Montana Statewide Survey

Public Opinion Strategies

September 29-October 1, 2024, N=500 Likely Voters, MOE +/- 4.34%

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?**

   38% Right Direction
   56% Wrong Track
   4% Don't Know
   1% 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?**

   15% Straight Republican
   25% Mostly Republican
   7% A few more Republicans than Democrats
   22% Independent/Depends on the person
   4% A few more Democrats than Republicans
   16% Mostly Democrat
   9% Straight Democrat
   1% Refused
   47% TOTAL REPUBLICAN
   29% 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	
18%	36%	Illegal immigration
17%	34%	Jobs and the economy
17%	28%	Abortion
16%	32%	Inflation and the cost of living
7%	16%	The environment and natural resources
6%	12%	Government spending
6%	16%	Education and schools
4%	10%	Property taxes
3%	8%	Crime and public safety
2%	3%	Other
2%	2%	Don't Know

*% 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 ...* Robert Barb, Green Party Sid Daoud, Libertarian Party**

> 43% Definitely Sheehy
> 7% Probably Sheehy
> 1% Lean Sheehy
> 39% Definitely Tester
> 5% Probably Tester
> 1% Lean Tester
> *% Barb
> 1% Daoud
> 1% Won't Vote/Won't Vote for US Senate
> * Other
> 2% Undecided/Don't Know
> *% Refused
>
> *51% TOTAL SHEEHY*
> *45% 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**

> 44% Definitely Gianforte/Juras
> 9% Probably Gianforte/Juras
> 2% Lean Gianforte/Juras
> 28% Definitely Busse/Graybill
> 7% Probably Busse/Graybill
> 1% Lean Busse/Graybill
> 1% Leib/Campbell
> * Won't Vote/Won't Vote for Governor
> * Other
> 7% Undecided/Don't Know
> *% Refused
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> *55% TOTAL GIANFORTE/JURAS*
> *36% 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**

35% Definitely Knudsen
15% Probably Knudsen
3% Lean Knudsen
26% Definitely Alke
7% Probably Alke
2% Lean Alke
1% Won't Vote/Won't Vote for AG
- Other
11% Undecided/Don't Know
1% Refused

53% TOTAL KNUDSEN
35% 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
14% Probably Jacobsen
3% Lean Jacobsen
20% Definitely Mullen
8% Probably Mullen
2% Lean Mullen
6% Lamb
1% Won't Vote/Won't Vote for SOS
1% Other
14% Undecided/Don't Know
1% Refused

48% 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**

   32% Definitely Brown
   15% Probably Brown
   2% Lean Brown
   22% Definitely Repke
   9% Probably Repke
   1% Lean Repke
   1% Won't Vote/Won't Vote for Auditor
   * Other
   16% Undecided/Don't Know
   1% Refused

   49% TOTAL BROWN
   33% TOTAL REPKE

9. **And, if the election for STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION was being held TODAY for whom would you vote between: Susie Hedalen, Republican... *AND ...* Shannon O'Brien, Democrat**

   28% Definitely Hedalen
   14% Probably Hedalen
   1% Lean Hedalen
   26% Definitely O'Brien
   8% Probably O'Brien
   2% Lean O'Brien
   1% Won't Vote/Won't Vote for SSPI
   * Other
   18% Undecided/Don't Know
   1% Refused

   43% TOTAL HEDALEN
   36% TOTAL O'BRIEN

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?

- Grade school
3% Some high school
23% High school graduate
17% Some college, no degree
3% Vocational training/school
12% 2-year college degree
25% 4-year college/bachelor's degree
2% Some postgraduate work, no degree
12% 2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree
2% Doctoral/law degree (e.g. PhD, MD, JD)
*% Refused

26% TOTAL HS OR LESS
33% TOTAL SOME COLLEGE
41% TOTAL COLLEGE+

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

31% Strong Republican
7% Not-So-Strong Republican
10% Lean Republican
20% Unaffiliated / Independent / Something Else
8% Lean Democrat
7% Not-So-Strong Democrat
17% Strong Democrat
* Don't Know
* Refused

47% TOTAL REPUBLICAN
32% TOTAL DEMOCRAT

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

27% Very Conservative
18% Somewhat Conservative
35% Moderate
8% Somewhat Liberal
8% Very Liberal
2% Don't Know
1% Refused

45% TOTAL CONSERVATIVE
16% TOTAL LIBERAL

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

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