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## Iowa: <br> Ernst and Braley in Competitive Contest for U.S. Senate... Branstad with Large Lead in Governor's Race <br> *** Complete Tables for Poll Appended *** <br> For Immediate Release: Sunday, October 26, 2014

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This NBC News/Marist Poll reports:
With just 3 points separating them, Republican Joni Ernst, 49\%, and Democrat Bruce Braley, $46 \%$, are in a tight race for U.S. Senate in Iowa among likely voters including those who are undecided yet leaning toward a candidate or have voted early. Four percent of likely voters are undecided, and $5 \%$ of those with a candidate preference think they might vote differently. In a previous poll earlier this month, Ernst received the support of 46\% to $44 \%$ for Braley among likely voters statewide.

Braley, 52\%, has a slight edge over Ernst, 47\%, among early voters. But, Ernst offsets Braley's lead with greater support among voters still expected to cast a ballot, $50 \%$ to $43 \%$.

In the governor's race in Iowa, Republican incumbent Terry Branstad, 59\%, outdistances Democrat Jack Hatch, 36\%, among likely voters including those who are undecided yet leaning toward a candidate or have voted early. Branstad has a more than two-to-one lead over Hatch among independents likely to vote.
"The campaigns have taken a toll on both senate candidates who have unusually high negatives for non-incumbents," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "The GOP is chomping at the bit over the prospect of picking up a senate seat the Democrats have held for thirty years in a state President Obama carried twice."

## Poll Points U.S. Senate:

- Among lowa likely voters including those who are undecided yet leaning toward a candidate or have voted early, Ernst receives $49 \%$ to $46 \%$ for Braley in the race for U.S. Senate in lowa. Four percent are undecided, and 5\% may vote differently.
- Braley edges Ernst $52 \%$ to $47 \%$ among early voters. But, Ernst receives the support of $50 \%$ of likely voters yet to cast a ballot compared with $43 \%$ for Braley.
- Ernst and Braley have secured their respective party's base. Among independents likely to vote, Ernst, 49\%, leads Braley, 41\%, by 8 points. Ernst had the same advantage among independents likely to vote, 8 points, earlier this month.
- Although the margin separating the candidates is little changed from a month ago, the gender gap has narrowed. Ernst's once 18 point lead among men likely to vote has diminished to 12 points. Braley's lead among women has decreased from 11 points to 5 points.
- $62 \%$ of likely voters with a candidate preference for U.S. Senate including early voters strongly support their choice of candidate. Five percent with a candidate preference might vote differently. 64\% of Ernst's supporters report a strong commitment to her compared with $60 \%$ of Braley's backers who express the same level of support for him.
- $83 \%$ of likely voters with a candidate preference say they will not waver from their choice of candidate, even though there are libertarian and independent candidates on the ballot. Braley's supporters, 9\%, are more than twice as likely than Ernst's backers, $4 \%$, to say they might choose a different candidate.
- Among registered voters in lowa including those who are undecided yet leaning toward a candidate or have voted early, the candidates are tied with $46 \%$ each. In early October, Braley, $45 \%$, and Ernst, $44 \%$, were also in a statistical dead heat.
- Likely voters divide over their impressions of Ernst. 44\% are favorable, and 44\% are not, unchanged from a few weeks ago.
- Braley's favorability score is still upside down. $39 \%$ have a positive view of him, and $46 \%$ have a negative one.
- When it comes to the key issue in deciding their vote for Congress, $19 \%$ of likely voters mention breaking the partisan gridlock in Washington followed by job creation and economic growth, 17\%. Social Security and Medicare receives $14 \%$ followed by health care with $12 \%$ and the deficit and government spending with $11 \%$. Military action against ISIS and immigration each receives 6\%. Four percent cite looking out for the interests of women.


