

## YWWomenVote 2022 - Midterm Elections Spotlight on Georgia

This spotlight on Georgia women provides a brief overview of their concerns and priorities heading into the 2022 midterm elections. Drawn from YWCA USA’s [fifth national survey of women in the United States](#), this data centers the women of Georgia whose voice are critical yet frequently overlooked in policy discussions, and frames clear expectations for legislative actions to address their concerns and priorities.

### Election Enthusiasm and Impact

**Federal elections:** On par with women overall, **just about half (49 percent)** of women in Georgia are enthusiastic about voting in the federal election (ranking their enthusiasm an 8, 9, or 10). More specifically, **35 percent** ranked their enthusiasm as a “10,” which is higher than women surveyed overall (31 percent). Additionally, women in Georgia were slightly more likely to believe these federal elections will have “a big impact” on their and their families’ lives (38 percent in Georgia compared to 35 percent overall).

**State and local elections:** On par with women surveyed nationally, **just over half of women (51 percent)** in Georgia are enthusiastic to vote in their state and local elections (ranking their enthusiasm as 8, 9, or 10), slightly higher than in federal contests. Specifically, **38 percent** ranked their enthusiasm as a “10”, the highest possible level. Women in Georgia are also five points more likely (**43 percent**) to believe that state and local elections would have “a big impact” in their and their families’ lives compared to federal elections.

### Policy Solutions: Women in Georgia

Legislation to ensure access to comprehensive health coverage (including pre-existing conditions and access to birth control) topped the list for women in Georgia (**80%**). See below for additional policies Georgia women prioritize.

| Top Policies: Georgia Women                               |  |         |     |           |
|---|--|---------|-----|-----------|
| % One of the most important/very important; Sorted by net |  |         |     |           |
| Policy Category   | Policy Issue   | Overall | GA  | Net       |
| Health & Well-Being                                       | Comprehensive health Coverage (including coverage for pre-existing conditions and birth control) | 78%     | 80% | <b>+2</b> |
| Health & Well-Being                                       | Access to Contraception  | 74%     | 75% | <b>+1</b> |
| Economic Security   | Paid Family & Medical Leave  | 73%     | 74% | <b>+1</b> |
| Health & Community  | Expand Mental Health Services for Survivors of Trauma  | 77%     | 77% | <b>+0</b> |
| Gender-Based Violence                                     | Domestic Violence Prevention & Services  | 76%     | 76% | <b>+0</b> |
| Economic Security   | Equal Pay  | 76%     | 75% | <b>-1</b> |
| Health & Well-Being                                       | Improve Maternal Health Care   | 73%     | 72% | <b>-1</b> |
| Health & Well-Being                                       | Federal Funding for Nonprofit Community Services   | 75%     | 73% | <b>-2</b> |
| Economic Security   | End Workplace Harassment, Discrimination, Sexual Violence  | 79%     | 76% | <b>-3</b> |
| Health & Well-Being                                       | Prevent Gun Violence & Mass Shootings  | 82%     | 77% | <b>-5</b> |

## Top Concerns: Women in Georgia

As women nationwide also reported, the top concern among women in Georgia is the high cost of living (**84 percent**)\*. Concerns for women in Georgia centered around economic security, health, and racial justice.

| Top Concerns: Georgia Women                               |  |         |     |           |
|---|--|---------|-----|-----------|
| % Very/somewhat worried; Sorted by net from overall women |  |         |     |           |
| Concern Category  | Concern                                    | Overall | GA  | Net       |
| Economic Security   | Afford rent or mortgage                    | 62%     | 65% | <b>+3</b> |
| Health/Community  | Affordable Mental Health Services          | 51%     | 54% | <b>+3</b> |
| Economic Security   | Earning Equal Pay (Gender gap)             | 50%     | 53% | <b>+3</b> |
| Economic Security   | Family income not enough to pay bills      | 68%     | 70% | <b>+2</b> |
| Economic Security   | Access to paid sick days                   | 42%     | 43% | <b>+1</b> |
| Economic Security   | Access to paid family and medical leave    | 41%     | 42% | <b>+1</b> |
| Economic Security   | Quality, affordable, accessible child care | 36%     | 37% | <b>+1</b> |
| Racial Justice/Democracy                                  | Ability to cast vote without interference  | 44%     | 44% | <b>+0</b> |
| Racial Justice  | Safety from police violence                | 40%     | 40% | <b>+0</b> |
| Health/Well-Being   | Access to contraception                    | 31%     | 31% | <b>+0</b> |

**\*FULL SURVEY RESULTS AVAILABLE AT [YWOMENVOTE.ORG](http://YWOMENVOTE.ORG)\***

## Survey Methodology

This online survey was designed and conducted by Finn Partners. It reached a total of N=3,354 women nationwide between June 21, 2022 and August 2, 2022. This sample is inclusive of oversamples of women in six states (N=400 in each of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Texas), all of which were weighted down to the appropriate size nationwide.

### About YWCA USA

For over 160 years, YWCA has been on a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. YWCA has been at the forefront of the most pressing social movements – from voting rights to civil rights, from affordable housing to pay equity, from violence prevention to health care reform. Today, we combine programming and advocacy in order to generate institutional change in three key areas: racial justice and civil rights, empowerment and economic advancement of women and girls, and health and safety of women and girls. Learn more at [www.ywca.org](http://www.ywca.org).

\* This is not represented in the proceeding chart, which ranks concerns by net difference compared to the national survey. Visit [YWWomenVote.org](http://YWWomenVote.org) for additional information.