

These Washington Post-ABC News polls were conducted by telephone September 8-13, 2020, among a random sample of 777 adults, 705 registered voters and 615 likely voters in Minnesota, along with 802 adults, 702 registered voters and 605 likely voters in Wisconsin. In Minnesota, 72 percent of respondents were reached on cellphones and in Wisconsin 75 percent were interviewed on cellphones, with the remainder reached on landlines. Minnesota and Wisconsin results have a margin of error of plus or minus four percentage points among the sample of registered voters, including design effects due to weighting. The samples of likely voters in both states have a margin of error of 4.5 points. Sampling, field work and data processing by Abt Associates of Rockville, MD.

(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
9/13/20 Minn.	90	54	36	9	5	4	*
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 this fall: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

	Certain	Probably	Chances	Less than	Don't think	No
	to vote	vote	50/50	that	will vote	op.
					(vol.)	
9/13/20 Minn.	91	6	2	1	*	0
9/13/20 Wis.	90	6	2	1	1	*

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	Vote	No
	Election Day	early	opinion
9/13/20 Minn.	59	39	2
9/13/20 Wis.	51	44	5

4. (ASK IF VOTE EARLY) How do you think you will 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	Mail	No
		ballot		opinion
9/13/20 Minn.	16	15	65	3
9/13/20 Wis.	21	30	46	2

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	Vote on	----- Vote early -----		No	No		
	Election Day	NET	In person	Drop off	Mail	op.	opinion
9/13/20 Minn.	59	39	6	6	25	1	2
9/13/20 Wis.	51	44	9	13	20	1	5

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) and (Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, the Democrats), for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward (Trump and Pence) or (Biden and Harris)?

LEANED NET VOTE PREFERENCE - LIKELY VOTERS

	Trump	Biden	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
9/13/20 Minn.	41	57	*	1	0	1
9/13/20 Wis.	46	52	*	1	0	1

LEANED NET VOTE PREFERENCE - REG VOTERS

	Trump	Biden	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
9/13/20 Minn.	40	57	*	1	1	1
9/13/20 Wis.	46	50	1	3	*	1

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	
9/13/20 Minn.	94	67	27	6	4	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	
9/13/20 Minn.	84	44	40	15	9	6	*
9/13/20 Wis.	89	50	39	10	7	3	*

8. (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 opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
9/13/20 Minn.	40	30	9	59	6	54	1
9/13/20 Wis.	46	34	12	52	6	46	2

9. (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 opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
9/13/20 Minn.	47	37	11	49	14	35	4
9/13/20 Wis.	53	41	12	46	13	33	1

10. (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 opinion
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	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	opinion
9/13/20 Minn.	40	7	34	58	32	27	1
9/13/20 Wis.	44	11	33	54	30	24	2

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

9/13/20 - Summary table among Minnesota registered voters

	Trump	Biden	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. the economy	46	49	1	3	2
b. the coronavirus outbreak	36	58	1	3	1
c. crime and safety	42	53	1	3	2
d. equal treatment of racial groups	35	59	1	3	2
e. discouraging violence at political protests	40	54	*	4	2
f. health care	39	56	*	2	2

9/13/20 - Summary table among Wisconsin registered voters

	Trump	Biden	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. the economy	50	45	*	4	2
b. the coronavirus outbreak	42	49	*	7	2
c. crime and safety	48	48	*	3	1
d. equal treatment of racial groups	41	51	1	4	2
e. discouraging violence at political protests	45	49	*	4	2
f. health care	43	50	*	4	2

12. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Which of the following is the single most important issue in your choice for president - (the economy), (the coronavirus outbreak), (crime and safety), (health care), or (equal treatment of racial groups)?

	Economy	Coronavirus outbreak	Crime and safety	Health care	Equal treatment of racial groups	Other (vol.)	No op.
9/13/20 Minn.	28	21	14	15	14	7	2
9/13/20 Wis.	27	20	16	15	12	7	2

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

9/13/20 - Summary table among Minnesota registered voters

	Trump	Biden	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. is more honest and trustworthy	34	56	1	9	1
b. better understands the problems of people like you	37	55	1	6	2
c. is the stronger leader	44	51	1	2	1

9/13/20 - Summary table among Wisconsin registered voters

	Trump	Biden	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. is more honest and trustworthy	38	49	2	9	2
b. better understands the problems of people like you	44	49	*	6	1

c. is the stronger leader 49 46 * 4 1

Changing topics...

14. (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
9/13/20 Minn.	39	25	14	60	8	52	1
9/13/20 Wis.	44	30	15	54	7	47	2

15. (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?

	---- Worried ----			----- Not worried -----			Already caught	No
	NET	Very	Smwht	NET	Not too	Not at all	it (vol.)	op.
9/13/20 Minn.	63	24	39	31	16	15	6	*
9/13/20 Wis.	60	23	37	37	19	18	3	*

On another subject...

16. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Do you support or oppose recent protests against police treatment of Black people? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/13/20 Minn.	55	36	19	40	11	29	5
9/13/20 Wis.	51	35	17	44	13	31	4

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
9/13/20 Minn. RV	34	29	30	6	2
9/13/20 Wis. RV	31	27	34	7	1

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Demographics of weighted sample among registered voters

	% of Minnesota Registered voters	% of Wisconsin registered voters
Male	49	47
Female	51	53
Age 18-39	34	31
Age 40-64	44	44
Age 65+	22	25
High school or less	27	33
Some college	34	34
College graduate+	38	33
White, non-Hisp	85	87
Black, non-Hisp	4	5

Hispanic	4	3
Other/Multiple	7	5

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.

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.