

Results of SurveyUSA Election Poll #21500

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**3 Months to General Election, All Oregon Candidate Contests and Ballot Measures Are Stable, in KATU-TV Tracking Poll:** 60 days after SurveyUSA's last look at Oregon's top-ticket contests for Governor, U.S. Senator and high-profile ballot measures, little has changed, according to fresh SurveyUSA research conduct for KATU-TV in Portland. The Governor's race is largely unchanged. Incumbent Democrat John Kitzhaber led Republican challenger Dennis Richardson by 13 points 60 days ago, today leads by 12 points. The U.S. Senate race is largely unchanged. Incumbent Democrat Jeff Merkley led Republican challenger Monica Webby by 18 points 60 days ago, today leads by 19 points. Feelings about marijuana are largely unchanged. Oregon voters supported the legalization of recreational marijuana 60 days ago by 10 points, today by 9 points. Results on Initiative 27 are largely unchanged. 60 days ago, voters supported a requirement that genetically engineered food be labeled as such by 37 points, today by 38 points. Results on Initiative 10 are largely unchanged. 60 days ago, voters supported the Castle Doctrine Act by 33 points, today by 32 points. Voters continue to say that Affordable Care Act will be a major factor in how they vote for U.S. Senate, unchanged from 60 days ago. A plurality continue to say that Governor Kitzhaber deserves some (but not all) of the blame for the failure of Cover Oregon, unchanged from 60 days ago. **Cell-phone and home-phone respondents included in this research:** SurveyUSA interviewed 900 state of Oregon adults 08/01/14 through 08/05/14. Of the adults, 779 were registered to vote. Of the registered voters, 564 were determined by SurveyUSA to be likely to vote in the 11/04/14 general election. This research was conducted using blended sample, mixed mode. Respondents reachable on a home telephone were interviewed on their home telephone in the recorded voice of a professional announcer. Respondents not reachable on a home telephone were shown a questionnaire on their smartphone, tablet or other electronic device.

1 If you were filling out your ballot for Oregon governor today, who would you vote for? (candidate names rotated) Republican Dennis Richardson? Democrat John Kitzhaber? Or some other candidate?

564 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		ACA Impact			Cover Oregon Impact			Kitzhaber Blame				Party Affiliation			Ideology			Education			Income		
Credibility Interval: +/-4.2 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	Major F	Minor F	Not a F	Major F	Minor F	Not a F	All	Most	Some	None	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	High Sc	Some	4-year	< \$40K	\$40K -	> \$80K
Dennis Richardson (R)	36%	43%	29%	33%	32%	36%	41%	33%	38%	53%	27%	17%	64%	28%	13%	84%	60%	16%	3%	77%	7%	37%	79%	28%	6%	42%	38%	33%	35%	38%	34%
John Kitzhaber (D)	48%	44%	53%	52%	53%	45%	47%	53%	46%	34%	52%	70%	18%	49%	82%	3%	16%	69%	95%	10%	82%	37%	9%	54%	84%	39%	48%	51%	50%	44%	55%
Other	7%	6%	8%	2%	1%	12%	8%	1%	10%	7%	6%	7%	11%	7%	2%	10%	13%	5%	1%	5%	5%	12%	6%	6%	7%	7%	6%	8%	10%	9%	2%
Undecided	9%	8%	10%	13%	14%	8%	4%	13%	6%	5%	15%	6%	7%	16%	3%	4%	11%	9%	1%	8%	6%	14%	6%	13%	2%	12%	8%	8%	6%	10%	9%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	52%	48%	12%	23%	38%	28%	35%	65%	47%	26%	25%	36%	28%	33%	20%	20%	37%	17%	30%	43%	26%	28%	43%	25%	12%	42%	46%	30%	41%	28%

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Dennis Richardson (R)	36%	29%	39%	35%	39%
John Kitzhaber (D)	48%	60%	44%	51%	43%
Other	7%	1%	9%	7%	6%
Undecided	9%	11%	8%	7%	12%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	29%	71%	65%	35%

2 If you were filling out your ballot for United States Senator from Oregon today, who would you vote for? (candidate names rotated) Republican Monica Wehby? Democrat Jeff Merkley? Or some other candidate?

