

University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll – Topline Results
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Poll of Johnson County, Iowa Respondents

SAMPLE: The survey consisted of 657 Johnson County, Iowa residents; the margin of error is +/- 3.9 percent. Among these respondents, 50.08 percent were Democrat, 13.36 percent Republican and 31.72 percent Independent. 39.91 percent considered themselves moderate, while 43.15 percent self-identified as liberal and 16.95 percent as conservative.

ABOUT: The Hawkeye Poll was conducted March 23-29, 2015 by the Hawkeye Poll. The poll was conducted by the Hawkeye Poll Cooperative, comprised of UI faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students in political science, with the cooperation and facilities of the Iowa Social Science Research Center, directed by UI Political Science Professor Frederick J. Boehmke. The faculty adviser for the poll is UI Professor of Political Science Frederick J. Boehmke. The poll is a teaching, research and service project of the UI Department of Political Science. The Department of Political Science, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the Office of the Provost fund the poll.

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RESPONDENT IDENTIFICATION: A random sample was acquired with 50% household landline numbers and 50% mobile phone numbers. For households, an initial attempt was made on answering the phone to reach the youngest male who is 18 years or older. Alternatively, a female age 18 or older was interviewed. All respondents who stated they were over age 18 and willing to participate in the survey were included.

WEIGHTING: Reported results are weighted by sex and age.

QUESTION WORDING: Over the past few years the County Supervisors have argued that our current courthouse and jail facilities offer inadequate security and space. Currently, the county pays to house many inmates in nearby jails to handle overflow. Opponents argue that new space is too costly and not needed since too many people are being locked up, especially among racial and ethnic minorities. Which of the following options do you prefer?

Johnson County courthouse and jail facilities	%
Build a new justice center next to the courthouse to enhance courthouse space and security and replace the existing jail with enough capacity to meet current needs	33.6
Build a new addition to the courthouse to address courthouse space and security concerns but continue to use the current jail	24.5
Continue to use the current courthouse and jail with minor repairs as needed	31.3
Don't Know/Refused	10.5
Total	100.0

Vote in 2014 midterm election

Johnson County courthouse and jail facilities	I didn't vote	I thought about voting this time-but didn't	I usually vote, but didn't this time	I am sure I voted	Total
	%	%	%	%	%
Build a new justice center next to the courthouse to enhance courthouse space and security and replace the existing jail with enough capacity to meet current needs	24.8	1.4	11.3	40.2	34.0
Build a new addition to the courthouse to address courthouse space and security concerns but continue to use the current jail	24.4	73.7	14.5	22.8	24.7
Continue to use the current courthouse and jail with minor repairs as needed	43.3	24.9	50.8	26.2	30.8
Don't Know/Refused	7.5	0.0	23.4	10.8	10.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Perceived sex of respondent

Johnson County courthouse and jail facilities	Male	Female	Total
	%	%	%
Build a new justice center next to the courthouse to enhance courthouse space and security and replace the existing jail with enough capacity to meet current needs	27.1	40.0	33.6
Build a new addition to the courthouse to address courthouse space and security concerns but continue to use the current jail	26.7	22.4	24.5
Continue to use the current courthouse and jail with minor repairs as needed	39.1	23.8	31.3
Don't Know/Refused	7.1	13.8	10.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

3-point Party ID

Johnson County courthouse and jail facilities	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
	%	%	%	%
Build a new justice center next to the courthouse to enhance courthouse space and security and replace the existing jail with enough capacity to meet current needs	36.5	37.7	31.4	34.6
Build a new addition to the courthouse to address courthouse space and security concerns but continue to use the current jail	22.8	18.5	32.4	26.0
Continue to use the current courthouse and jail with minor repairs as needed	27.5	32.2	29.4	28.8
Don't Know/Refused	13.2	11.7	6.8	10.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Age (in years)

Johnson County courthouse and jail facilities	18-34	35-54	55-69	70 and over	Total
	%	%	%	%	%
Build a new justice center next to the courthouse to enhance courthouse space and security and replace the existing jail with enough capacity to meet current needs	28.8	33.5	43.6	40.3	33.6
Build a new addition to the courthouse to address courthouse space and security concerns but continue to use the current jail	20.5	27.7	29.1	26.0	24.5
Continue to use the current courthouse and jail with minor repairs as needed	40.5	26.2	20.0	23.0	31.3
Don't Know/Refused	10.3	12.6	7.3	10.7	10.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Interest in what's going on in government and politics

Johnson County courthouse and jail facilities	Very interested	Somewhat interested	Not interested	Total
	%	%	%	%
Build a new justice center next to the courthouse to enhance courthouse space and security and replace the existing jail with enough capacity to meet current needs	37.4	32.4	25.8	33.7
Build a new addition to the courthouse to address courthouse space and security concerns but continue to use the current jail	23.1	22.6	38.4	24.6
Continue to use the current courthouse and jail with minor repairs as needed	30.5	31.2	35.2	31.4
Don't Know/Refused	9.1	13.8	0.5	10.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Household income (from 2014-self reported estimate)

Johnson County courthouse and jail facilities	<\$50,000	\$50-under \$100,000	\$100,000+	Total
	%	%	%	%
Build a new justice center next to the courthouse to enhance courthouse space and security and replace the existing jail with enough capacity to meet current needs	29.1	32.5	39.6	33.4
Build a new addition to the courthouse to address courthouse space and security concerns but continue to use the current jail	25.5	25.3	27.0	25.9
Continue to use the current courthouse and jail with minor repairs as needed	38.2	32.1	22.7	31.5
Don't Know/Refused	7.2	10.1	10.8	9.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Police have community's interests in mind

Johnson County courthouse and jail facilities	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral, Disagree, or Strongly Disagree	Total
	%	%	%	%
Build a new justice center next to the courthouse to enhance courthouse space and security and replace the existing jail with enough capacity to meet current needs	43.7	34.9	19.8	33.6
Build a new addition to the courthouse to address courthouse space and security concerns but continue to use the current jail	24.7	24.2	25.1	24.6
Continue to use the current courthouse and jail with minor repairs as needed	18.2	31.0	46.8	31.3
Don't Know/Refused	13.3	9.9	8.3	10.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0