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2026 ELECTIONS US TERRITORIES POLL

October 2026 Elections Territorial Poll Results: Political status across the five territories

How the poll was conducted

The 2026 Elections Territorial Poll is a study based on interviews, conducted on the internet, of registered voters in Puerto Rico, Guam, the US Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands. The poll was conducted by Pasquines from October 15 – 28, 2026. Results were weighted using previous election data: each respondent's vote in their territory's last general election (in Puerto Rico, the 2024 gubernatorial election; in Guam and the US Virgin Islands, the 2022 gubernatorial election; in the Northern Mariana Islands, the first round of the 2022 gubernatorial election; in American Samoa, the 2024 congressional delegate election). Figures for all five territories combined are the sum of the weighted responses and are not adjusted for each territory's population. Because the samples for American Samoa and the US Virgin Islands are small, their results should be read as indicative only. Each respondent was asked about the political status of their own territory; one Puerto Rico respondent wrote in ELA (Estado Libre Asociado), the Spanish name for the current status, and that answer is counted as current territorial status.

Sample	Conducted
170 Registered Voters	October 15 – 28, 2026

Sample by territory

	Registered voters
Puerto Rico	46
Guam	30
US Virgin Islands	28
American Samoa	10
Northern Mariana Islands	56

1. What is your political status preference for your territory? (All five territories)

Current Territorial Status	45.24%
Statehood	24.70%
Undecided	11.46%
Independence with a Free Association Pact	10.42%
Independence	6.24%
None of the above	1.94%

2. Political status preference by territory

	Puerto Rico	Guam	US Virgin Islands	American Samoa	Northern Mariana Islands	All five
Current Territorial Status	20.68%	30.75%	55.20%	70.68%	63.66%	45.24%
Statehood	55.96%	20.47%	19.31%	0.00%	8.39%	24.70%
Independence with a Free Association Pact	15.32%	28.91%	3.57%	0.00%	1.78%	10.42%
Independence	4.02%	3.05%	0.00%	10.68%	12.10%	6.24%
None of the above	0.00%	0.00%	7.94%	10.68%	0.00%	1.94%

Undecided	4.02%	16.82%	13.98%	7.97%	14.08%	11.46%

3. Approval voting question: Of which of the following options do you approve as a political status for your territory? (All five territories; respondents could select more than one option.)

Current Territorial Status	52.04%
Statehood	35.02%
Independence with a Free Association Pact	23.36%
Undecided	9.68%
Independence	9.08%
None of the above	4.21%

4. Political status approval by territory (respondents could select more than one option)

	Puerto Rico	Guam	US Virgin Islands	American Samoa	Northern Mariana Islands	All five
Current Territorial Status	36.30%	49.63%	51.63%	70.68%	63.14%	52.04%
Statehood	61.92%	33.52%	29.85%	10.68%	20.67%	35.02%
Independence with a Free Association Pact	21.29%	45.45%	19.45%	20.68%	15.66%	23.36%
Independence	9.98%	9.44%	7.94%	0.00%	10.34%	9.08%
None of the above	1.64%	0.00%	7.94%	0.00%	7.46%	4.21%
Undecided	0.00%	3.77%	20.15%	7.97%	15.86%	9.68%

5. Political status preference by national party affiliation (All five territories)

	Democratic Party (n=58)	Republican Party (n=27)	Libertarian Party (n=1)	No national party (n=84)
Current Territorial Status	49.52%	53.91%	0.00%	40.40%
Statehood	24.87%	33.68%	0.00%	22.09%
Undecided	14.01%	0.00%	0.00%	13.55%
Independence with a Free Association Pact	11.60%	8.37%	0.00%	10.44%
Independence	0.00%	4.04%	100.00%	9.75%
None of the above	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.77%

6. What is your gender? (by political status preference, all five territories)

	Female	Male	Prefer not to answer
Total	34.50%	64.91%	0.59%
Current Territorial Status	55.06%	39.53%	100.00%
Statehood	12.93%	31.18%	0.00%
Undecided	17.16%	8.54%	0.00%
Independence with a Free Association Pact	6.24%	12.74%	0.00%
Independence	8.61%	5.04%	0.00%
None of the above	0.00%	2.98%	0.00%

7. What is your age? (by political status preference, all five territories)

	17-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Prefer not to answer
Total	4.53%	9.80%	22.17%	19.44%	25.47%	13.86%	4.15%	0.59%
Current Territorial Status	77.26%	66.42%	35.34%	41.31%	35.30%	57.80%	57.04%	0.00%
Statehood	12.97%	11.17%	30.37%	24.03%	30.20%	15.44%	42.96%	0.00%
Undecided	0.00%	6.00%	12.85%	11.29%	12.53%	14.81%	0.00%	100.00%
Independence with a Free Association Pact	9.76%	11.00%	10.64%	5.54%	17.04%	8.13%	0.00%	0.00%
Independence	0.00%	5.41%	4.90%	17.83%	2.47%	3.82%	0.00%	0.00%
None of the above	0.00%	0.00%	5.90%	0.00%	2.47%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

8. What is your highest level of education? (by political status preference, all five territories)

	Some high school, no diploma	High School or equivalent	Some college, no diploma	Associate or technical degree	Bachelor's degree	Master's degree	Professional degree	Doctorate	Prefer not to answer
Total	0.86%	10.18%	17.62%	4.27%	25.29%	23.05%	9.57%	6.89%	2.28%
Current Territorial Status	100.00%	61.91%	46.52%	65.00%	40.69%	41.21%	36.86%	46.57%	25.86%
Statehood	0.00%	5.02%	21.25%	24.96%	37.59%	17.55%	27.83%	29.97%	48.29%
Undecided	0.00%	10.95%	11.42%	10.04%	6.35%	10.08%	24.06%	15.77%	25.86%
Independence with a Free Association Pact	0.00%	16.37%	10.61%	0.00%	5.63%	21.36%	5.63%	0.00%	0.00%
Independence	0.00%	5.75%	10.21%	0.00%	2.09%	9.80%	5.63%	7.68%	0.00%
None of the above	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	7.65%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%