

Results of SurveyUSA News Poll #16019

Geography: San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose DMA

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1 How concerned are you about the safety of local bridges? Very concerned? Somewhat concerned? Not very concerned? Or not at all concerned?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age			Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology		
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.5%		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen	Conser	Moder	Liberal
Very	41%	32%	49%	42%	41%	39%	31%	71%	36%	57%	53%	37%	43%	45%	39%	40%
Somewhat	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	30%	36%	22%	22%	20%	21%	33%	30%	22%	28%	40%
Not Very	24%	28%	20%	26%	25%	20%	28%	1%	31%	16%	20%	27%	22%	28%	29%	17%
Not At All	6%	10%	2%	4%	5%	9%	4%	6%	10%	6%	6%	3%	4%	5%	4%	3%
Not Sure	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	49%	51%	29%	43%	28%	53%	7%	17%	22%	17%	57%	22%	21%	43%	26%

2 Do you have confidence? Or no confidence? In CalTrans, the California Department of Transportation?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age			Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology		
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.4%		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen	Conser	Moder	Liberal
Confidence	57%	58%	56%	61%	58%	52%	55%	71%	57%	58%	40%	61%	62%	56%	56%	61%
No Confidence	19%	24%	15%	14%	18%	27%	21%	8%	23%	17%	27%	19%	14%	25%	16%	25%
Not Sure	23%	18%	29%	25%	24%	20%	25%	21%	20%	25%	33%	20%	24%	18%	28%	14%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	49%	51%	29%	43%	28%	53%	7%	17%	22%	17%	57%	22%	21%	43%	26%

3 Do you think tolls should? or should not? be increased in order to improve the safety of roads and bridges?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age			Race				Party Affiliation			Ideology		
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.4%		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen	Conser	Moder	Liberal
Should	32%	34%	30%	23%	31%	41%	30%	26%	38%	33%	27%	34%	34%	18%	33%	42%
Should Not	59%	62%	57%	68%	60%	49%	60%	73%	58%	53%	59%	60%	54%	73%	57%	52%
Not Sure	9%	5%	13%	8%	9%	10%	10%	1%	3%	13%	14%	6%	12%	8%	10%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	49%	51%	29%	43%	28%	53%	7%	17%	22%	17%	57%	22%	21%	43%	26%

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4 Do you think the state gasoline tax should? Or should not? Be increased to pay for improving the condition of our roads and bridges?

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		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen	Conser	Modera	Liberal
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.3%																
Should	34%	43%	26%	22%	38%	40%	36%	34%	39%	28%	28%	37%	32%	19%	34%	48%
Should Not	62%	54%	70%	73%	59%	57%	60%	65%	59%	70%	69%	62%	60%	77%	65%	51%
Not Sure	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	1%	2%	3%	4%	2%	8%	4%	1%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	49%	51%	29%	43%	28%	53%	7%	17%	22%	17%	57%	22%	21%	43%	26%

5 If the gas tax is increased should the money be used solely for roads and bridges? Or should it also be used for mass transit?

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		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen	Conser	Modera	Liberal
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.5%																
Roads And Bridges	52%	49%	54%	67%	41%	52%	52%	57%	55%	45%	75%	46%	56%	64%	56%	41%
Also For Mass Transit	44%	48%	40%	33%	53%	42%	45%	27%	42%	49%	24%	48%	41%	31%	39%	56%
Not Sure	4%	4%	5%	1%	6%	6%	3%	16%	3%	6%	2%	6%	3%	5%	5%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	49%	51%	29%	43%	28%	53%	7%	17%	22%	17%	57%	22%	21%	43%	26%

Statement of Methodology: The following statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls: How this poll was conducted: This SurveyUSA poll was conducted by telephone in the voice of a professional announcer. Respondent households were selected at random, using Random Digit Dialed (RDD) sample provided by Survey Sampling, of Fairfield CT. All respondents heard the questions asked identically. Within the report, you will find: the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted and the news organization(s) that paid for the research. The number of respondents who answered each question and the margin of sampling error for each question are provided. Where necessary, responses were weighted according to age, gender, ethnic origin, geographical area and number of adults and number of voice telephone lines in the household, so that the sample would reflect the actual demographic proportions in the population, using most recent U.S. Census estimates. In theory, with the stated sample size, one can say with 95% certainty that the results would not vary by more than the stated margin of sampling error, in one direction or the other, had the entire universe of respondents been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than theoretical calculations of sampling error. These include refusals to be interviewed, question wording and question order, weighting by demographic control data and the manner in which respondents are filtered (such as, determining who is a likely voter). It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these factors. Fieldwork for this survey was done by SurveyUSA of Clifton, NJ.