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Study #2248
810 Iowa adults ages 18+
Margin of error: ±3.4 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?

	Right direction	Wrong track	Not sure
Nov-21	23	69	8
Sep-21	21	70	9
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?

	Right direction	Wrong track	Not sure
Nov-21	49	42	10
Sep-21	46	42	12
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	
Joni Ernst as U.S. senator	Nov-21	45	41	13
	Sep-21	48	38	14
	Jun-21	46	42	12
	Mar-21	43	45	12
	Jun-20	49	39	13
	Mar-20	47	38	15
	Feb-19	57	30	13
	Sep-18	47	31	22
	Jan-18	51	33	16
	Dec-17	48	38	15
	Jul-17	50	37	13
	Feb-17	48	37	15
	Oct-16	50	28	23
	Feb-16	43	31	25
	Feb-15	38	34	28

		Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
Chuck Grassley as U.S. senator	Nov-21	45	41	13
	Sep-21	47	40	13
	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

Iowa State Legislature	Nov-21	46	30	24
	Sep-21	48	32	20
	Jun-21	48	35	17
	Dec-17	45	35	20
	Apr-05	53	27	20
	Jan-05	50	23	27
	Jul-04	49	29	22
	Feb-04	50	29	21
	May-03	48	28	24

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kim Reynolds is handling: **(Rotate list, but A must always come first.)**

		Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
Her job as governor	Nov-21	51	43	6
	Sep-21	53	43	4
	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

		Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
The COVID-19 pandemic*	Nov-21	52	44	4
	Sep-21	51	45	4
	Jun-21	54	43	3
	Mar-21	47	51	3
	Sep-20	44	47	9
	Jun-20	59	36	6
The economy	Nov-21	56	33	11
	Sep-21	57	31	12
	Jun-21	55	36	9
Schools and education	Nov-21	52	40	8
	Sep-21	52	41	8
	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	Nov-21	33	62	6
	Sep-21	31	62	7
	Jun-21	43	52	5
	Mar-21	47	44	8
The COVID-19 pandemic*	Nov-21	41	57	2
	Sep-21	36	60	4
	Jun-21	53	44	3
	Mar-21	57	37	6
Afghanistan	Nov-21	22	68	9
	Sep-21	22	69	8
Immigration	Nov-21	24	66	10
	Sep-21	25	67	8
	Jun-21	29	63	8
Criminal justice	Nov-21	28	53	19
	Sep-21	28	54	18
	Jun-21	35	52	13
The economy	Nov-21	32	61	7
	Sep-21	32	62	6
	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.

How likely is it you will vote in the November 2024 general election for president 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
Nov-21	79	12	4	4	-

If a vote for president of the United States were held today and the candidates were [Donald Trump for the Republicans] and [Joe Biden for the Democrats], for whom would you vote, [Donald Trump] or [Joe Biden]? **[Rotate candidate names. Asked of 2024 likely voters only; n=658. MoE: ±3.8 percentage points.]**

	Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Would not vote (VOL)	Not sure
Nov-21	51	40	4	5

Workers at John Deere factories recently went on strike. As things stand today, do you side mostly with the workers or mostly with the employers?

	Workers	Employers	Neither (VOL)	Not sure
Nov-21	58	16	7	19

The governor recently signed a measure to require businesses to allow religious and medical exemptions for employees otherwise required to get COVID-19 vaccines and to give unemployment benefits to employees who are fired for not getting the vaccine. Do you favor or oppose this law?

	Favor	Oppose	Not sure
Nov-21	52	39	8

Compared to a couple of years ago, would you say you are now better off financially, worse off, or about the same?

	Better off	Worse off	About the same	Not sure
Nov-21	23	27	49	1

And, as you look forward to a couple of years from now, do you expect to be better off financially, worse off, or about the same?

	Better off	Worse off	About the same	Not sure
Nov-21	37	22	37	5

Which of the following better reflects your views on students wearing masks in schools? **(Read options. Rotate.)**

	School districts should be allowed to require all students to wear masks if they feel it's needed	Parents should have final say in whether their children wear masks at school	Not sure
Nov-21	45	51	3

Would you say you feel more allegiance to [the Republican Party] or to [Donald Trump]? **[Asked only of self-identified Republicans; n=264. Margin of error: ± 6.0 percentage points.]**

	Republican Party	Donald Trump	Equal (VOL)	Refused/not sure
Nov-21	61	26	9	4

About the Poll

The Iowa Poll, conducted November 7-10, 2021, for *The Des Moines Register* and Mediacom by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, is based on telephone interviews with 810 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 810 Iowa adults have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.4 percentage points. Questions based on the subsample of 658 likely voters in the 2024 presidential election have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.8 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 3.4 percentage points or 3.8 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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