## Poll Points Governor:

- Looking at the governor's race in lowa, Branstad, 59\%, outpaces Hatch, 36\%, by 23 points among likely voters including those who are undecided yet leaning toward a candidate or have voted early. Branstad was ahead of Hatch by a similar 22 points earlier this month.
- While Branstad, the Republican, garners 19\% of Democrats likely to vote, Hatch, the Democrat, only receives 1\% of Republican likely voters. Among independent voters, Branstad, $62 \%$, has more than double the support of Hatch, $29 \%$
*All references to the survey must be sourced as "NBC News/Marist Poll."
- $63 \%$ of likely voters with a candidate preference including early voters, compared with $58 \%$ a few weeks ago, strongly support their choice of candidate for lowa governor. 70\% of Branstad's supporters are firmly committed to him while only 52\% of Hatch's backers express a similar level of commitment.
- Among registered voters statewide including those who are undecided yet leaning toward a candidate or have voted early, Branstad receives the support of $58 \%$ to 34\% for Hatch. Branstad previously held a 23 point lead over Hatch among registered voters statewide.
- $58 \%$ of likely voters have a favorable view of Branstad, and $35 \%$ have an unfavorable opinion of him. When it comes to Hatch's favorability, $32 \%$ of likely voters have a positive impression of him, but $38 \%$ view him negatively. Hatch is also not well-known to three in ten likely voters.
- 35\% of lowa residents, compared with 39\% earlier this month, approve of the job President Barack Obama is doing in office.


## Nature of the Sample: NBC News/Marist Poll of 1,155 lowa Adults

This survey of 1,155 adults was conducted October 18th through October 22nd, 2014 by The Marist Poll sponsored in partnership with NBC News. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the state of lowa were interviewed by telephone using live interviewers. Landline telephone numbers were randomly selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the state of lowa from ASDE Survey Sampler, Inc. Respondents in the household were selected by asking for the youngest male. To increase coverage, this landline sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers from Survey Sampling International. The two samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2010 Census results for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results are statistically significant within $\pm 2.9$ percentage points. There are 1,052 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within $\pm 3.0$ percentage points. There are 772 likely voters defined by a probability turnout model. This model determines the likelihood respondents will vote in the November 2014 election based upon their chance of vote, interest in the election, and past election participation. The results for this subset are statistically significant within $\pm 3.5$ percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample - Iowa

$\overline{\text { NBC News/Marist Poll Iowa Adults. Interviews conducted October 18th through October 22nd, 2014, } \mathrm{n}=1155 \mathrm{MOE}+/-2.9 \text { percentage points. }}$
Iowa Registered Voters: $\mathrm{n}=1052$ MOE $+/-3.0$ percentage points. Iowa Likely Voters: $\mathrm{n}=772 \mathrm{MOE}+/-3.5$ percentage points. Totals may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.
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$\overline{\text { NBC News/Marist Poll Iowa Likely Voters. Interviews conducted October 18th through October 22nd, 2014, } \mathrm{n}=772 \mathrm{MOE}+/-3.5 \text { percentage points. Totals }}$ may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.

|  | Iowa Likely Voters with a Candidate Preference for U.S. Senate including Early Voters |  |  |  |
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 $22 \mathrm{nd}, 2014, \mathrm{n}=580 \mathrm{MOE}+/-4.1$ percentage points. Totals may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.

|  |  | Iowa Likely Voters with a Candidate Preference for U.S. Senate <br> excluding Early Voters |  |
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$\overline{\text { NBC News/Marist Poll Iowa Likely Voters with a Candidate Preference excluding Early Voters. Interviews conducted October 18th }}$ through October $22 \mathrm{nd}, 2014, \mathrm{n}=434 \mathrm{MOE}+/-4.7$ percentage points. Totals may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.

