

**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

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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>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

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
<b>Jun-20</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>12</b>
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

**(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
<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
<b>Jun-20</b>	<b>n=674</b>	<b>±3.8% pts.</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

**(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
<b>Jun-20</b>	<b>Biden supporters</b>	<b>n=302</b>	<b>±5.6% pts.</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Jun-20</b>	<b>Trump supporters</b>	<b>n=300</b>	<b>±5.7% pts.</b>	<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?

	<b>U.S. Senate race</b>	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>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	<b>Jun-20</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>5</b>
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	<b>Jun-20</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15</b>
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	<b>Jun-20</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
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	<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
Kim Reynolds, governor	<b>Mar-20</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>
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	<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>
Donald Trump, president	<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
Kim Reynolds as governor	<b>Jun-20</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8</b>
	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	<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	
Your local law enforcement	<b>Jun-20</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>

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
<b>Jun-20</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>7</b>
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
<b>Jun-20</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>5</b>
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
<b>Jun-20</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>10</b>
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
<b>Jun-20</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>8</b>

## 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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