

**MONTANA STATEWIDE SURVEY
TOPLINE DATA**

SAMPLE SIZE: n800 Likely Voters with n400 Oversample of 50+ voters (Total of n837 “50+”)
 MOE: Margin of sampling error for n800 LV – ±3.5%; n837 50+ LV – ±3.4%
 FIELD DATES: August 30 – September 5, 2020

1. Are you over 18 and registered to vote in Montana?

	All	50+
Yes	100	100
No/All other responses (TERMINATE)	-	-

2. How likely are you to vote in the 2020 general election for President and U.S. Senate? Would you say you will.... (READ)

	All	50+
Definitely vote	95	98
Probably vote	4	2
Be a 50-50 chance to vote	1	*
Probably NOT vote (TERMINATE)	-	-
Definitely NOT vote (TERMINATE)	-	-
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ) (TERMINATE)	-	-

3. In what year were you born? ___ ___ ___ (TERMINATE IF 2003 OR LATER; 1970 OR EARLIER QUALIFY AS 50+)

	All	50+
18-29	15	-
30-39	16	-
40-49	16	-
50-64	25	47
65+	28	53

5. What is your main racial or ethnic background? (READ AND RANDOMIZE 1-5)

	All	50+
White	88	89
American Indian/Native American	3	4
Latino or Hispanic	1	1
African American/Black	1	1
Asian American	1	1
Other (SPECIFY) (DO NOT READ)	3	3
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	2	2

6. What is your gender?

	All	50+
Male	49	48
Female	51	52
Other (VOLUNTEERED)	-	-

7.a With which political party are you affiliated? Do you consider yourself to be a/an...

ASK IF REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT

8.p Do you consider yourself to be a strong (REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT) or a not so strong (REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT)?

ASK IF INDEPENDENT/SOMETHING ELSE

8.i Do you consider yourself closer to (ROTATE) the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

	All	50+
REPUBLICAN	36	41
INDEPENDENT/CLOSER TO...	39	31
DEMOCRAT	25	28
Strong Republican	27	32
Not so strong Republican	9	9
Closer to the Republican Party	14	10
Purely Independent	12	10
Closer to the Democratic Party	13	11
Not so strong Democrat	5	4
Strong Democrat	20	24
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	1	1

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9. What is the highest level of formal education that you have completed? (READ)

	All	50+
Some grade school	1	1
Some high school	1	1
High school graduate	21	20
Technical or vocational school graduate	6	8
Some college	23	23
College graduate with an associate's or 2-year degree	12	12
College graduate with a bachelor's or 4-year degree	25	22
Post-graduate degree	11	12
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	1	1

10. On a scale of 0-10 where 0 means Not at all Interested, 5 means Somewhat Interested and 10 means Extremely Interested, how interested are you in the 2020 general election for President and U.S. Senate?

	All	50+
10 – EXTREMELY INTERESTED	76	86
8-9	11	7
0-7	13	7
9	4	3
8	7	4
7	4	2
6	1	*
5 – Somewhat interested	5	4
4	*	-
3	1	*
2	1	*
1	*	*
0 – Not at all interested	1	1

11. Would you say that things in this country are headed in the right direction or would you say that they are seriously off on the wrong track?

	All	50+
Right direction	32	33
Wrong track	59	60
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	9	7

From the following list of names, would you say you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each person? If you have no opinion or have never heard of the person, just say so. (PROBE: VERY/SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE) (RANDOMIZE LIST)

		TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	Very Fav	Smwt Fav	Smwt Unfav	Very Unfav	No Opinion	Never Heard Of
12. Steve Daines	All	47	40	29	18	12	28	10	2
	50+	47	45	32	15	11	34	6	2
13. Steve Bullock	All	50	40	32	18	12	28	8	1
	50+	54	39	41	13	10	30	6	1

14. Now, if the election for President were held today and the candidates were (ROTATE) Donald Trump, the Republican and Joe Biden, the Democrat, for whom would you vote? (PROBE: Definitely/Probably)