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|  |  | Iowa Likely Voters with a Candidate Preference for Governor including Early Voters |  |  |  |
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|  |  | Would you say that you strongly support <candidate> somewhat support <candidate>, or do you think that you might vote differently on Election Day? |  |  |  |
|  |  | Strongly support | Somewhat support | Might vote differently | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| Iowa Likely Voters with including Early Voters | Candidate Preference for Governor | 63\% | 32\% | 4\% | 1\% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 63\% | 33\% | 3\% | 1\% |
|  | Republican | 85\% | 13\% | 2\% | 0\% |
|  | Independent | 46\% | 46\% | 6\% | 1\% |
| Political Ideology | Very liberal-Liberal | 59\% | 37\% | 3\% | 1\% |
|  | Moderate | 55\% | 38\% | 5\% | 2\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 71\% | 25\% | 4\% | 0\% |
| Support for Governor in | Jack Hatch | 52\% | 42\% | 5\% | 1\% |
| Iowa | Terry Branstad | 70\% | 25\% | 3\% | 1\% |
| Region | Eastern Cities | 57\% | 38\% | 5\% | 0\% |
|  | East Central | 69\% | 27\% | 2\% | 2\% |
|  | Central | 58\% | 38\% | 4\% | 0\% |
|  | Des Moines Area | 70\% | 24\% | 4\% | 2\% |
|  | West | 66\% | 29\% | 4\% | 1\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$75,000 | 59\% | 36\% | 4\% | 1\% |
|  | \$75,000 or more | 64\% | 33\% | 3\% | 0\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 60\% | 35\% | 4\% | 1\% |
|  | College graduate | 69\% | 28\% | 3\% | 0\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 46\% | 43\% | 11\% | 0\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 64\% | 30\% | 3\% | 3\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 59\% | 37\% | 4\% | 0\% |
|  | 60 or older | 71\% | 26\% | 2\% | 1\% |
| Gender | Men | 62\% | 33\% | 4\% | 2\% |
|  | Women | 65\% | 31\% | 4\% | 0\% |
| Marital Status | Married | 67\% | 31\% | 2\% | 1\% |
|  | Not married | 57\% | 35\% | 7\% | 1\% |
| Marital Status and | Married men | 65\% | 32\% | 2\% | 2\% |
| Gender | Not married men | 55\% | 36\% | 8\% | 1\% |
|  | Married women | 68\% | 30\% | 2\% | 0\% |
|  | Not married women | 59\% | 34\% | 6\% | 1\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 68\% | 29\% | 2\% | 1\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 56\% | 37\% | 6\% | 0\% |

 $22 \mathrm{nd}, 2014, \mathrm{n}=592 \mathrm{MOE}+/-4.0$ percentage points. Totals may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.

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|  |  | Iowa Likely Voters |  |  |  |
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|  |  | Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Terry Branstad? |  |  |  |
|  |  | Favorable | Unfavorable | Never heard | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| Iowa Likely Voters |  | 58\% | 35\% | 0\% | 7\% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 26\% | 68\% | 0\% | 6\% |
|  | Republican | 90\% | 4\% | 0\% | 6\% |
|  | Independent | 59\% | 30\% | 1\% | 9\% |
| Political Ideology | Very liberal-Liberal | 24\% | 69\% | 0\% | 7\% |
|  | Moderate | 57\% | 37\% | 0\% | 6\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 77\% | 15\% | 0\% | 7\% |
| Region | Eastern Cities | 55\% | 38\% | 0\% | 7\% |
|  | East Central | 63\% | 29\% | 0\% | 8\% |
|  | Central | 45\% | 44\% | 0\% | 11\% |
|  | Des Moines Area | 62\% | 34\% | 0\% | 4\% |
|  | West | 69\% | 22\% | 1\% | 7\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$75,000 | 55\% | 38\% | 0\% | 7\% |
|  | \$75,000 or more | 64\% | 28\% | 0\% | 8\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 58\% | 34\% | 0\% | 8\% |
|  | College graduate | 58\% | 36\% | 0\% | 6\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 46\% | 38\% | 0\% | 17\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 61\% | 28\% | 0\% | 10\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 58\% | 37\% | 0\% | 4\% |
|  | 60 or older | 60\% | 35\% | 0\% | 5\% |
| Gender | Men | 59\% | 33\% | 0\% | 8\% |
|  | Women | 57\% | 36\% | 0\% | 7\% |
| Marital Status | Married | 61\% | 33\% | 0\% | 6\% |
|  | Not married | 52\% | 38\% | 0\% | 10\% |
| Marital Status and Gender | Married men | 63\% | 32\% | 0\% | 4\% |
|  | Not married men | 52\% | 35\% | 0\% | 13\% |
|  | Married women | 59\% | 34\% | 0\% | 7\% |
|  | Not married women | 52\% | 40\% | 1\% | 7\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 59\% | 36\% | 0\% | 4\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 56\% | 32\% | 0\% | 12\% |

