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WA Voters Greet 2018 with Improving Outlook

As 2017 wound down, Washington voters' outlook ticked up. Compared to last July, voters were slightly more optimistic about the country, the state, their community and their household. That combination resulted the first increase in the Voter Outlook Index since before the 2016 election.

The Index score this month was 1.39, up from 0.80 in July. The current score is above the 10-year average of 1.22, and a hair under the average since the Index began in 1992 (1.40). It is, however, below the 26-year December average of 1.52.

All four measures contained in the Index were up from July. The percentage who said things would get better in the next year rose to:

- 49% from 43% for the country;
- 53% from 46% the state;
- 62% from 60% for their community; and
- 68% from 65% for their household.

Since 1992, the percentage saying things will improve for their household averages 19 points higher than the percentage saying things will improve for the country—exactly the spread this month.

As with every other issue these days, there was gulf between how Republicans and Democrats view the coming year:

- Republicans scored 3.19 on the Index; Democrats scored 0.06—three points lower.
- 87% of Republicans said things would get better in the county; while 73% of Democrats said things would get worse.
- 84% of Republicans said things were looking better for their household; vs. 56% of Democrats.
- They agreed on the outlook for the state: 56% of Republicans thought things would get better in the state over the next year or so; 57% of Democrats agreed.
- Independents tended to be more optimistic than Democrats for the country, but less so than Republicans (48% said “better”). Independents were less optimistic than either for the state (49% “better”).

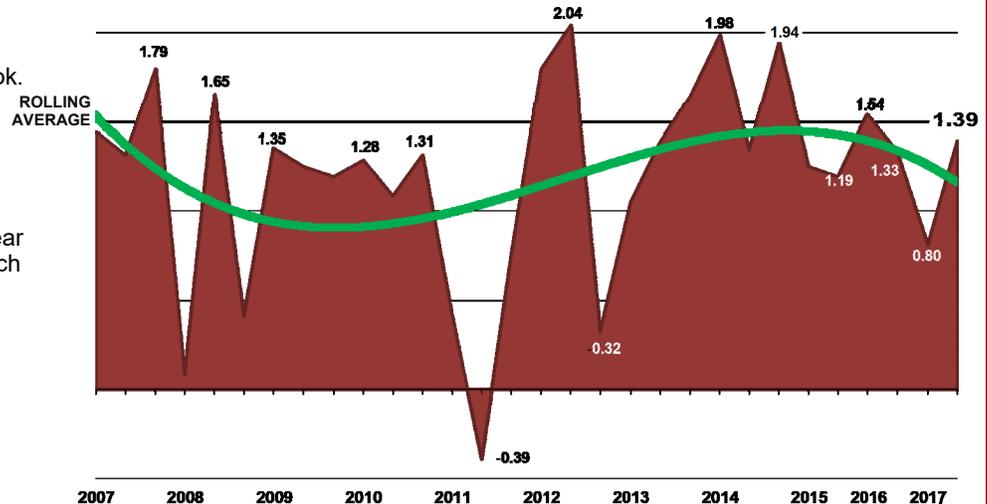
VOTER OUTLOOK INDEX: 2007—2017

The Voter Outlook Index measures voters' general outlook. Unlike a consumer confidence index, it is intentionally broad and not focused specifically on finances.

It asks voters how they expect “things will go” over “the next year or so” on a 4-point scale of “much better” to “much worse” in:

- 1) the country,
- 2) the state,
- 3) their community,
- 4) their household.

The Index has a range of +8 to -8.



Sample Profile

504 registered voters, selected at random from registered voter lists in Washington state, were interviewed December 27-30 by live, professional interviewers. 28% of the interviews were conducted on cell phones. The margin of sampling error is ±4.5% at the 95% level of confidence. This means, in theory, had this same survey been conducted 100 times, the results would be within ±4.5% of the results reported here at least 95 times.

REGION	
Seattle	10%
King County	21%
Pierce/Kitsap	15%
No. Puget Sound	17%
Western WA	17%
Eastern WA	20%
GENDER	
Male	50%
Female	50%
PARTY ID	
Democrat	33%
Republican	24%
Independent	43%
AGE	
18-35	9%
36-50	25%
51-64	38%
65+	27%
EDUCATION	
High School	16%
Some College / Voc-Tech	28%
College Degree	37%
Graduate Degree	20%
INCOME	
\$50,000 or less	20%
\$50 to 74,000	21%
\$75 to 99,000	17%
\$100,000+	25%
No Answer	17%

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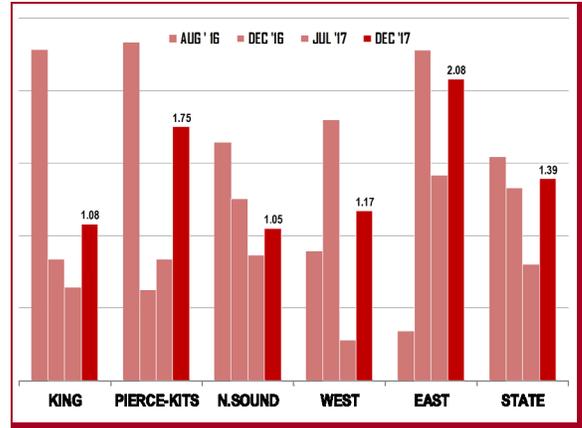
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VOTER OUTLOOK BY REGION: AUG 2016—DEC 2017



All regions of the state scored higher on the Voter Outlook Index than they had in July.

Eastern Washington recorded the highest score (2.08), but the largest increase over July was south and west of Puget Sound:

- Pierce/Kitsap jumped nearly a full point, from 0.84 to 1.75;
- The coastal counties rose from the state's lowest score (0.28) to second highest (1.17).

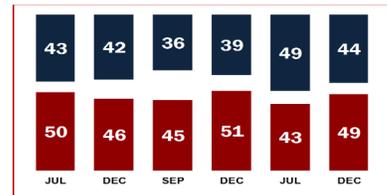
VOTER OUTLOOK INDEX ITEMS: LAST 3 YEARS

In the next year, will things get better or worse in:

The United States

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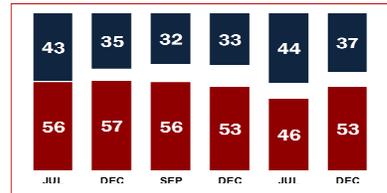
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Washington State

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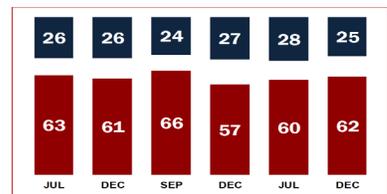
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Your Community

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Your Household

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500 WASHINGTON VOTERS

Our sample of 500 Washington voter households has a margin of sampling error of $\pm 4.5\%$ and the ability to segment the sample by region, demographic variables.

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