Governor (#IAGOV): voting history of poll respondents

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Sample: 929 completed respondents answered the Governor question (published topline n). Margin of error plus or minus 3.4 points at 95% confidence (including the weighting design effect). Weighted to recalled 2024 presidential vote, the same method as the published toplines. Voting history comes from the voter file record matched to each respondent (930 of 930 matched). All numbers are polling aggregates. Any group with fewer than 30 respondents is held back. Subgroup margins of error are larger than the topline.

Published topline: Rob Sand 46.1%, Zach Lahn 52.0%, Undecided 1.9%.

Who answered: voting history profile

Every respondent voted in the 2018, 2020, 2022 and 2024 general elections (all of the last four). These are high-turnout voters, not all registered voters, so these results describe the most reliable part of the electorate.

New vs habitual: 35 respondents did not vote in the 2016 general; everyone else is a long-run habitual voter. A new-voter comparison is not possible from this sample.

Primary participation, 2018 to 2026 (of 5):

Group	Respondents	Share
All 5 primaries	561	60%
4 of 5 primaries	234	25%
2 or 3 of 5 primaries	135	15%

2024 general, how they voted:

Group	Respondents	Share
Early, 2+ weeks out	282	30%
Early, final 2 weeks	391	42%
Election Day (no early record)	257	28%

Voter-file vote frequency score:

Group	Respondents	Share
Vote frequency 8 (highest)	561	60%
Vote frequency 7	234	25%
Vote frequency 5 to 6	135	15%

Support by voting history

Primary history:

Group	n	Rob Sand	Zach Lahn	Undecided
All 5 primaries	561	56.4%	42.0%	1.5%
4 of 5 primaries	234	35.6%	62.7%	1.8%
2 or 3 of 5 primaries	134	29.1%	67.7%	3.2%

2024 voting method:

Group	n	Rob Sand	Zach Lahn	Undecided
Early, 2+ weeks out	282	53.8%	45.1%	1.1%
Early, final 2 weeks	390	47.2%	50.8%	2.1%
Election Day (no early record)	257	37.1%	60.5%	2.4%

Vote frequency score:

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Party registration by primary history:

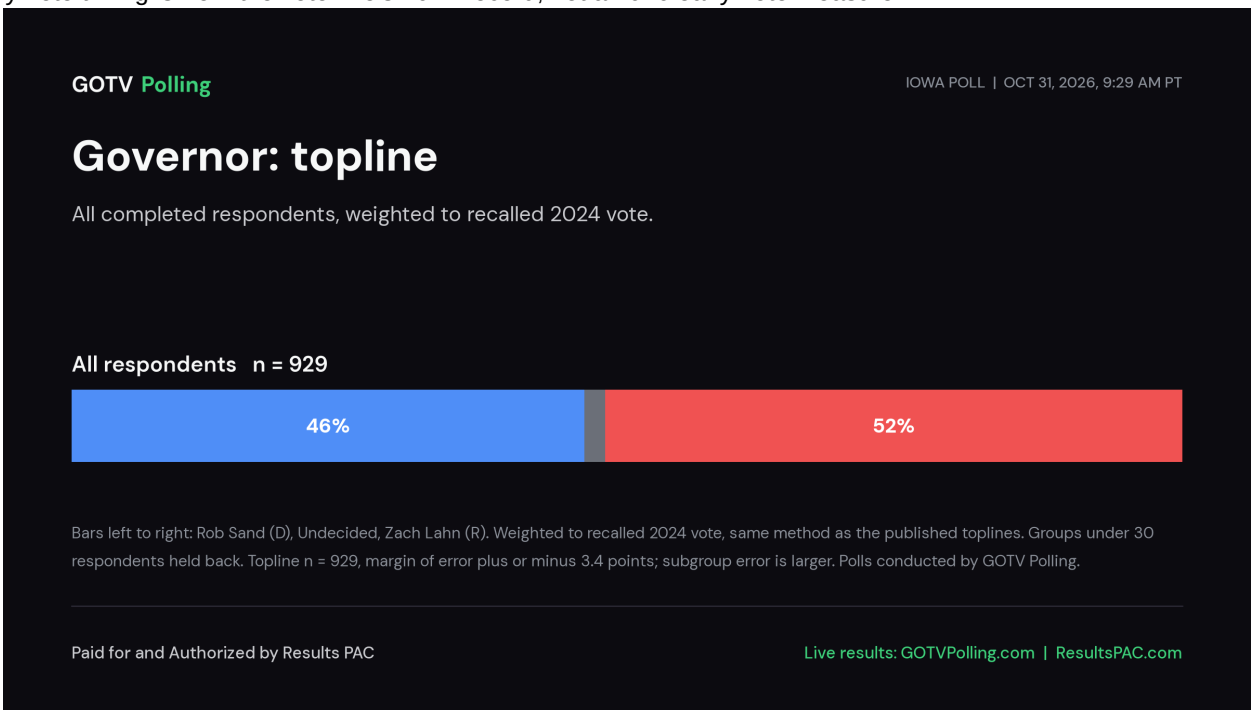
Group	n	Rob Sand	Zach Lahn	Undecided
Republican, all 5 primaries	170	8.2%	90.3%	1.5%
Republican, fewer than 5 primaries	223	10.4%	86.4%	3.2%
Democratic, all 5 primaries	385	95.2%	3.2%	1.6%
Democratic, fewer than 5 primaries	143	96.2%	3.8%	0.0%
Other / no party, all 5 primaries	under 30	held back	held back	held back
Other / no party, fewer than 5 primaries	under 30	held back	held back	held back

