

Montana Statewide Survey

Public Opinion Strategies

August 18-20, 2024, N=500 Likely Voters, MOE +/- 4.38%

An asterisk (*) in a response category means that less than 0.5% of respondents chose that response category and a dash (-) represents no response. Note: due to rounding, some figures may be higher or lower by less than one-half of one percent.

1. First of all, generally speaking, would you say that things in Montana are going in the right direction, or have they pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

- 34% Right Direction
- 58% Wrong Track
- 6% Don't Know
- 2% Refused

2. Now thinking ahead to the November election for President, Governor and other offices... First, which of these statements best describes how you have usually voted in past elections?

- 20% Straight Republican
- 24% Mostly Republican
- 5% A few more Republicans than Democrats
- 19% Independent/Depends on the person
- 4% A few more Democrats than Republicans
- 15% Mostly Democrat
- 11% Straight Democrat
- 2% Refused
- 49% TOTAL REPUBLICAN**
- 30% TOTAL DEMOCRAT**

3. Next, which TWO of the following issue areas would be MOST important to you in deciding how to vote in the November election? Is it...

Ranked by % 1st Choice

1st	Comb	
21%	39%	Illegal immigration
18%	34%	Inflation and the cost of living
8%	28%	Abortion
13%	31%	Jobs and the economy
7%	16%	Education and schools
7%	16%	The environment and natural resources
5%	10%	Government spending
4%	9%	Property taxes
3%	7%	Crime and public safety
2%	3%	Other

1%	2%	Don't Know
1%	1%	Refused

4. And, if the election for US Senate was being held TODAY for whom would you vote between: Tim Sheehy, Republican Jon Tester, Democrat ... AND ... Michael Downey, Green Party Sid Daoud, Libertarian Party

43% Definitely Sheehy
7% Probably Sheehy
1% Lean Sheehy
40% Definitely Tester
3% Probably Tester
1% Lean Tester
1% Downey
2% Daoud
* Won't Vote/Won't Vote for US Senate
* Other
2% Undecided/Don't Know
1% Refused

51% TOTAL SHEEHY

44% TOTAL TESTER

5. And, if the election for GOVERNOR and Lieutenant Governor was being held TODAY for whom would you vote between: Greg Gianforte and Kristen Juras, Republican Ryan Busse and Raph Graybill, Democrat ... AND ... Kaiser Leib and Matt Campbell, Libertarian Party

38% Definitely Gianforte/Juras
14% Probably Gianforte/Juras
1% Lean Gianforte/Juras
25% Definitely Busse/Graybill
8% Probably Busse/Graybill
1% Lean Busse/Graybill
4% Leib/Campbell
* Won't Vote/Won't Vote for Governor
* Other
8% Undecided/Don't Know
1% Refused

53% TOTAL GIANFORTE/JURAS

34% TOTAL BUSSE/GRAYBILL

6. And, if the election for ATTORNEY GENERAL was being held TODAY for whom would you vote between: Austin Knudsen, Republican ... AND ...Ben Alke, Democrat

33% Definitely Knudsen
15% Probably Knudsen
2% Lean Knudsen
24% Definitely Alke
10% Probably Alke
2% Lean Alke
* Won't Vote/Won't Vote for AG
* Other
13% Undecided/Don't Know
1% Refused

50% TOTAL KNUDSEN

36% TOTAL ALKE

7. And, if the election for SECRETARY OF STATE was being held TODAY for whom would you vote between: Christi Jacobsen, Republican Jesse Mullen, Democrat ... AND ...John Lamb, Libertarian Party

31% Definitely Jacobsen
13% Probably Jacobsen
2% Lean Jacobsen
20% Definitely Mullen
10% Probably Mullen
2% Lean Mullen
8% Lamb
* Won't Vote/Won't Vote for SOS
– Other
14% Undecided/Don't Know
1% Refused

46% TOTAL JACOBSEN

31% TOTAL MULLEN

**8. And, if the election for STATE AUDITOR was being held TODAY for whom would you vote between:
Jim Brown, Republican ... AND ... John Repke, Democrat**

30% Definitely Brown
16% Probably Brown
3% Lean Brown
21% Definitely Repke
10% Probably Repke
2% Lean Repke
1% Won't Vote/Won't Vote for Auditor
– Other
15% Undecided/Don't Know
1% Refused

49% TOTAL BROWN

33% TOTAL REPKE

D1. In what year were you born?

12% 18 - 34
15% 35 - 44
15% 45 - 54
18% 55 - 64
40% 65 and above

D2. Gender.

49% Male
51% Female

D3. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

2% Some high school
24% High school graduate
17% Some college, no degree
2% Vocational training/school
13% 2-year college degree
26% 4-year college/bachelor's degree
1% Some postgraduate work, no degree
10% 2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree
4% Doctoral/law degree (e.g. PhD, MD, JD)
1% Refused

26% TOTAL HS OR LESS

32% TOTAL SOME COLLEGE

41% TOTAL COLLEGE+

D4. And, in politics today, do you consider yourself ... a Republican, a Democrat, or something else?

32% Strong Republican
8% Not-So-Strong Republican
8% Lean Republican
18% Unaffiliated / Independent / Something Else
8% Lean Democrat
6% Not-So-Strong Democrat
19% Strong Democrat
* Don't Know
1% Refused

49% TOTAL REPUBLICAN

33% TOTAL DEMOCRAT

D5. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be conservative, moderate or liberal on most issues?

25% Very Conservative
21% Somewhat Conservative
30% Moderate
1% Somewhat Liberal
9% Very Liberal
2% Don't Know
* Refused

49% 47% TOTAL CONSERVATIVE

19% 20% TOTAL LIBERAL

D6. And, for statistical purposes only, what is your race?

89% Caucasian or White
1% African American or Black
3% Hispanic or Latino
1% Asian or Pacific Islander
4% American Indian or Alaskan Native
1% Other or Mixed Race
1% Don't know
2% Refused

D7. Regardless of how you feel now, for whom did you vote in the 2020 Presidential election ...

54% Donald Trump
39% Joe Biden
2% Someone else
4% -- Did not vote
* -- Don't know/Don't recall
1% -- Refused

