

MISSOURI SURVEY

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TRANSPORATION ISSUES & STATEWIDE RACES

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Executive Summary

Missouri voters strongly favor the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) implementing a rule which would require trains to operate with a minimum of two crew members, with no exceptions. A clear majority of 79 percent favor 'no exceptions', while eight percent believe the rule should be put in 'as is' allowing the FRA to deviate from two crew members when a single operator does not pose a significant safety risk for rail employees, the public, or the environment. Only five percent believe the FRA should not regulate crew size. The survey was conducted after the FRA proposed rule was released for public comment; survey consisting of 674 random Missouri general election voters between March 17-24 using landline and cell phones.

Support for the 'no exceptions' to the proposed rule is widely supported by all demographic groupings and geographic regions.

- Those over 65 plus support 'no exceptions' with 83 percent support, whereas those under 40 support no exceptions at 77 percent.
- There is no gender gap when it comes to the proposed rule, with both men and women at 79 percent 'no exceptions'.
- And there is little difference when it comes to political parties, with 79 percent of self-identified Republican and 80 percent of Democrats supporting 'no exceptions' to the FRA rule.



Respondents were also asked about passenger rail funding, bigger trucks on the highway, and select match-ups for the 2016 general election, including a hypothetical (but seemingly likely) match-up between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump for U.S. President.

Methodology

The results presented are based on a stratified random sample of 673 Missouri residents who indicated they are likely to vote in the 2016 general election. The sample was stratified into five geographic regions (congressional districts) to ensure a representative statewide sample; all calls conducted by live callers using landline and cell phones.

Saint Louis (CD 1 & 2)	25 percent
Kansas City (CD 5)	11 percent
Northern MO (CD 6)	14 percent
Central MO (CD 3 & 4)	25 percent
Southern MO (CD 7 & 8)	25 percent

After numbers were stratified into the appropriate region, telephone numbers were selected at random using a skip pattern to guarantee interviews were distributed throughout the region. Each number in the stratified sample had the same non-zero chance of being selected for an interview.

Telephone interviews were conducted by trained staff of Stone Research Services of Indianapolis, Indiana, using a computer-assisted telephone interview (CATI) system for landline phones. Cell phone interviews are dialed manually to comply with the 1991 Telemarketing Consumer Protection Act. To ensure everyone in the household would have an equal chance of being selected, callers would ask to interview the resident over the age of 18 who had the most recent birthday.

The data was weighted based on gender, age, race, and education to conform to the approximate voter turnout in a general election based on U.S. Census Bureau data (demographic data and the 1996-2014 Voting Hot Report) and past election trends.

<u>Gender</u>		<u>Age</u>		Education	
Male	47%	18-39	31%	High School/Less	34%
Female	53%	40-64	47%	Some College/AA	31%
		65+	22%	Bachelor/Graduate	35%
Race					
White	80%				
African American	12%				
All Others	8%				

The final results presented are subject to sampling error, which is the difference between results obtained from the survey and those that would be obtained if every adult was interviewed in the district. The margin of error, is \pm 3.8 percentage points with a 95 percent confidence level; meaning that in 19 out of 20 times, the individual responses would be within the margin of error (confidence interval). For example, if a final result of a question resulted in an answer of 50 percent, the confidence interval would between 46.2 to 53.8 percent. Where appropriate in the survey, question and answer choices are randomized to help reduce bias; due to rounding, numbers may not equal 100 percent; question numbers are pre-set due to same questions being asked on multiple surveys, which could results in number skips on final report.

Project management and final analysis of the data was completed by Dean Mitchell of DFM Research based in Saint Paul, Minnesota. In addition to his 24 years of political experience, Dean has completed course work in survey techniques and statistics as part of his Master in Public Policy (MPP) degree from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

Topline

<u>Interviews</u>: 674 respondents who indicated that they would vote in the 2016 general election.

Margin of Error: \pm 3.8 percentage points with a 95 percent confidence.

