September 2026 Texas Senate Race

KEY OPINION QUESTION #1

If the election for U.S. Senate in Texas were held today, and the candidates were James Talarico, the Democrat, and Ken Paxton, the Republican, who would you vote for?

James Talarico, the Democrat	36%
Ken Paxton, the Republican	26%
Undecided / Not sure	19%
Would not vote	19%

James Talarico leads by 10pp among Texas women, with a striking (38%) on the sidelines, evenly split between women who are still undecided and women who do not plan to vote.

ADDITIONAL INSIGHTS

Among undecided women, 21% self-identified as Democrats and 16% as Republicans, with the majority (64%) identifying as independent. In 2024, 59% didn't vote, 22% voted Republican, 12% voted Democratic, and 7% voted “other.” Of the undecided respondents, 44% self-identified as moderate, 65% live in households with an annual income under $50K, and 85% under the age of 55. Their top issues are the economy/jobs (40%) and healthcare (31%).

Among the group of women who say they “would not vote,” 79% are independent, 88% didn't vote in 2024, and 81% live in households with an annual income under $50K.

METHODOLOGY

Audience: Women in Texas

Sample size: 772

Dates in field: August 25, 2026 to September 1, 2026

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