**INTRODUCTION & METHODOLOGY**

From June 8-14, 2021, the Oregon Values and Beliefs Center conducted a statewide survey of Oregonians’ values and beliefs.

**Research Methodology**: The online survey consisted of 1,400 Oregon residents ages 18+ and took approximately 15 minutes to complete. This is a sufficient sample size to assess Oregonians’ opinions generally and to review findings by multiple subgroups.

Respondents were contacted by using professionally maintained online panels. In gathering responses, a variety of quality control measures were employed, including questionnaire pre-testing, validation, and real time monitoring of responses. To ensure a representative sample, demographic quotas were set, and data weighted by area of the state, gender, age, and education.

**Statement of Limitations:** Any sampling of opinions or attitudes is subject to a margin of error. The margin of error is a standard statistical calculation that represents differences between the sample and total population at a confidence interval, or probability, calculated to be 95%. This means that there is a 95% probability that the sample taken for this study would fall within the stated margin of error if compared with the results achieved from surveying the entire population. This survey’s margin of error, for the full sample, ranges from ±1.6% to ±2.6% depending on how the response category percentages split for any given question.

**Oregon Values and Beliefs Center:** The research was completed as a community service by the Oregon Values and Beliefs Center. OVBC is an independent and non-partisan organization and an Oregon charitable nonprofit corporation.

**OVBC Monthly Survey, June 2021**

**Land Use, Joining Idaho, Elected Official Recalls, Black Lives Matter,**

**Pandemic and Employment, Policing**

1. The Oregon Legislature is requiring most cities to allow more housing to be built in single-family neighborhoods. Duplexes must be allowed on every lot, and up to four units must be permitted in some areas. The city of Portland is allowing up to six units on nearly every single-family lot. Do you support or oppose such housing increases in single-family neighborhoods?

| **Response Category** | **n=1,400** |
| --- | --- |
| Support strongly | 21% |
| Somewhat support | 31% |
| Oppose somewhat | 19% |
| Oppose strongly | 19% |
| Don’t know | 11% |

1. **(If support)** In a few sentences or a short paragraph, why do you support housing increases in single-family neighborhoods? **(Open)**

*(Qualitatively Assessed – See Blog Post)*

1. **(If oppose)** In a few sentences or a short paragraph, why do you oppose housing increases in single-family neighborhoods? **(Open)**

*(Qualitatively Assessed – See Blog Post)*

In May, voters in Baker, Grant, Lake, Malheur, and Sherman counties approved separate ballot initiatives requiring county officials to study or promote joining Idaho. Two other counties — Union and Jefferson — passed similar measures in November.

1. Should Oregon counties be able to join Idaho if a majority of their voters agree?

| **Response Category** | **n=1,400** |
| --- | --- |
| Yes | 38% |
| No | 42% |
| Don’t know | 20% |

1. How likely do you think it is that these counties will join Idaho?

| **Response Category** | **n=1,400** |
| --- | --- |
| Very likely | 7% |
| Somewhat likely | 16% |
| Not very likely | 32% |
| Not at all likely | 32% |
| Don’t know | 13% |

1. Regardless of how likely you think it is, do you think it would be a positive or negative for these counties to join Idaho?

| **Response Category** | **n=1,400** |
| --- | --- |
| Very positive | 15% |
| Somewhat positive | 19% |
| Somewhat negative | 18% |
| Very negative | 25% |
| Don’t know | 23% |

1. In a few sentences or a short paragraph, share any comments you have about Oregon counties joining Idaho. **(Open)**

*(Qualitatively Assessed – See Blog Post)*

1. Some people have unsuccessfully tried to recall Oregon Gov. Kate Brown because they disagree with some of her policies. Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler may face a recall because some people disagree with his policies. Do you agree or not agree that policy disagreements are valid reasons for recalling an elected official who has not been accused of misconduct?

| **Response Category** | **n=1,400** |
| --- | --- |
| Yes, agree | 43% |
| No, not agree | 41% |
| Don’t know | 16% |

1. In a few sentences or a short paragraph, share any comments you have about recalling state and local officials in Oregon. **(Open)**