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|  |  | Iowa Likely Voters |  |  |  |
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|  |  | Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Jack Hatch? |  |  |  |
|  |  | Favorable | Unfavorable | Never heard | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| Iowa Likely Voters |  | 32\% | 38\% | 6\% | 24\% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 66\% | 15\% | 4\% | 15\% |
|  | Republican | 6\% | 60\% | 10\% | 25\% |
|  | Independent | 27\% | 39\% | 5\% | 30\% |
| Political Ideology | Very liberal-Liberal | 68\% | 14\% | 3\% | 15\% |
|  | Moderate | 33\% | 37\% | 6\% | 23\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 15\% | 51\% | 6\% | 28\% |
| Region | Eastern Cities | 36\% | 32\% | 7\% | 25\% |
|  | East Central | 30\% | 38\% | 5\% | 27\% |
|  | Central | 40\% | 37\% | 2\% | 21\% |
|  | Des Moines Area | 33\% | 41\% | 6\% | 20\% |
|  | West | 18\% | 42\% | 11\% | 29\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$75,000 | 37\% | 35\% | 7\% | 21\% |
|  | \$75,000 or more | 28\% | 41\% | 4\% | 27\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 29\% | 37\% | 7\% | 28\% |
|  | College graduate | 40\% | 38\% | 4\% | 19\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 29\% | 32\% | 9\% | 30\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 30\% | 34\% | 8\% | 28\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 32\% | 43\% | 4\% | 22\% |
|  | 60 or older | 36\% | 38\% | 4\% | 22\% |
| Gender | Men | 30\% | 41\% | 6\% | 24\% |
|  | Women | 35\% | 35\% | 6\% | 25\% |
| Marital Status | Married | 32\% | 41\% | 5\% | 22\% |
|  | Not married | 35\% | 31\% | 6\% | 29\% |
| Marital Status and Gender | Married men | 31\% | 44\% | 5\% | 21\% |
|  | Not married men | 31\% | 33\% | 7\% | 28\% |
|  | Married women | 33\% | 39\% | 5\% | 23\% |
|  | Not married women | 38\% | 28\% | 5\% | 29\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 33\% | 40\% | 6\% | 21\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 31\% | 33\% | 6\% | 30\% |

