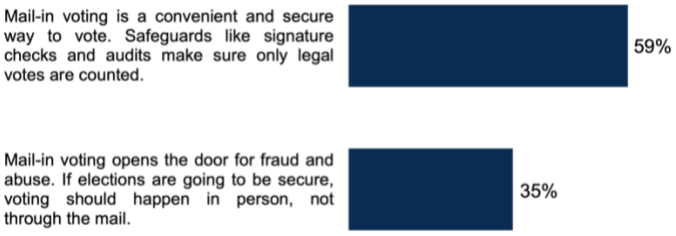
Arizona Voters Trust the Process – But See 2026 Risks

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Executive Summary

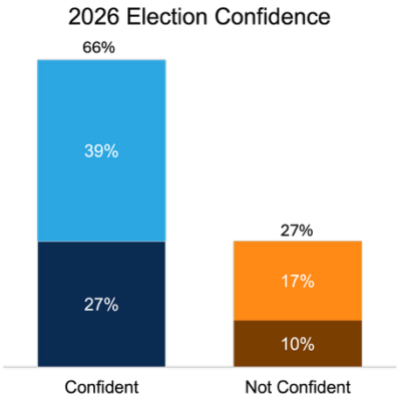
Arizona voters are showing real improvement in election confidence — fewer believe the 2024 election suffered major fraud, most plan to accept 2026 results, and they broadly trust mail-in voting, even as some voters express security concerns. Yet meaningful risks remain: more Democrats and Independents anticipate major problems in 2026, and many see Arizona's election administration as getting worse. Voters across parties worry about late rule changes, cyberattacks, and officials not following established procedures. Strong support for state-run elections and the Arizona Secure Elections Act shows voters want stability and consistent rules.

Mail-in voting is central to 2026 voter behavior and confidence with key election concerns



- Voters tend to believe **mail-in voting is convenient and secure** (59%) **compared to 35% who believe it opens the door for fraud**.
- **59% plan to vote by mail** (50% of GOP primary voters), yet 53% of GOP primary voters believe mail-in voting "opens the door for fraud," **despite roughly half planning to use it**.
    - **Convenience** seems to be **trumping the security concern** here.
- Voters have a **high degree of confidence in mail-in voting** (+30), **counting ballots after election day** (+25), **mail-in ballot voter ID confirmation** (+33), **drop boxes** (+24), and **paper ballot verification & audits** (+55).

Positive momentum in election perception and voter confidence

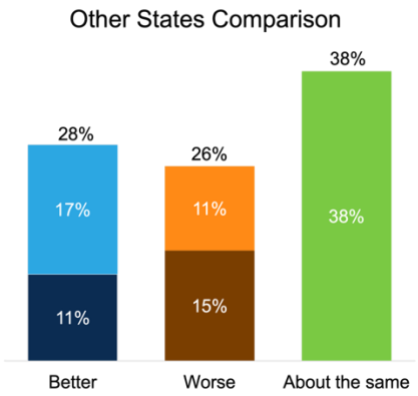


- Trust in **Arizona's election administration shows improvement from 2020 to 2024** as only 23% believe the 2024 election had widespread fraud or process errors that altered results (down from 34% for 2020).
- Voters expect 2026 to be better than 2020, but worse than 2024 – 29% anticipate widespread fraud or process errors.
    - Increased concern is bipartisan. Republicans, Democrats, and Independents are at least **6% more likely to expect results-altering errors or fraud in 2026, compared to 2024.**
- Regardless of any misgivings voters have about elections and their administration, **74% are likely to accept the results** of **national elections** and **78% for the Governor's race**.
- **Two-thirds of voters overall are confident** that Arizona's voting and ballot tabulation process will accurately cast and count votes in 2026.

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Mixed but improving trust in election administration

- Compared to other states, 38% of voters believe Arizona performs **about the same to ensure ballots are accurately cast and counted**. Slightly more believe **Arizona does a better job** (28%) **than a worse job** (26%).
- There is room for improvement regarding trust in election administration in Arizona: voters believe it is getting **either less trustworthy** (38%) or **staying the same** (36%). Just 18% say more trustworthy.
- Voters show **much less trust for election administration in the United States** – 54% say less trustworthy, 22% about the same, and 20% more.

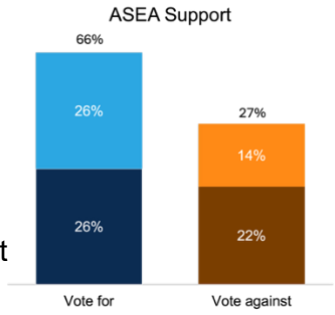


Republicans and Democrats both worry, but about different threats; voters want consistent election rules that officials follow

- Voters' biggest concerns about the 2026 election results are **court decisions changing election rules to close the election** (79% concerned), **cyber-attacks affecting results** (71% concerned), and **election officials not following laws or procedures for counting ballots** (71% concerned).
- In order, the **biggest threats** to the election results in 2026 overall, are **election officials not following laws or procedures** (46%), **non-citizens voting** (42%; driven by Republicans), and the **deployment of troops or federal agents** near polling places (40%; driven by Democrats).
    - **Court decisions changing rules** close to the election came in narrowly behind (40%) as a threat, **Republicans and Democrats are both worried about**.

Federalism Matters: Strong preference for state-run elections; voters support Arizona Secure Elections Act

- **51% of likely voters and a commanding 69% of GOP primary voters support the ASEA**, which would require early ballots to be returned by the Friday before Election Day.
- 72% of Arizonans believe **states should set and run their own elections** with limited federal oversight, supporting a federalism-first approach to election integrity.



Statewide ballots are close with Independents supporting the Democrats

- **Hobbs is narrowly ahead in both gubernatorial matchups, 45—42 versus Robson and 47–45 versus Biggs.** Independents favor Hobbs +12 in both matchups, while swing break the opposite direction: siding +6 for Robson but a stronger +9 for Biggs.
- Fontes leads Kolodin 45–41 on the Secretary of State ballot, with 14% undecided. Independents heavily support Fontes +22, while swing voters lead for Kolodin +4.

Methodology: This probabilistic survey was conducted January 13 – 15, 2026, with 600 likely general election voters. It has a margin of error of ±4.00%. Known registered voters were interviewed via live phones and SMS. This survey was weighted to a likely general election voter universe.