

June 2020 Edition

LAKE EFFECT



What's Inside



Welcome to Lake Effect

Welcome to Lake Effect, a monthly research newsletter and a resource for progressive leaders and advocates, presented by Progress Michigan and Public Policy Polling. Research in this newsletter comes from a survey conducted between May 29th and 30th of 1,582 Michigan voters.

This issue touches on thoughts on police brutality against African Americans, COVID-19 from a number of angles, and thoughts on major upcoming elections.

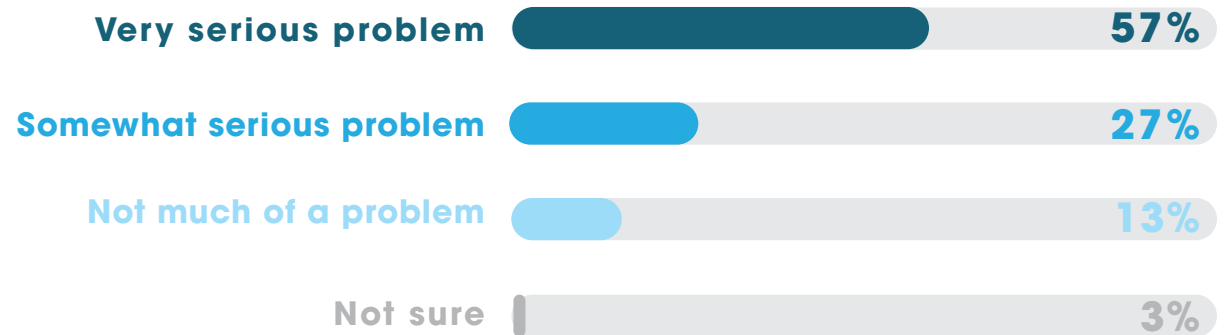
In this issue



Police Brutality Against African Americans a serious problem

The vast majority of respondents believe police brutality against African Americans is a “very serious” or “somewhat serious” problem in the wake of more high-profile killings at the hands of police across the country.

There have been several high-profile incidents of police using deadly force against African Americans in the headlines recently. In general, do you believe police brutality against African Americans is a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, or not much of a problem?

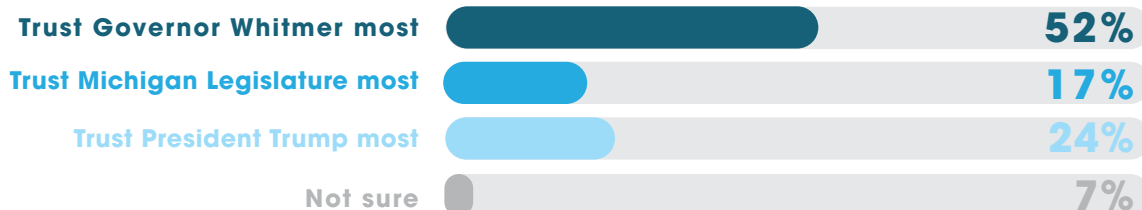




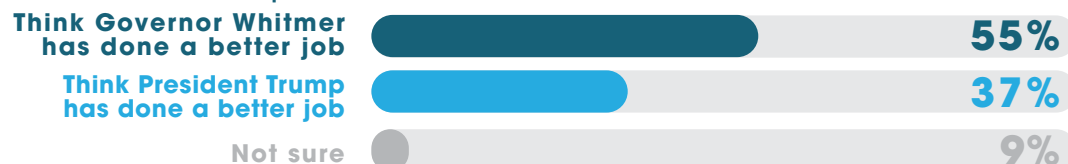
Michigander's on COVID-19 Response

Respondents continue to support Whitmer's handling of COVID-19 over Trump and oppose efforts by the GOP to strip her of her emergency powers. Respondents indicate they're in no rush to rapidly reopen businesses just yet and support requiring masks when inside buildings.