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|  |  | Iowa Likely Voters |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | Of the following issues, please tell me which one is going to be most important to you in deciding your vote for Congress in November: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Breaking the partisan gridlock in Washington to get things done | Job creation and economic growth | Social Security and Medicare | Health care | The deficit and government spending | Military action against ISIS, the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria | Immigration | Looking out for the interests of women | None of these | All equally | Other | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| Iowa Likely Voters |  | 19\% | 17\% | 14\% | 12\% | 11\% | 6\% | 6\% | 4\% | 0\% | 7\% | 1\% | 2\% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 23\% | 17\% | 21\% | 15\% | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 7\% | 0\% | 4\% | 1\% | 1\% |
|  | Republican | 15\% | 16\% | 7\% | 12\% | 22\% | 8\% | 6\% | 1\% | 0\% | 7\% | 1\% | 4\% |
|  | Independent | 20\% | 17\% | 13\% | 10\% | 10\% | 7\% | 7\% | 3\% | 0\% | 10\% | 0\% | 2\% |
| Political Ideology | Very liberal-Liberal | 25\% | 18\% | 17\% | 15\% | 2\% | 2\% | 5\% | 8\% | 0\% | 6\% | 1\% | 0\% |
|  | Moderate | 27\% | 14\% | 15\% | 11\% | 10\% | 6\% | 5\% | 4\% | 1\% | 4\% | 1\% | 2\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 12\% | 19\% | 11\% | 12\% | 18\% | 7\% | 8\% | 0\% | 0\% | 10\% | 1\% | 2\% |
| Region | Eastern Cities | 21\% | 18\% | 14\% | 12\% | 14\% | 4\% | 6\% | 6\% | 0\% | 4\% | 1\% | 1\% |
|  | East Central | 18\% | 19\% | 10\% | 13\% | 11\% | 8\% | 3\% | 1\% | 0\% | 10\% | 2\% | 3\% |
|  | Central | 23\% | 15\% | 13\% | 12\% | 10\% | 6\% | 5\% | 7\% | 1\% | 5\% | 1\% | 3\% |
|  | Des Moines Area | 17\% | 18\% | 18\% | 13\% | 9\% | 5\% | 7\% | 1\% | 0\% | 8\% | 2\% | 2\% |
|  | West | 16\% | 14\% | 14\% | 10\% | 11\% | 7\% | 9\% | 2\% | 0\% | 12\% | 0\% | 3\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$75,000 | 20\% | 18\% | 17\% | 11\% | 9\% | 7\% | 6\% | 4\% | 0\% | 5\% | 1\% | 1\% |
|  | \$75,000 or more | 20\% | 20\% | 7\% | 14\% | 15\% | 5\% | 6\% | 3\% | 1\% | 6\% | 0\% | 4\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 19\% | 16\% | 18\% | 11\% | 10\% | 7\% | 7\% | 3\% | 0\% | 8\% | 1\% | 2\% |
|  | College graduate | 21\% | 20\% | 7\% | 14\% | 13\% | 5\% | 4\% | 5\% | 1\% | 6\% | 1\% | 2\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 17\% | 23\% | 5\% | 12\% | 16\% | 7\% | 6\% | 13\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 16\% | 22\% | 8\% | 18\% | 7\% | 7\% | 3\% | 5\% | 1\% | 6\% | 3\% | 4\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 18\% | 18\% | 11\% | 14\% | 15\% | 4\% | 7\% | 1\% | 0\% | 10\% | 1\% | 2\% |
|  | 60 or older | 23\% | 12\% | 22\% | 7\% | 10\% | 7\% | 6\% | 3\% | 0\% | 7\% | 1\% | 2\% |
| Gender | Men | 18\% | 23\% | 12\% | 10\% | 14\% | 5\% | 7\% | 2\% | 1\% | 6\% | 1\% | 3\% |
|  | Women | 21\% | 12\% | 15\% | 14\% | 9\% | 7\% | 5\% | 5\% | 0\% | 9\% | 1\% | 2\% |
| Marital Status | Married | 20\% | 16\% | 11\% | 14\% | 13\% | 6\% | 6\% | 3\% | 0\% | 8\% | 0\% | 2\% |
|  | Not married | 18\% | 20\% | 18\% | 9\% | 9\% | 6\% | 5\% | 5\% | 1\% | 6\% | 2\% | 1\% |
| Marital Status and Gender | Married men | 17\% | 22\% | 10\% | 12\% | 17\% | 4\% | 8\% | 2\% | 0\% | 7\% | 0\% | 4\% |
|  | Not married men | 20\% | 27\% | 16\% | 8\% | 9\% | 6\% | 6\% | 3\% | 1\% | 4\% | 1\% | 0\% |
|  | Married women | 23\% | 11\% | 13\% | 16\% | 9\% | 7\% | 5\% | 4\% | 0\% | 10\% | 1\% | 1\% |
|  | Not married women | 17\% | 15\% | 20\% | 11\% | 9\% | 7\% | 5\% | 6\% | 0\% | 7\% | 2\% | 2\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 20\% | 14\% | 17\% | 11\% | 12\% | 6\% | 7\% | 3\% | 0\% | 7\% | 1\% | 2\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 19\% | 22\% | 9\% | 13\% | 10\% | 6\% | 4\% | 5\% | 0\% | 8\% | 1\% | 2\% |



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${ }^{\wedge}$ Iowa Registered Voters: $\mathrm{n}=1052 \mathrm{MOE}+/-3.0$ percentage points. Totals may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.

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|  |  | Iowa Voters with a Candidate Preference for U.S. Senate including Early Voters |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Would you say that you strongly support <candidate> somewhat support <candidate>, or do you think that you might vote differently on Election Day? |  |  |  |
|  |  | Strongly support | Somewhat support | Might vote differently | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| Iowa Voters with a Candidate Preference for U.S. Senate including Early Voters |  | 56\% | 33\% | 8\% | 2\% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 67\% | 26\% | 6\% | 1\% |
|  | Republican | 68\% | 26\% | 3\% | 2\% |
|  | Independent | 40\% | 45\% | 13\% | 3\% |
| Political Ideology | Very liberal-Liberal | 65\% | 26\% | 7\% | 2\% |
|  | Moderate | 42\% | 51\% | 6\% | 1\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 64\% | 25\% | 9\% | 2\% |
| Support for U.S. Senate in Iowa | Bruce Braley | 54\% | 34\% | 10\% | 2\% |
|  | Joni Ernst | 59\% | 33\% | 6\% | 2\% |
| Region | Eastern Cities | 58\% | 33\% | 7\% | 3\% |
|  | East Central | 59\% | 33\% | 5\% | 3\% |
|  | Central | 54\% | 35\% | 9\% | 1\% |
|  | Des Moines Area | 55\% | 33\% | 11\% | 1\% |
|  | West | 56\% | 33\% | 10\% | 1\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$75,000 | 52\% | 36\% | 9\% | 2\% |
|  | \$75,000 or more | 64\% | 30\% | 4\% | 2\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 51\% | 38\% | 9\% | 2\% |
|  | College graduate | 66\% | 28\% | 5\% | 1\% |
| Race | White | 57\% | 33\% | 8\% | 2\% |
|  | Non-white | 50\% | 37\% | 9\% | 4\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 32\% | 53\% | 14\% | 1\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 45\% | 42\% | 11\% | 2\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 59\% | 31\% | 8\% | 2\% |
|  | 60 or older | 74\% | 20\% | 3\% | 2\% |
| Gender | Men | 56\% | 32\% | 9\% | 3\% |
|  | Women | 57\% | 35\% | 7\% | 1\% |
| Marital Status | Married | 62\% | 31\% | 5\% | 2\% |
|  | Not married | 48\% | 39\% | 11\% | 2\% |
| Marital Status and Gender | Married men | 62\% | 29\% | 5\% | 3\% |
|  | Not married men | 45\% | 40\% | 13\% | 2\% |
|  | Married women | 63\% | 32\% | 5\% | 0\% |
|  | Not married women | 50\% | 38\% | 9\% | 2\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 63\% | 29\% | 6\% | 2\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 47\% | 40\% | 11\% | 2\% |

