



RHODE ISLAND TERM LIMITS POLL: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

US Term Limits Survey of 500 Registered Voters in Rhode Island

Conducted by RMG Research, October 13-19, 2023

Survey Summary: The results of this recently completed Rhode Island survey show that Rhode Island voters overwhelmingly support term limits for members of Congress. Support for term limits is broad across all political and demographic groups. **An overwhelming 83% of the voters approve of an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that will place term limits on U.S. Senators and U.S. House Representatives.** Of the respondents who support term limits, 64% want 6-years total or less as the limit, the majority (40%) indicating U.S. House members should only serve for four years. They also indicated that they are more likely to support state lawmakers who help advance congressional term limits.

Do you favor or oppose term limits for members of Congress?

Total		Gender		Age			Race		Party			Party w Leaning*		
		Men	Wom	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Oth	GOP	Dem	Oth	GOP	Dem	Oth
Favors	83%	87%	80%	72%	84%	86%	85%	73%	81%	81%	85%	87%	82%	80%
Strongly favor	48%	49%	46%	39%	48%	50%	50%	40%	51%	37%	58%	56%	41%	59%
Somewhat favor	35%	37%	33%	33%	36%	35%	36%	33%	30%	44%	28%	32%	41%	21%
Opposes	10%	8%	11%	19%	8%	8%	8%	18%	9%	12%	8%	6%	12%	11%
Somewhat oppose	7%	5%	8%	17%	8%	3%	5%	17%	6%	9%	6%	4%	8%	7%
Strongly oppose	3%	3%	3%	2%	1%	4%	3%	1%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%
Not sure	7%	5%	9%	9%	7%	7%	7%	10%	9%	7%	7%	7%	6%	9%

[Asked of those who favor Term Limits]

How many 2-year terms should a member of Congress be allowed to serve?

Total		Gender		Age			Race		Party			Party w Leaning*		
		Men	Wom	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Oth	GOP	Dem	Oth	GOP	Dem	Oth
1 term	6%	2%	9%	6%	6%	6%	4%	16%	7%	6%	6%	6%	5%	7%
2 terms	40%	36%	43%	44%	45%	36%	40%	40%	36%	42%	39%	35%	39%	52%
3 terms	18%	20%	17%	19%	13%	21%	19%	16%	14%	16%	23%	18%	19%	18%
4 terms	20%	21%	19%	21%	25%	18%	21%	17%	19%	20%	20%	18%	21%	14%
5 terms	10%	13%	8%	6%	6%	13%	11%	6%	15%	10%	8%	14%	10%	3%
6 terms	3%	5%	2%	2%	1%	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%
7 terms	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%
8 terms	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
10 terms	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%	3%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%
12 terms	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
15 terms	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%

Would you be more or less likely to support a candidate for state legislature if you knew he or she supports implementing term limits for members of Congress?

Total		Gender		Age			Race		Party			Party w Leaning*		
		Men	Wom	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Oth	GOP	Dem	Oth	GOP	Dem	Oth
More Likely	69%	69%	69%	61%	72%	70%	71%	63%	71%	66%	72%	72%	68%	68%
Much more likely	29%	36%	24%	27%	31%	29%	30%	26%	34%	20%	37%	39%	23%	38%
Somewhat more likely	40%	33%	45%	33%	42%	41%	41%	36%	36%	46%	35%	33%	45%	30%
Less Likely	11%	12%	10%	23%	7%	8%	9%	18%	13%	11%	10%	9%	11%	15%
Somewhat less likely	9%	10%	8%	21%	7%	6%	7%	17%	11%	8%	9%	8%	9%	11%
Much less likely	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	4%
No difference	14%	13%	14%	11%	14%	15%	14%	12%	6%	19%	12%	10%	17%	12%
Not sure	6%	5%	7%	5%	6%	7%	6%	7%	11%	4%	7%	9%	5%	6%

Suppose you knew that one candidate for Congress signed the U.S. Term Limits Pledge and supports term limits, but the opposing candidate refuses to sign the pledge. If you knew that to be true and the election were held today, for whom would you vote?

Total		Gender		Age			Race		Party			Party w Leaning*		
		Men	Wom	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Oth	GOP	Dem	Oth	GOP	Dem	Oth
The one who signed the U.S. Term Limits Pledge	57%	59%	55%	55%	60%	56%	58%	54%	68%	55%	55%	62%	56%	54%
The opponent	6%	6%	7%	16%	8%	3%	5%	12%	11%	8%	3%	8%	7%	3%
Would not vote	5%	5%	5%	7%	4%	5%	4%	10%	3%	6%	6%	2%	5%	13%
Not sure	31%	30%	32%	22%	28%	36%	33%	24%	19%	31%	36%	28%	32%	30%

Methodology

The survey of 500 Registered Rhode Island Voters was conducted for USTL on October 13-19, 2023. Field work for the survey was conducted by RMG Research, Inc. Certain quotas were applied, and the sample was lightly weighted by gender, age, and race. Likely voters were determined by a screening process within the survey.

The margin of sampling error for the full sample is +/- 4.4 percentage points.

Note: "w leaning" describes respondents who indicated they are not affiliated with a specific party but typically align towards one of the major parties.