

RHODE ISLAND LIKELY 2026 VOTER SURVEY

FIELDDED - APRIL 13-16, 2026

n=802 LIKELY VOTERS MoE = ±3.5%



The survey was fielded April 13-16, 2026. Potential respondents were randomly selected from a database of Rhode Island voters and contacted via either a live-operator phone call or an SMS message that led to a web-based survey. Respondents were pre-screened for demonstrated history or modeled probability of voting in midterm general elections, and screened within the survey to ensure they were residents of the state and that they were likely to vote in the 2026 general election. Results were weighted using an iterative proportional fitting process to match the known attributes of the state's general electorate on the variables of gender, age, geographic area, party, and ethnicity. This weighting model was created using data sourced from the Rhode Island Board of Elections. The final sample of qualified respondents is n=802 likely voters, and the survey has a margin of error of ±3.5% with 95% confidence.

		WEIGHTED DEMOGRAPHICS	MODELED ELECTORATES				
			22/18 AVG	2024G	2022G	2020G	2018G
PARTY	Democrat		38.2%	36.0%	37.4%	37.1%	39.0%
	Republican		14.8%	15.7%	15.6%	15.0%	14.1%
	Independent / Unaffiliated		47.0%	48.4%	47.1%	47.9%	47.0%
GENDER	Female		52.5%	53.8%	52.7%	54.0%	52.4%
	Male		46.5%	45.2%	46.3%	45.0%	46.6%
	Some other way		1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
AGE	18-34		14.9%	22.0%	13.5%	21.5%	16.3%
	35-44		13.6%	16.8%	13.3%	14.8%	13.9%
	45-54		16.6%	15.6%	15.1%	16.1%	18.1%
	55-64		23.1%	20.7%	22.3%	21.1%	24.0%
	65+		31.8%	24.8%	35.8%	26.5%	27.7%
GEO	Kent + Washington Counties		41.8%	33.0%	35.8%	33.4%	47.8%
	Bristol + Newport Counties		17.7%	14.2%	14.8%	14.3%	20.6%
	Providence County		40.5%	52.7%	49.4%	52.3%	31.6%
ETH	White		82.5%	79.2%	83.5%	79.5%	81.6%
	Other		17.5%	20.8%	16.5%	20.5%	18.4%

LIKELIHOOD	How likely are you to vote in the November 2026 general election in Rhode Island, which will include races for U.S. Senate, Governor, and state legislature?						
	IF ELECTORATE LOOKS LIKE... →	22/18 AVG	2024G	2022G	2020G	2018G	
	Very likely		92.7%	91.2%	92.4%	91.4%	93.0%
	Somewhat likely		7.3%	8.8%	7.6%	8.6%	7.0%

In a few words, what do you believe is the top issue in Rhode Island that the Governor and legislature must address over the next four years? (CATEGORIZED)						
TOP ISSUE	IF ELECTORATE LOOKS LIKE... →	22/18 AVG	2024G	2022G	2020G	2018G
	Affordability & Cost of Living	38.1%	38.6%	38.2%	38.7%	38.1%
	Infrastructure & Transportation	11.8%	12.6%	11.9%	12.5%	11.6%
	Government Corruption, Fraud, Waste & Overspending	11.7%	11.6%	12.2%	11.5%	11.2%
	Economy, Jobs & Business Climate	6.5%	6.2%	6.4%	6.2%	6.7%
	Immigration & Sanctuary Policies	4.1%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	3.7%
	Healthcare Affordability & Access	3.7%	3.0%	3.3%	3.1%	4.1%
	Gun Rights & 2nd Amendment	3.1%	3.3%	3.0%	3.2%	3.3%
	Education	2.1%	2.4%	2.0%	2.4%	2.1%
	All other issues	15.8%	14.5%	15.5%	14.7%	16.0%
Unsure / Nonsensical	3.1%	3.2%	3.0%	3.2%	3.3%	

