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Whitmer Still Leads Dixon by 2 Percent (50%-48%) (Nessel 47%- DePerno 44% and Benson 51%-Karamo 40%)

LANSING, Mich. — With just four days remaining before the election on Tuesday, the race continues to be very close with Republican candidate Tudor Dixon still within two percent of Democratic incumbent Governor Gretchen Whitmer in Michigan's gubernatorial election according to the most recent Mitchell-MIRS Poll of likely General Election voters conducted by Mitchell Research & Communications, Inc. Whitmer leads 50%-48% with 2 percent undecided.

Democrat incumbent Attorney General Dana Nessel is also in a very tight race with GOP candidate Mathew DePerno. Nessel leads 47%-44%. Incumbent Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson has a much stronger lead over Republican challenger Kristina Karamo (51%-40%). Support for Proposal 3 has ticked up slightly to 51% with 46% opposed and 3% not planning to vote on the proposal.

The poll was conducted using automated Interactive Voice Response (IVR) methodology calling landlines and by text messaging voter's cell phones and sending them to a SurveyMonkey poll. Data was weighted by age, gender, and race to reflect the likely voter turnout on November 8. The survey of N=658 Likely Voters was conducted November 3, 2022 and has a Margin of Error of + or – 3.82% at the 95% level of confidence.

"The race continues to be tight, but Governor Whitmer has reached the important 50% threshold. Both candidates are exceptionally strong campaigners, but Whitmer is also running with an unpopular Democratic president in the White House. With a warm, partly sunny day predicted on Tuesday, Dixon has to hope for a high turnout of Election Day voters who are heavily Republican if she is going to win," Steve Mitchell, president of Mitchell Research, said.

Governor Whitmer leads by 13 percent (55%-42%) with women while Dixon leads with men by 12 percent (55%-43%). The Governor leads with early voters while Dixon has a strong lead with those who plan to vote on Election Day.

"Mid-term elections are bad for the party in the White House, in a few days we will see how difficult it was for Democrats, this year," Mitchell concluded.

[The poll was conducted by Mitchell Research and Communications of Lansing, MI and was commissioned by MIRS)

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Mitchell/MIRS Poll of Michigan
IVR/TEXT
Conducted
October 19, 2022
(N=541 LV's)
MOE +or – 4.21% 95% Level of Confidence
November 3, 2022
(N=658 LV's)
MOE +or – 3.82 95% Level of Confidence

Hi, we are conducting a survey on important issues for the news media. You must answer all questions or none of your answers will count.

1. If you are a registered voter at the household we are calling please press 1. If you're not, press 2.

Yes	100%	100%
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2. Thinking about the upcoming General Election for Governor, how will you be voting?

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Already voted absentee	9%	18%
Will vote by absentee ballot	34	25
Voting on Election Day	55	56%

Before questions on other issues, a few statistical questions:

3. Thinking about the November General Election, how enthusiastic are you to vote?

Extremely enthusiastic	68%	67%
Very enthusiastic	14	17%

4. Are you...

Male	48%	48%
Or Female	52%	52%

5. What is your age?

18-29	10%	10%
30-44	21	21
45-64	37	37
65 and older	32	32

6. What is your race?

White/Caucasian	81%	82%
African American	11	11
Other	5	7

7. Are you a Democrat or lean Democrat, a Republican or lean Republican, a member of another party, or independent?

Republican or lean Republican	39%	40%
Democrat or lean Democrat	40	40
Independent	19	19
Another Party	2	2

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8. From what city do you get your local TV news?
- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Detroit | 43% | 33% |
| Grand Rapids/Kalamazoo/Battle Creek | 18 | 22 |
| Flint/Saginaw/Bay City | 9 | 15 |
| Lansing/Jackson | 7 | 9 |
| Traverse City/Cadillac | 7 | 5 |
| Marquette | 1 | 1 |
| Somewhere else | 15 | 15 |
9. On the issue of abortion, do you consider yourself to be Pro-Life or Pro-Choice?
- | | | |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Strongly Pro-Life | 26% | 30% |
| Somewhat Pro-Life | 14 | 11 |
| Strongly Pro-Choice | 13 | 11 |
| Somewhat Pro-Choice | 40 | 45 |
| Not sure | 6 | 3 |
10. What is your education?
- | | | |
|---------------------------|----|----|
| Not High School Grad | 2% | 1% |
| High School Grad | 13 | 18 |
| Some College/Trade School | 22 | 44 |
| College Grad | 35 | 21 |
| Master's + | 28 | 17 |
11. If the election for US. House of Representatives in your district was being held today, would you be voting for the Republican or Democratic candidate?
- | | | |
|------------|-----|-----|
| Democrat | 47% | 48% |
| Republican | 46 | 46 |
| Not sure | 7 | 6 |
12. If the election for Governor of Michigan was being held today, would you be voting for or leaning towards Gretchen Whitmer, the Democrat, voting for or leaning towards Tudor Dixon, the Republican, or voting for or leaning towards another candidate?
- | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|
| Whitmer | 49% | 50% |
| Dixon | 47 | 48 |
| Another candidate | 1 | 1 |
| Not Sure | 3 | 2 |
13. If the election for Attorney General of Michigan was being held today, would you be voting for or leaning towards Dana Nessel, the Democrat, voting for or leaning towards Mathew DePerno, the Republican, or voting for or leaning towards another candidate?
- | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|
| Nessel | 46% | 47% |
| DePerno | 43 | 44 |
| Another candidate | 3 | 1 |
| Not Sure | 8 | 8 |
14. If the election for Secretary of State of Michigan was being held today, would you be voting for or leaning towards Jocelyn Benson, the Democrat, voting for or leaning towards Kristina Karamo the Republican, or voting for or leaning towards another candidate?