$\overline{\mathrm{NBC}} \mathrm{News} /$ Marist Poll Iowa Registered Voters with a Candidate Preference including Early Voters. Interviews conducted October 18th through October $22 \mathrm{nd}, 2014, \mathrm{n}=862 \mathrm{MOE}+/-3.3$ percentage points. Totals may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.
$\left.\begin{array}{llcl}\hline \hline & & & \\ \hline & & \text { Iowa Voters with a Candidate Preference for U.S. Senate } \\ \text { excluding Early Voters }\end{array}\right]$.
$\overline{\text { NBC News/Marist Poll Iowa Registered Voters with a Candidate Preference excluding Early Voters. Interviews conducted }}$
October 18th through October 22nd, 2014, $\mathrm{n}=650 \mathrm{MOE}+/-3.8$ percentage points. Totals may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.

$\overline{\text { NBC News/Marist Poll Iowa Registered Voters. Interviews conducted October 18th through October 22nd, 2014, } \mathrm{n}=1052 \text { MOE }+/-3.0 \text { percentage points. }}$ Totals may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.

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|  |  | Iowa Adults |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Bruce Braley? |  |  |  |
|  |  | Favorable | Unfavorable | Never heard | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| Iowa Adults |  | 37\% | 42\% | 5\% | 16\% |
| Iowa Registered Voters |  | 39\% | 44\% | 2\% | 15\% |
| Party Identification^ | Democrat | 79\% | 11\% | 1\% | 9\% |
|  | Republican | 9\% | 76\% | 3\% | 12\% |
|  | Independent | 32\% | 46\% | 3\% | 20\% |
| Political Ideology^ | Very liberal-Liberal | 70\% | 16\% | 2\% | 12\% |
|  | Moderate | 45\% | 38\% | 2\% | 15\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 20\% | 66\% | 2\% | 12\% |
| Region | Eastern Cities | 49\% | 34\% | 2\% | 15\% |
|  | East Central | 35\% | 48\% | 7\% | 11\% |
|  | Central | 42\% | 36\% | 1\% | 21\% |
|  | Des Moines Area | 29\% | 45\% | 6\% | 20\% |
|  | West | 26\% | 51\% | 8\% | 15\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$75,000 | 41\% | 40\% | 4\% | 15\% |
|  | \$75,000 or more | 35\% | 49\% | 2\% | 14\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 34\% | 41\% | 6\% | 18\% |
|  | College graduate | 44\% | 43\% | 2\% | 11\% |
| Race | White | 38\% | 42\% | 4\% | 17\% |
|  | Non-white | 41\% | 39\% | 8\% | 13\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 37\% | 28\% | 12\% | 23\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 39\% | 38\% | 3\% | 20\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 32\% | 52\% | 3\% | 12\% |
|  | 60 or older | 42\% | 44\% | 1\% | 12\% |
| Gender | Men | 34\% | 46\% | 5\% | 15\% |
|  | Women | 41\% | 38\% | 5\% | 17\% |
| Marital Status | Married | 35\% | 49\% | 3\% | 13\% |
|  | Not married | 41\% | 33\% | 7\% | 19\% |
| Marital Status and Gender | Married men | 34\% | 53\% | 2\% | 11\% |
|  | Not married men | 34\% | 39\% | 7\% | 20\% |
|  | Married women | 37\% | 45\% | 3\% | 15\% |
|  | Not married women | 47\% | 27\% | 7\% | 19\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 38\% | 46\% | 3\% | 12\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 36\% | 36\% | 6\% | 21\% |