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Monica Wehby (R)	33%	39%	25%	28%	29%	32%	38%	29%	35%	50%	22%	13%	59%	25%	11%	73%	58%	15%	2%	71%	5%	34%	71%	25%	6%	38%	31%	32%	32%	34%	31%
Jeff Merkley (D)	52%	46%	59%	54%	58%	49%	52%	56%	50%	36%	60%	76%	23%	54%	84%	15%	24%	69%	94%	12%	88%	39%	11%	59%	88%	39%	54%	55%	51%	49%	60%
Other	7%	5%	8%	2%	3%	10%	7%	3%	9%	7%	7%	6%	9%	7%	3%	9%	10%	6%	1%	8%	4%	9%	11%	5%	3%	10%	7%	5%	8%	8%	1%
Undecided	9%	10%	8%	17%	10%	9%	4%	13%	7%	8%	11%	5%	9%	14%	2%	3%	9%	10%	3%	8%	3%	19%	8%	11%	3%	14%	8%	8%	9%	9%	8%
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Monica Wehby (R)	33%	24%	36%	30%	37%
Jeff Merkley (D)	52%	58%	50%	55%	47%
Other	7%	1%	9%	6%	7%
Undecided	9%	17%	5%	9%	8%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	29%	71%	65%	35%

3 How much of a factor will the future of the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare, be in determining how you will vote in the race for United States Senate? A major factor? A minor factor? Or not a factor at all?

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Major Factor	47%	46%	47%	62%	30%	48%	51%	42%	49%	100%	0%	0%	81%	30%	24%	73%	60%	32%	38%	65%	28%	56%	72%	41%	30%	59%	45%	45%	57%	39%	47%
Minor Factor	26%	28%	24%	24%	35%	26%	20%	31%	23%	0%	100%	0%	12%	57%	17%	15%	24%	38%	19%	21%	33%	22%	15%	32%	26%	24%	27%	26%	21%	30%	25%
Not a Factor	25%	24%	25%	12%	33%	22%	28%	26%	24%	0%	0%	100%	6%	13%	57%	11%	16%	29%	41%	12%	37%	19%	10%	25%	42%	15%	24%	28%	18%	29%	27%
Not Sure	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%	1%	2%	3%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	4%	1%	4%	2%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Major Factor	47%	44%	48%	42%	55%
Minor Factor	26%	27%	26%	28%	22%
Not a Factor	25%	26%	24%	28%	19%
Not Sure	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Minor Factor	28%	28%	27%	37%	35%	23%	22%	36%	23%	18%	60%	14%	0%	100%	0%	12%	30%	41%	12%	25%	28%	30%	19%	32%	29%	19%	31%	27%	22%	32%	27%
Not a Factor	33%	31%	36%	11%	39%	34%	37%	30%	35%	17%	22%	76%	0%	0%	100%	12%	10%	38%	78%	16%	53%	21%	14%	33%	55%	23%	34%	35%	35%	30%	37%
Not Sure	3%	1%	5%	5%	1%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	4%	2%	2%	5%	2%	3%	4%	4%	2%	2%	4%	3%	2%	4%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Major Factor	36%	33%	37%	34%	39%
Minor Factor	28%	29%	27%	28%	28%
Not a Factor	33%	34%	33%	35%	29%
Not Sure	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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5 How much of the blame do you think Governor John Kitzhaber personally deserves for the failure of Cover Oregon? Almost all of it? Most of it? Some of it? Or almost none of it?

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Some	37%	31%	44%	46%	41%	35%	33%	43%	34%	25%	54%	43%	20%	56%	42%	0%	0%	100%	0%	21%	50%	35%	22%	43%	43%	34%	38%	38%	35%	37%	41%
None	17%	16%	17%	13%	23%	16%	15%	20%	15%	13%	12%	27%	4%	8%	39%	0%	0%	0%	100%	5%	28%	11%	3%	15%	35%	6%	17%	19%	16%	16%	19%
Not Sure	6%	6%	6%	9%	7%	6%	4%	8%	5%	4%	5%	7%	5%	6%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	6%	10%	4%	5%	7%	8%	5%	6%	7%	6%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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All	20%	10%	25%	19%	23%
Most	20%	16%	21%	20%	19%
Some	37%	42%	35%	41%	31%
None	17%	23%	14%	16%	18%
Not Sure	6%	9%	5%	4%	9%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Support	51%	52%	50%	66%	57%	54%	36%	60%	46%	41%	55%	66%	33%	58%	67%	32%	34%	58%	74%	26%	69%	50%	26%	53%	78%	39%	52%	53%	50%	51%	55%
Oppose	42%	43%	42%	25%	35%	40%	59%	32%	48%	53%	39%	27%	61%	34%	29%	67%	56%	34%	23%	66%	27%	41%	68%	39%	18%	51%	41%	41%	44%	43%	38%
Not Sure	6%	5%	8%	9%	8%	6%	5%	8%	6%	6%	5%	7%	6%	8%	5%	2%	11%	8%	3%	7%	4%	9%	6%	8%	4%	10%	7%	5%	6%	6%	7%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Support	51%	62%	47%	51%	50%
Oppose	42%	26%	49%	42%	43%
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7 Now, moving on to some specific ballot measures that voters may decide on in November ... First, Initiative 27, which would require some genetically engineered food to be labeled as such. On Initiative 27, are you ... Certain to vote yes? Certain to vote no? Or not certain?

