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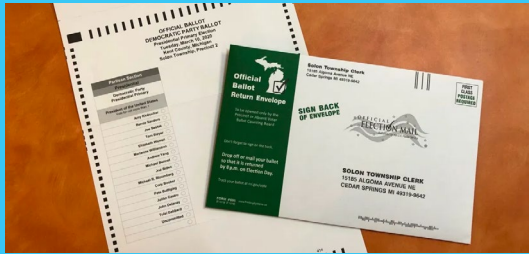


# Welcome to Lake Effect

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  
July 28th and July 29th.

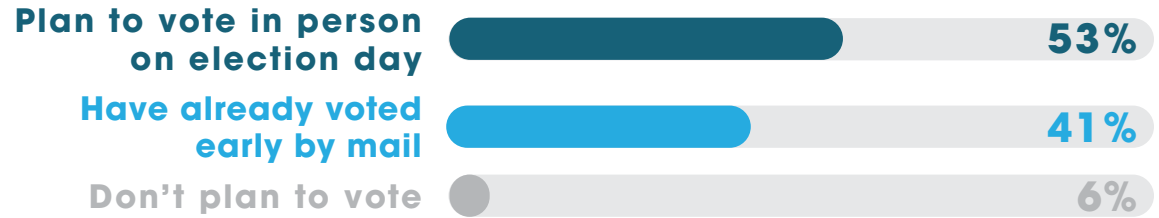
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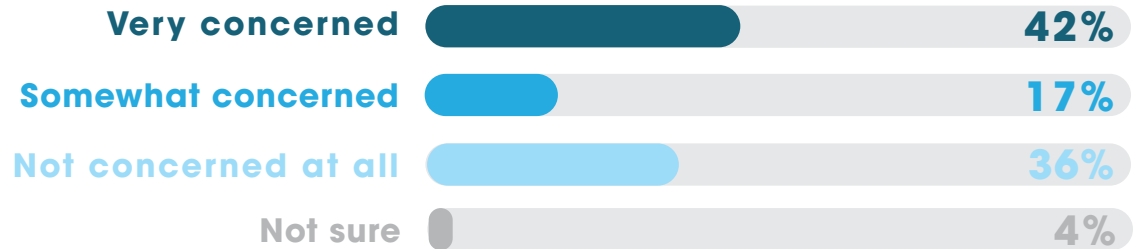
## Voting by Mail in Michigan

While many voted by mail for the August primary, there are still security and fraud concerns about mail-in-voting from poll respondents - which appear to be driven in large part by which party you prefer.

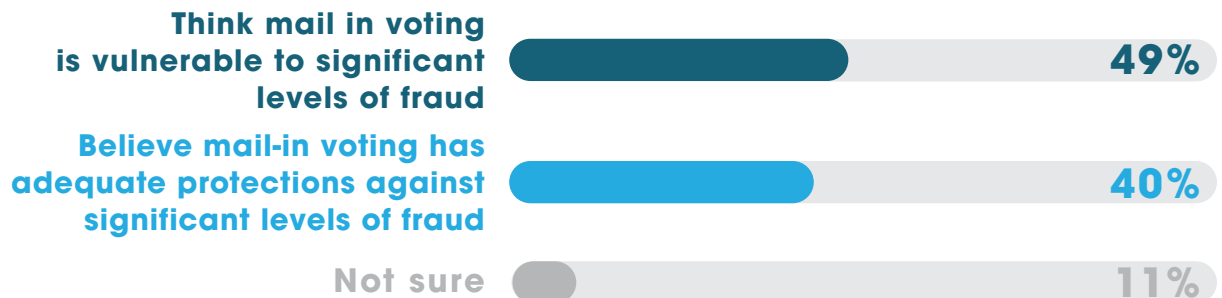
The Michigan Primary is Tuesday, August 4th. Do you plan to vote in-person on election day, have you already voted early by mail, or do you plan to not vote?



