

This Washington Post-ABC News poll was conducted by telephone October 20-25, 2020, among a random sample of 987 adults in Michigan and 1,008 adults in Wisconsin. In Michigan, 74 percent of respondents were reached on cellphones and in Wisconsin 71 percent of respondents were reached on cellphones with the remainder on landlines. Sampling, field work and data processing by Abt Associates of Rockville, MD.

	Unweighted sample size	Error margin*
Michigan registered voters	902	+/- 3.5
Michigan likely voters	789	4
Wisconsin registered voters	906	3.5
Wisconsin likely voters	809	4

*All error margins calculated including design effects due to weighting.

(Full methodological details at the end of this document.)

*= less than 0.5 percent

1. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) How closely are you following the 2020 presidential race: very closely, somewhat closely, not so closely, or not closely at all?

	----- Closely -----			---- Not closely ----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	At all	opinion
10/25/20 Mich.	91	63	28	9	5	4	*
10/25/20 Wis.	93	68	24	7	4	3	*
9/13/20 Wis.	90	56	34	10	5	4	*

2. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the presidential election: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

	Certain to vote	Probably vote	Chances 50/50	Less than that	Don't think will vote (vol.)	Already voted (vol.)	No op
10/25/20 Mich.	62	4	2	1	*	31	0
10/25/20 Wis.	62	4	1	1	*	31	0
9/13/20 Wis.	90	6	2	1	1	NA	*

3. (ASK IF CERTAIN OR PROBABLY VOTE) Do you think you'll (vote in person at a polling place ON Election Day), or (vote early either by mail or in person BEFORE Election Day)?

	Vote on election day	Vote early	Already voted (vol.)	No opinion
10/25/20 Mich.	45	21	32	1
10/25/20 Wis.	41	24	32	2
9/13/20 Wis.	51	44	NA	5

4. (ASK IF VOTE EARLY OR ALREADY VOTED) How do you think you will/did you vote - (in person at an early voting location), (by dropping off a ballot at a designated drop-box), or (by mail)?

	In person	Drop off ballot	Mail	No opinion
10/25/20 Mich.	19	51	30	*
10/25/20 Wis.	29	35	36	0
9/13/20 Wis.	21	30	46	2

3/4 NET

		----- Vote early/already -----					
		Vote on	In		Drop off	No	No
		election day	NET	person	ballot	Mail	op. opinion
10/25/20 Mich.		45	53	10	27	16	*
10/25/20 Wis.		41	56	16	20	20	0
9/13/20 Wis.		51	44	9	13	20	1

5. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) If the presidential election were being held today and the candidates were [(Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Republicans), (Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, the Democrats)], [(Jo Jorgensen and Spike Cohen of the Libertarian Party) and (Howie Hawkins and Angela Walker of the Green Party)], for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward [(Trump and Pence), (Biden and Harris)], [(Jorgensen and Cohen) or (Hawkins and Walker)]? Confidentially and for statistical purposes only, did you vote for...?

LEANED NET VOTE PREFERENCE - LIKELY VOTERS

		Trump	Biden	Jorgensen	Hawkins	Other (vol.)	None of these (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No op.
10/25/20 Mich.		44	51	3	*	*	*	0	1
10/25/20 Wis.*		40	57	2	NA	*	1	*	1

*Hawkins not included

LEANED NET VOTE PREFERENCE - REG VOTERS

		Trump	Biden	Jorgensen	Hawkins	Other (vol.)	None of these (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No op.
10/25/20 Mich.		44	49	3	*	*	1	*	2
10/25/20 Wis.*		39	56	3	NA	*	1	*	1

Compare to:

		Trump	Biden	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No op.
9/13/20 LV Wis.*		46	52	*	1	0	1
9/13/20 RV Wis.*		46	50	1	3	*	1

*Two-way matchup

6. (ASK IF NAMED TRUMP) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting Trump, somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic or not enthusiastic at all?

		--- Enthusiastic ---			--- Not enthusiastic ---			No opinion
		NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	
10/25/20 Mich.		95	70	25	5	3	2	1
10/25/20 Wis.		92	77	15	8	7	1	0
9/13/20 Wis.		94	69	25	6	5	1	0

7. (ASK IF NAMED BIDEN) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting Biden, somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic or not enthusiastic at all?

		--- Enthusiastic ---			--- Not enthusiastic ---			No opinion
		NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	
10/25/20 Mich.		89	54	35	11	5	5	*
10/25/20 Wis.		89	56	34	10	4	6	1
9/13/20 Wis.		89	50	39	10	7	3	*

8. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE IN MICHIGAN) Thinking now about the U.S. Senate race in Michigan, if the election were today would you vote for (Gary Peters, the Democrat) or (John James, the Republican)? Would you lean toward (Peters) or (James)?
Confidentially and for statistical purposes only, did you vote for...?

	Peters	James	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
10/25/20 Mich. LV	52	46	1	*	0	1
10/25/20 Mich. RV	49	45	*	1	1	4

9. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Who do you trust more to handle [ITEM] - (Trump) or (Biden)?