*(Qualitatively Assessed – See Blog Post)*

1. What impact have the Black Lives Matter protests had in your community?

| **Response Category** | **n=1,400** |
| --- | --- |
| Positive | 19% |
| Negative | 22% |
| Both positive and negative | 29% |
| No impact | 22% |
| Don’t know | 9% |

1. **(If positive, or positive/negative to Q10)** In a few sentences or a short paragraph, describe the positive impact the Black Lives Matter protests have had in your community. **(Open)**

*(Qualitatively Assessed – See Blog Post)*

1. **(If positive, or positive and negative to Q10)** Do you feel the positive impact will be long felt or fleeting?

| **Response Category** | **n=669** |
| --- | --- |
| Long felt | 47% |
| Fleeting | 20% |
| Don’t know | 33% |

1. **(If negative, or positive and negative to Q10)** In a few sentences or a short paragraph, describe the negative impact the Black Lives Matter protests have had in your community. **(Open)**

*(Qualitatively Assessed – See Blog Post)*

1. **(If negative, or positive and negative to Q10)** Do you feel the negative impact will be long felt or fleeting?

| **Response Category** | **n=703** |
| --- | --- |
| Long felt | 55% |
| Fleeting | 20% |
| Don’t know | 25% |

1. What was your employment status before the pandemic?

| **Response Category** | **n=1,400** |
| --- | --- |
| Employed Full-Time | 42% |
| Employed Part-Time | 12% |
| Seeking opportunities | 11% |
| Retired | 21% |
| Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 14% |

1. **(If employed Q15)** How satisfied were you with your job before the pandemic?

| **Response Category** | **n=758** |
| --- | --- |
| Very satisfied | 45% |
| Somewhat satisfied | 43% |
| Not very satisfied | 8% |
| Not at all satisfied | 3% |
| Don’t know | 1% |

1. **(If employed Q15)** Regardless of whether you’re now in a new job or not, how has the pandemic left you feeling about that job now?

| **Response Category** | **n=758** |
| --- | --- |
| More satisfied | 17% |
| Less satisfied | 33% |
| No difference | 47% |
| Don’t know | 3% |

1. **(If more satisfied to Q17)** In a few sentences or a short paragraph, describe why are you feeling more satisfied with that job. **(Open)**

*(Qualitatively Assessed – See Blog Post)*

1. **(If less satisfied to Q17)** In a few sentences or a short paragraph, describe why are you feeling less satisfied with that job. **(Open)**

*(Qualitatively Assessed – See Blog Post)*

1. What is your employment status now?

| **Response Category** | **n=1,400** |
| --- | --- |
| Employed Full-Time | 34% |
| Employed Part-Time | 10% |
| Seeking opportunities | 16% |
| Retired | 22% |
| Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 16% |

1. **(If employed to Q20)** Were you in the same job before the pandemic?

| **Response Category** | **n=626** |
| --- | --- |
| Yes | 76% |
| No | 19% |
| Not employed before the pandemic | 5% |
| Don’t know | -- |

1. **(If no to Q21)** In a few sentences or a short paragraph, describe why you are not in the same job. **(Open)**

*(Qualitatively Assessed – See Blog Post)*

1. **(If seeking opportunities to Q20)** Has the pandemic influenced your thinking about the kind of opportunity you are seeking?

| **Response Category** | **n=230** |
| --- | --- |
| Yes | 61% |
| No | 39% |
| Don’t know | -- |

1. **(If yes to Q23)** In a few sentences or a short paragraph, describe how the pandemic has changed your thinking. (Open)

*(Qualitatively Assessed – See Blog Post)*

Do you support or oppose each of the following for policing and public safety in your community? (Randomize)