Regardless of how you plan to vote this November, how concerned are you that voting by mail using an absentee ballot could mean your vote is not counted because your ballot is lost in the mail or does not arrive in time: very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not concerned at all?



Regardless of how you plan to vote, do you think mail-in voting is vulnerable to significant levels of fraud or do you think it has adequate protections against significant levels of fraud?

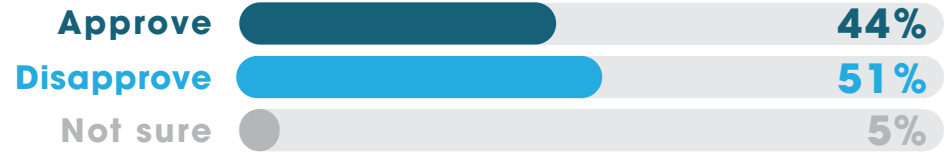




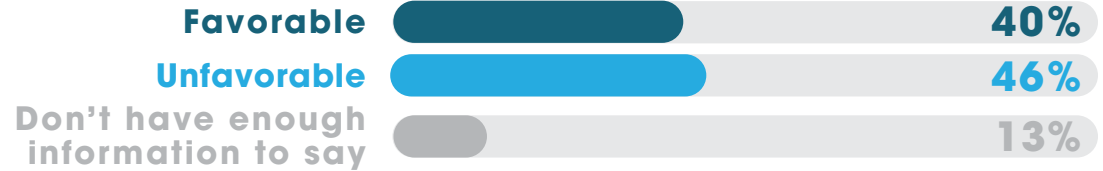
## Biden continues to edge out Trump, Peters still up on James

Despite low popularity and approval ratings for both Donald Trump and Joe Biden, the former Vice President continues to lead in polls for the presidency. Trump's handling of COVID-19 and his job overall continue to disappoint poll respondents. Additionally, Gary Peters continues to get higher support than John James in the U.S. Senate race, but a lot of folks are still undecided.

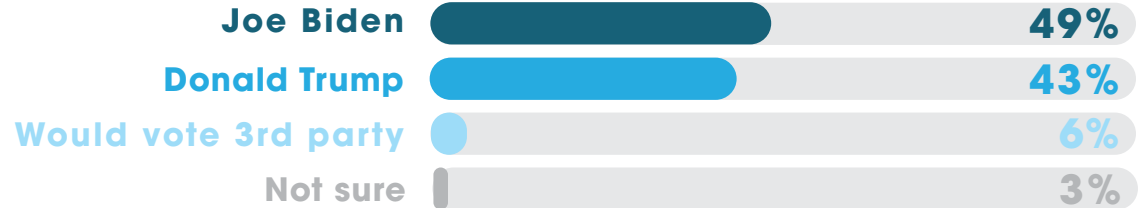
Do you approve or disapprove of President Donald Trump's job performance?



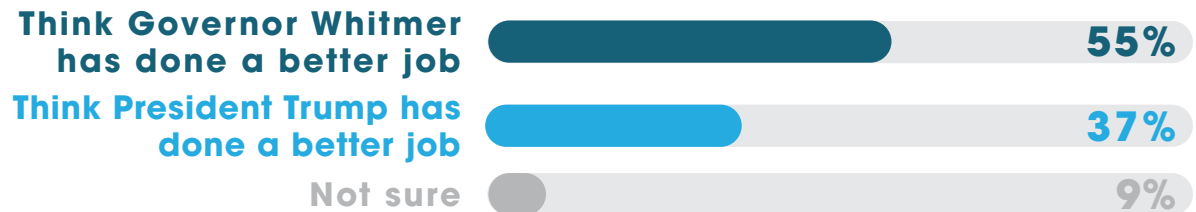
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Joe Biden, or do you not have enough information to say?



