

MONTANA

2024 General Election

March 2023

Survey conducted March 11 through March 12, 2023. 1,020 likely 2024 General Election voters participated in the survey. Survey weighted to match expected turnout demographics for the 2024 General Election. Margin of Error is +/-3% with a 95% level of confidence. Totals do not always equal 100% due to rounding.



Q1: Do you approve or disapprove of Joe Biden's job performance as President?

Approve: 38% Disapprove: 55% Unsure: 7%

Q2: Do you approve or disapprove of Jon Tester's job performance as U.S. Senator from Montana?

Approve: 51% Disapprove: 39% Unsure: 10%

Q3: Do you approve or disapprove of Greg Gianforte's job performance as Governor of Montana?

Approve: 51% Disapprove: 34% Unsure: 15%

Q4: Do you believe that only US citizens should be able to vote in Montana elections? Or, do you believe that non-citizens should also have the right to vote in some Montana elections?

Only U.S. citizens should vote in elections: 85%

Non-citizens should have the right to vote in some elections: 8%

Unsure: 7%

Q5: Legislation has been introduced in the Montana Legislature that would clarify that only citizens of the United States are eligible to vote in all state and local Montana elections. If two-thirds of both houses of the legislature approve the measure, called the Montana Citizen-Only Voting Amendment, it will appear on the November 2024 ballot for voters to decide. Do you support or oppose this amendment?

Support: 72% Oppose: 12% Undecided: 16%

I will now read you a few brief statements you may see, read, or hear about this amendment that may be on your November ballot. After hearing each statement, please indicate whether you would be more likely or less likely to support the ballot measure.



Q6: Opponents of the Citizen-Only Voting Amendment say the measure is unnecessary, because non-citizens are currently not allowed to vote anywhere in Montana. Does knowing this make you more likely or less likely to support the amendment, or does it make no difference.

More likely: 36% Less likely: 21% No difference: 43%

Q7: The New York City Council passed a law allowing more than 800,000 non-citizens to vote in all city elections. In Washington, DC, non-citizens can now vote whether they are in the country legally or not. Does knowing this make you more likely or less likely to support the amendment, or does it make no difference.

More likely: 53% Less likely: 23% No difference: 24%

Q8: Opponents say the Montana Citizen-Only Voting Amendment is merely an attempt to whip up antiimmigrant sentiment in this election. Does knowing this make you more likely or less likely to support the amendment, or does it make no difference.

More likely: 41% Less likely: 23% No difference: 36%

Q9: Supporters say the Montana Citizen-Only Voting Amendment is not about immigration, it is solely about preserving voting rights for U.S. citizens, who should be the only voters in all elections. Does knowing this make you more likely or less likely to support the amendment, or does it make no difference.

More likely: 62% Less likely: 13% No difference: 25%



Now, sometimes in a survey like this people change their minds. I will read you the original ballot measure again.

Q10: A state constitutional amendment to clarify that only citizens of the United States are eligible to vote in all state and local Montana elections may be on the November 2024 ballot. Do you support or oppose this amendment?

Support: 73% Oppose: 16% Unsure: 11%

Q11: If a candidate running for public office supports the Montana Citizen-Only Voting Amendment, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for that candidate, or would it make no difference?

More likely: 54% Less likely: 16% No difference: 30%

Q12: The United States Senate may soon be voting on whether or not to let non-citizens vote in local elections in Washington, DC. If Montana Senator Jon Tester supports allowing non-citizens to vote in our nation's capital, would that make you more likely or less likely to support Senator Tester for reelection, or would it make no difference?

More likely: 13% Less likely: 55% No difference: 32%



Column %	BLLNGS	BUTTE	GRT FLLS	HELNA	MSSLA
Approve	37%	49%	34%	45%	34%
Disapprove	58%	46%	55%	52%	59%
Unsure	5%	4%	10%	3%	7%

Table 1. Q1 by DMA

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
Approve	5%	89%	41%
Disapprove	92%	7%	47%
Unsure	4%	4%	12%

Table 2. Q1 by Party

Column %	Female	Male
Approve	38%	39%
Disapprove	56%	55%
Unsure	6%	7%

Table 3. Q1 by Gender

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog		
Approve	8%	14%	59%	93%		
Disapprove	89%	80%	29%	4%		
Unsure	3%	6%	12%	3%		
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Table 4. Q1 by Ideology



