



Just Recovery DC Poll

Paid by DC Fiscal Policy Institute and DC Action for Children

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Donald Trump's job performance?

Approve 9%
Disapprove 86%
Not sure 5%

Q2 DC's wealthiest residents making taxable income above \$350,000 have recently benefited from local tax cuts and federal Trump tax cuts. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose permanently eliminating local tax cuts for the wealthy so DC can afford public services for residents struggling to get by?

Strongly support 60%
Somewhat support 11%
Somewhat oppose 7%
Strongly oppose 11%
Not sure 11%

Q3 DC lawmakers are finalizing their annual budget. Our city currently faces a \$1.5 billion revenue shortfall due to the pandemic and spike in joblessness. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose DC asking our wealthiest residents to pay more of their fair share of taxes to maintain vital public services like healthcare, housing, education, and child care?

Strongly support 64%
Somewhat support 19%
Somewhat oppose 6%
Strongly oppose 6%
Not sure 5%

Q4 DC has one of the country's worst racial income divides, which this pandemic has worsened. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose asking DC's wealthiest residents to pay more of their fair share of taxes to prevent budget cuts that harm black and brown residents struggling to get by?

Strongly support 63%
Somewhat support 15%
Somewhat oppose 6%
Strongly oppose 8%
Not sure 7%

Q5 At what income is it acceptable for DC to ask wealthier individuals to pay more of their fair share in taxes to build a strong recovery: the top 5% with a starting income of \$337,000 annually, the top 10% with a starting income of \$220,000 annually, the top 15% with a starting income of \$164,000 annually, or do you think there should be no tax increase?

Individuals in the top 5% with a starting income of \$337,000 annually 50%
Individuals in the top 10% with a starting income of \$220,000 annually 19%
Individuals in the top 15% with a starting income of \$164,000 annually 12%
Think there should be no tax increase 13%
Not sure 7%

Q6 Before the pandemic, many DC residents struggled to make ends meet. The pandemic has caused more economic pain. Do you generally think DC should be doing more to respond to the economic downturn resulting from the pandemic, or not?

Yes 55%
No 20%
Not sure 24%





Q7 District lawmakers are considering ways to help close the \$1.5 billion revenue shortfall, meet local needs, and build a strong economic recovery. Now, I'd like to list potential policy solutions. For each one, tell me if you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the solution as a way to raise revenue. Here's the first one: Increase income taxes on individuals earning taxable income of \$150,000 or more. Currently, residents earning taxable income of \$150,000 pay the same tax rate as those earning \$60,000 despite having double the income.

<i>Strongly support</i>	32%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	24%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	18%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	14%
<i>Not sure</i>	11%

Q8 Here's the next one: Increase income taxes on individuals earning taxable income of \$250,000 or more. Currently, residents earning taxable income of \$250,000 pay the same income tax rate as those earning \$60,000 despite having more than quadruple the income.

<i>Strongly support</i>	54%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	18%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	9%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	11%
<i>Not sure</i>	9%

Q9 Here's the last one: Increase income taxes on individuals earning taxable income of \$350,000 or more. Currently, residents earning taxable income of \$350,000 pay the same tax rate as those earning \$60,000 despite having nearly 6 times as much income.

<i>Strongly support</i>	70%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	8%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	7%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	8%
<i>Not sure</i>	7%

Q10 Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose DC lawmakers closing tax loopholes for corporations, such as eliminating tax breaks for businesses that don't create jobs or contribute to economic growth?

<i>Strongly support</i>	59%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	17%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	9%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	4%
<i>Not sure</i>	11%





Q11 DC Public Schools has a \$23 million contract with the Metropolitan Police Department. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose removing police-contracted personnel from schools and instead reinvesting those dollars in school-based mental health and student support programs?

<i>Strongly support</i>	38%
<i>Somewhat support</i>	27%
<i>Somewhat oppose</i>	15%
<i>Strongly oppose</i>	12%
<i>Not sure</i>	8%

Q12 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	53%
<i>Man</i>	47%

Q13 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i>	74%
<i>Republican</i>	7%
<i>Independent</i>	19%

Q14 If you are Hispanic or Latino, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

<i>Hispanic or Latino</i>	6%
<i>White</i>	43%
<i>African-American</i>	44%
<i>Other</i>	7%

Q15 If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3.

<i>18 to 45</i>	29%
<i>46 to 65</i>	40%
<i>Older than 65</i>	31%

Q16 Ward

<i>1</i>	13%
<i>2</i>	10%
<i>3</i>	15%
<i>4</i>	15%
<i>5</i>	13%
<i>6</i>	16%
<i>7</i>	10%
<i>8</i>	8%

