

*THE DES MOINES REGISTER/MEDIACOM IOWA POLL*

SELZER & COMPANY  
805 Iowa adults ages 18 and over  
Margin of error: ±3.5 percentage points

Study #2242  
September 12-15, 2021  
Weighted by age, sex, and congressional district

**Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.**

Do you think things in the state are headed in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

	<b>Right direction</b>	<b>Wrong track</b>	<b>Not sure</b>
<b>Sep-21</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>12</b>
Jun-21	50	40	9
Mar-21	46	42	13
Sep-20	43	47	10
Jun-20	47	41	12
Mar-20	57	30	13
Feb-19	58	32	10
Sep-18	47	42	11
Jan-18	49	39	13
Dec-17	47	40	13
Jul-17	44	43	13
Feb-17	42	41	18
Oct-16	48	39	13
Feb-16	45	40	15
Feb-15	56	30	14
Sep-14	55	31	14
Feb-14	52	37	11
Dec-13	55	33	12
Sep-13	52	36	12
Jun-13	56	34	10
Feb-13	58	28	14
Sep-12	60	31	9
Feb-12	52	38	10
Feb-11	40	47	13
Sep-10	39	52	9
Feb-10	34	57	9
Nov-09	34	57	9
Sep-09	48	41	11
Apr-09	45	44	11
Jan-09	44	45	11

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kim Reynolds is handling: **(Rotate list, but “Her job as governor” must always come first.)**

		<b>Approve</b>	<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>
Her job as governor	<b>Sep-21</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>4</b>
	Jun-21	51	44	5
	Mar-21	46	47	7
	Jun-20	56	36	8
	Mar-20	54	33	13
	Feb-19	59	32	9
	Sep-18	46	38	17
	Jan-18	47	33	20
	Dec-17	51	30	19
	Jul-17	46	24	30
Kim Reynolds as lieutenant governor	Feb-17	44	24	32
	Feb-12	39	15	46
The COVID-19 pandemic*	<b>Sep-21</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>4</b>
	Jun-21	54	43	3
	Mar-21	47	51	3
	Sep-20	44	47	9
	Jun-20	59	36	6
The economy		<b>Approve</b>	<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>
	<b>Sep-21</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>12</b>
Schools and education	Jun-21	55	36	9
	<b>Sep-21</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>8</b>
	Jun-21	48	44	8

\*Sep-21 and Jun-21 wording: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kim Reynolds is handling: The COVID-19 pandemic?

Mar-21 and Sep-20 wording: Please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job each person [Mar-21: or organization] named is doing in addressing COVID-19, the current pandemic. Kim Reynolds as governor.

Jun-20 wording: This time, I'd like you to think specifically about the job the person is doing in addressing COVID-19, the current pandemic. For each, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the way each is handling the job. Kim Reynolds as governor.

I'm going to mention the names of some people in the news [previously: some candidates and officeholders]. For each name I read, please tell me if your feelings toward the person are very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable. If you don't know the person, just say so. (Record "don't know" as "not sure." Rotate list.)

		Combined Favorable	Combined Unfavorable	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
Kim Reynolds	<b>Sep-21</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>
	Jun-21	52	43	26	26	17	26	5
	Mar-21	48	45	19	29	19	26	7
Kim Reynolds, governor	Sep-20	46	42	20	26	18	24	12
	Jun-20	52	36	26	26	19	17	12
Kim Reynolds	Mar-20	52	31	22	30	17	14	17
	Feb-19	59	31	24	36	17	14	10
Kim Reynolds, the current Republican governor running for election	Sep-18	45	37	17	28	19	18	18
Kim Reynolds, governor	Jan-18	48	32	14	34	17	15	20
Kim Reynolds, Republican governor	Dec-17	44	33	14	30	16	17	23

		Combined Favorable	Combined Unfavorable	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
Deidre DeJear, business owner and Democratic candidate for governor	Sep-21	10	13	3	8	6	7	76
Ras Smith, Iowa legislator and Democratic candidate for governor	Sep-21	11	15	4	8	6	9	74

### About the Poll

The Iowa Poll, conducted September 12-15, 2021, for *The Des Moines Register* and Mediacom by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, is based on telephone interviews with 805 Iowans ages 18 or older. Interviewers with Quantel Research contacted households with randomly selected landline and cell phone numbers supplied by Dynata. Interviews were administered in English. Responses were adjusted by age, sex, and congressional district to reflect the general population based on recent American Community Survey estimates.

Questions based on the sample of 805 Iowa adults have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. Questions based on the subsample of 620 likely voters in the 2022 midterm election have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.9 percentage points. This means that if this survey were repeated using the same questions and the same methodology, 19 times out of 20, the findings would not vary from the true population value by more than plus or minus 3.5 percentage points or 3.9 percentage points, respectively. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or age—have a larger margin of error.

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