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Obama leading the Republican field in Michigan

Raleigh, N.C. – Unlike for Debbie Stabenow, there has been little to no bounce for President Obama in Michigan since PPP last polled the state in December, and he is still weaker against his top two potential 2012 opponents than he was in 2008, when he beat John McCain by over 16 points. But he still leads anyone thrown at him now by seven to 20 points, including neighboring Wisconsin's unpopular governor, Scott Walker.

The closest any Republican can come is Mitt Romney's 48-41 deficit, followed by Mike Huckabee's 50-41, Newt Gingrich's 53-37, Sarah Palin's 55-35, and Walker's 52-32. As with Stabenow, Obama's greatest strength is the 13-point Democratic turnout advantage over Republicans, for Romney and Huckabee do a better job of locking up their bases, and Obama leads by only one with independents over Romney and six over Huckabee.

Three months ago, 50% of Michiganders approved of Obama's job performance. While the same 45% disapprove now, only 47% approve. That decline has come with both Democrats (from 90-7 to 78-15) and Republicans (13-85 to 4-92), while independents are roughly the same (47-42 now, and 47-44 then).

For as far as Walker has fallen with his own constituents and other Americans, he is still not as unpopular in Michigan as Palin or Gingrich—but nor is he nearly as well known, with 41% having no opinion of him. 22% see Walker favorably, and 37% unfavorably, for a -15 spread. But while almost as many (31%) see Palin favorably as Walker unfavorably, almost three times as many (61%) see her negatively as see him positively. Gingrich also stands with a -30 favorability margin, 27-57. Native son Romney fares best personally, but is still disliked, 37-45. Huckabee does about equally as well, 36-45. In December, Romney was actually seen barely positively, 39-37, but he has fallen a hair with independents and gone from 55% to 66% unfavorable with Democrats. Huckabee has also fallen from 37-40 by going from 58% to 67% negative across the aisle.

“Right now it looks like Michigan will fall somewhere in between Barack Obama's blowout win of 2008 and the closer victories Democrats had in the state in 2000 and 2004,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Obama would still win the state if we voted today but not by the kind of margin he did last time.”

PPP surveyed 502 Michigan voters from March 18th to 20th. The survey's margin of error is +/-4.4%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.



Michigan Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 47%
Disapprove..... 45%
Not sure 7%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?

Favorable..... 27%
Unfavorable 57%
Not sure 17%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mike Huckabee?

Favorable..... 36%
Unfavorable 45%
Not sure 18%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin?

Favorable..... 31%
Unfavorable 61%
Not sure 7%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 37%
Unfavorable 45%
Not sure 18%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Scott Walker?

Favorable..... 22%
Unfavorable 37%
Not sure 41%

Q7 If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Newt Gingrich, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 53%
Newt Gingrich 37%
Undecided..... 11%

Q8 If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mike Huckabee, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 50%
Mike Huckabee 41%
Undecided..... 9%

Q9 If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Sarah Palin, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 55%
Sarah Palin 35%
Undecided..... 10%

Q10 If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 48%
Mitt Romney..... 41%
Undecided..... 11%

Q11 If the candidates for President next year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Scott Walker, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 52%
Scott Walker 32%
Undecided..... 16%





Q12 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i>	12%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	16%
<i>Moderate</i>	35%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	21%
<i>Very conservative</i>	16%

Q13 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	53%
<i>Man</i>	47%

Q14 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i>	41%
<i>Republican</i>	28%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	31%