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|  |  |  | Iowa Adults |  |
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|  |  | Iowa Adults |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Jack Hatch? |  |  |  |
|  |  | Favorable | Unfavorable | Never heard | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| Iowa Adults |  | 28\% | 35\% | 11\% | 26\% |
| Iowa Registered Voters |  | 30\% | 36\% | 8\% | 25\% |
| Party Identification ${ }^{\wedge}$ | Democrat | 63\% | 16\% | 6\% | 15\% |
|  | Republican | 6\% | 57\% | 11\% | 26\% |
|  | Independent | 23\% | 38\% | 8\% | 31\% |
| Political Ideology^ | Very liberal-Liberal | 62\% | 15\% | 6\% | 17\% |
|  | Moderate | 32\% | 37\% | 7\% | 24\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 15\% | 49\% | 7\% | 29\% |
| Region | Eastern Cities | 32\% | 30\% | 12\% | 26\% |
|  | East Central | 27\% | 34\% | 11\% | 28\% |
|  | Central | 38\% | 35\% | 5\% | 23\% |
|  | Des Moines Area | 26\% | 40\% | 10\% | 25\% |
|  | West | 16\% | 37\% | 17\% | 30\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$75,000 | 31\% | 34\% | 12\% | 23\% |
|  | \$75,000 or more | 29\% | 39\% | 5\% | 27\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 24\% | 33\% | 13\% | 29\% |
|  | College graduate | 38\% | 38\% | 5\% | 20\% |
| Race | White | 28\% | 34\% | 9\% | 28\% |
|  | Non-white | 27\% | 41\% | 22\% | 10\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 20\% | 25\% | 23\% | 32\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 27\% | 33\% | 14\% | 26\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 30\% | 42\% | 5\% | 24\% |
|  | 60 or older | 34\% | 37\% | 6\% | 23\% |
| Gender | Men | 27\% | 37\% | 11\% | 25\% |
|  | Women | 29\% | 32\% | 11\% | 27\% |
| Marital Status | Married | 30\% | 40\% | 7\% | 23\% |
|  | Not married | 27\% | 28\% | 15\% | 30\% |
| Marital Status and Gender | Married men | 30\% | 42\% | 6\% | 23\% |
|  | Not married men | 27\% | 31\% | 15\% | 27\% |
|  | Married women | 31\% | 38\% | 8\% | 23\% |
|  | Not married women | 28\% | 25\% | 14\% | 33\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 31\% | 39\% | 8\% | 22\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 25\% | 30\% | 14\% | 31\% |