| **Response Category, n=1,400** | **Support strongly** | **Support somewhat** | **Oppose somewhat** | **Oppose strongly** | **Don’t know** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. Cutting some funding from the police department and shifting it to social services such as social counseling, housing, education, transportation, and public health
 | 32% | 21% | 13% | 27% | 8% |
| 1. Eliminating the police department and creating alternatives such as teams of social workers, drug counselors and mental health experts responsible for responding to non-violent emergencies
 | 12% | 14% | 15% | 52% | 7% |
| 1. Banning the use of chokeholds
 | 51% | 21% | 11% | 9% | 7% |
| 1. Banning the use of chemical agents such as tear gas and pepper bullets
 | 26% | 18% | 23% | 25% | 8% |
| 1. Banning no-knock warrants that allow police to enter a person’s residence unannounced
 | 43% | 20% | 12% | 18% | 7% |
| 1. Allowing individuals to sue police officers in civil court if they feel they were subjected to excessive force or violence
 | 38% | 24% | 14% | 14% | 9% |
| 1. Requiring police to intervene and stop excessive force used by other officers and report these incidents immediately to their supervisor
 | 68% | 20% | 4% | 3% | 5% |
| 1. Requiring states to publicly release disciplinary records for law enforcement officers
 | 46% | 25% | 12% | 8% | 9% |
| 1. Requiring officers to report each time they use force or threaten to use force against a civilian
 | 56% | 23% | 9% | 6% | 6% |
| 1. Requiring to the greatest extent feasible the recording of police interaction with the public
 | 54% | 28% | 6% | 3% | 9% |
| 1. Increase funding for the police department to expand police presence in your area
 | 27% | 22% | 21% | 20% | 10% |

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

1. In what year were you born?

| **Response Category** | **n=1,400** |
| --- | --- |
| 18-29 | 22% |
| 30-44 | 25% |
| 45-54 | 17% |
| 55-64 | 17% |
| 65-74 | 14% |
| 75+ | 6% |

1. I describe my gender as?

| **Response Category** | **n=1,400** |
| --- | --- |
| Male | 49% |
| Female | 49% |
| Non-binary or gender non-conforming | 2% |
| Trans | 1% |
| Other | n=4 |

1. What is the highest level of education you have attained?

| **Response Category** | **n=1,400** |
| --- | --- |
| Less than high school | 4% |
| High school diploma/GED | 32% |
| Some college/2-year degree/trade | 36% |
| College degree/4-year degree | 14% |
| Graduate degree/professional school | 13% |

1. What is your party registration?

| **Response Category** | **n=1,400** |
| --- | --- |
| Democrat | 38% |
| Republican | 23% |
| Independent Party of Oregon | 12% |
| Some other party | 2% |
| Non-affiliated | 16% |
| Not registered to vote | 8% |

1. Do you rent or own your home?

| **Response Category** | **n=1,400** |
| --- | --- |
| Own | 51% |
| Rent | 35% |
| Other arrangements | 14% |

1. Do you have school-age children in your household?

| **Response Category** | **n=1,400** |
| --- | --- |
| Yes | 23% |
| No | 77% |

1. What was your total household income in 2020?

| **Response Category** | **n=1,400** |
| --- | --- |
| Less than $25,000 | 26% |
| $25,000-49,999 | 22% |
| $50,000-74,999 | 20% |
| $75,000-99,999 | 12% |
| $100,000-149,999 | 11% |
| $150,000 or more | 8% |
| Refused | 1% |

1. When it comes to most economic issues, do you consider yourself. . .

| **Response Category** | **n=1,400** |
| --- | --- |
| Very liberal | 16% |
| Somewhat liberal | 20% |
| Middle of the road | 35% |
| Somewhat conservative | 18% |
| Very conservative | 11% |

1. When it comes to most social issues, do you consider yourself. . .

| **Response Category** | **n=1,400** |
| --- | --- |
| Very liberal | 23% |
| Somewhat liberal | 22% |
| Middle of the road | 31% |
| Somewhat conservative | 14% |
| Very conservative | 10% |

1. With which of the following races and ethnicities do you identify? *Check all that apply.*

| **Response Category** | **n=1,400** |
| --- | --- |
| African | 1% |
| Asian or Pacific Islander | 2% |
| Black or African American | 2% |
| Hispanic or Latino | 4% |
| Middle Eastern or North African | n=3 |
| Native American or American Indian | 3% |
| Slavic | 1% |
| White or Caucasian | 92% |
| Other | 2% |

1. Do you consider the area you live in to be. . . .

| **Response Category** | **n=1,400** |
| --- | --- |
| Urban | 27% |
| Suburban | 41% |
| Rural changing to suburban | 11% |
| Rural | 20% |

1. County/Zip Code

| **Response Category** | **n=1,400** |
| --- | --- |
| Tri-county | 44% |
| Willamette Valley | 28% |
| Rest of state | 28% |