

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.

Currently, Iowans must have a permit in order to purchase or carry a gun. The Iowa legislature is currently considering a bill that would eliminate this requirement. A permit or background check would still be necessary to purchase a gun from a federally licensed dealer. Do you support or oppose removing this requirement?

	%
Strongly support	19.1
Somewhat support	13.6
Neither	8.6
Somewhat Oppose	13.8
Strongly Oppose	39.9
Don't Know/Declined	5.0
Total	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

Gun permits by party identification

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
	%	%	%	%
Strongly support	12.3	28.6	17.2	19.4
Somewhat support	11.0	17.7	12.4	13.7
Neither	5.3	11.6	8.6	8.5
Somewhat Oppose	8.3	15.1	18.2	13.9
Strongly Oppose	61.9	22.7	38.4	40.9
Don't Know/Declined	1.2	4.2	5.3	3.6
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

Gun permits by urban/rural community

	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Total
	%	%	%	%
Strongly support	20.7	16.5	19.8	18.9
Somewhat support	16.8	12.0	14.6	14.3
Neither	4.4	11.4	9.2	8.7
Somewhat Oppose	10.9	14.1	14.3	13.4
Strongly Oppose	43.4	43.8	36.4	40.7
Don't Know/Declined	3.8	2.2	5.6	4.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

What is your sex?

	%
Male	49.2
Female	50.8
Total	100.0

Gun permits by sex

	Male	Female	Total
	%	%	%
Strongly support	23.8	14.5	19.1
Somewhat support	18.2	9.2	13.6
Neither	9.9	7.4	8.6
Somewhat Oppose	15.0	12.7	13.8
Strongly Oppose	28.5	50.8	39.9
Don't Know/Declined	4.5	5.4	5.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0