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Stabenow extends lead in Mich. Senate race

Raleigh, N.C. – Incumbent Michigan Senator Debbie Stabenow is beginning to distance herself from her challengers as the general election nears.

Democrat Stabenow holds a 53-31 lead over potential Republican challenger Clark Durant, and a 53-37 lead over other potential Republican challenger Pete Hoekstra. Stabenow's 22-point lead over Durant is a 5-point increase from February, when the last statewide poll was conducted. Stabenow's lead over Hoekstra has grown 2 points since February.

Stabenow, who won comfortably in her last re-election effort in 2006 with 57% of the vote, is leading big again because of her appeal with both Democrats and Independents. Stabenow is hugely popular with state Democrats, receiving 88% and 89% when matched up with Durant and Hoekstra, respectively. Stabenow also wins big with Independents against both Republican candidates; 50-25 over Durant and 49-33 over Hoekstra.

Stabenow carries 60% of the female vote when matched up with either Hoekstra or Durant. Hoekstra wins with men over Stabenow 46-44.

If the Republican primary election was held today, Michigan Republicans would support Hoekstra over Durant 42-11, down from 42-9 in February, when state Republicans were last polled.

Hoekstra leads Durant in favorability among Michigan Republicans, 49-13. Durant is struggling with name recognition in his candidacy—voters in his own party are less familiar with him (78% not sure) than all Michigan voters (73% not sure).

“This looked like a potentially competitive race earlier in the cycle but Debbie Stabenow is in a pretty solid position now,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Things are really going to have to go south for Democrats for this one to end up in the toss up column.”

PPP surveyed 500 Michigan voters and 360 Michigan Republican primary voters from May 24th to 27th. The margin of error for the general Michigan voter survey is +/-4.4% and +/- 5.2% for the Republican primary survey. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.



Michigan Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Debbie Stabenow's job performance?

Approve45% Not sure14%
Disapprove.....41%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Clark Durant?

Favorable..... 9%
Unfavorable 18%
Not sure73%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Pete Hoekstra?

Favorable.....29%
Unfavorable30%
Not sure41%

Q4 If the candidates for Senate this fall were Democrat Debbie Stabenow and Republican Clark Durant, who would you vote for?

Debbie Stabenow 53%
Clark Durant.....31%
Undecided.....16%

Q5 If the candidates for Senate this fall were Democrat Debbie Stabenow and Republican Pete Hoekstra, who would you vote for?

Debbie Stabenow 53%
Pete Hoekstra.....37%
Undecided.....10%

Q6 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain.....37%
Barack Obama.....53%
Someone else/Don't remember10%

Q7 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 11%
Somewhat liberal23%
Moderate.....30%
Somewhat conservative.....22%
Very conservative15%

Q8 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman56%
Man.....44%

Q9 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat38%
Republican.....28%
Independent/Other.....34%

Q10 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White78%
African-American14%
Other.....9%

