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813 Iowa adults

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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
Mar-22	23	67	11
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
Mar-22	50	41	10
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. For each, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the way each is handling the job. **(Rotate list.)**

	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure	
Kim Reynolds as governor	Mar-22	49	44	7
	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
Joe Biden as president of the United States	Mar-22	35	59	6
	Nov-21	33	62	6
	Sep-21	31	62	7
	Jun-21	43	52	5
	Mar-21	47	44	8

I'm going to mention the names of some people in the news. 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
Deidre DeJear, business owner and Democratic candidate for governor	Mar-22	16	15	5	11	6	9	69
	Sep-21	10	13	3	8	6	7	76
Kim Reynolds	Mar-22	50	42	30	21	15	27	8
	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
Kim Reynolds, Republican lieutenant governor	Feb-17	44	24	14	30	14	10	32

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
Mar-22	73	16	4	6	1
Sep-21	74	12	8	5	1
Jun-21	76	14	5	5	-

If a vote for Iowa governor were held today and the candidates were [Kim Reynolds for the Republicans] and [Deidre DeJear for the Democrats], for whom would you vote, [Kim Reynolds] or [Deidre DeJear]? **[Rotate candidate names. Asked of 2022 likely voters only; n=612. MoE: ±4.0 percentage points.]**

	Kim Reynolds	Deidre DeJear	Would not vote (VOL)	Not sure
Mar-22	51	43	1	5

Here are some specific issues that have been debated in the Iowa Legislature. For each, please tell me if you favor or oppose the initiative. **(Rotate list.)**

		Favor	Oppose	Not Sure
A.	Use funds for public schools to help parents pay costs of non-public schools or homeschooling for grades K through 12	Mar-22 41	52	7
		Mar-21 44	49	7

Which of the following do you think is the best approach for Iowa law on childhood vaccinations other than for COVID-19? **(Read options.)**

	Require all children to be vaccinated unless they have a doctor-signed statement giving a medical reason not to be vaccinated	Allow limited exemptions for medical or religious reasons	Allow broad exemptions for personal as well as medical or religious reasons	Have no law on vaccinations	Not sure
Mar-22	34	21	14	28	3
Feb-15*	59	17	6	16	2

*Feb-15: Which of the following do you think is the best approach for Iowa law on vaccinations for children? (Read options.)

About the Poll

The Iowa Poll, conducted Feb. 28-March 2, 2022, for the Des Moines Register and Mediacom by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, is based on telephone interviews with 813 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 813 Iowa adults have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.4 percentage points. Questions based on the subsample of 612 likely voters in the 2022 general election have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 4.0 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 4.0 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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