What it means

Margin among voters in all 5 primaries: Sand +14.4; among those in 2 or 3 of 5: Lahn +38.6.
Margin among voters who voted early 2+ weeks out in 2024: Sand +8.8; among Election Day voters: Lahn +23.3.
Within each party support barely moves (Republicans 90% and 86% Lahn, Democrats 95% and 96% Sand), so the gap is mostly party mix.
Because every respondent is a high-turnout voter, read differences between voting-history groups as differences within the most reliable part of the electorate, not as a turnout model.
Party and primary history overlap strongly; differences by history group are largely party composition.

Caveats

Held back (under 30): Other / no party, all 5 primaries, Other / no party, fewer than 5 primaries.
Early-vote timing is from the voter file's 2024 record, not a 2026 early-vote measure.

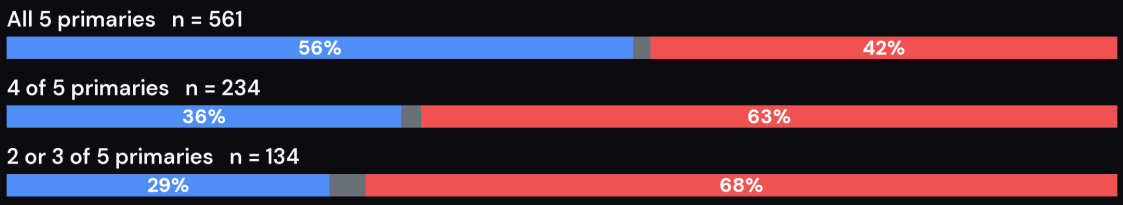


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Governor: by primary history

Support among completed respondents, grouped by how many of the last 5 primaries they voted in.



Bars left to right: Rob Sand (D), Undecided, Zach Lahn (R). Weighted to recalled 2024 vote, same method as the published toplines. Groups under 30 respondents held back. Topline n = 929, margin of error plus or minus 3.4 points; subgroup error is larger. Polls conducted by GOTV Polling.

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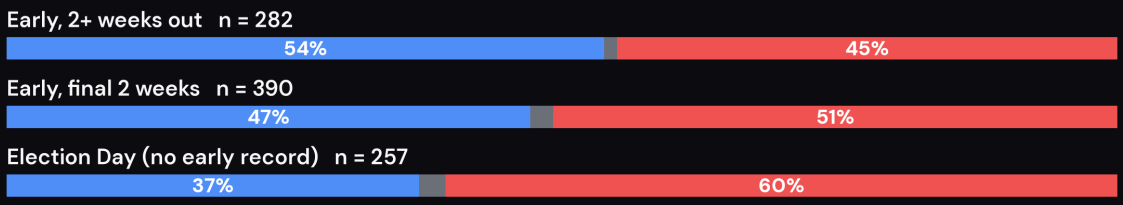
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Governor: by 2024 voting method

Support grouped by when respondents cast their 2024 general election ballot (voter file).



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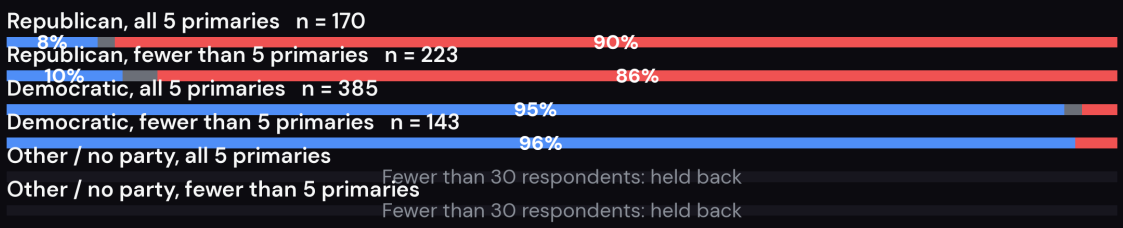
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Governor: party by primary history

Support by party registration, split by whether they voted in all 5 recent primaries.



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