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## **Stabenow leading all Republicans, but barely**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – With yesterday’s release showing President Obama in strong shape to win Michigan again in 2012, Debbie Stabenow may need a boost to be re-elected herself. She leads every Republican tested against her, but all but one within the margin of error.

Voters are split on Stabenow’s performance in office right now, 41% approving and 40% disapproving, but only two of her opponents are more popular. 10<sup>th</sup>-District Congresswoman Candice Miller and Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land both post strong 36-21 favorability ratings, though 43% are still unaware of either. Miller’s internals are unusual in that 34-39% of each partisan group has a positive opinion of her, and she is more popular with independents than her own partymates. Land is also well liked by independents and almost breaks even with Democrats. Former congressman Pete Hoekstra, who failed in his primary bid for governor this year, has a 28-31 mark, while former governor John Engler stands at 33-45. The candidate who’s showed the most interest in running so far, businessman Tim Leuliette, is unsurprisingly a non-entity to 81% of the electorate.

Despite not being the best liked of the four major potential candidates, Hoekstra does the best against Stabenow, trailing her only 44-45. Miller nearly matches him, down only 41-43. Stabenow tops Land, 45-41; Engler, 49-42; and Leuliette, 47-30.

Except against the unknown Leuliette, Stabenow does not have an overwhelming party-unity advantage, unlike President Obama—in fact, she even narrowly trails Engler and Hoekstra in that department. But she does win independents against all five Republicans. Because of her favor with independents personally, Miller holds Stabenow to only a 39-36 advantage with unaffiliated voters, but that opens up to 43-33 over Land, 47-37 over Hoekstra, 54-35 over Engler, and 48-14 over Leuliette. With Stabenow and the Republicans generally all locking up their respective bases, independents are the story explaining the varying margins.

“If the election were today, Debbie Stabenow would probably win re-election, but if the Republicans field a strong challenger, this has the potential to be a very competitive race,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling.

PPP surveyed 1,224 Michigan voters from December 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>. The survey’s margin of error is +/-2.8%. 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 Governor Jennifer Granholm's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 34%  
*Disapprove*..... 57%  
*Not sure* ..... 8%

**Q2** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Carl Levin's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 47%  
*Disapprove*..... 40%  
*Not sure* ..... 13%

**Q3** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Debbie Stabenow's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 41%  
*Disapprove*..... 40%  
*Not sure* ..... 19%

**Q4** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of John Engler?

*Favorable*..... 33%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 45%  
*Not sure* ..... 22%

**Q5** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Pete Hoekstra?

*Favorable*..... 28%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 31%  
*Not sure* ..... 41%

**Q6** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Terri Lynn Land?

*Favorable*..... 36%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 21%  
*Not sure* ..... 43%

**Q7** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tim Leuliette?

*Favorable*..... 4%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 15%  
*Not sure* ..... 81%

**Q8** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Candice Miller?

*Favorable*..... 36%  
*Unfavorable* ..... 21%  
*Not sure* ..... 43%

**Q9** If the candidates for US Senate in 2012 were Democrat Debbie Stabenow and Republican John Engler, who would you vote for?

*Debbie Stabenow* ..... 49%  
*John Engler*..... 42%  
*Undecided*..... 9%

**Q10** If the candidates for US Senate in 2012 were Democrat Debbie Stabenow and Republican Pete Hoekstra, who would you vote for?

*Debbie Stabenow* ..... 45%  
*Pete Hoekstra*..... 44%  
*Undecided*..... 11%

**Q11** If the candidates for US Senate in 2012 were Democrat Debbie Stabenow and Republican Terri Lynn Land, who would you vote for?

*Debbie Stabenow* ..... 45%  
*Terri Lynn Land*..... 41%  
*Undecided*..... 14%





**Q12** If the candidates for US Senate in 2012 were Democrat Debbie Stabenow and Republican Tim Leuliette, who would you vote for?