What is your opinion of Dan McKee? (RANDOMIZE Q5-Q8)						
McKEE FAV	IF ELECTORATE LOOKS LIKE... →	22/18 AVG	2024G	2022G	2020G	2018G
	Very favorable	5.6%	5.6%	5.9%	5.7%	5.4%
	Somewhat favorable	19.9%	18.0%	19.9%	18.4%	20.0%
	Somewhat unfavorable	23.2%	23.3%	22.2%	23.2%	24.2%
	Very unfavorable	35.9%	36.9%	36.8%	36.4%	35.0%
	No Opinion	12.0%	12.3%	12.0%	12.3%	11.9%
	Never heard of Dan McKee	3.4%	4.0%	3.2%	3.9%	3.5%
Fav vs. Unfav Margin	-33.5%	-36.6%	-33.2%	-35.5%	-33.8%	

What is your opinion of Helena Foulkes? (RANDOMIZE Q5-Q8)						
FOULKES FAV	IF ELECTORATE LOOKS LIKE... →	22/18 AVG	2024G	2022G	2020G	2018G
	Very favorable	6.4%	6.1%	6.6%	6.3%	6.2%
	Somewhat favorable	16.5%	15.5%	17.0%	15.7%	16.1%
	Somewhat unfavorable	12.4%	12.7%	12.6%	12.7%	12.3%
	Very unfavorable	13.2%	13.5%	13.2%	13.3%	13.1%
	No Opinion	28.4%	27.2%	28.4%	27.3%	28.5%
	Never heard of Helena Foulkes	23.0%	25.0%	22.2%	24.8%	23.8%
Fav vs. Unfav Margin	-2.6%	-4.4%	-2.2%	-3.9%	-3.1%	

What is your opinion of Aaron Guckian? (RANDOMIZE Q5-Q8)						
GUCKIAN FAV	IF ELECTORATE LOOKS LIKE... →	22/18 AVG	2024G	2022G	2020G	2018G
	Very favorable	3.2%	3.6%	3.4%	3.5%	3.0%
	Somewhat favorable	7.9%	7.2%	7.4%	7.2%	8.4%
	Somewhat unfavorable	5.4%	5.2%	5.2%	5.1%	5.5%
	Very unfavorable	8.9%	8.8%	9.0%	8.8%	8.8%
	No Opinion	28.5%	27.8%	28.9%	28.0%	28.1%
	Never heard of Aaron Guckian	46.2%	47.4%	46.1%	47.4%	46.2%
Fav vs. Unfav Margin	-3.2%	-3.2%	-3.4%	-3.3%	-3.0%	

What is your opinion of Ken Block? (RANDOMIZE Q5-Q8)						
BLOCK FAV	IF ELECTORATE LOOKS LIKE... →	22/18 AVG	2024G	2022G	2020G	2018G
	Very favorable	8.3%	7.5%	8.7%	7.6%	7.9%
	Somewhat favorable	19.8%	18.9%	20.0%	18.9%	19.5%
	Somewhat unfavorable	8.0%	7.3%	7.8%	7.4%	8.1%
	Very unfavorable	9.8%	9.8%	9.5%	9.6%	10.2%
	No Opinion	26.9%	26.7%	27.0%	26.7%	26.7%
	Never heard of Ken Block	27.3%	29.8%	27.0%	29.7%	27.5%
Fav vs. Unfav Margin		10.2%	9.3%	11.5%	9.6%	9.0%

In November, there will be an election for Rhode Island Governor. If the candidates who appear on your ballot were as follows, who would you vote for? (RANDOMIZE D AND R)						
BALLOT TEST 1	IF ELECTORATE LOOKS LIKE... →	22/18 AVG	2024G	2022G	2020G	2018G
	Dan McKee, the Democrat	28.0%	28.5%	27.9%	28.8%	28.1%
	Aaron Guckian, the Republican	15.1%	15.5%	15.0%	15.0%	15.3%
	Ken Block, the independent	20.4%	19.8%	20.7%	19.7%	20.1%
	Undecided	36.5%	36.3%	36.4%	36.4%	36.6%
	Margin		-7.6%	-8.7%	-7.2%	-9.1%