<u>Interview Dates</u>: March 17-24; Call Center Stone Research Services from Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sample: Landline and cell phone sample. Random digit numbers provided by Survey

Sample International (SSI) of Fairfield, CT. SSI provided Stone Research with 6,500 residential random phone numbers in the boundary area and 2,500 cell phone

numbers

Survey Sponsor: SMART TD's Missouri State Legislative Board & SMART Local 2 and 36

Q1: Generally speaking, do you think the country is moving in the right direction, or is the country off on the wrong track?

	03/16	06/15
Right Direction	22%	24
Wrong Track	63	67
(VOL) Unsure	15	9

Q2: And generally speaking, do you think Missouri is moving in the right direction, or is Missouri off on the wrong track?

	03/10	00/13
Right Direction	33%	33
Wrong Track	44	49
(VOL) Unsure	22	18

Q3: I'm now going to read you some names of public figures. For each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion, and if you never heard of them before, just let me know. (Q3e-i; n=480, MoE ±4.5%pts)

	Favorable	<u>Unfavorable</u>	Neutral (VOL)	Never Heard Of
A – Barack Obama	40%	56	3	0
B – Chris Koster	29	19	30	23
C – Peter Kinder	25	17	31	27
D – Catherine Hanaway	13	16	31	41
E – Roy Blunt	41	38	16	5
F – Clair McCaskill	49	42	8	2
G – Jay Nixon	45	36	16	3
H – Donald Trump	28	63	8	0
I – Ted Cruz	40	47	12	1
J – Hillary Clinton	38	57	5	0
I – Jason Kander	12	14	34	40

Q4:	Now let's look ahead to the November general election. If the election was held today for U.S. President, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Donald Trump the Republican, for whom would you vote?					
	Hillary Clinton	42%				
	Donald Trump					
	(VOL) Other	8				
	(VOL) Unsure	11				
Q5:	In the race for U.S. Senate. If the election was held today and the ca Kander the Democrat and Roy Blunt the Republican, for whom wou					
	Jason Kander	35%				
	Roy Blunt					
	(VOL) Other	2				
	(VOL) Unsure	14				
Q6:	And in the race for Missouri Governor. If the election was held today were Chris Koster the Democrat and Catherine Hanaway the Repwould you vote?					
	Chris Koster	43%				
	Catherine Hanaway	31				
	(VOL) Other	3				
	(VOL) Unsure	23				
Q7:	Now let's suppose in the race for Missouri Governor the candidates Democrat and Peter Kinder the Republican, for whom would you vo					
	Chris Koster	39%				
	Peter Kinder					
	(VOL) Other					
	(VOL) Unsure	22				
Q8a1:	SPLIT: And now let's suppose in the race for Missouri Governor Chris Koster the Democrat and John Brunner the Republican, for wh vote? (Q8a1 and Q8a2; n=337, MoE ±5.4%pts)					
	Chris Koster	42%				
	John Brunner	28				
	(VOL) Other	2				
	(VOL) Unsure	28				
Q8a2:	SPLIT: Now let's suppose in the race for Missouri Governor the Koster the Democrat and Eric Greitens the Republican, for whom wo					
	Chris Koster	41%				
	Eric Greitens	24				
	(VOL) Other	3				
	(VOL) Unsure	31				

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Q11:	Thinking about	Missouri's	transportation	infrastructure	including	roads,	highways,
	bridges, rail, air,	and public	transportation -	– how would y	ou rate it?		

Excellent	1%
Good	20
Satisfactory	
Poor	
Failing	9
(VOL) Unsure	

Q12: Double trailer trucks are large trucks pulling two separate 28-foot long trailers that are over 70 feet long. These double trailer trucks are currently allowed on major roads in every state. Congress is now considering a bill that would require all states to allow double trailer trucks to pull two 33-foot trailers, making the truck 10 feet longer, the length of an 8-story building. Some trucking companies claim it increases efficiency to allow trucks to carry more freight, while others note that these longer trucks will also be heavier, harder to pass, and more dangerous in a crash.

Would you support or oppose Congress allowing longer, double 33-foot trailer trucks on roads throughout the country?