*Debbie Stabenow* ..... 47%  
*Tim Leuliette* ..... 30%  
*Undecided*..... 24%

**Q13** If the candidates for US Senate in 2012 were Democrat Debbie Stabenow and Republican Candice Miller, who would you vote for?

*Debbie Stabenow* ..... 43%  
*Candice Miller* ..... 41%  
*Undecided*..... 15%

**Q14** Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

*Liberal*..... 17%  
*Moderate*..... 45%  
*Conservative*..... 38%

**Q15** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 49%  
*Man*..... 51%

**Q16** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

*Democrat*..... 35%  
*Republican*..... 35%  
*Independent/Other*..... 29%

**Q17** If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

*White* ..... 82%  
*African-American* ..... 14%  
*Other*..... 4%

**Q18** 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.

*18 to 29*..... 7%  
*30 to 45*..... 31%  
*46 to 65*..... 43%  
*Older than 65*..... 19%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Granholm Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	34%	63%	46%	7%
<b>Disapprove</b>	57%	27%	46%	85%
<b>Not sure</b>	8%	10%	8%	8%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Levin Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	47%	80%	61%	14%
<b>Disapprove</b>	40%	11%	26%	71%
<b>Not sure</b>	13%	9%	14%	15%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Stabenow Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	41%	76%	54%	10%
<b>Disapprove</b>	40%	8%	27%	70%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	16%	19%	20%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Engler Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	33%	20%	24%	49%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	45%	66%	58%	20%
<b>Not sure</b>	22%	14%	18%	31%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Hoekstra Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	28%	14%	19%	44%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	31%	54%	35%	16%
<b>Not sure</b>	41%	32%	46%	40%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Land Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	36%	24%	35%	43%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	21%	37%	20%	14%
<b>Not sure</b>	43%	39%	45%	42%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Leuliette Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	4%	-	4%	5%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	15%	20%	17%	11%
<b>Not sure</b>	81%	80%	79%	83%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Miller Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	36%	23%	40%	37%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	21%	37%	21%	14%
<b>Not sure</b>	43%	40%	39%	49%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Stabenow/Engler</b>				
Debbie Stabenow	49%	85%	63%	15%
John Engler	42%	8%	27%	75%
Undecided	9%	7%	10%	10%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Stabenow/Hoekstra</b>				
Debbie Stabenow	45%	89%	57%	11%
Pete Hoekstra	44%	7%	29%	79%
Undecided	11%	4%	14%	10%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Stabenow/Land</b>				
Debbie Stabenow	45%	86%	57%	10%
Terri Lynn Land	41%	6%	24%	78%
Undecided	14%	8%	19%	12%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Stabenow/Leuliette</b>				
Debbie Stabenow	47%	89%	60%	11%
Tim Leuliette	30%	6%	12%	62%
Undecided	24%	6%	28%	27%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Stabenow/Miller</b>				
Debbie Stabenow	43%	90%	52%	11%
Candice Miller	41%	6%	27%	76%
Undecided	15%	5%	22%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Granholm Approval</b>			
Approve	34%	39%	30%
Disapprove	57%	51%	64%
Not sure	8%	10%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Levin Approval</b>			
Approve	47%	52%	42%
Disapprove	40%	31%	49%
Not sure	13%	17%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Stabenow Approval</b>			
Approve	41%	47%	36%
Disapprove	40%	29%	50%
Not sure	19%	24%	14%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Engler Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>33%</b>	31%	35%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>45%</b>	42%	48%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>22%</b>	27%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Hoekstra Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>27%</b>	26%	29%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>31%</b>	26%	36%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>41%</b>	48%	35%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Land Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>36%</b>	32%	40%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>21%</b>	15%	26%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>43%</b>	53%	33%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Leuliette Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>4%</b>	4%	4%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>15%</b>	11%	20%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>81%</b>	86%	76%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Miller Favorability</b>			
