

**University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll – Topline Results**  
**May 12, 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.

Recently, Congress has been considering a proposal to increase the Federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$15 an hour. This would raise the minimum in Iowa to \$15 as well, possibly in small steps over a few years. Do you support or oppose an increase of the minimum wage to \$15?

	%
Strongly Support	29.9
Somewhat Support	18.7
Neither Favor nor Oppose	7.3
Somewhat Oppose	17.3
Strongly Oppose	24.4
Don't Know/Declined	2.3
Total	100.0

Currently, the Iowa's minimum wage is \$7.25 an hour. If it were up to you, what would Iowa's minimum wage be?

	%
Less than \$7	3.9
\$7-7.99	11.4
\$8-8.99	11.0
\$9-9.99	11.3
\$10-10.99	27.1
\$11-11.99	3.3
\$12-12.99	10.0
\$13-13.99	2.3
\$14-14.99	1.6
\$15-15.99	14.1
\$16 or above	3.0
Don't Know/Refused	0.8
Total	100.0

Iowa's minimum wage has not increased since the Federal minimum wage was set to \$7.25 in 2009. Due to rising prices, the value of the minimum wage has decreased: \$7.25 per hour in 2009 is worth about \$5.95 in 2021. To avoid this type of decrease in value over time, many states have set their minimum wages to automatically adjust with increases in the cost of living due to inflation. Do you think that Iowa should set its minimum wage to automatically increase with inflation?

	%
Yes	70.2
No	15.1
Don't Know/Declined	14.7
Total	100.0

Currently, Iowa state law does not allow local governments to set a minimum wage greater than the state's minimum, which is currently \$7.25. Would you support Iowa's government passing legislation to allow local governments to be able to set their local minimum wage above the state minimum?

	%
Strongly support	32.8
Somewhat support	26.2
Neither support nor oppose	14.8
Somewhat oppose	8.6
Strongly oppose	10.1
Don't Know/Declined	7.6
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

*\$15 minimum wage by party identification*

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
	%	%	%	%
Strongly Support	50.4	13.5	26.5	30.1
Somewhat Support	25.4	12.6	16.4	18.1
Neither Favor nor Oppose	6.2	8.3	7.1	7.2
Somewhat Oppose	10.6	21.0	21.0	17.5
Strongly Oppose	6.6	43.5	26.3	25.5
Don't Know/Declined	0.9	1.1	2.6	1.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Preferred Iowa minimum wage by party identification*

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
	%	%	%	%
Less than \$7	1.5	6.6	4.7	4.3
\$7-7.99	3.7	16.5	13.2	11.1
\$8-8.99	8.2	20.8	5.2	11.5
\$9-9.99	8.9	13.2	13.6	11.9
\$10-10.99	21.8	25.6	30.4	25.9
\$11-11.99	3.2	2.4	3.3	3.0
\$12-12.99	13.0	7.3	10.1	10.1
\$13-13.99	3.1	1.2	2.7	2.3
\$14-14.99	2.5	0.4	1.9	1.6
\$15-15.99	27.3	4.8	11.1	14.4
\$16 or above	6.2	0.4	2.8	3.1
Don't Know/Refused	0.6	0.9	1.0	0.8

*Link minimum wage to inflation by party identification*

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
	%	%	%	%
Yes	81.8	58.3	72.8	70.9
No	6.2	24.9	15.2	15.5
Don't Know/Declined	12.0	16.8	12.0	13.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Local choice for minimum wage by party identification*

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
	%	%	%	%
Strongly support	48.4	21.0	29.4	32.9
Somewhat support	27.9	24.7	26.7	26.5
Neither support nor oppose	10.9	18.6	14.8	14.8
Somewhat oppose	5.4	12.4	8.8	8.9
Strongly oppose	2.6	16.0	13.1	10.6
Don't Know/Declined	4.8	7.3	7.2	6.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0