Strongly Support	3%	13% support
Somewhat Support		
Somewhat Oppose	19	81% oppose
Strongly Oppose	62	
(VOL) Unsure	7	

Currently most trains in Missouri operate with a crew of two people; but there are efforts by some railroads to reduce the crew to just one person on some trains.

Q13: The Federal Railroad Administration, known as the FRA, proposed a rule that would require most trains to operate with a minimum of two crew members, except for where the FRA believes a single operator does not pose a significant safety risk for rail employees, the public or the environment. Generally speaking, which best fits your view:

The proposed rule should have 2 person on all trains, no exceptions	79 %
The proposed rule by the FRA should be put into law, as is	8
The FRA should not regulate crew size, no rule needed	5
(VOL) Unsure	8

Q14:	Critics of Amtrak point out that the federal government spends over \$1 billion dollars per year to subsidize passenger rail service – about 25 percent of its total budget and that as a nation we can no longer afford Amtrak and its national rail network.				
	One idea that has been proposed is to eliminate ALL Amtrak funding mean no passenger rail service here in Missouri and most of America vote on this, would you?				
	Support the amendment, eliminating ALL Amtrak funding	12% 76 12			
Q15:	One issue that has received a lot of attention here in Missouri is Right prohibits employers and unions from negotiating contracts that require Based on what you currently know about Right to Work; do you Missouri becoming a Right to Work state?	union	membership.		
	Strongly Support		37% support		
	Somewhat Oppose	17 33	50% oppose		
	(VOL) Unsure	13			
D1:	When it comes to political parties, do you consider yourself a:				
	Democrat	34			
	ontext on the strong support of two-person crew in Missouri, the sked in June of 2015. (Sample Population = MO residents over 18, N=680, M				
2015:	Some in Congress want to enact a law, known as H.R. 1763, the Safe if passed would require all freight trains to operate with a crew people. Suppose you could vote on this bill; would you vote YES to or would you voted NO, and reject H.R. 3040.	of at	least two		
	Yes, pass No, reject				
	(VOL) Unsure				

KEY CROSSTABS:

Q2: And generally speaking, do you think Missouri is moving in the right direction, or is Missouri off on the wrong track?

	03/16	06/15
Right Direction	33%	33
Wrong Track	44	49
(VOL) Unsure	22	18

<u>Gender</u>	<u>RD</u>	$\underline{\mathbf{WT}}$	<u>Unsure</u>
Men	33%	46	21
Women	33	43	23
<u>Age</u>			
18-39	31	45	24
40-64	33	48	18
65 plus	35	37	29
Education			
High School	34	38	27
Some College	33	47	20
College Degree	32	48	20
Race			
White	33	43	24
African American	35	53	12
All Others	29	46	25
Region			
St. Louis Metro	32	54	14
Kansas City	41	34	25
Northern Missouri	31	40	29
Central Missouri	33	42	26
Southern Missouri	33	44	23
Party Identification			
Democrat	37	46	18
Independent	30	47	24
Republican	33	41	26

Q3a: I'm now going to read you some names of public figures. For each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion, and if you never heard of them before, just let me know.

Barack Obama

Favorable	40%
Unfavorable	56
(VOL) Neutral	3
Never Heard Of	0

Gender	Favorable	Unfavorable	Neutral	NHO
Men	40%	56	5	0
Women	40	57	2	0
Age				
18-39	41	53	5	0
40-64	38	60	2	0
65 plus	44	53	3	0
Education				
High School	35	60	6	0
Some College	36	61	2	0
College Degree	49	50	2	0
Race				
White	32	66	5	0
African American	90	6	5	0
All Others	49	40	8	2
Region				
St. Louis Metro	56	42	2	0
Kansas City	55	39	6	0
Northern Missouri	36	58	5	0
Central Missouri	30	68	2	0
Southern Missouri	31	65	4	0
Party Identification				
Democrat	83	15	2	0
Independent	34	59	6	0
Republican	6	93	1	0

Q3e: I'm now going to read you some names of public figures. For each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion, and if you never heard of them before, just let me know. (n=480, MoE ±4.5%pts)