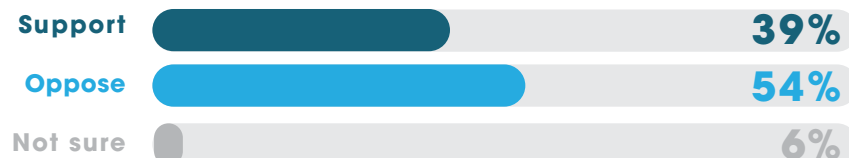
Who do you trust most to handle the coronavirus outbreak: Governor Whitmer, the Republican-led Michigan Legislature, or President Trump?



Who do you think has done a better job handing the coronavirus: Governor Whitmer, or President Trump?



Republicans in the State Legislature recently sued to strip Governor Whitmer of her powers to issue executive orders during an emergency. Do you support or oppose this?

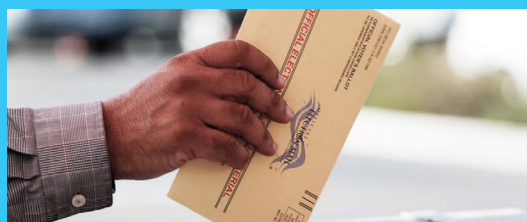


Michigan is beginning to lift restrictions and reopen the state. Do you think Michigan is reopening too quickly, not quickly enough, or do you think things are moving at about the right speed?



Do you support or oppose requiring everyone who is medically able to wear a mask when in indoor facilities such as businesses, government buildings and grocery stores?

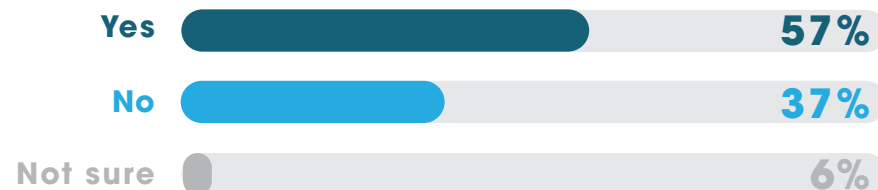




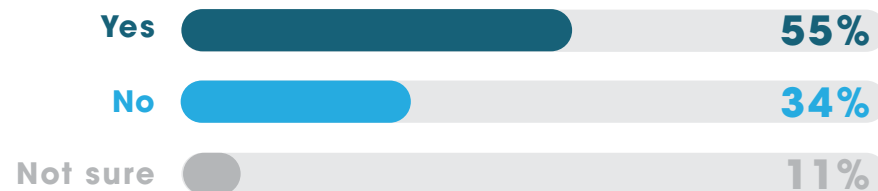
COVID-19, Voting and Our Budget

In response to COVID-19, all eligible voters in Michigan will be sent an absentee ballot application for upcoming elections, something supported by poll respondents as a majority believing voting by mail is safe and secure. When it comes to the budget deficit from the virus, respondents continue to support ending corporate tax breaks and the wealthy paying their fair share as opposed to raising the income tax or cutting state services.

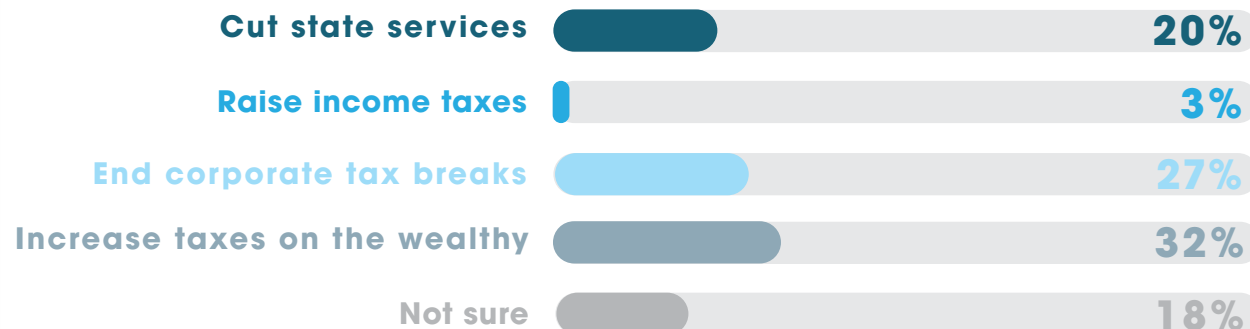
Due to the coronavirus, do you think every registered Michigan voter should be mailed an absentee ballot application, allowing them to vote from home, while also ensuring that voters have the option to vote in-person on Election Day, or not?