<b>Favorable</b>	36%	35%	37%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	21%	16%	27%
<b>Not sure</b>	43%	49%	36%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Stabenow/Engler</b>			
<b>Debbie Stabenow</b>	49%	55%	43%
<b>John Engler</b>	42%	34%	49%
<b>Undecided</b>	9%	11%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Stabenow/Hoekstra</b>			
<b>Debbie Stabenow</b>	45%	52%	39%
<b>Pete Hoekstra</b>	43%	35%	52%
<b>Undecided</b>	11%	13%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Stabenow/Land</b>			
<b>Debbie Stabenow</b>	45%	51%	39%
<b>Terri Lynn Land</b>	41%	34%	47%
<b>Undecided</b>	14%	15%	14%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Stabenow/Leuliette</b>			
<b>Debbie Stabenow</b>	47%	52%	42%
<b>Tim Leuliette</b>	30%	22%	37%
<b>Undecided</b>	23%	26%	21%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Stabenow/Miller</b>			
<b>Debbie Stabenow</b>	43%	49%	38%
<b>Candice Miller</b>	41%	34%	48%
<b>Undecided</b>	15%	17%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Granholm Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	34%	63%	8%	30%
<b>Disapprove</b>	57%	28%	87%	57%
<b>Not sure</b>	8%	9%	4%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Levin Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	47%	78%	15%	47%
<b>Disapprove</b>	40%	12%	72%	36%
<b>Not sure</b>	13%	11%	13%	17%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Stabenow Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	41%	71%	11%	43%
<b>Disapprove</b>	40%	10%	73%	36%
<b>Not sure</b>	19%	19%	17%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Engler Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	33%	16%	54%	28%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	45%	68%	18%	50%
<b>Not sure</b>	22%	17%	28%	22%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Hoekstra Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	28%	12%	48%	22%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	31%	47%	14%	32%
<b>Not sure</b>	41%	41%	37%	46%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Land Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	36%	25%	46%	38%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	21%	27%	16%	20%
<b>Not sure</b>	43%	49%	39%	42%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Leuliette Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	4%	3%	5%	4%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	15%	19%	14%	13%
<b>Not sure</b>	81%	78%	82%	83%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Miller Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	36%	34%	35%	39%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	21%	28%	19%	16%
<b>Not sure</b>	43%	38%	46%	45%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Stabenow/Engler</b>				
<b>Debbie Stabenow</b>	49%	81%	11%	54%
<b>John Engler</b>	42%	7%	83%	35%
<b>Undecided</b>	9%	12%	6%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Stabenow/Hoekstra</b>				
<b>Debbie Stabenow</b>	45%	83%	5%	47%
<b>Pete Hoekstra</b>	44%	6%	88%	37%
<b>Undecided</b>	11%	11%	7%	16%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Stabenow/Land</b>				
Debbie Stabenow	45%	82%	8%	43%
Terri Lynn Land	41%	7%	81%	33%
Undecided	14%	10%	11%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Stabenow/Leuliette</b>				
Debbie Stabenow	47%	85%	7%	48%
Tim Leuliette	30%	4%	68%	14%
Undecided	24%	11%	25%	38%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Stabenow/Miller</b>				
Debbie Stabenow	43%	82%	8%	39%
Candice Miller	41%	9%	79%	36%
Undecided	15%	9%	14%	25%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Granholm Approval</b>				
Approve	34%	29%	64%	42%
Disapprove	57%	62%	32%	53%
Not sure	8%	9%	5%	5%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Levin Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>47%</b>	41%	77%	47%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>40%</b>	45%	14%	26%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>13%</b>	14%	9%	26%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Stabenow Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>41%</b>	39%	55%	47%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>40%</b>	43%	23%	32%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>19%</b>	18%	23%	21%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Engler Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>33%</b>	36%	14%	21%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>45%</b>	40%	73%	63%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>22%</b>	24%	14%	16%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Hoekstra Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>28%</b>	28%	27%	26%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>31%</b>	31%	32%	37%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>41%</b>	41%	41%	37%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Land Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	36%	37%	32%	32%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	21%	19%	27%	32%