	All	50+
DONALD TRUMP	50	48
JOE BIDEN	43	47
Definitely Trump	47	46
Probably Trump	3	2
Probably Biden	3	3
Definitely Biden	39	44
Will Not Vote / Will Not Vote for President (DO NOT READ)	*	*
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	6	5

15. Now, if the election for U.S. Senator were held today and the candidates were (ROTATE) Steve Daines, the Republican and Steve Bullock, the Democrat for whom would you vote? (PROBE: Definitely/Probably)

IF "UNDECIDED" IN Q15 ASK:

15a. Just for the purposes of this survey, if you had to decide today, do you think you would vote for (ROTATE) Steve Daines, the Republican, or Steve Bullock, the Democrat?

	All	50+
STEVE DAINES (WITH LEANERS)	50	48
STEVE BULLOCK (WITH LEANERS)	47	49
Definitely Daines	42	42
Probably Daines	6	5
Lean Daines	2	1
Lean Bullock	1	*
Probably Bullock	6	4
Definitely Bullock	40	45
Will Not Vote / Will Not Vote for U.S. Senate (DO NOT READ)	1	*
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	2	2

IF CHOICE MADE ASK:

16. And would you say your vote choice is more FOR the candidate you are supporting or AGAINST the candidate you are not supporting?

	Daines Voters		Bullock Voters	
	All	50+	All	50+
For the candidate I am supporting	72	77	63	71
Against the candidate I am not supporting	20	17	26	18
Both (DO NOT READ)	4	3	7	6
Neither/Other/Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	4	3	4	5

CONTINUE TO ALL

17. For this November's election, how will you be voting? (READ AND RANDOMIZE 1-3)

	All	50+
Vote by absentee or mail-in ballot	60	65
Vote early in person	9	8
Vote in-person on election day	29	24
Unsure/Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	2	2

IF UNDER 50, SKIP TO Q66, CONTINUE FOR 50+

Please tell me how important to each of the following issues are when deciding your vote for U.S. Senate: extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important. (RANDOMIZE)

		EXTREMELY/ VERY IMPORTANT	Ext Imp	Very Imp	Smwt Imp	Not Too Imp	Not at All Imp	DK/ Ref (DNR)
18. Jobs and the economy	50+	84	33	51	13	1	1	*
19. Education	50+	72	27	45	23	3	2	1
20. Healthcare	50+	79	32	47	16	3	2	1
21. Immigration	50+	63	24	38	27	6	3	2
22. Social Security	50+	81	36	45	15	2	2	*
23. Medicare	50+	76	32	45	18	3	3	*
24. The coronavirus epidemic	50+	63	29	33	19	8	10	1
25. Cost of prescription drugs	50+	68	26	42	24	5	3	*
26. Safe voting	50+	77	33	43	12	4	4	3
27. Racial inequality	50+	59	22	37	24	6	8	3
28. Public safety and crime	50+	75	27	48	20	3	2	*

Now I'd like you to compare (ROTATE) Steve Daines and Steve Bullock on a few issues. For each issue I mention, please tell me whether you think (ROTATE) Steve Daines or Steve Bullock would be better on that issue. If you think that both would be equally good on a particular issue, just say so. (RANDOMIZE)

		Steve Daines	Steve Bullock	Both Equally	Neither (DNR)	DK/Ref (DNR)
29. Jobs and the economy	50+	45	41	10	1	3
30. Social Security	50+	39	46	8	2	5
31. Medicare	50+	39	47	8	1	5
32. The coronavirus epidemic	50+	37	45	11	3	4
33. Cost of prescription drugs	50+	39	43	10	2	6

Now, I'm going to mention things that some people worry about, and please tell me how often you personally worry about each one – very often, somewhat often, from time to time, or almost never? The first/next one is... (RANDOMIZE)