Q11 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.....14%
30 to 45.....27%
46 to 65.....39%
Older than 65.....20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Stabenow Approval				
Approve	45%	21%	67%	23%
Disapprove	41%	69%	17%	55%
Not sure	14%	10%	16%	22%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Durant Favorability				
Favorable	9%	16%	4%	8%
Unfavorable	18%	11%	25%	3%
Not sure	73%	72%	71%	89%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Hoekstra Favorability				
Favorable	29%	54%	11%	29%
Unfavorable	30%	16%	42%	22%
Not sure	41%	30%	47%	49%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Stabenow/Durant				
Debbie Stabenow	53%	24%	79%	31%
Clark Durant	31%	63%	8%	35%
Undecided	16%	13%	14%	34%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Stabenow/Hoekstra				
Debbie Stabenow	53%	22%	80%	29%
Pete Hoekstra	37%	72%	11%	42%
Undecided	10%	6%	9%	29%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Stabenow Approval						
Approve	45%	63%	61%	56%	21%	24%
Disapprove	41%	18%	20%	30%	66%	70%
Not sure	14%	19%	19%	14%	13%	5%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Durant Favorability						
Favorable	9%	12%	2%	7%	14%	15%
Unfavorable	18%	27%	28%	18%	6%	13%
Not sure	73%	62%	71%	75%	80%	72%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Hoekstra Favorability						
Favorable	29%	17%	15%	19%	48%	49%
Unfavorable	30%	40%	38%	41%	11%	18%
Not sure	41%	43%	47%	40%	41%	34%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Stabenow/Durant						
Debbie Stabenow	53%	91%	68%	65%	25%	23%
Clark Durant	31%	5%	11%	15%	63%	65%
Undecided	16%	4%	21%	20%	12%	12%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Stabenow/Hoekstra						
Debbie Stabenow	53%	92%	71%	65%	22%	22%
Pete Hoekstra	37%	8%	13%	23%	70%	70%
Undecided	10%	-	16%	12%	7%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Stabenow Approval			
Approve	45%	49%	41%
Disapprove	41%	34%	49%
Not sure	14%	17%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Durant Favorability			
Favorable	9%	8%	11%
Unfavorable	18%	15%	21%
Not sure	73%	77%	69%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Hoekstra Favorability			
Favorable	29%	26%	32%
Unfavorable	30%	30%	30%
Not sure	41%	44%	37%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Stabenow/Durant			
Debbie Stabenow	53%	60%	45%
Clark Durant	31%	25%	38%
Undecided	16%	15%	17%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Stabenow/Hoekstra			
Debbie Stabenow	53%	60%	44%
Pete Hoekstra	37%	29%	46%
Undecided	10%	11%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Stabenow Approval				
Approve	45%	75%	10%	41%
Disapprove	41%	11%	79%	43%
Not sure	14%	14%	11%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Durant Favorability				
Favorable	9%	7%	11%	10%
Unfavorable	18%	26%	9%	15%
Not sure	73%	67%	80%	75%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Hoekstra Favorability				
Favorable	29%	8%	52%	33%
Unfavorable	30%	41%	16%	30%
Not sure	41%	51%	32%	37%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Stabenow/Durant				
Debbie Stabenow	53%	88%	10%	50%
Clark Durant	31%	4%	75%	25%
Undecided	16%	8%	15%	25%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Stabenow/Hoekstra				
Debbie Stabenow	53%	89%	8%	49%
Pete Hoekstra	37%	5%	85%	33%
Undecided	10%	6%	7%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Stabenow Approval				
Approve	45%	44%	54%	44%
Disapprove	41%	42%	26%	50%
Not sure	14%	14%	20%	6%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Durant Favorability				
Favorable	9%	9%	6%	11%
Unfavorable	18%	18%	14%	19%
Not sure	73%	73%	80%	70%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Hoekstra Favorability				
Favorable	29%	30%	19%	33%
Unfavorable	30%	30%	30%	34%
Not sure	41%	40%	50%	34%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Stabenow/Durant				
Debbie Stabenow	53%	49%	72%	65%
Clark Durant	31%	33%	24%	25%
Undecided	16%	18%	4%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Stabenow/Hoekstra				
Debbie Stabenow	53%	49%	72%	65%
Pete Hoekstra	37%	40%	24%	29%
Undecided	10%	12%	4%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Stabenow Approval					
Approve	45%	41%	44%	51%	40%
Disapprove	41%	44%	42%	38%	42%
Not sure	14%	15%	14%	12%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Durant Favorability					
Favorable	9%	15%	7%	10%	5%
Unfavorable	18%	29%	9%	19%	18%
Not sure	73%	56%	84%	71%	76%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Hoekstra Favorability					
Favorable	29%	29%	35%	22%	34%
Unfavorable	30%	41%	16%	37%	30%
Not sure	41%	29%	49%	42%	36%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Stabenow/Durant					
Debbie Stabenow	53%	53%	56%	56%	46%
Clark Durant	31%	29%	26%	31%	40%
Undecided	16%	18%	19%	14%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Stabenow/Hoekstra					
Debbie Stabenow	53%	56%	56%	55%	44%
Pete Hoekstra	37%	29%	35%	36%	46%
Undecided	10%	15%	9%	9%	10%





Michigan Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Clark Durant?

