

# DATA FOR PROGRESS

From March 20 to 22, 2023, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 597 likely voters in Michigan using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, geography, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points.

N=597 unless otherwise specified. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

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<b>[1]</b> Please indicate if each of the following is doing too much, too little, or about the right amount to address climate change?  — Michigan State Legislature	Too much .....	<b>16%</b>	3%	25%	20%
	The right amount .....	<b>23</b>	29	13	26
	Too little .....	<b>38</b>	50	40	21
	Don't know .....	<b>24</b>	18	22	34

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<b>[2]</b> Please indicate if each of the following is doing too much, too little, or about the right amount to address climate change?  — Local government officials	Too much .....	<b>9%</b>	3%	11%	14%
	The right amount .....	<b>26</b>	28	18	32
	Too little .....	<b>40</b>	50	44	23
	Don't know .....	<b>25</b>	19	28	31

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<b>[3]</b> Damage caused by recent winter ice storms led to power outages in homes throughout the state of Michigan.  Were you or someone you know personally impacted by the recent power outages?	I was personally impacted by recent power outages .....	<b>28%</b>	30%	27%	27%
	I was not personally impacted but I know someone impacted by recent power outages .....	<b>48</b>	49	50	45
	I was not personally impacted and do not know anyone impacted by recent power outages .....	<b>21</b>	19	19	27
	Don't know .....	<b>2</b>	2	5	1

		D	I	R	
<b>[4]</b> How concerned or not concerned are you about <b>the recent power outages</b> in Michigan?	Concerned .....	<b>59%</b>	71%	57%	46%
	Only a little concerned .....	<b>28</b>	22	27	36
	Not at all concerned .....	<b>13</b>	7	16	17

		D	I	R	
<b>[5]</b> How concerned or not concerned are you about <b>future extreme weather events</b> , like floods and heat waves, in Michigan?	Concerned .....	<b>59%</b>	78%	57%	39%
	Only a little concerned .....	<b>25</b>	19	19	36
	Not at all concerned .....	<b>16</b>	3	24	24

		D	I	R	
<b>[6]</b> How concerned or not concerned are you about <b>paying your power bill</b> ?	Concerned .....	<b>46%</b>	49%	48%	40%
	Only a little concerned .....	<b>23</b>	22	20	28
	Not at all concerned .....	<b>31</b>	29	32	32

[7] In recent weeks, Michigan has experienced extreme weather, including ice storms that have downed trees, closed schools and businesses, and delayed air travel.

To what extent do you blame each of the following for the recent prolonged power outages?

— Michigan state lawmakers

		D	I	R
A great deal .....	<b>7%</b>	5%	10%	6%
Some .....	<b>31</b>	34	31	27
Only a little .....	<b>21</b>	21	16	25
Not at all .....	<b>42</b>	41	43	42

[8] In recent weeks, Michigan has experienced extreme weather, including ice storms that have downed trees, closed schools and businesses, and delayed air travel.

To what extent do you blame each of the following for the recent prolonged power outages?

— Utility companies like DTE Energy and Consumers Energy

		D	I	R
A great deal .....	<b>22%</b>	26%	24%	14%
Some .....	<b>28</b>	33	24	25
Only a little .....	<b>27</b>	23	27	30
Not at all .....	<b>24</b>	18	26	31

[9] When thinking about recent power outages, would you say that utility companies in the state should be **doing more**, **doing less**, or that they are **doing enough already** to compensate customers for power outages and other cases of inconsistent service?

		D	I	R
Utility companies should be doing more .....	<b>65%</b>	81%	60%	52%
Utility companies are doing enough already .....	<b>29</b>	16	31	41
Utility companies should be doing less .....	<b>1</b>	0	2	2
Don't know .....	<b>5</b>	3	7	5

[10] When thinking about recent power outages, would you say that the Michigan state legislature should be **doing more**, **doing less**, or is **doing enough already** to hold utility companies **accountable** for failing to protect state power grids against extreme weather events?

		D	I	R
The state legislature should be doing more .....	<b>65%</b>	77%	59%	55%
The state legislature is doing enough already .....	<b>20</b>	15	17	29
The state legislature should be doing less .....	<b>7</b>	1	15	5
Don't know .....	<b>9</b>	6	9	11

[11] When thinking about current home energy prices, would you say that the Michigan state legislature should be **doing more**, **doing less**, or is **doing enough already** to ensure that utility companies are working sufficiently to keep energy prices **affordable**?