<b>Not sure</b>	43%	44%	41%	37%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Leuliette Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	4%	3%	9%	5%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	15%	13%	27%	26%
<b>Not sure</b>	81%	84%	64%	68%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Miller Favorability</b>				
<b>Favorable</b>	36%	34%	45%	32%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	21%	21%	23%	21%
<b>Not sure</b>	43%	45%	32%	47%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Stabenow/Engler</b>				
<b>Debbie Stabenow</b>	49%	45%	68%	63%
<b>John Engler</b>	42%	47%	18%	26%
<b>Undecided</b>	9%	9%	14%	11%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Stabenow/Hoekstra</b>				
Debbie Stabenow	45%	42%	64%	53%
Pete Hoekstra	44%	48%	23%	37%
Undecided	11%	11%	14%	11%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Stabenow/Land</b>				
Debbie Stabenow	45%	41%	59%	68%
Terri Lynn Land	41%	44%	27%	21%
Undecided	14%	15%	14%	11%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Stabenow/Leuliette</b>				
Debbie Stabenow	47%	42%	68%	68%
Tim Leuliette	30%	32%	18%	11%
Undecided	24%	25%	14%	21%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Stabenow/Miller</b>				
Debbie Stabenow	43%	39%	59%	68%
Candice Miller	41%	45%	32%	11%
Undecided	15%	16%	9%	21%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Granholm Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	<b>34%</b>	35%	33%	32%	40%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>57%</b>	45%	58%	60%	54%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>8%</b>	20%	9%	7%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Levin Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	<b>47%</b>	55%	44%	47%	46%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>40%</b>	25%	40%	41%	43%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>13%</b>	20%	16%	11%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Stabenow Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	<b>41%</b>	31%	37%	44%	46%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>40%</b>	26%	45%	40%	37%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>19%</b>	43%	18%	16%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Engler Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>33%</b>	29%	29%	37%	30%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>45%</b>	43%	48%	45%	43%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>22%</b>	28%	22%	18%	27%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Hoekstra Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>28%</b>	23%	28%	28%	27%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>31%</b>	14%	34%	30%	34%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>41%</b>	63%	38%	41%	39%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Land Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>36%</b>	28%	31%	39%	41%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>21%</b>	14%	24%	20%	19%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>43%</b>	57%	45%	41%	40%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Leuliette Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>4%</b>	3%	7%	2%	2%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>15%</b>	11%	15%	19%	10%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>81%</b>	86%	78%	79%	88%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Miller Favorability</b>					
<b>Favorable</b>	<b>36%</b>	14%	33%	41%	38%
<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>21%</b>	26%	26%	20%	14%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>43%</b>	60%	41%	39%	48%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Stabenow/Engler</b>					
Debbie Stabenow	49%	40%	47%	51%	49%
John Engler	42%	43%	44%	41%	39%
Undecided	9%	18%	9%	7%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Stabenow/Hoekstra</b>					
Debbie Stabenow	45%	40%	45%	45%	47%
Pete Hoekstra	44%	37%	46%	45%	41%
Undecided	11%	23%	9%	10%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Stabenow/Land</b>					
Debbie Stabenow	45%	45%	41%	46%	48%
Terri Lynn Land	41%	28%	44%	41%	39%
Undecided	14%	26%	14%	13%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Stabenow/Leuliette</b>					
Debbie Stabenow	47%	52%	44%	47%	49%
Tim Leuliette	30%	25%	34%	29%	25%
Undecided	24%	23%	22%	24%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Stabenow/Miller</b>					
<b>Debbie Stabenow</b>	43%	52%	38%	45%	44%
<b>Candice Miller</b>	41%	25%	43%	43%	40%
<b>Undecided</b>	15%	23%	19%	11%	17%

