

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

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801 Iowa adults, including 674 likely voters  
in the 2020 general election

Margin of error: ± 3.5 percentage points for all Iowa adults

Margin of error: ± 3.8 percentage points for likely voters

Study #2216

June 7-10, 2020

**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>Jun-20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>15</b>
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

**(Based on likely voters in the 2020 general election.)** If the elections for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your congressional district: The [DEMOCRATIC] candidate or the [REPUBLICAN] candidate? **(If not sure, ask:)** Which way are you leaning—toward the [REPUBLICAN] candidate or the [DEMOCRATIC] candidate?

	<b>Sample size</b>	<b>Margin of error</b>	<b>Dem candidate +leaners</b>	<b>Rep candidate +leaners</b>	<b>Dem candidate</b>	<b>Lean Dem candidate</b>	<b>Rep candidate</b>	<b>Lean Rep candidate</b>	<b>Other/ Would not vote (VOL)</b>	<b>Not sure</b>
<b>Jun-20</b>	<b>n=674</b>	<b>±3.8% pts.</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>
Mar-20	n=667	±3.8% pts.	42	49	40	2	47	2	2	7

**(Based on likely voters in the 2020 general election.)** If the general election were held today, and the candidates were [Joe Biden for the Democrats] and [Donald Trump for the Republicans], for whom would you vote—[Joe Biden], [Donald Trump], someone else, or would you not vote? **(Rotate which name is asked first in question.)**

	Sample size	Margin of error	Joe Biden	Donald Trump	Someone else	Would not vote	Not sure
Jun-20	n=674	±3.8% pts.	43	44	9	1	3

**(Based on likely voters in the 2020 general election.)** Would you say your mind is made up to support that candidate, or could you still be persuaded to support a different candidate?

	Presidential race	Sample size	Margin of error	Mind is made up	Could be persuaded	Not sure	No first-choice candidate
Jun-20	All	n=674	±3.8% pts.	75	20	1	4
Jun-20	Biden supporters	n=302	±5.6% pts.	<b>80</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Jun-20	Trump supporters	n=300	±5.7% pts.	<b>87</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>n/a</b>

**(Based on likely voters in the 2020 general election.)** Would What about the race for U.S. Senator? If the general election were held today, and the candidates were [Theresa Greenfield for the Democrats] and [Joni Ernst for the Republicans], for whom would you vote—[Theresa Greenfield], [Joni Ernst], someone else, or would you not vote? **(Rotate which name is asked first in question.)**

	Sample size	Margin of error	Theresa Greenfield	Joni Ernst	Someone else	Would not vote	Not sure
Jun-20	n=674	±3.8% pts.	46	43	4	-	7

**(Based on likely voters in the 2020 general election.)** Would you say your mind is made up to support that candidate, or could you still be persuaded to support a different candidate?

	U.S. Senate race	Sample size	Margin of error	Mind is made up	Could be persuaded	Not sure	No first-choice candidate
Jun-20	All	n=674	±3.8% pts.	68	23	1	7
Jun-20	Greenfield supporters	n=306	±5.6% pts.	<b>78</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Jun-20	Ernst supporters	n=293	±5.7% pts.	<b>74</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>n/a</b>

I'm going to mention the names of some candidates and officeholders [previously: 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, former vice president	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, U.S. senator	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, U.S. senator	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
<b>Theresa Greenfield, businesswoman</b>	<b>Jun-20</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>39</b>
Theresa Greenfield, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate and urban planner	Mar-20	14	13	5	9	7	6	73
Theresa Greenfield, former candidate for Congress in Iowa's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Congressional District	Feb-19	8	4	3	6	3	1	88
<b>Mike Pence, vice president</b>	<b>Jun-20</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Donald Trump, president</b>	<b>Jun-20</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>3</b>
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

I'm going to mention some people and institutions in the news [previously: 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
Joni Ernst as U.S. senator	<b>Jun-20</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>13</b>
	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>Jun-20</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>15</b>
	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
Donald Trump as president of the United States	<b>Jun-20</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>3</b>
	Mar-20	50	47	4
	Feb-19	46	50	4
	Sep-18	39	56	5
	Jan-18	44	51	5
	Dec-17	35	60	5
	Jul-17	43	52	5
	Feb-17	42	49	9

### ABOUT THE POLL

The Iowa Poll, conducted June 7-10 for *The Des Moines Register* and Mediacom by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, is based on telephone interviews with 801 Iowans ages 18 or older. Interviewers with Quantel Research contacted households with randomly selected landline and cellphone 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 801 Iowa adults have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points, and questions based on the sample of 674 likely voters in the 2020 general 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 3.5 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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