

University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll – Topline Results
April 29, 2021
March/April poll of Iowans

Sample: 991 voting-age residents in Iowa, margin of error +/-3.2%.

About: The Hawkeye Poll was fielded March 23 to April 12, 2021.

The poll was conducted by the Hawkeye Poll Cooperative, comprised of University of Iowa faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students in the political science and sociology departments. The poll is a teaching, research, and service project, which uses the facilities of the Iowa Social Science Research Center directed by Frederick J. Boehmke, professor of political science and faculty advisor for the poll. The Department of Political Science, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the University of Iowa Public Policy Center support the poll; financial support was provided through a Student Technology Fee award (#1290-91).

The Iowa Social Science Research Center (ISRC) assisted with data collection. Responses were gathered by phone (89) and by web (902). For the phone portion, the ISRC obtained a random sample of Iowans consisting of 40% household landline numbers and 60% mobile phone numbers. All respondents who stated they were over age 18 and willing to participate in the survey were included. After training, students in the class used the ISRC's computer-assisted interviewing resources to complete the calling and interviews. No quotas were set for the phone component. For the web portion, the ISRC contracted with a respected web panel vendor to field the survey to a demographically representative sample of 902 web respondents. Respondents invited to complete the web survey were Iowa adults, aged 18-120 years, recruited for participation via web panel. To obtain a census-representative sample, quotas were set on the following demographics: sex, age, and party identification.

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Respondent Identification: All respondents who stated they were over age 18 and willing to participate in the survey were included. 902 responses were completed by web and 89 were completed by phone. To obtain a census-representative sample, quotas were set for the web data collection on the following demographics: sex, age, and party identification. No quotas were set for the phone data collection.

Weighting: Reported results are weighted by age, sex, and party identification.

In recent years, Iowa legislators have been working to amend the state constitution to add language they say would protect the lowans' right to bear arms. They have proposed amending the constitution to include the following language: "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. The sovereign state of Iowa affirms and recognizes this right to be a fundamental individual right. Any and all restrictions of this right shall be subject to strict scrutiny." Strict scrutiny means that Iowa courts would have to apply a higher legal standard when evaluating laws protecting gun rights.

Amendments to the constitution must be approved by the legislature and are then voted on by the people in a statewide election. This proposed amendment has passed the legislature twice and is likely to appear on the 2022 general election ballot.

If this amendment were on the ballot would you vote for it or against it?

	%
Vote for it	39.4
Vote against it	29.6
Don't Know/Declined	31.0
Total	100.0

Vote in 2020, generated from: In talking to people about elections, we often find that a lot of people were not able to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or they just didn't have time.

Which of the following statements best describes you:

I did not vote in the November 2020 Presidential election

I thought about voting this time - but didn't

I usually vote, but didn't this time

I am sure I voted

Don't Know

Decline to answer

	%
Did not Vote	19.2
I am Sure I Voted	80.8
Total	100.0

Constitutional amendment by voted in 2020

	Did not Vote	Voted	Total
	%	%	%
Vote for it	31.2	41.5	39.5
Vote against it	22.1	32.1	30.2
Don't Know/Declined	46.7	26.4	30.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or what?

	%
Democrat	30.9
Republican	31.4
Independent	30.2
No preference	6.4
Other	1.1
Total	100.0

Constitutional amendment by party identification

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
	%	%	%	%
Vote for it	21.7	60.6	37.3	40.0
Vote against it	54.4	12.9	25.5	30.9
Don't Know/Declined	23.8	26.5	37.2	29.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Do you consider the community that you live in to be urban, suburban, or rural?

	%
Urban	25.3
Suburban	34.9
Rural	39.8
Total	100.0

Constitutional amendment by urban/rural community

	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Total
	%	%	%	%
Vote for it	38.1	37.6	44.1	40.3
Vote against it	32.3	36.1	23.3	30.1
Don't Know/Declined	29.6	26.2	32.5	29.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Age group, generated from: In what year were you born?

	%
18-34	27.4
35-54	33.2
55-69	26.5
70 and over	12.9
Total	100.0

Constitutional amendment by age

	18-34	35-54	55-69	70 and over	Total
	%	%	%	%	%
Vote for it	30.8	39.8	44.4	46.4	39.4
Vote against it	29.9	28.9	26.8	36.7	29.6
Don't Know/Declined	39.2	31.3	28.8	17.0	31.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

What is your sex?

	%
Male	49.2
Female	50.8
Total	100.0

Constitutional amendment by sex

	Male	Female	Total
	%	%	%
Vote for it	45.0	33.9	39.4
Vote against it	28.6	30.6	29.6
Don't Know/Declined	26.3	35.5	31.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0