

University of Iowa, Iowa Policy and Opinion Lab Poll – Topline Results
Iowans Support Workplace Vaccine Exemptions but Split on Mask and Vaccine Mandates
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February online poll of Iowans

Sample: 883 voting-age residents in Iowa, margin of error +/-3.4%.

About: The Iowa Policy and Opinion Lab Poll was fielded Feb. 10 to Feb. 25, 2022.

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 Frederick J. Boehmke, professor of political science, and Kajsia Dalrymple, professor of 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 student success mission, intended to expand experiential policy-relevant research for UI students.

The Iowa Social Science Research Center (ISRC) contracted with a respected web panel vendor to field the survey to a demographically representative sample of up to 900 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.

Banning businesses in Iowa from requiring their employees to be vaccinated

	%
Strongly Support	24.7
Support	15.2
Neutral	15.5
Oppose	17.8
Strongly Oppose	23.4
Don't Know/Declined	3.4
Total	100.0

Banning businesses in Iowa from requiring their employees to be vaccinated, by sex

	Male	Female	Total
	%	%	%
Strongly Support	27.6	21.9	24.7
Support	15.5	15.0	15.2
Neutral	16.3	14.6	15.5
Oppose	16.6	19.0	17.8
Strongly Oppose	22.2	24.5	23.4
Don't Know/Declined	1.8	5.0	3.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Banning businesses in Iowa from requiring their employees to be vaccinated, by community

	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Total
	%	%	%	%
Strongly Support	17.0	24.9	30.4	24.9
Support	17.1	16.5	12.3	15.1
Neutral	21.2	12.1	14.1	15.4
Oppose	16.6	21.2	16.2	18.0
Strongly Oppose	23.7	22.5	23.8	23.3
Don't Know/Declined	4.4	2.8	3.2	3.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Banning businesses in Iowa from requiring their employees to be vaccinated, by party identification

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
	%	%	%	%
Strongly Support	7.7	42.6	25.7	25.3
Support	10.7	18.6	16.1	15.2
Neutral	16.9	14.4	13.6	14.9
Oppose	20.9	12.1	19.8	17.7
Strongly Oppose	39.7	10.0	21.1	23.6
Don't Know/Declined	4.1	2.3	3.7	3.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Banning businesses in Iowa from requiring their employees to be vaccinated, by age

	18-34	35-54	55-69	70 and older	Total
	%	%	%	%	%
Strongly Support	25.7	29.7	22.5	14.5	24.7
Support	9.6	17.6	14.0	24.6	15.2
Neutral	22.1	11.8	11.9	16.3	15.5
Oppose	17.9	15.1	22.2	16.0	17.8
Strongly Oppose	20.9	22.3	25.4	27.6	23.4
Don't Know/Declined	3.8	3.5	4.1	1.0	3.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Banning businesses in Iowa from requiring patrons to wear face coverings

	%
Strongly Support	20.6
Support	12.9
Neutral	20.5
Oppose	18.6
Strongly Oppose	25.3
Don't Know/Declined	2.0
Total	100.0

Banning businesses in Iowa from requiring patrons to wear face coverings, by sex

	Male	Female	Total
	%	%	%
Strongly Support	25.5	15.8	20.6
Support	13.0	12.9	12.9
Neutral	22.3	18.8	20.5
Oppose	15.3	21.8	18.6
Strongly Oppose	22.3	28.3	25.3
Don't Know/Declined	1.7	2.4	2.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Banning businesses in Iowa from requiring patrons to wear face coverings, by community

	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Total
	%	%	%	%
Strongly Support	16.5	22.4	22.5	20.8
Support	15.3	11.9	11.7	12.7
Neutral	19.1	18.7	22.5	20.3
Oppose	21.5	17.7	17.2	18.6
Strongly Oppose	25.5	27.4	23.9	25.5
Don't Know/Declined	2.1	1.8	2.2	2.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Banning businesses in Iowa from requiring patrons to wear face coverings, by party identification

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
	%	%	%	%
Strongly Support	8.6	34.5	22.0	21.6
Support	10.3	18.3	10.4	12.9
Neutral	15.1	20.7	22.9	19.7
Oppose	20.2	12.6	22.5	18.6
Strongly Oppose	43.8	12.8	19.8	25.3
Don't Know/Declined	2.1	1.1	2.3	1.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Banning businesses in Iowa from requiring patrons to wear face coverings, by age

	18-34	35-54	55-69	70 and older	Total
	%	%	%	%	%
Strongly Support	19.2	24.5	20.9	13.7	20.6
Support	11.6	13.9	11.8	15.8	12.9
Neutral	25.3	19.0	17.5	19.1	20.5
Oppose	17.9	16.7	20.4	21.0	18.6
Strongly Oppose	22.8	24.5	26.9	30.3	25.3
Don't Know/Declined	3.1	1.5	2.4	0.0	2.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Allowing employees to receive exemptions to workplace COVID-19 vaccine requirements for medical and religious reasons

	%
Strongly Support	28.8
Support	23.4
Neutral	19.2
Oppose	13.3
Strongly Oppose	12.6
Don't Know/Declined	2.8
Total	100.0

Allowing employees to receive exemptions to workplace COVID-19 vaccine requirements for medical and religious reasons, by sex

	Male	Female	Total
	%	%	%
Strongly Support	32.9	24.8	28.8
Support	22.3	24.4	23.4
Neutral	19.6	18.8	19.2
Oppose	11.9	14.5	13.3
Strongly Oppose	12.5	12.7	12.6
Don't Know/Declined	0.8	4.8	2.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Allowing employees to receive exemptions to workplace COVID-19 vaccine requirements for medical and religious reasons, by community

	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Total
	%	%	%	%
Strongly Support	25.3	30.0	31.0	29.1
Support	26.7	22.4	22.3	23.5
Neutral	16.4	18.8	20.1	18.7
Oppose	12.7	13.3	13.6	13.2
Strongly Oppose	14.3	13.4	10.9	12.7
Don't Know/Declined	4.6	2.1	2.1	2.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Allowing employees to receive exemptions to workplace COVID-19 vaccine requirements for medical and religious reasons, by party identification

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
	%	%	%	%
Strongly Support	11.6	44.9	30.2	28.9
Support	17.7	22.3	28.2	23.0
Neutral	23.3	16.7	17.7	19.2
Oppose	20.9	7.4	11.9	13.4
Strongly Oppose	23.3	6.4	9.3	12.9
Don't Know/Declined	3.2	2.3	2.6	2.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Allowing employees to receive exemptions to workplace COVID-19 vaccine requirements for medical and religious reasons, by age

	18-34	35-54	55-69	70 and older	Total
	%	%	%	%	%
Strongly Support	28.8	32.5	27.4	22.1	28.8
Support	23.5	24.9	22.4	21.2	23.4
Neutral	19.7	17.7	18.9	22.1	19.2
Oppose	10.7	13.0	16.8	12.9	13.3
Strongly Oppose	12.8	10.2	11.5	20.1	12.6
Don't Know/Declined	4.4	1.7	3.1	1.6	2.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

What is your sex?

	%
Male	49.2
Female	50.8
Total	100.0

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

	%
Urban	27.5
Suburban	33.7
Rural	38.8
Total	100.0

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

	%
Democrat	29.9
Republican	29.5
Independent	33.5
No preference	5.6
Other	1.6
Total	100.0

Recorded from age: In what year were you born?

	%
18-34	30.0
35-54	31.8
55-69	25.1
70 and over	13.1
Total	100.0