		D	I	R
The state legislature should be doing more .....	<b>73%</b>	83%	67%	68%
The state legislature is doing enough already .....	<b>18</b>	14	19	22
The state legislature should be doing less .....	<b>5</b>	0	9	6
Don't know .....	<b>4</b>	3	5	4

**[12]** In recent weeks, Michigan has experienced extreme weather, including ice storms that have downed trees, closed schools and businesses, and delayed air travel.

Scientific experts have suggested these extreme weather events are due to the impact of climate change.

Knowing what you know now, how urgent or not urgent would you say that it is for Michigan's state legislature to address climate change?

		D	I	R
Urgent .....	<b>61%</b>	91%	55%	32%
Only a little urgent .....	<b>13</b>	4	12	23
Not urgent at all .....	<b>22</b>	1	27	41
Don't know .....	<b>5</b>	4	6	5

**[13]** In April 2022, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced the MI Healthy Climate Plan.

The MI Healthy Climate Plan is an initiative to significantly reduce carbon emissions and other forms of pollution throughout the state. The plan proposes policies that will create clean energy jobs, stimulate growth and innovation, strengthen infrastructure against extreme weather events, and promote clean air and water for residents.

Do you support or oppose the MI Healthy Climate Plan?

		D	I	R
Strongly support .....	36%	58%	32%	13%
Somewhat support .....	31	31	27	36
Somewhat oppose .....	11	3	14	17
Strongly oppose .....	14	1	18	25
Don't know .....	8	7	8	9
SUPPORT (TOTAL) .....	67%	89%	59%	49%
OPPOSE (TOTAL) .....	25	4	32	42
SUPPORT (NET) .....	<b>+42</b>	+85	+27	+7

**[14]** In April 2022, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced the MI Healthy Climate Plan.

Below are various policy goals of the MI Healthy Climate Plan. Please indicate whether you support or oppose each policy goal:

— Increase the share of electricity that is produced from renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar power

		D	I	R
Strongly support .....	45%	68%	45%	19%
Somewhat support .....	28	24	19	42
Somewhat oppose .....	8	1	10	16
Strongly oppose .....	10	0	16	16
Don't know .....	8	6	9	7
SUPPORT (TOTAL) .....	73%	92%	64%	61%
OPPOSE (TOTAL) .....	18	1	26	32
SUPPORT (NET) .....	<b>+55</b>	+91	+38	+29

**[15]** In April 2022, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced the MI Healthy Climate Plan.

Below are various policy goals of the MI Healthy Climate Plan. Please indicate whether you support or oppose each policy goal:

— Improve existing power grid infrastructure to better withstand extreme weather events

		D	I	R
Strongly support .....	62%	79%	60%	43%
Somewhat support .....	25	13	24	40
Somewhat oppose .....	4	3	3	8
Strongly oppose .....	2	0	4	3
Don't know .....	7	5	10	6
SUPPORT (TOTAL) .....	87%	92%	84%	83%
OPPOSE (TOTAL) .....	6	3	7	11
SUPPORT (NET) .....	<b>+81</b>	+89	+77	+72

**[16]** In April 2022, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced the MI Healthy Climate Plan.

Below are various policy goals of the MI Healthy Climate Plan. Please indicate whether you support or oppose each policy goal:

— Phase out Michigan's remaining coal-fired power plants

		D	I	R
Strongly support	29%	49%	27%	7%
Somewhat support	23	29	19	21
Somewhat oppose	15	6	17	22
Strongly oppose	20	0	26	39
Don't know	13	16	10	12
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	52%	78%	46%	28%
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	35	6	43	61
SUPPORT (NET)	<b>+17</b>	+72	+3	-33

**[17]** In April 2022, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced the MI Healthy Climate Plan.

Below are various policy goals of the MI Healthy Climate Plan. Please indicate whether you support or oppose each policy goal:

— Build infrastructure to support electric vehicles, such as chargers

		D	I	R
Strongly support	28%	48%	26%	6%
Somewhat support	32	37	32	26
Somewhat oppose	14	5	17	20
Strongly oppose	19	1	19	42
Don't know	7	10	7	5
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	60%	85%	58%	32%
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	33	6	36	62
SUPPORT (NET)	<b>+27</b>	+79	+22	-30

**[18]** In April 2022, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced the MI Healthy Climate Plan.

Below are various policy goals of the MI Healthy Climate Plan. Please indicate whether you support or oppose each policy goal:

— Increase access to clean transportation options, including public transit

		D	I	R
Strongly support	39%	64%	37%	12%
Somewhat support	34	30	29	43
Somewhat oppose	9	1	12	18
Strongly oppose	9	0	12	16
Don't know	9	5	10	12
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	73%	94%	66%	55%
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	18	1	24	34
SUPPORT (NET)	<b>+55</b>	+93	+42	+21

**[19]** In April 2022, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced the MI Healthy Climate Plan.

Below are various policy goals of the MI Healthy Climate Plan. Please indicate whether you support or oppose each policy goal:

— Increase investments for homes and businesses to improve their energy efficiency and lower energy bills

		D	I	R
Strongly support	47%	72%	42%	24%
Somewhat support	33	21	31	49
Somewhat oppose	5	1	7	10
Strongly oppose	7	1	13	7
Don't know	7	5	8	10
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	80%	93%	73%	73%
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	12	2	20	17
SUPPORT (NET)	<b>+68</b>	+91	+53	+56

**[20]** In April 2022, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced the MI Healthy Climate Plan.

Below are various policy goals of the MI Healthy Climate Plan. Please indicate whether you support or oppose each policy goal:

— Protect Michigan's land and water resources

		D	I	R
Strongly support	66%	77%	61%	58%
Somewhat support	23	15	25	29
Somewhat oppose	2	2	2	1
Strongly oppose	2	0	2	4
Don't know	8	6	10	8
<b>SUPPORT (TOTAL)</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>87%</b>
<b>OPPOSE (TOTAL)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>SUPPORT (NET)</b>	<b>+85</b>	<b>+90</b>	<b>+82</b>	<b>+82</b>

**[21]** Would you support or oppose the state government moving Michigan to a 100% clean energy electricity grid by 2035?

		D	I	R
Strongly support	33%	55%	29%	9%
Somewhat support	28	33	31	21
Somewhat oppose	12	5	7	24
Strongly oppose	21	0	28	39
Don't know	6	7	5	7
<b>SUPPORT (TOTAL)</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>OPPOSE (TOTAL)</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>SUPPORT (NET)</b>	<b>+28</b>	<b>+83</b>	<b>+25</b>	<b>-33</b>

**[22]** The Michigan Public Service Commission (PSC) is a government agency that regulates utility companies in the state.

Some Michigan legislators have proposed that the PSC be required to consider power reliability, resilience against extreme weather, pollution reduction, and energy affordability in all of its regulatory decisions.

When thinking about the recent power outages, which of the following statements comes closest to your views, even if neither is exactly right?

		D	I	R
The PSC should be required to to consider power reliability, resilience against extreme weather, pollution reduction, and energy affordability in all of its regulatory decisions	<b>70%</b>	86%	66%	55%
The PSC should not be required to incorporate these factors into its regulatory decisions	<b>16</b>	4	20	26
Don't know	<b>14</b>	9	14	19

**[23]** Currently, utility companies in Michigan are not legally required to provide customers with rebates, credits, or any other form of compensation during instances of prolonged loss of service.

Knowing what you do now, which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

		D	I	R
Utility companies should be required to automatically provide compensation to customers in instances of prolonged loss of service	<b>76%</b>	84%	71%	73%
Utility companies should not be required to automatically provide compensation to customers in instances of prolonged loss of service	<b>16</b>	9	21	20
Don't know	<b>7</b>	7	8	7

**[24]** Due to power outages caused by recent ice storms, some utility companies have decided to provide rebates ranging between \$25 and \$35 to customers who suffered prolonged loss of service.

Have you received any compensation from your utility company?

		D	I	R
Yes, I have received compensation from my utility company . . . . .	<b>2%</b>	3%	2%	2%
No, I have not received any compensation from my utility company . . . . .	<b>91</b>	93	89	89
Don't know . . . . .	<b>7</b>	4	9	9

**[25]** Due to power outages caused by recent ice storms, some utility companies have decided to provide rebates ranging between \$25 and \$35 to customers who suffered prolonged loss of service.

Based on your personal experience, do you think that utility companies should be providing **more compensation, less compensation**, or are they **already providing enough compensation** to customers affected by power outages?

		D	I	R
Utility companies should be providing more compensation . . . . .	<b>64%</b>	72%	57%	62%
Utility companies are providing enough compensation already . . . . .	<b>23</b>	17	26	27
Utility companies should be providing less compensation . . . . .	<b>3</b>	2	5	3
Don't know . . . . .	<b>10</b>	9	12	8