



July 2025 Lake Effect Poll Memo

Michigan Opinion re: Michigan Budget

In concert with Progress Michigan, Public Policy Polling interviewed 627 Michigan voters from July 10-11, 2025 by phone and text. Margin of error for this poll is +/-3.9%.

Overview

Respondents were asked two questions about the Michigan Legislature's failure to pass a budget by their July 1st deadline. In the first, respondents were given few details and asked who they blamed the most: Democrats, Republicans, or both equally. In the second, respondents were provided with the information that Republicans want to cut the Michigan education budget and Democrats want to increase it, and again asked who they blamed the most.

Topline

Informing respondents about the details surrounding the education budget results in more people shifting responsibility to Republicans for the Legislature's failure to pass a budget.

Key Takeaways

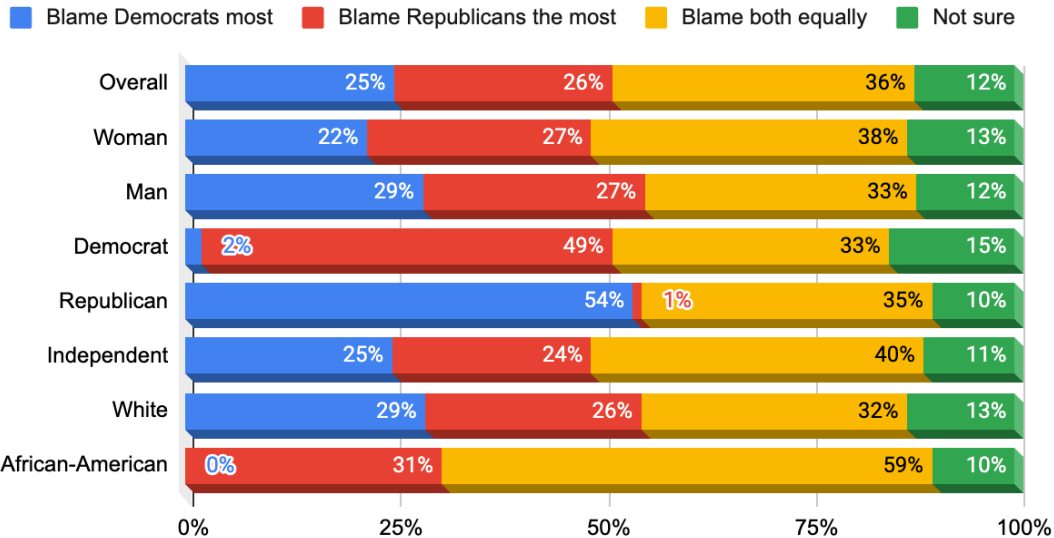
- Initially, 49% of Democrats blamed Republicans. With added details that number jumps to 80%.
- Initially, Republicans blame Democrats at 54% and with added details that number goes down to 44%
- Initially 31% of African-American voters blamed Republicans and 59% blamed both parties equally. With added details, 59% blamed Republicans and 23% blamed both parties equally.
- Initially, 26% of white voters blamed Republicans and with added details, that number jumps to 37%



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The Michigan legislature failed to pass a budget by their July 1st deadline. Who do you blame the most for this: Democrats, Republicans, or both equally?



One major sticking point in the budget is around Republican and Democratic lawmakers not being able to reach a deal on education funding. Michigan Democratic lawmakers have proposed increasing funding for education while Republican lawmakers have proposed drastic cuts to education funding, including cutting free school meals. Having heard this, let me ask you again: Who do you blame the most for the failure to pass a budget: Democrats, Republicans, or both equally?