And, if the candidates who appear on your ballot were as follows, who would you vote for in the November election for Rhode Island Governor? (RANDOMIZE D AND R)						
BALLOT TEST 2	IF ELECTORATE LOOKS LIKE... →	22/18 AVG	2024G	2022G	2020G	2018G
	Helena Foulkes, the Democrat	33.2%	33.8%	32.8%	34.0%	33.4%
	Aaron Guckian, the Republican	15.9%	16.5%	16.1%	16.1%	15.9%
	Ken Block, the independent	17.8%	17.0%	18.2%	17.0%	17.4%
	Undecided	33.1%	32.7%	32.9%	32.9%	33.3%
	Margin		-15.4%	-16.8%	-14.5%	-17.0%

POST-MSG TEST 1	Now that you've heard more information, who would you vote for in the November election for Governor? (RANDOMIZE D AND R)					
	IF ELECTORATE LOOKS LIKE... →	22/18 AVG	2024G	2022G	2020G	2018G
	Dan McKee, the Democrat	21.1%	21.5%	21.6%	21.8%	20.6%
	Aaron Guckian, the Republican	11.4%	11.9%	11.4%	11.5%	11.3%
	Ken Block, the independent	31.5%	31.6%	31.8%	31.4%	31.2%
	Undecided	36.0%	35.0%	35.3%	35.3%	36.8%
	Margin	10.3%	10.1%	10.2%	9.6%	10.6%

POST-MSG TEST 2	And, if the candidates who appear on your ballot were as follows, who would you vote for in the November election for Rhode Island Governor? (RANDOMIZE D AND R)					
	IF ELECTORATE LOOKS LIKE... →	22/18 AVG	2024G	2022G	2020G	2018G
	Helena Foulkes, the Democrat	27.0%	27.1%	26.9%	27.4%	26.8%
	Aaron Guckian, the Republican	12.2%	12.6%	12.2%	12.2%	12.3%
	Ken Block, the independent	26.6%	27.0%	27.0%	26.9%	26.4%
	Undecided	34.2%	33.3%	33.9%	33.5%	34.5%
	Margin	-0.3%	-0.1%	0.1%	-0.5%	-0.5%

GOP RECONSIDER	(IF REPUBLICAN ON BOTH Q15 AND Q16) You indicated you will support the Republican candidate for Governor. Would you be willing to vote for a right-leaning independent candidate instead of the Republican, if the independent clearly had a better chance of defeating the Democrats, winning the election for Governor, and being in a position to fix the issues that are broken in Rhode Island?					
	IF ELECTORATE LOOKS LIKE... →	22/18 AVG	2024G	2022G	2020G	2018G
	Yes, you would vote for the independent	33.2%	33.4%	32.7%	33.3%	33.7%
	No, you will definitely vote for the Republican	41.1%	42.6%	41.8%	42.2%	40.4%
	Undecided	25.7%	24.0%	25.4%	24.5%	25.8%
	Margin	-7.9%	-9.1%	-9.1%	-8.9%	-6.7%

UNION HH	Is any member of your household a member of a trade, labor, or public safety union?					
	IF ELECTORATE LOOKS LIKE... →	22/18 AVG	2024G	2022G	2020G	2018G
	Yes	19.3%	19.9%	19.3%	19.8%	19.3%
	No	80.7%	80.1%	80.7%	80.2%	80.7%

Which of the following best describes your political ideology?						
POLITICAL IDEOLOGY	IF ELECTORATE LOOKS LIKE... →	22/18 AVG	2024G	2022G	2020G	2018G
	Progressive Democrat	27.1%	28.2%	26.6%	28.4%	27.5%
	Centrist Democrat	11.1%	10.2%	10.4%	10.3%	11.8%
	Moderate	22.5%	21.7%	22.4%	21.8%	22.4%
	Centrist Republican	12.1%	12.3%	12.3%	11.9%	12.0%
	MAGA Republican	11.0%	10.9%	11.4%	10.7%	10.6%
	Unsure	16.2%	16.8%	16.9%	16.8%	15.7%