Favorable..... 13%
Unfavorable 9%
Not sure 78%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Pete Hoekstra?

Favorable..... 49%
Unfavorable 16%
Not sure 35%

Q3 The Republican candidates for Senate are Clark Durant, Gary Glenn, Randy Hekman, Pete Hoekstra, and Peter Konetchy. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Clark Durant..... 11%
Gary Glenn 4%
Randy Hekman 4%
Pete Hoekstra 42%
Peter Konetchy 0%
Undecided..... 38%

Q4 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 1%
Somewhat liberal 4%
Moderate..... 17%
Somewhat conservative..... 41%
Very conservative 37%

Q5 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 48%
Man..... 52%

Q6 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 2%
Republican..... 65%
Independent/Other..... 33%

Q7 If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 46 to 65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.

18 to 45..... 22%
46 to 65..... 43%
Older than 65..... 35%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Durant Favorability						
Favorable	13%	-	-	3%	17%	14%
Unfavorable	9%	-	23%	14%	6%	8%
Not sure	78%	100%	77%	83%	77%	77%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Hoekstra Favorability						
Favorable	49%	-	23%	27%	49%	63%
Unfavorable	16%	-	42%	35%	10%	13%
Not sure	35%	100%	35%	38%	41%	24%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
2012 GOP Sen Primary						
Clark Durant	11%	-	-	5%	19%	5%
Gary Glenn	4%	-	19%	6%	0%	7%
Randy Hekman	4%	-	13%	10%	3%	2%
Pete Hoekstra	42%	-	31%	26%	45%	50%
Peter Konetchy	0%	-	-	2%	-	-
Undecided	38%	100%	38%	50%	33%	36%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Durant Favorability			
Favorable	13%	10%	15%
Unfavorable	9%	7%	11%
Not sure	78%	83%	74%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Hoekstra Favorability			
Favorable	49%	44%	53%
Unfavorable	16%	20%	13%
Not sure	35%	36%	34%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
2012 GOP Sen Primary			
Clark Durant	11%	9%	12%
Gary Glenn	4%	3%	6%
Randy Hekman	4%	4%	4%
Pete Hoekstra	42%	39%	45%
Peter Konetchy	0%	-	1%
Undecided	38%	45%	32%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Durant Favorability				
Favorable	13%	-	11%	16%
Unfavorable	9%	8%	8%	11%
Not sure	78%	92%	81%	73%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Hoekstra Favorability				
Favorable	49%	17%	54%	40%
Unfavorable	16%	51%	13%	21%
Not sure	35%	32%	33%	39%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
2012 GOP Sen Primary				
Clark Durant	11%	8%	9%	14%
Gary Glenn	4%	-	5%	4%
Randy Hekman	4%	15%	3%	6%
Pete Hoekstra	42%	17%	51%	26%
Peter Konetchy	0%	-	-	1%
Undecided	38%	59%	32%	48%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Durant Favorability				
Favorable	13%	11%	16%	10%
Unfavorable	9%	16%	5%	9%
Not sure	78%	74%	78%	81%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Hoekstra Favorability				
Favorable	49%	53%	42%	54%
Unfavorable	16%	21%	18%	12%
Not sure	35%	26%	40%	34%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
2012 GOP Sen Primary				
Clark Durant	11%	16%	11%	7%
Gary Glenn	4%	8%	4%	3%
Randy Hekman	4%	3%	5%	4%
Pete Hoekstra	42%	34%	39%	51%
Peter Konetchy	0%	-	-	1%
Undecided	38%	39%	41%	34%