		Worry Very Often	Worry Smwt Often	Worry from Time to Time	Almost Never Worry	DK/Ref (DNR)
34. Prices rising faster than your income	50+	29	28	16	27	1
35. Having to pay too much in taxes	50+	28	26	17	27	1
36. Not having financial security in retirement	50+	28	24	17	31	1
37. Having health expenses you cannot afford	50+	28	26	14	32	1
38. Not being able to retire when you want to, for financial reasons	50+	21	17	11	49	2
39. Not being able to afford education costs for you or your children	50+	14	17	7	60	1
40. Having to take care of an aging parent or family member	50+	20	17	11	49	2
41. Not being able to get a permanent, full-time job with benefits	50+	13	12	9	65	2
42. Not being able to keep up with your mortgage or rent payments	50+	16	14	8	61	1
43. Not being able to afford nursing home care or in home services.	50+	22	27	16	35	1
44. You or someone in your family contracting coronavirus	50+	32	21	11	35	1

45. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

It is important that all voters have the choice to vote safely either by absentee ballot or in person (PROBE: Strongly/Somewhat)

	50+
AGREE	93
DISAGREE	6
Strongly agree	83
Somewhat agree	10
Somewhat disagree	2
Strongly disagree	4
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	1

RANDOMIZE NEXT FIVE QUESTIONS

46. How concerned are you that limits on absentee voting will risk the health of voters and poll workers by increasing potential of exposure to the coronavirus? (READ AND ROTATE 1-4; 4-1)

	50+
CONCERNED	50
NOT CONCERNED	48
Very concerned	29
Somewhat concerned	21
Not too concerned	17
Not at all concerned	31
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	1

47. How concerned are you that reductions in the postal service is going to prevent votes from being counted? (READ AND ROTATE 1-4; 4-1)

	50+
CONCERNED	61
NOT CONCERNED	38
Very concerned	43
Somewhat concerned	18
Not too concerned	11
Not at all concerned	27
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	1

48. How concerned are you that expansion of voting by mail will lead to voter fraud? (READ AND ROTATE 1-4; 4-1)

	50+
CONCERNED	50
NOT CONCERNED	49
Very concerned	37
Somewhat concerned	13
Not too concerned	9
Not at all concerned	40
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	1

49. How concerned are you that limits on both absentee voting and number of polling places will result in long lines and voters not being able to vote? (READ AND ROTATE 1-4; 4-1)

	50+
CONCERNED	54
NOT CONCERNED	46
Very concerned	35
Somewhat concerned	19
Not too concerned	17
Not at all concerned	29
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

50. When it comes to your vote being accurately counted, which of these comes closest to your opinion: (ROTATE 1-3, 3-1)

	50+
In person ballots are more likely to be accurately counted than mail ballots	39
In person and mail ballots are equally likely to be counted accurately	48
Mail ballots are more likely to be accurately counted than in person ballots	9
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	4

RANDOMIZE NEXT THREE QUESTIONS

51. Are you more likely to vote for a candidate who is focused on: (ROTATE 1-2)

	50+
Keeping families healthy and reducing the spread of Coronavirus in your community	45
Rebuilding the economy by reopening businesses and getting people back to work	49
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	5

52. Are you more likely to vote for a candidate who is focused on: (ROTATE 1-2)

	50+
Increasing racial justice and reducing police violence against unarmed African Americans	37
Maintaining law and order and preventing looting and rioting in America's cities	53
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	10

53. Are you more likely to vote for a candidate who is focused on: (ROTATE 1-2)

	50+
Providing relief for people who have lost their job or business because of the epidemic	64
Ensuring individuals aren't paid more in government unemployment than they would if they went back to work.	25
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	11

Over the past few months, have you or anyone in your household experienced any of the following because of the coronavirus? (RANDOMIZE)

		Yes	No	DK/Ref (DNR)
54. Got laid off or had hours or wages reduced	50+	43	55	2
55. Known someone personally who contracted coronavirus	50+	46	54	*
56. Known someone personally who died from coronavirus	50+	16	84	*