10/25/20 - Summary table among Michigan registered voters

	Trump	Biden	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. the economy	48	44	*	4	2
b. the coronavirus outbreak	39	53	*	6	2

10/25/20 - Summary table among Wisconsin registered voters

	Trump	Biden	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. the economy	44	52	*	3	1
b. the coronavirus outbreak	37	57	*	4	2

Trend:

a. the economy

	Trump	Biden	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/25/20 Wis.	44	52	*	3	1
9/13/20 Wis.	50	45	*	4	2

b. the coronavirus outbreak

	Trump	Biden	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/25/20 Wis.	37	57	*	4	2
9/13/20 Wis.	42	49	*	7	2

10. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/25/20 Mich.	46	34	12	52	6	46	2
10/25/20 Wis.	41	33	8	58	5	52	1
9/13/20 Wis.	46	34	12	52	6	46	2

11. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Trump is handling the economy? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion

10/25/20 Mich.	52	41	11	44	11	34	4
10/25/20 Wis.	47	38	9	50	11	39	3
9/13/20 Wis.	53	41	12	46	13	33	1

12. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good or poor?

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	opinion
10/25/20 Mich.	43	8	34	55	33	22	2
10/25/20 Wis.	41	8	33	58	34	24	1
9/13/20 Wis.	44	11	33	54	30	24	2

13. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Trump is handling the coronavirus outbreak? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/25/20 Mich.	42	29	14	55	5	50	2
10/25/20 Wis.	39	29	10	59	5	54	2
9/13/20 Wis.	44	30	15	54	7	47	2

14. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) How do you feel about the possibility that you or someone in your immediate family might catch the coronavirus - very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?

	-- More worried --			----- Less worried -----			Already caught	No
	NET	Very	Smwht	NET	Not too	Not at all	it (vol.)	op
10/25/20 Mich.	56	26	30	37	21	16	6	1
10/25/20 Wis.	63	29	34	30	16	14	7	*
9/13/20 Wis.	60	23	37	37	19	18	3	*

15. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Do you support or oppose [Michigan's/Wisconsin's] current rules on masks, and restrictions on businesses and public gatherings? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/25/20 Mich.	69	56	13	28	8	21	3
10/25/20 Wis.	68	56	12	28	8	20	4

Thinking about the election...

16. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Who do you think [ITEM] - (Trump) or (Biden)?

10/25/20 - Summary table among Michigan registered voters

	Trump	Biden	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. is more honest and trustworthy	40	49	*	9	2
b. better understands the problems of people like you	40	50	*	8	1
c. is the stronger leader	48	47	*	3	2

10/25/20 - Summary table among Wisconsin registered voters

	Trump	Biden	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. is more honest and trustworthy	36	56	*	6	2

b. better understands the problems of people like you	38	55	1	4	2
c. is the stronger leader	43	52	1	1	2

Trend:

a is more honest and trustworthy

	Trump	Biden	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/25/20 Wis.	36	56	*	6	2
9/13/20 Wis.	38	49	2	9	2

b. better understands the problems of people like you

	Trump	Biden	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/25/20 Wis.	38	55	1	4	2
9/13/20 Wis.	44	49	*	6	1

c. is the stronger leader

	Trump	Biden	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/25/20 Wis.	43	52	1	1	2
9/13/20 Wis.	49	46	*	4	1

17. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Who do you think is more to blame for the feud between Trump and [IF WISCONSIN: Michigan] Governor Gretchen Whitmer - (Trump), (Whitmer), or both equally? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Trump -----			----- Whitmer -----			Both	No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	equally	op.
10/25/20 Mich.	46	42	4	23	3	20	27	4
10/25/20 Wis.	43	37	6	18	3	15	23	16

Party ID. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other (vol.)	No opinion
10/25/20 Mich. RV	30	27	36	4	4
10/25/20 Wis. RV	30	26	38	4	2
9/13/20 Wis. RV	31	27	34	7	1

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Demographics of weighted sample

	% of Michigan Registered voters	% of Wisconsin registered voters
Men	49	48
Women	51	52
Age 18-39	35	33
Age 40-64	43	44
Age 65+	22	23
High school or less	35	37

Some college	36	32
College graduates	29	31
Whites, non-Hispanic	78	87
Blacks, non-Hispanic	13	5
Hispanics	5	4
Other/Multiple	5	4

METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

The Washington Post-ABC News 2020 battleground state surveys are based on random-sample telephone interviews with adults, registered voters and likely voters in selected states. The poll was jointly funded by The Post and ABC News. Sampling, fieldwork and data processing by Abt Associates of Rockville, MD.

To sample, phone numbers were drawn randomly from cellphone area codes and exchanges in the state, a database of out-of-state cellphone numbers whose users are billed within the state along with landlines with in-state area codes and exchanges. The cell/landline allocation is proportional to the share of residents who mostly or exclusively use cellphones, per the most recent state estimates from the federal National Health Interview Survey. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish.

Sample frames were sorted by geopolitical regions of each state. The final sample was weighted to account for differential chance of selection among adults who are cellphone-only, landline-only and dual users. Data were then weighted to U.S. Census Bureau's one-year 2018 American Community Survey benchmarks using the following variables: gender, geopolitical region, educational attainment, age, race/ethnicity and race by education.

Up to its final disposition, each sampled phone number received a minimum of five dialings, at different times of day on different days. Interviews were carried out by professional live interviewers employed by Abt Associates. Cell respondents were screened for being 18 or older and their state of voter registration and/or residence was confirmed. Landline respondents were selected by randomly asking for the youngest male or female resident at home over 18.

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