Column %	BLLNGS	BUTTE	GRT FLLS	HELNA	MSSLA
Approve	47%	54%	52%	59%	51%
Disapprove	43%	38%	35%	36%	40%
Unsure	11%	8%	14%	5%	9%

Table 5. Q2 by DMA

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
Approve	22%	92%	56%
Disapprove	63%	5%	35%
Unsure	15%	2%	9%

Table 6. Q2 by Party

Column %	Female	Male
Approve	50%	52%
Disapprove	39%	39%
Unsure	10%	10%

Table 7. Q2 by Gender

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog		
Approve	20%	28%	78%	94%		
Disapprove	65%	56%	17%	4%		
Unsure	14%	15%	5%	2%		
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Table 8. Q2 by Ideology



Column %	BLLNGS	BUTTE	GRT FLLS	HELNA	MSSLA
Approve	58%	42%	57%	49%	50%
Disapprove	29%	43%	30%	42%	34%
Unsure	13%	15%	12%	10%	16%

Table 9. Q3 by DMA

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
Approve	83%	13%	41%
Disapprove	8%	73%	38%
Unsure	9%	15%	20%

Table 10. Q3 by Party

Column %	Female	Male
Approve	51%	52%
Disapprove	36%	32%
Unsure	13%	16%

Table 11. Q3 by Gender

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog
Approve	80%	70%	28%	12%
Disapprove	11%	15%	52%	74%
Unsure	9%	15%	19%	14%

Table 12. Q3 by Ideology



Column %	6 BLLNGS	S BUTTE	GRT FLLS	HELNA	MSSLA
Only citize	ens 87%	6 82%	87%	82%	86%
Non-citize	ens 7%	6 8%	6%	9%	9%
Unsure	6%	6 10%	7%	9%	5%

Table 13. Q4 by DMA

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
Only citizens	95%	70%	85%
Non-citizens	2%	16%	9%
Unsure	3%	14%	6%

Table 14. Q4 by Party

Column %	Female	Male
Only citizens	85%	85%
Non-citizens	9%	7%
Unsure	6%	8%

Table 15. Q4 by Gender

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog
Only citizens	96%	92%	81%	65%
Non-citizens	2%	6%	8%	21%
Unsure	2%	3%	10%	14%

Table 16. Q4 by Ideology



Column %	BLLNGS	BUTTE	GRT FLLS	HELNA	MSSLA
Support	76%	65%	70%	65%	76%
Oppose	11%	17%	8%	16%	10%
Undecided	12%	18%	22%	19%	14%

Table 17. Q5 by DMA

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
Support	85%	51%	73%
Oppose	5%	24%	12%
Undecided	10%	25%	16%

Table 18. Q5 by Party

Column %	Female	Male
Support	70%	75%
Oppose	14%	10%
Undecided	16%	15%
Table 19. Q5 by		

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog
Support	87%	81%	62%	49%
Oppose	5%	9%	13%	28%
Undecided	9%	10%	25%	23%

Table 20. Q5 by Ideology



Column %	BLLNGS	BUTTE	GRT FLLS	HELNA	MSSLA
ML	38%	30%	38%	35%	39%
LL	21%	17%	23%	30%	19%
No diff	42%	52%	39%	35%	42%

Table 21. Q6 by DMA

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
ML	50%	25%	28%
LL	10%	33%	24%
No diff	40%	42%	48%

Table 22. Q6 by Party

Column %	Female	Male
ML	38%	35%
LL	22%	18%
No diff	40%	47%
Table 23. Q6 by	Gender	

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog		
ML	54%	39%	26%	17%		
LL	12%	13%	26%	38%		
No diff	34%	49%	48%	45%		
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Table 24. Q6 by Ideology



Column %	BLLNGS	BUTTE	GRT FLLS	HELNA	MSSLA
ML	59%	44%	57%	46%	54%
LL	22%	26%	22%	23%	24%
No diff	19%	30%	21%	32%	21%

Table 25. Q7 by DMA

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
ML	69%	31%	50%
LL	21%	33%	18%
No diff	10%	36%	32%

Table 26. Q7 by Party

Column %	Female	Male		
ML	53%	54%		
LL	22%	24%		
No diff	25%	22%		
Table 27. Q7 by Gender				