For each of the following statements, please tell me if would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for the U.S. Senate that advocated this position? If it would have no impact on your vote, just say so. (IF MORE/LESS, ASK) Would you say you are much (MORE/LESS) likely or just somewhat (MORE/LESS) likely? (RANDOMIZE)

		TOTAL MORE LIKELY	Much More Likely	Smwt More Likely	Smwt Less Likely	Much Less Likely	No Impact	DK/ Ref (DNR)
57. Support protecting Medicare from cuts and ensure America's seniors get the healthcare they need	50+	89	69	20	4	1	5	1
58. Allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices	50+	87	62	25	3	2	6	2
59. Support protecting Social Security from cuts to workers' earned benefits	50+	85	65	20	4	2	7	2
60. Make quality, affordable long-term care options, from home care to nursing homes, available	50+	78	49	29	7	3	9	3
61. Increase protections on nursing home residents during the Coronavirus pandemic	50+	77	52	25	7	4	9	3
62. Fight age discrimination in the workforce on behalf of people over 50	50+	72	44	27	5	5	16	3
63. Fight to keep the postal service fully functioning so it can deliver critical mail like prescriptions, absentee ballots, and bill payments	50+	77	58	19	7	5	9	3
64. Support family caregivers with paid time off to care for parents, spouses or other loved ones	50+	72	42	30	10	4	11	2
65. Provide family caregivers with a tax credit to help offset the money they spend caring for parents, spouses or other loved ones	50+	78	48	31	7	4	9	2

CONTINUE TO ALL

66. Would you say you are a Liberal, Moderate or a Conservative in your political beliefs?
(IF LIBERAL OR CONSERVATIVE, PROBE: Very/Somewhat)

	All	50+
CONSERVATIVE	41	43
MODERATE	31	31
LIBERAL	21	21
Very conservative	26	30
Somewhat conservative	15	13
Somewhat liberal	9	9
Very liberal	12	12
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	6	5

67. If an FDA-approved vaccine to prevent coronavirus was available right now at no cost, would you agree to be vaccinated?

	All	50+
Yes	43	47
No	51	45
Unsure (DO NOT READ)	6	8
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	1	*

68. Do you live in an area that is, urban, suburban or rural?

	All	50+
Urban	21	21
Suburban	18	15
Rural	58	61
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	3	3

69. What is your current marital status?

	All	50+
Married	58	61
Single, never married	22	10
Divorced	10	13
Widowed/Widower	8	13
Separated	1	1
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	2	1

70. Which of the following best describes your current employment situation?

	All	50+
Employed	57	39
Unemployed	6	5
Homemaker	5	2
Student	2	-
Retired	29	52
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	2	1

ASK 50+ ONLY:

71. Is Social Security now, or do you expect it to be, a major source of income for your household, a minor source of income for your household, or not a source of income for your household?

	50+
Major source	52
Minor source	35
Not a source	10
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	3

72. Are you or another member of your household a member of AARP?

	50+
Yes	40
No	58
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	2

- 74. Congressional District: (PRE-CODE)
- 75. Key Counties: (PRE-CODE)
- 76. Media Market: (PRE-CODE)

	All	50+
MISSOULA DMA	30	29
Missoula Co.	12	9
Flathead Co.	9	10
BILLINGS DMA	22	22
Yellowstone Co.	14	12
BUTTE-BOZEMAN DMA	19	18
Gallatin Co.	11	9
GREAT FALLS DMA	15	16
HELENA DMA	8	7
MINOT-BISMARCK-DICKINSON DMA	3	2
SPOKANE DMA	2	3
GLENDIVE DMA	1	2
RAPID CITY DMA	*	*

- 77. Vote History (PRE-CODE; VARIABLES: VH18G, VH16G, VH14G, VH12G)

	All	50+
4 of 4	55	70
3 of 4	15	11
2 of 4	12	9
1 of 4	10	5
0 of 4	8	5