Roy Blunt

Favorable	41%
Unfavorable	38
(VOL) Neutral	16
Never Heard Of	5

<u>Gender</u>	Favorable	Unfavorable	Neutral	<u>NHO</u>
Men	40%	41	14	5
Women	43	35	18	5
Age				
18-39	31	40	17	11
40-64	47	36	15	2
65 plus	43	39	15	3
Education				
High School	48	29	17	7
Some College	36	41	17	6
College Degree	40	43	15	3
Race				
White	45	36	15	4
African American	27	44	23	7
All Others	25	42	19	14
Region				
St. Louis Metro	32	44	17	6
Kansas City	44	30	23	3
Northern Missouri	40	31	19	10
Central Missouri	46	39	14	1
Southern Missouri	46	37	11	6
Party Identification				
Democrat	29	49	17	5
Independent	38	36	20	7
Republican	57	28	11	3

Q3f: I'm now going to read you some names of public figures. For each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion, and if you never heard of them before, just let me know. (n=480, MoE ±4.5%pts)

Claire McCaskill

Favorable	49%
Unfavorable	42
(VOL) Neutral	8
Never Heard Of	2

Gender	Favorable	Unfavorable	Neutral	NHO
Men	44%	44	9	2
Women	53	39	6	2
Age				
18-39	39	49	8	4
40-64	49	42	9	1
65 plus	62	32	5	1
Education				
High School	50	35	10	5
Some College	43	46	9	2
College Degree	53	44	4	0
Race				
White	44	46	8	1
African American	79	16	2	2
All Others	47	34	11	8
Region				
St. Louis Metro	63	30	5	2
Kansas City	58	24	17	2
Northern Missouri	45	35	18	2
Central Missouri	38	57	4	1
Southern Missouri	43	49	4	4
Party Identification				
Democrat	84	9	4	3
Independent	45	40	12	2
Republican	19	74	6	1

Q3g: I'm now going to read you some names of public figures. For each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion, and if you never heard of them before, just let me know. (n=480, MoE ±4.5%pts)

Jay Nixon

Favorable	45%
Unfavorable	36
(VOL) Neutral	16
Never Heard Of	3

<u>Gender</u>	Favorable	Unfavorable	Neutral	NHO
Men	45%	39	13	3
Women	45	34	18	3
Age				
18-39	45	34	20	2
40-64	42	40	14	4
65 plus	52	31	14	4
Education				
High School	43	32	19	5
Some College	46	38	15	1
College Degree	46	39	13	3
Race				
White	46	36	15	3
African American	41	40	14	4
All Others	40	30	27	2
Region				
St. Louis Metro	37	47	14	3
Kansas City	57	25	14	4
Northern Missouri	52	29	19	0
Central Missouri	45	33	18	3
Southern Missouri	45	37	14	4
Party Identification				
Democrat	62	23	13	3
Independent	42	35	20	3
Republican	32	51	14	3

Q4: Now let's look ahead to the November General Election. If the election was held today for U.S. President, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Donald Trump the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Hillary Clinton	42%
Donald Trump	40
(VOL) Other	8
(VOL) Unsure	11

Gender	Clinton	Trump	<u>Other</u>	<u>Unsure</u>
Men	39%	43	8	10
Women	44	36	8	12
Age				
18-39	42	41	7	10
40-64	39	41	8	12
65 plus	46	35	7	12
Education				
High School	41	42	5	12
Some College	37	44	7	12
College Degree	46	33	11	10
Race				
White	34	46	8	12
African American	84	4	3	9
All Others	50	33	12	5
Region				
St. Louis Metro	53	27	6	14
Kansas City	60	23	5	12
Northern Missouri	36	39	10	15
Central Missouri	34	49	8	9
Southern Missouri	32	50	9	9
Party Identification				
Democrat	90	0	2	7
Independent	31	38	14	18
Republican	6	78	7	9

Q5: In the race for U.S. Senate. If the election was held today and the candidates were Jason Kander the Democrat and Roy Blunt the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Jason Kander	35%
Roy Blunt	49
(VOL) Other	2
(VOL) Unsure	14

