

Vote Yes on 645: Congressional District Poll Results

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Summary

- Vote Yes on 645 polled likely voters in two key Congressional Districts, first on the actual ballot language, then on language describing it as an income tax.
- The vote on the ballot language is too close to call in both districts. It is 46% Yes to 43% No in CD-5 and 48% Yes to 43% No in CD-8, and both gaps are within the margin of error.
- On the separate income tax question, repeal leads in both districts. Asked whether they would repeal or keep the income tax lawmakers passed, likely voters choose repeal 62% to 20% in CD-5 and 67% to 19% in CD-8. Both leads are larger than their margins of error.

Who we surveyed

We surveyed likely voters by text in Washington's 5th and 8th congressional districts.

District	Completed surveys	Margin of error (95% confidence, percentage points)
CD-5	222	±7
CD-8	188	±9
Both districts	410	±6

Only voters who said they are certain or very likely to vote in November answered the questions. The margin of error applies to a single figure, such as the Yes share. The margin on the gap between two answers is larger (see the tables below).

The questions we asked

Each respondent was asked three questions, in this order.

1. "How likely are you to vote in the November general election?" (Certain to vote / Very likely to vote / Somewhat likely to vote / Not likely to vote / Not sure). Only voters who answered certain or very likely continued.
2. The ballot language, shown below.
3. The income tax question, shown below.

Ballot language

"Initiative Measure No. IP26-645 concerns state and local taxes. This measure would repeal a 9.9% tax on annual individual income over \$1,000,000; prohibit taxes measured by individual income and taxes on individual income or the receipt of individual income; and define "income." This measure would decrease funding for public K-12 education, higher education (including universities and community colleges), and human services (primarily healthcare). If the election were today, would you vote yes or no on this measure?"

District	Yes (%)	No (%)	Not sure (%)	Gap (points)	Margin on the gap (points)
CD-5	46	43	11	Yes +2	±13
CD-8	48	43	9	Yes +5	±17
Both districts	47	43	10	Yes +3	±11

Each gap is inside its margin of error, so neither side has a clear lead.

Income tax

"If you knew Washington lawmakers passed a state income tax this year that will begin collecting money in 2028, would you vote to repeal it, or vote to keep it?"

District	Repeal (%)	Keep (%)	Not sure (%)	Repeal lead (points)	Margin on the lead (points)
CD-5	62	20	18	+43	±11
CD-8	67	19	14	+47	±14
Both districts	64	19	16	+45	±9

Repeal leads keep in both districts by more than the margin of error, and repeal is above 50% in each.

Method

- **Sample:** likely voters (certain or very likely to vote) in CD-5 and CD-8, drawn from the voter file and surveyed by text.

- **Weighting:** results in each district are weighted to our projection of that district's November electorate by age, gender, modeled party and August primary voting. The combined figures count each district in proportion to its projected electorate. The two districts combined are not a statewide result.
- **Margins of error** are at 95% confidence, account for weighting, and cover sampling only.
- Figures are percentages and may not sum to 100 because of rounding. Gaps and leads are computed before rounding, so they can differ by a point from the rounded figures.