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No	16%	22%	9%	10%	9%	20%	18%	9%	19%	19%	14%	11%	24%	11%	9%	32%	20%	9%	7%	26%	11%	13%	26%	15%	6%	14%	15%	17%	11%	20%	15%
Not Certain	30%	33%	28%	23%	27%	28%	40%	25%	33%	28%	28%	36%	29%	29%	32%	27%	38%	25%	37%	33%	30%	27%	33%	29%	26%	38%	27%	31%	30%	27%	35%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Yes	54%	61%	51%	51%	60%
No	16%	13%	17%	17%	13%
Not Certain	30%	26%	32%	32%	26%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	29%	71%	65%	35%

8 Next, Initiative 10, the Oregon Castle Doctrine Act, which would expand the laws allowing the defensive use of deadly force in the home and eliminate a landowner's liability for an adult trespasser's injury or death. On Initiative 10, are you Certain to vote yes? Certain to vote no? Or not certain?

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Credibility Interval: +/-4.2 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	Major F	Minor F	Not a F	Major F	Minor F	Not a F	All	Most	Some	None	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	High Sc	Some	4-year	< \$40K	\$40K -	> \$80K
Yes	47%	58%	35%	63%	50%	46%	40%	54%	43%	57%	42%	34%	63%	47%	32%	72%	55%	42%	24%	64%	31%	56%	68%	50%	21%	53%	55%	39%	52%	47%	43%
No	15%	13%	17%	14%	13%	18%	13%	13%	16%	12%	18%	19%	9%	15%	23%	5%	10%	18%	28%	5%	24%	11%	4%	15%	28%	2%	14%	19%	13%	17%	15%
Not Certain	38%	29%	47%	23%	37%	36%	47%	32%	41%	31%	41%	47%	28%	38%	44%	23%	34%	40%	48%	31%	45%	33%	29%	35%	50%	45%	30%	42%	35%	36%	42%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	52%	48%	12%	23%	38%	28%	35%	65%	47%	26%	25%	36%	28%	33%	20%	20%	37%	17%	30%	43%	26%	28%	43%	25%	12%	42%	46%	30%	41%	28%

8 Next, Initiative 10, the Oregon Castle Doctrine Act, which would expand the laws allowing the defensive use of deadly force in the home and eliminate a landowner's liability for an adult trespasser's injury or death. On Initiative 10, are you Certain to vote yes? Certain to vote no? Or not certain?

564 Likely Voters	All	Cell Phone / Lan		Region	
Credibility Interval: +/-4.2 pct points		Cell Ph	Landlin	Portlan	Rest of
Yes	47%	53%	45%	46%	50%
No	15%	18%	14%	17%	12%
Not Certain	38%	29%	41%	38%	38%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	29%	71%	65%	35%

# Results of SurveyUSA Election Poll #21500

Geography: Oregon  
Data Collected: 08/01/2014 - 08/05/2014  
Release Date: 08/06/2014  
Percentages



**Statement of Methodology:** About the Poll: This poll was conducted by telephone in the voice of a professional announcer. Respondent households were selected at random, using Random Digit Dialed (RDD) sample provided by Survey Sampling, of Fairfield CT. All respondents heard the questions asked identically. The pollster's report includes the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted, the number of respondents who answered each question and the theoretical margin of sampling error for each question. Where necessary, respondents were weighted using the most recent US Census estimates for age, gender, ethnic origin and region, to align the sample to the population. In theory, one can say with 95% certainty that the results would not vary by more than the stated margin of sampling error, in one direction or the other, had the entire universe of respondents with home telephones been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than sampling error. These include: the difficulty of interviewing respondents who do not have a home telephone; the refusal by some with home telephones to be interviewed; the order in which questions are asked; the wording of questions; the way and extent to which data are weighted; and the manner in which specialized populations, such as likely voters, are determined. It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these and other factors. Research methodology, questionnaire design and fieldwork for this survey were completed by SurveyUSA of Clifton, NJ. This statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.