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The University of Montana Big Sky Poll collects and reports information about Montanans' perceptions of local, state, and federal issues. The poll is directed by Dr. Sara Rinfret, Associate Professor and Director of the Master of Public Administration Program, and Dr. Justin Angle, Associate Professor of Marketing and Warren and Betsy Wilcox Faculty Fellow.

The UM Big Sky Poll online survey was conducted from September 26 – October 3, 2019 with 303 registered Montana voters. The margin of error (MOE) is +/- 5.63 at a 95 percent confidence level. Survey results were weighted by geography and gender to more accurately reflect demographics of the registered voter population in Montana. Due to rounding, totals may not equal 100 percent.

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## Elected Official Job Performance

*Question:* Do you think each of the following elected officials or elected bodies are doing an excellent, good, fair or poor job?

### *President Donald Trump*

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Excellent	<b>30%</b>
Good	<b>17%</b>
Fair	<b>12%</b>
Poor	<b>42%</b>

### *Senator Jon Tester*

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Excellent	<b>22%</b>
Good	<b>27%</b>
Fair	<b>30%</b>
Poor	<b>21%</b>

### *Senator Steve Daines*

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Excellent	<b>11%</b>
Good	<b>36%</b>
Fair	<b>32%</b>
Poor	<b>21%</b>

### *House Representative Greg Gianforte*

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Excellent	<b>12%</b>
Good	<b>25%</b>
Fair	<b>28%</b>
Poor	<b>35%</b>

### *U.S. Congress*

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Excellent	<b>1%</b>
Good	<b>17%</b>
Fair	<b>32%</b>
Poor	<b>50%</b>

*Governor Steve Bullock*

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Excellent	<b>18%</b>
Good	<b>32%</b>
Fair	<b>24%</b>
Poor	<b>26%</b>

*Montana Legislature*

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Excellent	<b>5%</b>
Good	<b>40%</b>
Fair	<b>46%</b>
Poor	<b>9%</b>

## 2020 Election

*Question:* If the election for US President was held today, which of the following potential candidates would you vote for? [can only select one]

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Donald Trump	<b>54%</b>
Joe Biden	<b>47%</b>

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Donald Trump	<b>54%</b>
Elizabeth Warren	<b>46%</b>

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Donald Trump	<b>54%</b>
Bernie Sanders	<b>46%</b>

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Donald Trump	<b>55%</b>
Kamala Harris	<b>45%</b>

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Donald Trump	<b>48%</b>
Steve Bullock	<b>52%</b>

*Question:* If the election for Montana Senate seat was held today, which of the following potential candidates would you vote for?

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Steve Daines	<b>64%</b>
Jack Ballard	<b>18%</b>
Wilmot Collins	<b>9%</b>
John Mues	<b>9%</b>

*Question:* If the election for Montana Representative seat was held today, which of the following potential candidates would you vote for?

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Kathleen Williams	<b>36%</b>
Matt Rosendale	<b>35%</b>
Corey Stapleton	<b>20%</b>
Joe Dooling	<b>3%</b>
Matt Rains	<b>2%</b>

Tom Winter	2%
Timothy Johnson	2%

*Question:* If the election for Montana Governor was held today, which of the following potential candidates would you vote for?

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Greg Gianforte	35%
Mike Cooney	23%
Tim Fox	16%
Whitney Williams	8%
Albert Olszewski	8%
Casey Schreiner	6%
Reilly Neill	3%
Gary Perry	<1%

## National and State Issues

*Question:* In your view, is the economy improving, staying the same, or getting worse?

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Improving	<b>42%</b>
Staying the same	<b>31%</b>
Getting worse	<b>27%</b>

*Question:* Walmart is discontinuing the sales of certain short-barrel rifle ammunition as well as handgun ammunition and discontinuing handgun sales entirely. Are you more or less likely to shop at Walmart due to this announcement?

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Less Likely	<b>40%</b>
More Likely	<b>37%</b>
Prefer not to answer	<b>23%</b>

*Question:* Do you think that President Trump should be impeached and removed from Office?

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
No	<b>52%</b>
Yes	<b>39%</b>
Don't Know	<b>10%</b>

*Question:* From which of the following sources of information do you get most of your news?

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Internet	<b>45%</b>
Television	<b>38%</b>
Print	<b>10%</b>
Radio	<b>6%</b>
Other	<b>1%</b>

*Question:* What is the highest number of U.S. Representatives that Montana has ever had?

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
One	<b>18%</b>
Two	<b>39%</b>
Three	<b>3%</b>
Other	<b>11%</b>
Don't Know	<b>28%</b>



## Demographics

<i>N = 303</i>	<i>Survey Respondents</i>
<b><i>Gender</i></b>	
<i>Female</i>	56.4%
<i>Male</i>	43.3%
<i>Prefer not to answer</i>	<1%
<b><i>Age</i></b>	
<i>18-26</i>	6.5%
<i>27-46</i>	21.1%
<i>47-66</i>	41.9%
<i>67 or older</i>	30.5%
<b><i>Level of Education</i></b>	
<i>High school/GED</i>	10.1%
<i>Some college</i>	25.8%
<i>Associate's degree</i>	12.7%
<i>Bachelor's degree</i>	28.2%
<i>Post baccalaureate (Master's, PhD, JD, MD, etc.)</i>	22.0%
<i>Other</i>	<1%
<b><i>Political Party</i></b>	
<i>Republican</i>	37.5%
<i>Independent</i>	31.8%
<i>Democrat</i>	25.6%
<i>Libertarian</i>	2.2%
<i>Prefer not to answer</i>	2.4%
<i>Other</i>	<1%
<b><i>Total Household Income</i></b>	
<i>\$0 - \$20,000</i>	8.7%
<i>\$20,001 - \$37,000</i>	14.1%
<i>\$37,001 - \$46,000</i>	8.1%
<i>\$46,001 - \$57,000</i>	10.2%
<i>\$57,001 - \$88,000</i>	21.4%
<i>\$88,001 - \$150,000</i>	21.3%
<i>\$150,001 and above</i>	9.4%
<i>Prefer not to answer</i>	6.7%