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805 Iowa adults

Margin of error: ±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>Mar-23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>8</b>
Oct-22	20	73	8
Jul-22	10	84	6
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?

	<b>Right direction</b>	<b>Wrong track</b>	<b>Not sure</b>
<b>Mar-23</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>8</b>
Oct-22	47	43	10
Jul-22	42	46	12
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 and groups. For each, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the way each is handling the job. **(Rotate list.)**

	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>
<b>Kim Reynolds as governor</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>4</b>
Oct-22	53	42	5
Jul-22	52	44	5
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
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Joni Ernst as U.S. senator

<b>Mar-23</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>15</b>
Oct-22	44	45	11
Jul-22	44	44	12
Mar-22	44	41	15
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

Chuck Grassley as U.S. senator

<b>Mar-23</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>10</b>
Oct-22	44	48	9
Jul-22	46	44	10
Mar-22	45	43	12
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

Joe Biden as president of the United States

<b>Mar-23</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>6</b>
Oct-22	35	61	3
Jul-22	27	67	6
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

Brenna Bird as Iowa attorney general

<b>Mar-23</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>44</b>
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Iowa State Legislature

	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
<b>Mar-23</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>16</b>
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

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
Joe Biden	<b>Mar-23</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>3</b>
	Oct-22	37	61	13	25	14	46	2
	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
Joni Ernst	<b>Mar-23</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>
	Oct-22	45	45	15	31	21	24	10
	Sep-21	50	40	18	33	20	20	10
	Jun-21	50	43	20	30	21	22	7
	Mar-21	48	43	15	33	21	22	10
Joni Ernst, U.S. senator	Sep-20	44	44	16	28	21	23	12
	Jun-20	45	40	21	24	16	24	15
Joni Ernst	Mar-20	46	36	20	26	15	21	18
	Feb-19	56	29	23	33	16	13	14
Joni Ernst, a state senator	Feb-14	13	14	3	10	7	7	73
	Jun-13	7	5	1	6	3	2	88
Chuck Grassley	<b>Mar-23</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>8</b>
Chuck Grassley, Republican running for reelection as U.S. senator	Oct-22	47	46	20	27	18	28	7
Chuck Grassley	Mar-22	47	40	19	28	21	19	13
	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

		Combined Favorable	Combined Unfavorable	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
<b>Kim Reynolds</b>	<b>Mar-23</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4</b>
Kim Reynolds, Republican running for reelection as governor	Oct-22	55	43	28	26	15	27	3
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
<b>Ron DeSantis, governor of Florida</b>	<b>Mar-23</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>
Based only on self-identified Republicans; n=257. MoE: ±6.1 percentage points	<b>Mar-23</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Nikki Haley, former governor of South Carolina and candidate for the Republican presidential nomination</b>	<b>Mar-23</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>44</b>
Based only on self-identified Republicans; n=257. MoE: ±6.1 percentage points	<b>Mar-23</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Donald Trump, the former president of the U.S. and candidate for the Republican presidential nomination</b>	<b>Mar-23</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2</b>
Donald Trump, the former president of the U.S.	Oct-22	46	52	22	23	12	41	2
	Sep-21	53	45	30	23	8	36	2
	Jun-21	49	49	29	20	9	40	2
	Mar-21	45	53	23	21	11	42	3
Donald Trump, president	Sep-20	48	49	28	20	10	39	3
	Jun-20	45	52	28	17	8	43	3
Donald Trump	Mar-20	51	47	32	18	9	38	2
Donald Trump, current president of the United States	Sep-18	41	56	21	20	13	43	3
Donald Trump, president	Jan-18	45	53	22	22	13	40	2
Based only on self-identified Republicans; n=257. MoE: ±6.1 percentage points	<b>Mar-23</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>

		Combined Favorable	Combined Unfavorable	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
Mike Pence, former vice president of the United States	Mar-23	42	49	9	33	29	21	9
Mike Pence, vice president	Jun-20	44	45	27	17	15	30	11
Based only on self-identified Republicans; n=257. MoE: ±6.1 percentage points	Mar-23	66	26	17	49	17	9	7

If Donald Trump were the Republican nominee in the general election in 2024, how likely would you be to vote for him as president—would you definitely vote for him, probably vote for him, might or might not vote for him, probably not vote for him, or definitely not vote for him, or would you not vote for president at all?

	Definitely vote for him	Probably vote for him	Might or might not vote for him	Probably not vote for him	Definitely not vote for him	Would not vote for president at all	Not sure
Mar-23	22	15	10	5	42	5	1
Jun-21	29	10	11	4	41	2	2

Among self-identified Republicans only

	Definitely vote for him	Probably vote for him	Might or might not vote for him	Probably not vote for him	Definitely not vote for him	Would not vote for president at all	Not sure	
Mar-23	47	27	12	5	4	3	2	n=257; MoE: ±6.1% pts
Jun-21	69	15	10	2	2	1	1	n=244; MoE: ±6.1% pts

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

		Favor	Oppose	Not Sure
Offer every Iowa family \$7,600 per student in a taxpayer-funded education savings account to pay private school tuition and fees	Mar-23	34	62	4
Limit how much money Iowans may receive for pain and suffering in major medical malpractice lawsuits to no more than \$2 million	Mar-23	47	44	10
Ban public schools from teaching students about gender identity in kindergarten through sixth grade	Mar-23	54	44	2
Ban public schools from teaching students about sexual orientation in kindergarten through sixth grade	Mar-23	54	44	2
Ban gender-affirming medical treatment such as puberty blockers, hormone therapy or surgeries for transgender or nonbinary youth under 18	Mar-23	52	43	5
Require parental consent for a student to check out school library books flagged as inappropriate by a school district anywhere in the state	Mar-23	43	53	4
Relax child labor laws to allow teens to work in previously restricted jobs and work longer hours so long as they are part of an approved training program	Mar-23	50	42	8
Cut property taxes, limiting what local governments could spend on services	Mar-23	58	34	8
Gradually reduce the state's individual income tax rate until it is eliminated	Mar-23	56	33	11
Ban the use of food assistance funds to buy soft drinks and candy	Mar-23	57	40	4

Companies seeking to build carbon-capture pipelines are asking a state agency for the right to use eminent domain. This would allow a company to take private land for right of way over a property owner's objections, after paying compensation. Do you favor or oppose the use of eminent domain to build carbon-capture pipelines?

	Favor	Oppose	Not sure
Mar-23	15	78	7

Do you believe the public schools in your district do or do not align with your family's values?

	Do align	Do not align	Not sure
Mar-23	65	21	14

Do you believe families have too [little] control over what subject matter is taught in public schools, too [much] control, or the right amount of control? **(Alternate which adjective comes first.)**

	Too little	Too much	Right amount	Not sure
Mar-23	38	12	43	7

Which of the following comes closest to your opinion on abortion: **(Read list.)**

	Legal in most or all cases	Illegal in most or all cases	Abortion should be legal in all cases	Legal in most cases	Illegal in most cases, or	Illegal in all cases	Not sure
<b>Mar-23</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>
Oct-22	61	33	24	37	26	7	6
Jul-22	60	34	26	34	25	9	6
Sep-21	57	38	20	36	25	13	5
Mar-20	49	45	19	29	29	16	7
Sep-18	54	38	15	39	28	11	7
Sep-08	48	46	16	32	30	16	6

### About the Poll

The Iowa Poll, conducted October March 5-8, 2023, 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. 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. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or age—have a larger margin of error.

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