

MULTI-STATE POLLING

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74%

of surveyed voters favor offshore wind construction off their state's coast — a 9-point gain over 14 months, during a period in which the industry faced significant attacks from the executive branch. Offshore wind ranks second only to solar as the energy resource voters most want as part of their state's electricity solution.

84%

support **adding more renewables** to their state's energy mix

65%

are not confident that the grid can meet demand over the next 10 years

68%

say the Federal government should **honor previously permitted offshore wind projects**

VOTER SUPPORT FOR OFFSHORE WIND CONSTRUCTION BY AFFILIATION

Across political affiliations, a **majority of voters** support offshore wind development.

Democrats



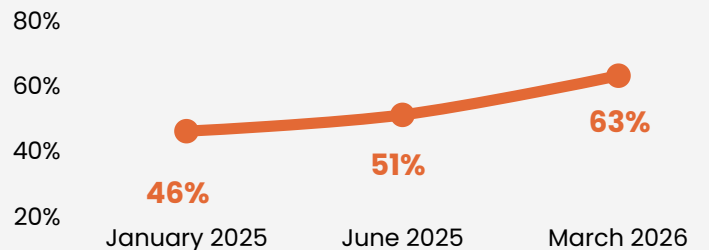
Independents



Republicans

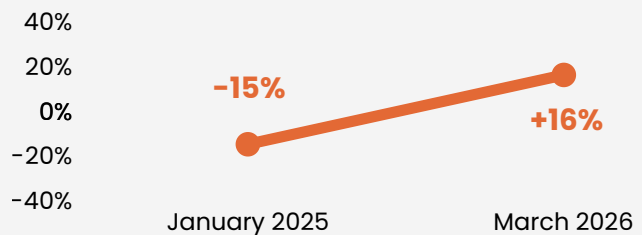


GOP SUPPORT FOR OSW CONSTRUCTION — 13 STATES



Republican voter support has increased substantially since Jan 2025.

GOP CANDIDATE NET SUPPORT SWING — 13 STATES



Since January 2025, Republican voters across surveyed states have become significantly **more likely** to vote for a candidate that is pro offshore wind.

AMERICAN WORKERS BUILDING OFFSHORE WIND



The offshore wind supply chain runs from the Gulf Coast to the Great Lakes. In Wellsville, NY, Ljungström grew its workforce by 87% building steel turbine components more than 300 miles from the nearest coast. In Portsmouth, Virginia, a \$220 million transformation of the Portsmouth Marine Terminal established one of the nation's largest marshalling and assembly ports for offshore wind, anchoring a project that has generated more than 500 construction jobs across the region. Outside New Orleans, LA, Morrison Energy hired 50 workers to fabricate a floating offshore wind platform. In Goose Creek, SC, Nexans (the only high-voltage subsea cable manufacturer in the U.S.) grew its workforce by more than 200% after a \$250 million expansion.

Workers unload offshore wind components at Portsmouth Marine Terminal in Virginia, now one of the nation's largest offshore wind assembly hubs following a \$220 million transformation. Source: Oceanic Network.



NATIONAL SUPPLY CHAIN FOOTPRINT

- **2,135+** supplier contracts generated across **40** states, supporting a national supply chain
- **\$25+ billion** in total investment driven by the U.S. offshore wind industry
- **51%** of supply chain investment is flowing to Republican congressional districts, from Gulf Coast shipyards to Midwestern steel mills
- **\$1.8 billion** invested in shipyards, across 21 facilities in 12 states

WHAT VOTERS BELIEVE – 13 STATES

64%

reject the claim that offshore wind drives up energy prices for consumers

61%

reject the claim that offshore wind affects military radar systems

*Opposition claims are broadly encountered but **not deeply held**, creating room for education.*

RELIABLE CAPACITY CREDIT DURING PEAK GRID STRESS

Grid operators score each resource by how reliably it delivers during peak stress. Offshore wind scores nearly **8x** higher than solar because it generates most strongly in winter and at night.