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|  |  | Iowa Registered Voters |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Of the following issues, please tell me which one is going to be most important to you in deciding your vote for Congress in November: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Job creation and economic growth | Breaking the partisan gridlock in Washington to get things done | Social Security and Medicare | Health care | The deficit and government spending | Military action against ISIS, the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria | Immigration | Looking out for the interests of women | None of these | All equally | Other | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| Iowa Registered Voters |  | 18\% | 18\% | 14\% | 13\% | 11\% | 6\% | 5\% | 4\% | 0\% | 7\% | 1\% | 2\% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 17\% | 22\% | 21\% | 17\% | 4\% | 4\% | 4\% | 7\% | 0\% | 4\% | 1\% | 1\% |
|  | Republican | 18\% | 14\% | 6\% | 13\% | 22\% | 8\% | 6\% | 1\% | 0\% | 6\% | 1\% | 4\% |
|  | Independent | 18\% | 18\% | 14\% | 11\% | 9\% | 7\% | 6\% | 4\% | 0\% | 9\% | 0\% | 2\% |
| Political Ideology | Very liberal-Liberal | 20\% | 23\% | 16\% | 16\% | 2\% | 3\% | 4\% | 8\% | 1\% | 6\% | 1\% | 0\% |
|  | Moderate | 15\% | 25\% | 16\% | 12\% | 9\% | 6\% | 5\% | 5\% | 1\% | 4\% | 1\% | 2\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 21\% | 12\% | 11\% | 12\% | 18\% | 7\% | 7\% | 0\% | 0\% | 9\% | 1\% | 2\% |
| Region | Eastern Cities | 19\% | 19\% | 13\% | 12\% | 14\% | 4\% | 5\% | 7\% | 0\% | 4\% | 1\% | 1\% |
|  | East Central | 20\% | 16\% | 13\% | 14\% | 12\% | 8\% | 3\% | 1\% | 0\% | 9\% | 2\% | 3\% |
|  | Central | 17\% | 22\% | 13\% | 12\% | 9\% | 6\% | 4\% | 6\% | 2\% | 5\% | 1\% | 2\% |
|  | Des Moines Area | 20\% | 15\% | 17\% | 15\% | 7\% | 6\% | 7\% | 1\% | 0\% | 8\% | 2\% | 1\% |
|  | West | 16\% | 15\% | 16\% | 11\% | 11\% | 7\% | 8\% | 2\% | 0\% | 11\% | 0\% | 3\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$75,000 | 19\% | 18\% | 17\% | 13\% | 9\% | 7\% | 6\% | 5\% | 0\% | 5\% | 1\% | 1\% |
|  | \$75,000 or more | 20\% | 20\% | 7\% | 14\% | 14\% | 5\% | 5\% | 3\% | 1\% | 6\% | 0\% | 4\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 18\% | 17\% | 17\% | 12\% | 10\% | 7\% | 6\% | 3\% | 0\% | 7\% | 1\% | 2\% |
|  | College graduate | 19\% | 21\% | 8\% | 14\% | 13\% | 5\% | 4\% | 6\% | 1\% | 6\% | 1\% | 2\% |
| Race | White | 17\% | 19\% | 15\% | 13\% | 11\% | 6\% | 5\% | 4\% | 0\% | 7\% | 1\% | 2\% |
|  | Non-white | 31\% | 10\% | 9\% | 8\% | 9\% | 9\% | 12\% | 6\% | 0\% | 4\% | 1\% | 0\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 30\% | 13\% | 6\% | 12\% | 13\% | 7\% | 5\% | 12\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 21\% | 15\% | 11\% | 19\% | 8\% | 7\% | 3\% | 5\% | 1\% | 6\% | 3\% | 4\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 17\% | 18\% | 12\% | 14\% | 14\% | 4\% | 6\% | 1\% | 0\% | 10\% | 1\% | 2\% |
|  | 60 or older | 12\% | 22\% | 23\% | 7\% | 10\% | 7\% | 6\% | 2\% | 0\% | 7\% | 1\% | 2\% |
| Gender | Men | 24\% | 17\% | 12\% | 10\% | 13\% | 5\% | 6\% | 2\% | 1\% | 5\% | 1\% | 3\% |
|  | Women | 13\% | 19\% | 16\% | 15\% | 9\% | 7\% | 4\% | 6\% | 0\% | 8\% | 1\% | 2\% |
| Marital Status | Married | 16\% | 19\% | 13\% | 14\% | 13\% | 6\% | 6\% | 3\% | 0\% | 8\% | 0\% | 2\% |
|  | Not married | 23\% | 16\% | 17\% | 11\% | 8\% | 6\% | 5\% | 5\% | 1\% | 5\% | 1\% | 1\% |
| Marital Status and Gender | Married men | 21\% | 17\% | 11\% | 11\% | 17\% | 4\% | 7\% | 1\% | 0\% | 6\% | 0\% | 4\% |
|  | Not married men | 29\% | 18\% | 15\% | 8\% | 8\% | 6\% | 6\% | 3\% | 2\% | 4\% | 1\% | 0\% |
|  | Married women | 12\% | 21\% | 14\% | 17\% | 9\% | 8\% | 4\% | 5\% | 0\% | 9\% | 1\% | 1\% |
|  | Not married women | 16\% | 14\% | 18\% | 13\% | 9\% | 6\% | 5\% | 8\% | 0\% | 7\% | 2\% | 2\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 15\% | 19\% | 17\% | 11\% | 11\% | 6\% | 7\% | 3\% | 0\% | 7\% | 2\% | 2\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 23\% | 17\% | 11\% | 14\% | 10\% | 6\% | 4\% | 5\% | 1\% | 7\% | 1\% | 2\% |

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