

University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll – Topline Results
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October 2011 poll of Iowa respondents

Sample: 778 participants, margin of error for full sample is plus or minus 3.6 percent.

The Hawkeye Poll was conducted Oct. 12-19 by the Hawkeye Poll Cooperative, comprised of University of Iowa faculty and students in the UI Department of Political Science. The poll is carried out with the cooperation and facilities of the Iowa Social Science Research Center, directed by UI Sociology Professor Kevin Leicht. The faculty adviser for the poll is UI Associate Professor of Political Science Frederick Boehmke. The poll is a teaching, research, and service project of the UI 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 household sample was acquired of registered voters in each of Iowa’s five Congressional districts. 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 who stated they were over age 18 and willing to participate in the survey were included.

Weighting: The survey was weighted according to Congressional district partisanship.

Likely Caucus Attendees: Participants were asked how likely they were to caucus, and for which party. A total of 342 respondents indicated they were “somewhat likely” or “very likely” to attend a caucus in 2012. The margin of error for that subsample is plus or minus 5.3 percent.

Current economic conditions among likely caucus-goers by party identification: “How would you rate economic conditions in this country today—very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?”

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
Very good	1.02%	0.00%	1.22%	0.68%
Somewhat good	17.30%	9.37%	14.59%	13.52%
Somewhat poor	57.40%	45.71%	53.72%	51.90%
Very poor	24.28%	44.92%	30.47%	33.90%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Most important issue facing the United States: “What do you think is the most important problem facing this country?”

Jobs/unemployment	24.47%
The economy/recession	37.35%
Budget deficit/national debt	8.19%
Government spending	4.45%
Wars in Iraq/Afghanistan	0.67%
Banking/finance/Wall Street	2.13%
Illegal immigration/border security	1.04%
Education	1.22%
Gas and energy prices	0.29%
Taxes	0.31%
Gay rights/marriage equality	0.51%
Something else/other	18.65%
Don’t know	0.72%
Total	100.00%

Most important issue facing the United States by party identification

	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Jobs/unemployment	31.9%	19.12%	22.89%
The economy/recession	37.93%	36.03%	36.14%
Budget deficit/national debt	2.59%	11.03%	13.25%
Government spending	2.59%	6.6%	3.6%
Wars in Iraq/Afghanistan	0.86%	0.00%	1.21%
Banking/finance/Wall Street	3.45%	1.47%	1.21%
Illegal immigration/border security	0.00%	2.21%	1.21%
Education	1.72%	0.74%	1.21%
Gas and energy prices	0.00%	0.74%	0.00%
Taxes	0.00%	0.00%	1.21%
Gay rights/marriage equality	0.00%	1.47%	0.00%
Something else/other	18.1%	19.12%	18.07%
Don't know	0.86%	1.47%	0.00%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%