<u>Gender</u>	Kander	Blunt	<u>Other</u>	<u>Unsure</u>
Men	36%	50	3	12
Women	35	48	1	15
Age				
18-39	34	50	4	12
40-64	34	52	1	14
65 plus	41	43	2	15
Education				
High School	33	54	1	11
Some College	33	48	3	16
College Degree	40	45	2	14
Race				
White	30	55	2	13
African American	72	7	3	17
All Others	33	49	3	15
Region				
St. Louis Metro	49	33	3	15
Kansas City	44	41	3	13
Northern Missouri	32	53	0	15
Central Missouri	28	57	2	13
Southern Missouri	28	58	2	13
Party Identification				
Democrat	75	14	1	10
Independent	29	45	3	23
Republican	5	85	2	8

Q6: And in the race for Missouri Governor. If the election was held today and the candidates were Chris Koster the Democrat and Catharine Hanaway the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Chris Koster	43%
Catharine Hanaway	31
(VOL) Other	3
(VOL) Unsure	23

<u>Gender</u>	Koster	<u>Hanaway</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Unsure</u>
Men	45%	34	3	19
Women	41	29	3	27
Age				
18-39	42	34	2	22
40-64	40	34	3	23
65 plus	48	23	4	25
Education				
High School	46	28	3	23
Some College	38	35	2	25
College Degree	44	32	3	21
Race				
White	38	36	3	23
African American	73	8	2	18
All Others	45	22	2	31
<u>Region</u>				
St. Louis Metro	49	26	4	21
Kansas City	55	25	0	21
Northern Missouri	43	28	3	26
Central Missouri	37	36	4	24
Southern Missouri	37	36	2	24
Party Identification				
Democrat	80	5	1	15
Independent	38	25	4	33
Republican	13	63	3	21

Q7: Now let's suppose in the race for Missouri Governor the candidates are Chris Koster the Democrat and Peter Kinder the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Chris Koster	39%
Peter Kinder	37
(VOL) Other	2
(VOL) Unsure	22

<u>Gender</u>	Koster	Kinder	Other	<u>Unsure</u>
Men	41%	40	2	17
Women	37	35	1	27
Age				
18-39	33	43	1	23
40-64	40	36	2	21
65 plus	43	32	2	22
Education				
High School	38	38	2	22
Some College	36	37	1	26
College Degree	42	37	2	19
Race				
White	33	42	2	22
African American	70	8	3	19
All Others	45	31	0	24
Region				
St. Louis Metro	48	29	2	21
Kansas City	46	31	1	22
Northern Missouri	39	38	2	21
Central Missouri	34	41	2	23
Southern Missouri	31	44	2	23
Party Identification				
Democrat	77	6	0	17
Independent	30	32	4	35
Republican	11	73	1	14

Q12: Double trailer trucks are large trucks pulling two separate 28-foot long trailers that are over 70 feet long. These double trailer trucks are currently allowed on major roads in every state. Congress is now considering a bill that would require all states to allow double trailer trucks to pull two 33-foot trailers, making the truck 10 feet longer, the length of an 8-story building. Some trucking companies claim it increases efficiency to allow trucks to carry more freight, while others note that these longer trucks will also be heavier, harder to pass, and more dangerous in a crash.

Would you support or oppose Congress allowing longer, double 33-foot trailer trucks on roads throughout the country?

Strongly Support	3%	13%
Somewhat Support	10	
Somewhat Oppose	19	81
Strongly Oppose		
(VOL) Unsure	7	

<u>Gender</u>	Strongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	Unsure
	Support	Support	Oppose	Oppose	
Men	6%	14	20	55	5
Women	1	6	17	68	8
Age					
18-39	5	15	17	52	10
40-64	3	8	20	64	5
65 plus	1	8	17	69	5
Education					
High School	4	7	20	60	9
Some College	2	11	17	66	4
College Degree	3	12	19	60	7
Race					
White	3	10	18	63	6
African American	2	5	24	66	3
All Others	7	16	20	41	16
Region					
St. Louis Metro	2	8	18	66	5
Kansas City	4	11	18	57	11
Northern Missouri	7	6	26	57	5
Central Missouri	2	11	17	63	8
Southern Missouri	3	13	18	61	5
Party Identification					
Democrat	2	8	16	66	8
Independent	3	8	22	60	6
Republican	4	13	17	59	6