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog
ML	72%	67%	36%	28%
LL	22%	22%	25%	26%
No diff	6%	11%	39%	46%

Table 28. Q7 by Ideology



Column %	BLLNGS	BUTTE	GRT FLLS	HELNA	MSSLA
ML	42%	34%	41%	43%	43%
LL	22%	28%	22%	32%	20%
No diff	36%	38%	36%	26%	37%

Table 29. Q8 by DMA

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
ML	60%	18%	34%
LL	12%	39%	23%
No diff	27%	43%	43%

Table 30. Q8 by Party

Column %	Female	Male	
ML	41%	41%	
LL	24%	21%	
No diff	34%	39%	
Table 31. Q8 by Gender			

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog
ML	65%	50%	24%	13%
LL	13%	14%	27%	46%
No diff	22%	35%	50%	42%
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Table 32. Q8 by Ideology



Column %	BLLNGS	BUTTE	GRT FLLS	HELNA	MSSLA
ML	68%	53%	66%	57%	64%
LL	13%	18%	12%	20%	11%
No diff	19%	29%	23%	23%	25%

Table 33. Q9 by DMA

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
ML	82%	35%	59%
LL	5%	26%	14%
No diff	12%	39%	27%

Table 34. Q9 by Party

Column %	Female	Male	
ML	61%	64%	
LL	15%	12%	
No diff	24%	24%	
Table 35. Q9 by Gender			

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog
ML	85%	74%	50%	26%
LL	6%	9%	16%	29%
No diff	9%	17%	34%	45%

Table 36. Q9 by Ideology



Column %	BLLNGS	BUTTE	GRT FLLS	HELNA	MSSLA
Support	76%	66%	77%	69%	75%
Oppose	14%	19%	14%	20%	16%
Undecided	10%	14%	9%	11%	9%

Table 37. Q10 by DMA

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
Support	93%	48%	67%
Oppose	3%	31%	22%
Undecided	3%	20%	12%

Table 38. Q10 by Party

Column %	Female	Male
Support	72%	74%
Oppose	18%	14%
Undecided	10%	12%

Table 39. Q10 by Gender

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog
Support	95%	87%	60%	36%
Oppose	3%	9%	22%	42%
Undecided	2%	4%	18%	22%

Table 40. Q10 by Ideology



Column %	BLLNGS	BUTTE	GRT FLLS	HELNA	MSSLA
ML	61%	44%	54%	52%	57%
LL	13%	25%	13%	23%	12%
No diff	27%	32%	33%	25%	31%

Table 41. Q11 by DMA

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
ML	80%	22%	46%
LL	5%	30%	18%
No diff	14%	48%	37%

Table 42. Q11 by Party

Column %	Female	Male
ML	53%	56%
LL	18%	13%
No diff	29%	31%
Table 43. Q11 b	y Gender	

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog
ML	83%	68%	36%	13%
LL	6%	10%	20%	36%
No diff	11%	22%	45%	51%

Table 44. Q11 by Ideology



Column %	BLLNGS	BUTTE	GRT FLLS	HELNA	MSSLA
ML	16%	13%	14%	10%	11%
LL	56%	52%	56%	48%	56%
No diff	28%	35%	30%	42%	33%

Table 45. Q12 by DMA

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
ML	9%	23%	11%
LL	82%	17%	50%
No diff	9%	60%	39%

Table 46. Q12 by Party

Column %	Female	Male
ML	13%	14%
LL	56%	54%
No diff	31%	32%
Table 47. Q12 b		

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog
ML	11%	6%	12%	30%
LL	81%	78%	35%	9%
No diff	8%	16%	53%	61%

Table 48. Q12 by Ideology



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BILLINGS DMA	22%
BUTTE-BOZEMAN DMA	18%
GLENDIVE DMA	1%
GREAT FALLS DMA	14%
HELENA DMA	9%
MINOT-BSMRCK-DCKNSN(WLSTN) DMA	3%
MISSOULA DMA	31%
SPOKANE DMA	2%

Table 49. DMA

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Republican 43% Democrat 27% Non-Partisan 30%

Table 50. Party

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Female 53% Male 47%

Table 51. Gender

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V con 32%

S con 22%

Mod 29%

Prog 17%

Table 52. Ideology