Do you feel voting by mail is a safe and secure way to cast your ballot, or not?



When it comes to dealing with the estimated \$3.2 billion dollar deficit created by the coronavirus in the state budget, would you most like to see the Legislature cut state services, raise income taxes, end corporate tax breaks, or increase taxes on the wealthy?





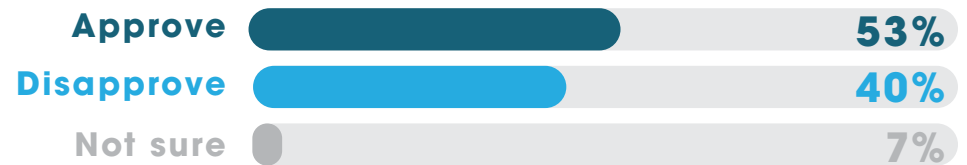
Top Ballot Dems Continue to Edge Out GOP

Joe Biden continues to lead Donald Trump, Gary Peters beating John James, general disapproval of Trump's job as President and support for Whitmer mark this month's poll results.

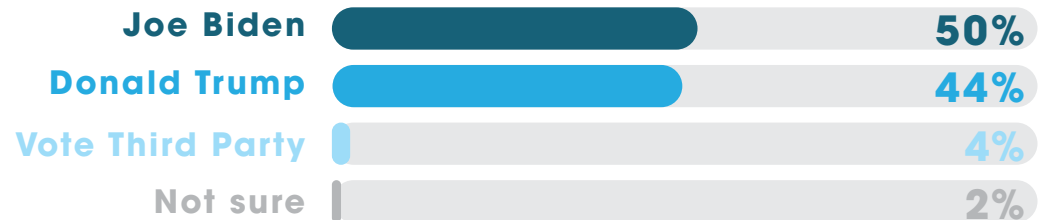
Do you approve or disapprove of President Donald Trump's job performance?



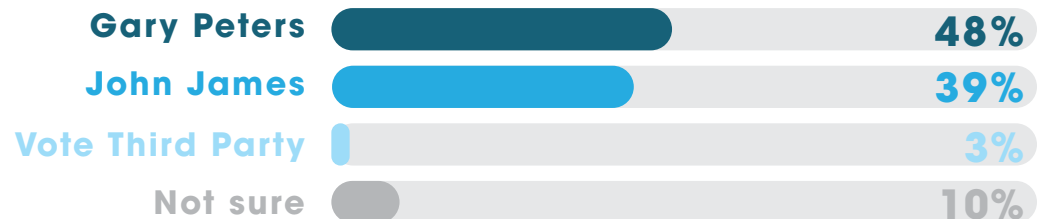
Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Gretchen Whitmer's job performance?



If the election for President was held today, and the candidates were Democrat Joe Biden and Republican Donald Trump, who would you vote for?



If the election for US Senate was held today, and the candidates were Democrat Gary Peters and Republican John James, who would you vote for?



About Lake Effect

Presented by Progress Michigan, Lake Effect is a monthly research newsletter that follows public opinion in Michigan. Each month, Public Policy Polling will survey registered voters across Michigan about their opinions of important issues and public figures in the state. These newsletters will break down the results and provide readers with key takeaways and analysis from the data.

About This Study

PPP interviewed 1,582 Michigan voters by phone and text from May 29th to May 30th on behalf of Progress Michigan. The margin of error is +/-2.5%.

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