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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

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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 |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 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 |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 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 |

This November, there may be a number of ways for people to cast their vote for president and other offices. For each of the following methods, please tell me if this is something you are likely to do, might do, or would not do. **(Rotate.)**

| | Likely | Might | Would not do | Not Sure |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Vote at your polling place on Election Day | 61 | 16 | 21 | 2 |
| Vote using an absentee ballot through the mail | 41 | 20 | 37 | 2 |
| Vote early in person at a satellite polling place or at the county auditor's office | 28 | 23 | 46 | 3 |

How likely is it you will vote in the November 2020 general election for president, U.S. Senate and other offices—will you 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 |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jun-20 | 82 | 10 | 3 | 5 | - |
| Mar-20 | 80 | 11 | 5 | 4 | - |
| Feb-19 | 81 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| Jan-18 | 81 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 3 |

(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?

| | Sample size | Margin of error | Dem candidate +leaners | Rep candidate +leaners | Dem candidate | Lean Dem candidate | Rep candidate | Lean Rep candidate | Other/ Would not vote (VOL) | Not sure |
|--------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Jun-20 | n=674 | ±3.8% pts. | 47 | 42 | 45 | 2 | 41 | 2 | 2 | 9 |
| 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?

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

(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?

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

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 |
| Theresa Greenfield, businesswoman | Jun-20 | 41 | 20 | 16 | 26 | 11 | 9 | 39 |
| 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 rd Congressional District | Feb-19 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 88 |
| Kim Reynolds, governor | Mar-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 |
| Mike Pence, vice president | Jun-20 | 44 | 45 | 27 | 17 | 15 | 30 | 11 |
| Donald Trump, president | 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 |

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 |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Kim Reynolds as governor | 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 |
| Joni Ernst as U.S. senator | 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 | 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 | |
| Donald Trump as president of the United States | Jun-20 | 45 | 52 | 3 |
| | 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 | |
| Your local law enforcement | Jun-20 | 86 | 10 | 4 |

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. **(Rotate list, using same order.)**

| | | Approve | Disapprove | Not Sure |
|--|--------|---------|------------|----------|
| Kim Reynolds as governor | Jun-20 | 59 | 36 | 6 |
| Joni Ernst as U.S. senator | Jun-20 | 42 | 34 | 24 |
| Chuck Grassley as U.S. senator | Jun-20 | 44 | 28 | 29 |
| Donald Trump as president of the United States | Jun-20 | 45 | 53 | 2 |

Meatpacking plants around Iowa are reopening. Do you think there will or will not be adequate oversight to protect workers' safety as they return to work?

| | Will be adequate | Will not be adequate | Not sure |
|--------|------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Jun-20 | 47 | 38 | 14 |

Currently, most businesses and public places in Iowa are open, with some restrictions. For each of the following, please tell me if you would now be comfortable going to these places if you wanted to under the current rules, or if you would feel better with more restrictions or feel better with fewer restrictions. **(Rotate list.)**

| | | Comfortable now or with fewer restrictions | Comfortable now | More restrictions | Fewer restrictions | Not Sure |
|--------------------------------|--------|--|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------|
| A place of worship | Jun-20 | 62 | 46 | 30 | 16 | 7 |
| A bar, tavern, or pub | Jun-20 | 48 | 35 | 40 | 12 | 12 |
| A restaurant | Jun-20 | 65 | 52 | 29 | 14 | 6 |
| A movie theater | Jun-20 | 47 | 38 | 42 | 9 | 11 |
| A swimming pool | Jun-20 | 47 | 33 | 41 | 14 | 12 |
| A university or college campus | Jun-20 | 56 | 43 | 34 | 13 | 10 |

(Interviewer note: If respondent says they would never go to a bar, or swimming pool, for example, emphasize "if you wanted to" to make it hypothetical.)

When it comes to the current pandemic, which is the greater concern to you—[the medical impact on your community] or [the economic impact on your community]? **(Rotate.)**

| | Medical impact | Economic impact | Not sure |
|--------|----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Jun-20 | 48 | 45 | 7 |

Currently, when you are in public places indoors, do you wear a mask or facial covering almost all of the time, most of the time, just sometimes, or typically never?

| | Almost all/ Most of the time | Just sometimes/ Typically never | Almost all of the time | Most of the time | Just sometimes | Typically never | Not sure |
|--------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Jun-20 | 54 | 45 | 36 | 18 | 19 | 26 | 1 |

On a different topic now, as you think about protests around the country sparked by the death of an unarmed black man in police custody in Minneapolis, which of the following words describes your state of mind? For each, answer yes or no if it describes your mood a lot of the time. **(Rotate. Mark as many as apply. If answered none of these or not sure, no other option may be selected.)**

- 77 Hopeful
- 66 Angry
- 45 Stressed
- 53 Calm
- 78 Confident Americans will get through this and be OK
- 15 Unconcerned
- 29 Scared
- 65 Prayerful
- 15 Hopeless
- None of these (VOL)
- 1 Not sure

When it comes to race relations in Iowa, do you think things are getting better, worse, or staying about the same as they were 10 years ago?

| | Getting better | Getting worse | Staying about the same | Not sure |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------|----------|
| Jun-20 | 28 | 20 | 45 | 7 |
| Feb-16 | 26 | 24 | 43 | 6 |

There have been some incidents involving law enforcement killing unarmed African Americans, with many different circumstances surrounding each incident. [2016 wording: In other parts of the country, there have been some incidents involving law enforcement killing unarmed black men, with many different circumstances surrounding each incident.] Do you think problems like this could easily happen in Iowa, or does that seem like a remote possibility?

| | Could easily happen | Remote possibility | Not sure |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Jun-20 | 68 | 27 | 5 |
| Oct-16 | 68 | 28 | 4 |
| Feb-16 | 67 | 30 | 4 |

Do you think it is a common or uncommon practice in Iowa for law enforcement officers to profile people solely on the basis of race?

| | Common | Uncommon | Not sure |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Jun-20 | 39 | 50 | 10 |
| Feb-16 | 39 | 53 | 9 |

Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is addressing protests surrounding race and police actions?

| | Approve | Disapprove | Not sure |
|---------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Jun-20 | 37 | 55 | 8 |

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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