Q15 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

<i>White</i>	82%
<i>African-American</i>	13%
<i>Other</i>	5%

Q16 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

<i>18 to 29</i>	10%
<i>30 to 45</i>	30%
<i>46 to 65</i>	40%
<i>Older than 65</i>	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	47%	85%	77%	59%	14%	8%
Disapprove	45%	15%	16%	26%	81%	91%
Not sure	7%	-	7%	14%	5%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gingrich Favorability						
Favorable	27%	11%	7%	11%	50%	61%
Unfavorable	57%	79%	79%	75%	29%	16%
Not sure	17%	10%	15%	14%	21%	23%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Huckabee Favorability						
Favorable	36%	27%	16%	20%	57%	71%
Unfavorable	45%	67%	62%	58%	23%	13%
Not sure	18%	6%	21%	22%	20%	16%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Palin Favorability						
Favorable	31%	18%	8%	12%	50%	81%
Unfavorable	61%	82%	86%	80%	39%	11%
Not sure	7%	-	6%	8%	10%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	37%	19%	23%	34%	51%	52%
Unfavorable	45%	68%	59%	46%	32%	29%
Not sure	18%	13%	18%	21%	17%	19%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Walker Favorability						
Favorable	22%	12%	5%	11%	35%	52%
Unfavorable	37%	68%	53%	44%	16%	9%
Not sure	41%	20%	43%	44%	48%	39%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Gingrich						
Barack Obama	53%	87%	86%	71%	13%	6%
Newt Gingrich	37%	13%	7%	16%	72%	83%
Undecided	11%	-	7%	14%	14%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Huckabee						
Barack Obama	50%	84%	85%	65%	12%	7%
Mike Huckabee	41%	16%	8%	21%	77%	88%
Undecided	9%	-	7%	13%	12%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Palin						
Barack Obama	55%	91%	88%	74%	13%	7%
Sarah Palin	35%	9%	8%	13%	68%	84%
Undecided	10%	-	4%	12%	20%	8%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	48%	91%	84%	56%	11%	10%
Mitt Romney	41%	8%	8%	25%	77%	86%
Undecided	11%	1%	9%	18%	12%	4%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Walker						
Barack Obama	52%	92%	85%	66%	14%	9%
Scott Walker	32%	8%	6%	14%	60%	75%
Undecided	16%	-	9%	20%	26%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	47%	46%	49%
Disapprove	45%	44%	47%
Not sure	7%	10%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	27%	25%	28%
Unfavorable	57%	58%	56%
Not sure	17%	17%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Huckabee Favorability			
Favorable	36%	36%	37%
Unfavorable	45%	44%	47%
Not sure	18%	21%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Palin Favorability			
Favorable	31%	31%	32%
Unfavorable	61%	61%	62%
Not sure	7%	8%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	37%	39%	35%
Unfavorable	45%	40%	50%
Not sure	18%	21%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Walker Favorability			
Favorable	22%	17%	28%
Unfavorable	37%	35%	39%
Not sure	41%	48%	33%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Gingrich			
Barack Obama	53%	54%	51%
Newt Gingrich	37%	35%	38%
Undecided	11%	11%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Huckabee			
Barack Obama	50%	51%	49%
Mike Huckabee	41%	40%	42%
Undecided	9%	10%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Palin			
Barack Obama	55%	56%	54%
Sarah Palin	35%	33%	37%
Undecided	10%	11%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	48%	48%	48%
Mitt Romney	41%	38%	44%
Undecided	11%	14%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Walker			
Barack Obama	52%	52%	52%
Scott Walker	32%	28%	36%
Undecided	16%	20%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	47%	78%	4%	47%
Disapprove	45%	15%	92%	42%
Not sure	7%	7%	4%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	27%	6%	56%	27%
Unfavorable	57%	79%	19%	61%
Not sure	17%	15%	25%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	36%	14%	69%	36%
Unfavorable	45%	67%	15%	45%
Not sure	18%	19%	16%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	31%	9%	65%	29%
Unfavorable	61%	85%	22%	66%
Not sure	7%	6%	13%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	37%	15%	62%	42%
Unfavorable	45%	66%	21%	39%
Not sure	18%	18%	17%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Walker Favorability				
Favorable	22%	8%	41%	22%
Unfavorable	37%	59%	11%	31%
Not sure	41%	33%	48%	46%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Gingrich				
Barack Obama	53%	88%	4%	51%
Newt Gingrich	37%	5%	83%	35%
Undecided	11%	7%	13%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Huckabee				
Barack Obama	50%	87%	2%	46%
Mike Huckabee	41%	7%	90%	40%
Undecided	9%	6%	9%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Palin				
Barack Obama	55%	90%	8%	52%
Sarah Palin	35%	6%	78%	33%
Undecided	10%	5%	14%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	48%	85%	3%	41%
Mitt Romney	41%	7%	89%	40%
Undecided	11%	8%	7%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Walker				
Barack Obama	52%	88%	5%	47%
Scott Walker	32%	5%	68%	33%
Undecided	16%	7%	27%	20%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	47%	43%	73%	48%
Disapprove	45%	50%	19%	38%
Not sure	7%	7%	8%	14%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	27%	29%	15%	23%
Unfavorable	57%	55%	71%	53%
Not sure	17%	17%	14%	24%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Huckabee Favorability				
Favorable	36%	40%	18%	16%
Unfavorable	45%	42%	62%	56%
Not sure	18%	18%	20%	28%





