are the **two people or entities** you blame the **most** for your higher energy bills?

— Electricity Companies

(N=530)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes	17	25	18	12
No	83	75	82	88
Weighted N	530	133	190	208

**[23]** What are the **two people or entities** you blame the **most** for your higher energy bills?

— Texas Legislature

(N=530)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes	9	12	11	7
No	91	88	89	93
Weighted N	530	133	190	208

[24] What are the **two people or entities** you blame the **most** for your higher energy bills?

— The Texas Railroad Commission

(N=530)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes	1	0	1	1
No	99	100	99	99
Weighted N	530	133	190	208

[25] What are the **two people or entities** you blame the **most** for your higher energy bills?

— Gas companies

(N=530)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes	11	10	9	13
No	89	90	91	87
Weighted N	530	133	190	208

[26] What are the **two people or entities** you blame the **most** for your higher energy bills?

— Other

(N=530)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes	8	1	9	10
No	92	99	91	90
Weighted N	530	133	190	208

[27] What are the **two people or entities** you blame the **most** for your higher energy bills?

— None of these

(N=530)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes	4	3	6	2
No	96	97	94	98
Weighted N	530	133	190	208

**[28]** How much have you heard about the 'Abbott Tax'?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
A lot	7	7	8	6
Only a little	28	33	26	26
Nothing at all	65	60	65	68
Weighted N	935	248	327	359

**[29]** In recent months, many ratepayers in Texas will start receiving a surcharge on their home energy bills for the next 10-20 years to cover the costs of the power grid failure during Winter Storm Uri in February 2021.

Are you aware of this surcharge on utility bills from Winter Storm Uri?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes, I am aware of this surcharge	28	31	30	24
No, I am not aware of this surcharge	65	64	59	72
Don't know	7	5	11	4
Weighted N	935	248	327	359

**[30]** In February 2021, Winter Storm Uri caused massive disruptions to the Texas power grid. As a result, many ratepayers in Texas have or will soon have a surcharge on their home energy bills to cover the costs of the disruptions to the power grid.

Who do you think should pay for the surcharge on utility bills due to Winter Storm Uri?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Ratepayers of home energy bills	3	1	1	6
Texas utility companies	44	40	45	46
The U.S. government	14	9	11	19
The Texas state government	24	42	24	12
Other	6	4	4	9
Don't know	9	4	15	7
Weighted N	935	248	327	359



**[31]** Given the disruptions to the power grid and high energy prices caused by Winter Storm Uri in February 2021, would you support or oppose more regulations on power companies and oil and gas producers in Texas?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Strongly support	35	58	34	19
Somewhat support	29	30	26	30
Somewhat oppose	11	5	11	14
Strongly oppose	15	1	14	26
Don't know	11	5	16	11
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	64	88	60	49
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	26	6	25	40
SUPPORT (NET)	+38	+82	+35	+9
Weighted N	935	248	327	359

**[32]** During Winter Storm Uri in February 2021, the price of gas soared to record highs, leaving consumers with higher home energy bills following the storm.

Do you think state leaders like Attorney General Ken Paxton and Governor Greg Abbott and legislative leaders did enough to protect consumers from these high prices?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes, state leaders did enough to protect consumers	24	7	19	40
No, state leaders did not do enough to protect consumers	65	87	66	49
Don't know	11	6	15	12
Weighted N	935	248	327	359

**[33]** Do you think the federal government should investigate these high prices to uncover if any power companies were charging unfairly high prices during the storm, beyond what was reasonable according to energy markets?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican
Yes, the federal government should conduct an investigation	67	87	63	57
No, the federal government should not conduct an investigation	24	8	23	36
Don't know	9	5	14	7
Weighted N	935	248	327	359

**[34]** The Texas Public Utility Commission, which regulates the state's electricity grid, is considering a proposal to add fees to renewable energy production.

Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Inde- pendent / Third party	Repub lican
Renewables contributed to the grid failure last February and renewable energy companies should have to pay more.	32	19	31	41
Renewables didn't cause the grid failure in February and policymakers shouldn't use it as an excuse to disadvantage renewable energy.	52	72	53	36
Don't know	17	8	17	23
Weighted N	935	248	327	359

**[35]** Some state leaders say that because reliability must take priority over affordability, Texans will support paying higher electricity bills going forward.

Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Repub lican
To ensure our power grid is reliable, even in times of extreme weather, Texas consumers have to pay more.	10	6	11	12
We should be able to have a more reliable power grid without making Texas consumers pay the price.	83	91	76	85
Don't know	7	4	12	3
Weighted N	935	248	327	359

**[36]** When thinking about how to make the Texas power grid more reliable, which approach do you prefer?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Inde- pendent / Third party	Repub lican
Increasing the amount of clean energy sources that provide power to the grid and investing in technologies that will reduce energy demand at times when the grid is stressed	57	88	56	35
Increasing the amount of dispatchable gas and coal power plants	33	7	26	58
Don't know	10	5	18	6
Weighted N	935	248	327	359