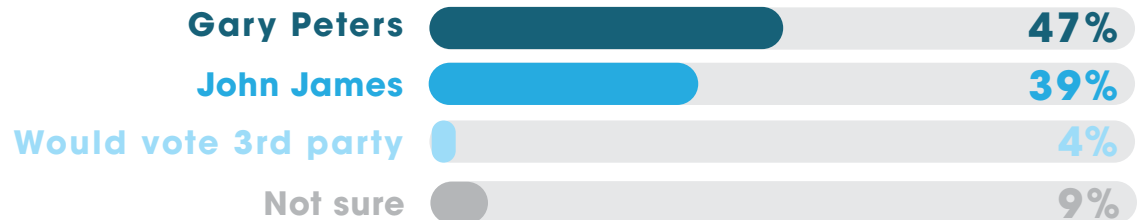
If the election for President were held today, and the candidates were Democrat Joe Biden and Republican Donald Trump, who would you vote for?



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



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

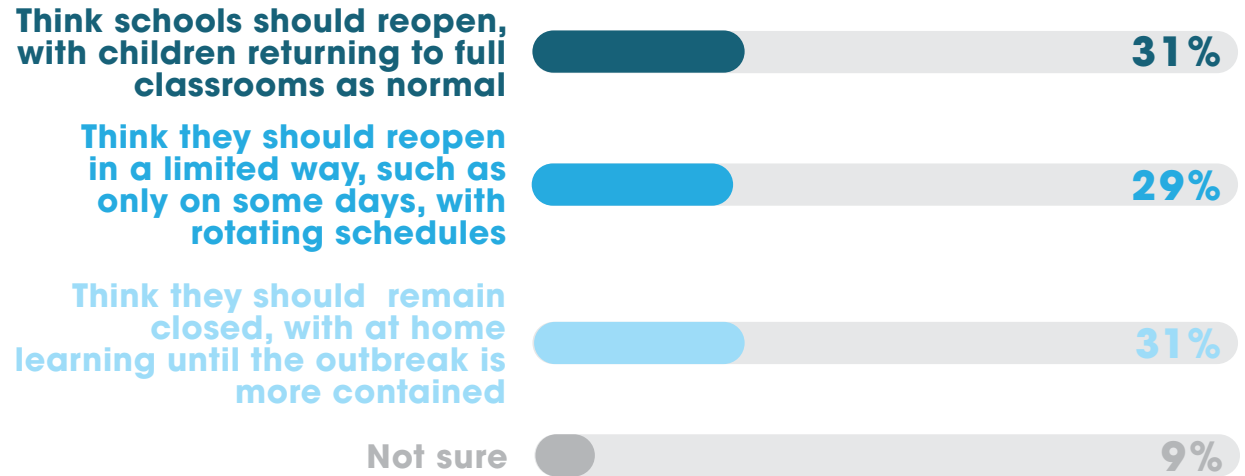




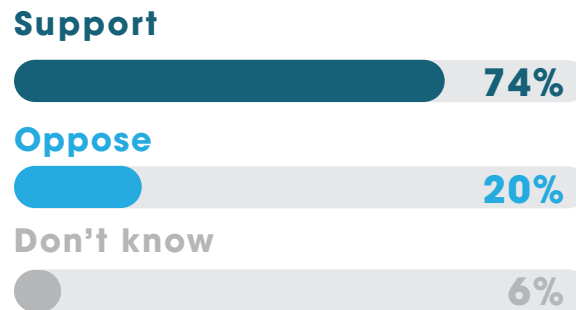
## Returning to School and Masks

While respondents are split about the best way for schools to reopen and the possibility of reinstating stay-at-home orders, folks are solid on one thing: wear a mask indoors.

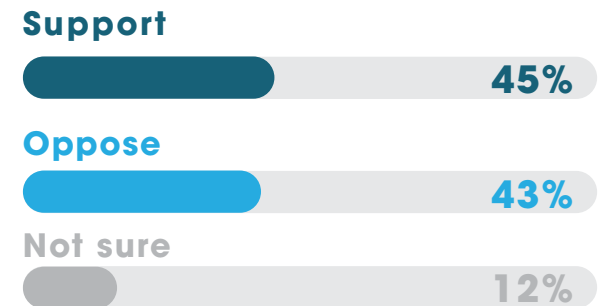
Which of the following best describes what you think Michigan schools should do this fall: reopen with children returning to full classrooms as normal; reopen in a limited way, such as only on some days, with rotating schedules; or remain closed, with at-home learning until the outbreak is more contained?