Q13: The Federal Rail Administration, known as the FRA, proposed a rule that would require most trains to operate with a minimum of two crew members, except for where the FRA believes a single operator does not pose a significant safety risk for rail employees, the public or the environment. Generally speaking, which best fits your view:

The proposed rule should have 2 person on all trains, no exceptions	79 %
The proposed rule by the FRA should be put into law, as is	8
The FRA should not regulate crew size, no rule needed	5
(VOL) Unsure	8

<u>Gender</u>	No Exceptions	As Is	No Rule	<u>Unsure</u>
Men	79%	8	6	7
Women	79	8	5	9
Age				
18-39	77	6	11	6
40-64	79	10	3	8
65 plus	83	7	1	9
Education				
High School	81	4	5	11
Some College	86	6	3	5
College Degree	71	13	8	8
Race				
White	80	8	5	7
African American	84	8	3	5
All Others	65	3	9	23
Region				
St. Louis Metro	81	9	4	6
Kansas City	78	12	5	5
Northern Missouri	79	9	5	7
Central Missouri	75	6	8	12
Southern Missouri	81	7	4	8
Party Identification				
Democrat	80	8	4	8
Independent	78	9	5	8
Republican	79	7	7	8

Q14: Critics of Amtrak point out that the federal government spends over \$1 billion dollars per year to subsidize passenger rail service – about 25 percent of its total budget -- and that as a nation we can no longer afford Amtrak and its national rail network.

One idea that has been proposed is to eliminate ALL Amtrak funding, which would likely mean no passenger rail service here in Missouri and most of America. Suppose you could vote on this, would you?

Support the amendment, eliminating ALL Amtrak funding	12%
Oppose the amendment, keeping Amtrak funded at current levels	76
(VOL) Unsure	12

<u>Gender</u>	Eliminate	Current	<u>Unsure</u>
Men	17%	72	11
Women	8	79	13
Age			
18-39	14	69	17
40-64	13	79	8
65 plus	9	81	10
Education			
High School	7	76	17
Some College	15	73	12
College Degree	15	78	7
Race			
White	13	76	11
African American	2	88	10
All Others	18	61	21
Region			
St. Louis Metro	7	80	13
Kansas City	12	79	9
Northern Missouri	14	77	9
Central Missouri	14	74	12
Southern Missouri	15	71	14
Party Identification			
Democrat	7	87	7
Independent	12	74	14
Republican	18	68	14

Q15: One issues that has received a lot of attention here in Missouri is Right to Work, which prohibits employers and unions from negotiating contracts that require union membership. Based on what you currently know about Right to Work; do you support or oppose Missouri becoming a Right to Work state?

Strongly Support	24%
Somewhat Support	13
Somewhat Oppose	
Strongly Oppose	
(VOL) Unsure	

Gender	Strongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	<u>Unsure</u>
	Support	Support	Oppose	Oppose	
Men	27%	13	13	37	10
Women	24	13	20	29	15
Age					
18-39	28	13	19	31	10
40-64	26	13	16	31	14
65 plus	21	12	18	39	10
Education					
High School	28	13	17	30	13
Some College	27	13	14	34	13
College Degree	22	12	20	34	12
Race					
White	24	13	18	32	12
African American	34	4	15	38	10
All Others	22	19	14	25	19
Region					
St. Louis Metro	22	10	17	41	10
Kansas City	22	9	22	33	13
Northern Missouri	29	13	14	29	14
Central Missouri	22	14	17	35	12
Southern Missouri	31	16	15	23	14
Party Identification					
Democrat	18	9	18	46	10
Independent	27	14	16	29	13
Republican	21	15	17	23	14