

**THE DES MOINES REGISTER/MEDIACOM IOWA POLL**

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805 Iowa adults ages 18 and over

Margin of error:  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points

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Weighted by age, sex, and congressional district

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

In general, do you think things in the nation 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>21</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>9</b>
Jun-21	31	59	10
Mar-21	38	51	11
Sep-20	25	64	11
Jun-20	22	63	15
Mar-20	46	44	10
Feb-19	39	51	10
Sep-18	34	55	11
Jan-18	40	49	12
Dec-17	29	60	10
Jul-17	32	56	11
Feb-17	36	51	13
Oct-16	21	71	8
Feb-16	25	65	10
Feb-15	29	60	11
Sep-14	23	65	12
Feb-14	23	68	9
Dec-13	23	70	7
Sep-13	22	68	10
Jun-13	30	60	10
Feb-13	37	51	12
Sep-12	40	54	6
Feb-12	30	64	6
Feb-11	32	58	10
Sep-10	30	63	7
Feb-10	31	61	8
Nov-09	35	58	7
Sep-09	41	50	9
Apr-09	43	49	8
Jan-09	36	53	11

What about here in Iowa? 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

I'm going to mention some elected officials and groups. For each, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the way each is handling the job. **(Rotate list.)**

		Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
Chuck Grassley as U.S. senator	<b>Sep-21</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>13</b>
	Jun-21	45	39	16
	Mar-21	48	38	14
	Jun-20	53	31	15
	Mar-20	55	34	12
	Feb-19	58	33	9
	Sep-18	50	36	14
	Jan-18	49	40	11
	Dec-17	51	40	9
	Jul-17	53	35	12
	Feb-17	54	37	9
	Oct-16	56	30	14
	Feb-16	57	28	15
	Feb-15	64	22	14
	Sep-14	59	25	16
	Jun-13	60	27	13
	Feb-13	62	22	16
	Sep-12	62	23	15
	Feb-12	60	28	12
	Feb-11	65	21	14
	Sep-10	56	30	14
	Feb-10	54	28	18
	Nov-09	57	32	11
	Sep-09	57	30	13
	Apr-09	66	20	14
	Jan-09	75	12	13

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

		Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
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		Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
	<b>Sep-21</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>12</b>
	Jun-21	55	36	9

Schools and education

<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.

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling: **(Rotate list, but “His job as president” must always come first.)**

		Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
His job as president	<b>Sep-21</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>7</b>
	Jun-21	43	52	5
	Mar-21	47	44	8
The COVID-19 pandemic*	<b>Sep-21</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>4</b>
	Jun-21	53	44	3
	Mar-21	57	37	6
Afghanistan	<b>Sep-21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>8</b>
Immigration	<b>Sep-21</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>8</b>
	Jun-21	29	63	8
Criminal justice	<b>Sep-21</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>18</b>
	Jun-21	35	52	13
The economy	<b>Sep-21</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>6</b>
	Jun-21	40	56	4

\*Mar-21 wording: Please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job each person or organization named is doing in addressing COVID-19, the current pandemic. Joe Biden as president.

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
Joe Biden	Sep-21	37	61	11	26	13	48	2
	Jun-21	45	53	21	25	16	37	2
	Mar-21	51	46	20	31	13	33	4
Joe Biden, former vice president	Sep-20	43	51	17	25	16	35	6
	Jun-20	45	50	18	27	18	32	5
Joe Biden, vice president of the U.S.	Dec-13	36	57	12	24	21	36	7
Joe Biden, Democratic candidate for vice president	Sep-12	45	45	18	27	19	26	10
Chuck Grassley	Sep-21	51	37	17	34	21	17	12
	Jun-21	50	37	17	33	20	17	13
	Mar-21	48	37	16	31	24	14	15
Chuck Grassley, U.S. senator	Sep-20	48	35	20	28	19	15	18
	Jun-20	48	34	22	26	17	17	18
Chuck Grassley	Mar-20	54	33	24	31	15	17	13
	Feb-19	60	31	29	31	16	15	8
Charles Grassley, U.S. senator	Feb-12	61	26	18	43	17	9	13
U.S. Senator Charles Grassley	Nov-09	64	30	15	49	21	9	6
	Sep-09	64	28	24	40	17	11	8
Senator Charles Grassley	Jul-04	70	16	27	43	12	4	14
U.S. Senator Charles Grassley	Feb-03	67	12	24	43	9	3	21
	Jun-02	67	13	28	39	8	5	20
	Jun-98	78	9	34	44	7	2	13
Kim Reynolds	Sep-21	55	40	29	26	15	25	5
	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

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
Abby Finkenauer, former Iowa congresswoman and Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate	Sep-21	30	28	8	22	14	13	42

How likely is it you will vote in the November 2022 general election for governor, U.S. Senate and other offices—do you think you would definitely vote, probably vote, might or might not vote, or probably not vote?

	Definitely vote	Probably vote	Might or might not vote	Probably not vote	Refused/Not sure
Sep-21	74	12	8	5	1
Jun-21	76	14	5	5	-

If a vote for U.S. Senate were held today and the candidates were [Chuck Grassley for the Republicans] and [Abby Finkenauer for the Democrats], for whom would you vote, [Chuck Grassley] or [Abby Finkenauer]? **[Rotate candidate names. Asked of 2022 likely voters only; n=620. MoE: ±3.9 percentage points.]**

	Chuck Grassley	Abby Finkenauer	Would not vote (VOL)	Not sure
Sep-21	55	37	1	7

Here are some specific measures that the Iowa Legislature passed this year. For each, please tell me if you favor or oppose the change. **(Rotate list.)**

	Favor	Oppose	Not Sure
Bans “vaccine passports,” which would offer proof a person has been vaccinated	Sep-21 46	50	4
	Jun-21 47	46	7

Do you favor or oppose the U.S. Department of Labor’s new regulation calling for businesses with 100 or more workers to require that all get vaccinated against COVID-19 or be tested weekly?

	Favor	Oppose	Not sure
Sep-21	45	52	2

Have you already had at least one dose of the COVID vaccine, or have you had no shots at this point? **(If no shots, ask:)** Do you plan to get a vaccine shot eventually or plan not to get a shot at all?

	At least one shot	No shot but plan to get one	No shot and do not plan to get one	Not sure
Sep-21	65	5	25	4
Mar-21	30	37	27	5

Do you favor or oppose businesses requiring their employees to receive a COVID-19 vaccine?

	<b>Favor</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Not sure</b>
<b>Sep-21</b>	44	53	3

### **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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