

University of Iowa Iowa Policy and Opinion Lab Poll – Topline Results
February 22, 2021
January/February online poll of Iowans

Sample: 1000 voting-age resident in Iowa, margin of error +/-3.2%.

About: The Iowa Policy and Opinion Lab Poll was fielded January 13, 2021 to February 3, 2021.

The poll was designed by the Iowa Policy and Opinion Lab, comprised of University of Iowa faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students. The Iowa Policy and Opinion Lab is co-directed by Profs. Fred Boehmke in Political Science and Kajsa Dalrymple in Journalism and Mass Communication. The poll is a teaching, research, and service project, and collaborated with the Iowa Social Science Research Center directed by Frederick J. Boehmke. The University of Iowa Public Policy Center provided support for this poll as part of its PolicyRISE initiative to expand experiential research for UI students.

The Iowa Social Science Research Center (ISRC) contracted with a web panel vendor, Ipsos Observer, to field the survey to a demographically representative sample of 1,000 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 urbanicity.

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Respondent Identification: All respondents who stated they were over age 18 and willing to participate in the survey were included. To obtain a census-representative sample, quotas were set on the following demographics: sex, age, and urbanicity.

Weighting: Reported results are weighted by age, sex, and party identification. Alternate weighting schemes, such as by age, sex, and education produced substantively similar results.

Some of these vaccines in development have been through stage 3 trials and companies have reported that they are over 90% effective in preventing COVID-19 symptoms with minimal side effects, such as soreness for a day or two. The state of Iowa is working with the Federal government on its vaccine distribution and prioritization plan and started distributing the vaccine in December. If a vaccine that was approved as safe and effective by the Federal Drug Administration was available for you to receive today, would you ... get the vaccine?

	%
Definitely	50.2
Probably	21.3
Probably Not	10.7
Definitely Not	11.4
Don't Know/Declined	6.4
Total	100.0

Would you get the vaccine, by age group.

	18-34	35-54	55-69	70 and over	Total
	%	%	%	%	%
Definitely	44.5	44.1	52.5	71.3	50.2
Probably	23.6	21.8	23.3	12.1	21.3
Probably Not	15.1	9.7	7.8	8.6	10.7
Definitely Not	11.1	16.5	10.9	1.6	11.4
Don't Know/Declined	5.7	7.9	5.5	6.3	6.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Would you get the vaccine, by sex.

	Male	Female	Total
	%	%	%
Definitely	55.1	45.4	50.2
Probably	21.1	21.6	21.3
Probably Not	9.3	12.0	10.7
Definitely Not	9.9	12.8	11.4
Don't Know/Declined	4.6	8.2	6.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Would you get the vaccine, by partisan identification.

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
	%	%	%	%
Definitely	69.5	42.2	44.6	50.2
Probably	17.4	19.1	25.7	21.3
Probably Not	6.3	14.4	12.1	10.7
Definitely Not	3.9	15.9	10.6	11.4
Don't Know/Declined	3.0	8.4	7.0	6.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

As you may know, some drug companies have already received approval from the Federal Drug Administration for vaccines they have developed to protect against COVID-19. Other companies are currently going through the approval process and more are likely to apply. Have you seen or heard any news or information about potential vaccines for COVID-19? If so, where? Please mark all that apply.

	Television News	Newspaper	Social Media	Friends and family	Total
	%	%	%	%	%
No	19.1	67.8	41.0	47.7	43.9
Yes	77.6	28.9	55.7	49.0	52.8
Don't Know/Decline	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

How would you describe the information that you saw? Please select all that apply.

	Opinion: Favor	Opinion: Oppose	No Opinion	Total
	%	%	%	%
No	33.8	75.4	56.4	55.2
Yes	63.0	21.3	40.3	41.6
Don't Know/Decline	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

As part of Iowa government's plan to support vaccination, the Iowa Department of Public Health is developing a plan to distribute the vaccine across the state and to make sure it reaches vulnerable populations first. They have already decided to make nursing home residents and essential health care workers the first groups to receive vaccines, but have yet to prioritize the next set of groups. In what order should the following groups be prioritized before the vaccine is made available to the general public?

- 1 *Other essential workers in areas such as social services, child care, critical*
- 2 *retail and trades, agriculture and food production*
- 3 *People with underlying medical conditions that are risk factors for severe*
- 4 *COVID-19 illness*
- 5 *People 65 years of age and older*
- 6 *People from racial and ethnic minority groups or tribal communities*
- 7 *People living in rural communities*
- 8 *People without health insurance or inadequate insurance*

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In what order should the following groups be prioritized: self-identified Democrats.

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In what order should the following groups be prioritized: self-identified Republicans.

	Essential workers	Medical risk factors	65 and older	Minority groups	rural communities	under/ uninsured	Total
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1	29.9	29.0	29.5	0.3	1.2	2.1	15.3
2	24.6	33.5	29.4	1.1	1.5	2.0	15.3
3	26.9	22.6	28.8	3.1	5.9	4.6	15.3
4	5.8	3.7	2.3	23.0	29.6	27.6	15.3
5	2.8	1.5	1.5	33.4	24.4	28.3	15.3
6	2.0	1.7	0.5	31.0	29.4	27.4	15.3
Don't Know/ Declined	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

In what order should the following groups be prioritized: self-identified Independents.

	Essential workers	Medical risk factors	65 and older	Minority groups	rural communities	under/ uninsured	Total
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1	33.5	28.2	28.3	1.5	1.4	1.7	15.8
2	19.9	34.5	29.9	2.7	3.3	4.3	15.8
3	30.8	23.3	26.0	5.1	3.8	5.5	15.8
4	5.6	4.6	4.0	29.0	20.4	30.9	15.8
5	3.5	2.0	4.2	28.0	29.1	27.8	15.8
6	1.2	2.0	2.2	28.2	36.5	24.4	15.8
Don't Know/ Declined	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Recoded from age: In what year were you born?

	%
18-34	29.8
35-54	31.3
55-69	24.6
70 and over	14.2
Total	100.0

What is your sex?

	%
Male	49.2
Female	50.8
Total	100.0

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

	%
Democrat	31.9
Republican	27.1
Independent	41.0
Total	100.0