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	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Palin Favorability				
Favorable	31%	33%	14%	41%
Unfavorable	61%	59%	81%	48%
Not sure	7%	7%	5%	10%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	37%	40%	22%	21%
Unfavorable	45%	42%	62%	44%
Not sure	18%	17%	17%	36%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Walker Favorability				
Favorable	22%	24%	13%	16%
Unfavorable	37%	34%	53%	35%
Not sure	41%	42%	34%	49%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama/Gingrich				
Barack Obama	53%	48%	81%	55%
Newt Gingrich	37%	40%	15%	30%
Undecided	11%	11%	4%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama/Huckabee				
Barack Obama	50%	45%	78%	55%
Mike Huckabee	41%	45%	17%	27%
Undecided	9%	9%	5%	18%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama/Palin				
Barack Obama	55%	51%	78%	55%
Sarah Palin	35%	37%	18%	33%
Undecided	10%	11%	4%	11%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	48%	43%	80%	41%
Mitt Romney	41%	46%	14%	34%
Undecided	11%	11%	7%	25%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Obama/Walker				
Barack Obama	52%	48%	77%	52%
Scott Walker	32%	34%	16%	27%
Undecided	16%	18%	7%	22%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	47%	60%	34%	52%	52%
Disapprove	45%	32%	56%	42%	41%
Not sure	7%	8%	9%	6%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	27%	20%	29%	27%	25%
Unfavorable	57%	48%	58%	59%	56%
Not sure	17%	32%	13%	14%	19%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Huckabee Favorability					
Favorable	36%	28%	41%	36%	35%
Unfavorable	45%	44%	45%	47%	44%
Not sure	18%	28%	14%	18%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Palin Favorability					
Favorable	31%	20%	38%	32%	27%
Unfavorable	61%	72%	56%	61%	65%
Not sure	7%	8%	6%	8%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	37%	16%	31%	43%	44%
Unfavorable	45%	60%	44%	44%	41%
Not sure	18%	24%	26%	13%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Walker Favorability					
Favorable	22%	24%	20%	23%	23%
Unfavorable	37%	48%	31%	37%	40%
Not sure	41%	28%	49%	40%	37%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Gingrich					
Barack Obama	53%	64%	45%	55%	54%
Newt Gingrich	37%	20%	48%	32%	38%
Undecided	11%	16%	7%	13%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Huckabee					
Barack Obama	50%	60%	39%	53%	55%
Mike Huckabee	41%	28%	54%	35%	39%
Undecided	9%	12%	7%	12%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Palin					
Barack Obama	55%	68%	45%	58%	57%
Sarah Palin	35%	16%	47%	32%	31%
Undecided	10%	16%	8%	10%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	48%	60%	39%	50%	51%
Mitt Romney	41%	24%	51%	37%	42%
Undecided	11%	16%	11%	13%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Walker					
Barack Obama	52%	64%	44%	56%	51%
Scott Walker	32%	24%	39%	28%	32%
Undecided	16%	12%	18%	17%	16%