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?



Some people say we should reinstate stay-at-home orders and other restrictions since the coronavirus outbreak in Michigan has recently gotten worse. Would you support or oppose reimposing stay-at-home orders and other restrictions to help stop the spread of coronavirus?

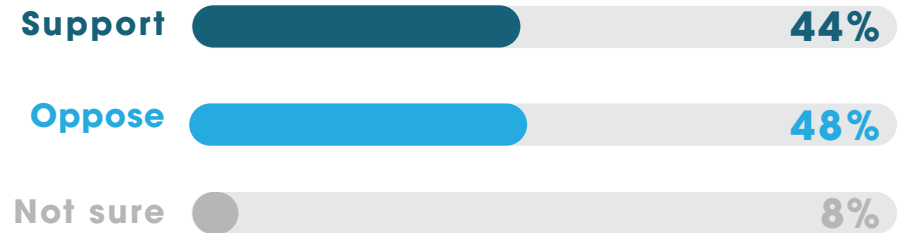




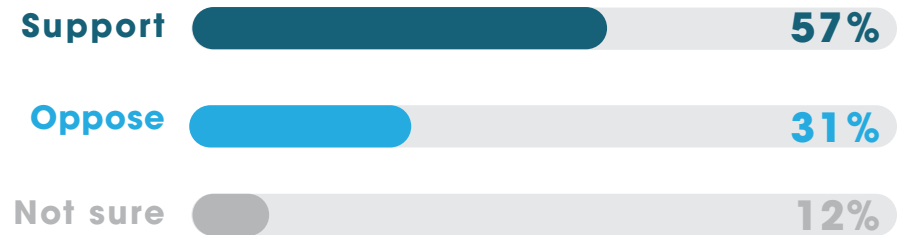
## Federal Officers in Detroit

Given what happened in Portland, respondents were split on whether Trump sending federal officers to Detroit is a good idea. Also, police reforms popular with slight edge for policies outlined in the “Defund the Police” movement with some still undecided.

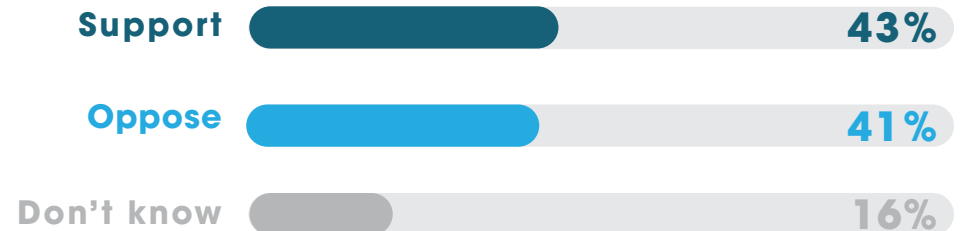
Recently, federal officers were sent to arrest protesters in Portland, Oregon. President Trump has said he is sending federal officers to cities like Detroit, as well. Do you support or oppose President Trump sending federal troops to Detroit?



Do you think police departments should reform their use-of-force practices, or not?



Do you support or oppose the reorganizing of funding within police budgets to areas like mental health, healthcare, housing, and job programs?





## Popularity Grab Bag

Neither of the two main political parties are very popular in Michigan and opinions about one of the biggest power brokers in Michigan, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, are largely undecided.

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the Democratic Party?

**Favorable** **42%**

**Unfavorable** **46%**

**Not sure** **13%**

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the Republican Party?

**Favorable** **37%**

**Unfavorable** **50%**

**Not sure** **14%**

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce?

**Favorable** **17%**

**Unfavorable** **22%**

**Not sure** **61%**



## 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 876 Michigan voters by phone and text from July 28th and July 29th on behalf of Progress Michigan. The margin of error is +/- 3.3%

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