



# Inaugural Morningside Poll Results Snapshot

The Morningside Poll is conducted by faculty and students through the Col. Bud Day Center for Civic Engagement at Morningside College and is a public opinion survey that measures the attitudes of Iowa residents on a variety of public policy issues and on the performance of the state's legislative and executive branches of government. The following highlights a few key issues ahead of the Iowa Primary on June 5, 2018. **Complete results can be found at [morningside.edu/morningsidepoll](http://morningside.edu/morningsidepoll).**

What do you think is the most important problem facing the state of Iowa today?



Top 3 (in rank order)

1. **Budget/Taxes**
2. Education
3. Employment/Jobs

Do you disapprove or approve of the way Governor Kim Reynolds is handling her job as Governor of Iowa?



**53%**  
Approve



Do you disapprove or approve of the way the Iowa State Legislature is handling its job?



**49%**  
Disapprove



## GUN LAWS AND RESTRICTIONS

In general, do you feel that the laws in Iowa regarding firearms should be made less strict, kept as they are now, or more strict?

### Households with Firearms

Less Strict: 16%  
**Kept Same: 53%**  
More Strict: 27%  
Undecided: 4%

### Households without Firearms

Less Strict: 7%  
Kept Same: 27%  
**More Strict: 58%**  
Undecided: 8%

How effective do you feel Iowa's gun free zones are in preventing gun violence?

### Households with Firearms

**Never Effective: 28%**  
Rarely Effective: 16%  
Sometimes Effective: 23%  
Usually Effective: 18%  
Always Effective: 6%  
Undecided: 9%

### Households without Firearms

Never Effective: 14%  
Rarely Effective: 17%  
**Sometimes Effective: 30%**  
Usually Effective: 22%  
Always Effective: 4%  
Undecided: 12%

**POLLING SOURCE INFORMATION:** The poll includes responses from 994 Iowa adults and the survey was conducted from May 2 to May 12, 2018, via computer-assisted telephone interviews (landlines and cell phones included). In some cases, data was rounded.

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