Benson	49%	51%
Karamo	40	40
Another candidate	2	2
Not Sure	9	7

15. If the election were held today, how would you vote on Michigan Proposal 3 which would amend the constitution in Michigan to establish the right to abortion?

Yes, to adopt the proposal press	50%	51%
No, to reject the proposal.	47	46
Don't plan on voting on the proposal.	3	3

Mitchell-MIRS Poll of Michigan (N=658 LV's) 11/3/2022

	Total	DEM	GOP	IND	F	M	18-44	45-64	65+	W	AA	Other
Total	100%	40%	40%	19%	52%	48%	31%	37%	32%	82%	11%	7%
N	658	263	263	125	342	316	204	243	211	540	71	44

Generic Congressional Ballot

	Total	DEM	GOP	IND	F	M	18-44	45-64	65+	W	AA	Other
GOP	48%	2%	91%	52%	41%	55%	52%	54%	37%	52%	11%	61%
DEM	46%	96%	4%	33%	52%	40%	45%	41%	53%	42%	86%	35%
Und	6%	2%	5%	15%	7%	5%	3%	5%	9%	6%	3%	4%
N	658	263	263	125	342	316	204	243	211	540	71	44

Governor Ballot

	Total	DEM	GOP	IND	F	M	18-44	45-64	65+	W	AA	Other
Whitmer	50%	97%	6%	43%	55%	43%	47%	43%	60%	46%	91%	33%
Dixon	48%	3%	92%	51%	42%	55%	52%	55%	36%	53%	7%	62%
Und	2%	0%	2%	4%	2%	1%	0%	2%	3%	1%	3%	4%
N	658	263	263	125	342	316	204	243	211	540	71	44

Attorney General Ballot

	Total	DEM	GOP	IND	F	M	18-44	45-64	65+	W	AA	Other
Nessel	47%	94%	5%	37%	52%	41%	46%	40%	55%	43%	88%	31%
DePerno	44%	3%	82%	47%	38%	51%	44%	50%	36%	47%	10%	64%
AC	1%	0%	3%	2%	2%	1%	0%	3%	0%	2%	0%	0%
Und	8%	3%	10%	14%	8%	7%	10%	6%	8%	9%	2%	5%
N	657	263	262	125	342	315	204	243	210	539	71	44

Secretary of State Ballot

	Total	DEM	GOP	IND	F	M	18-44	45-64	65+	W	AA	Other
Benson	51%	96%	12%	43%	56%	46%	50%	46%	59%	47%	89%	35%
Karamo	40%	1%	77%	45%	35%	46%	40%	47%	34%	43%	6%	60%
AC	2%	0%	3%	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%	2%	2%	3%	0%
Und	7%	3%	9%	10%	8%	6%	11%	6%	5%	8%	2%	5%
N	657	263	262	125	342	315	204	243	210	539	71	44

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Ballot Proposal 3 (Abortion)

	Total	DEM	GOP	IND	F	M	18-44	45-64	65+	W	AA	Other
Yes	51%	95%	11%	45%	56%	46%	48%	44%	62%	48%	86%	35%
No	46%	4%	86%	46%	42%	50%	49%	52%	35%	49%	13%	62%
NV	3%	1%	3%	9%	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	1%	2%
N	657	263	262	125	342	315	204	243	210	539	71	44

Enthusiasm

Extrm	67%	76%	63%	55%	65%	70%	62%	67%	72%	64%	90%	71%
Very	17%	17%	18%	14%	17%	17%	18%	17%	16%	19%	7%	12%
Less/Very	16%	7%	19%	31%	19%	13%	20%	16%	13%	17%	4%	17%
N	657	263	262	125	342	315	204	243	210	539	71	44

Voter Type

	Total	DEM	GOP	IND	F	M	18-44	45-64	65+	W	AA	Other
A AV	18%	26%	12%	15%	16%	20%	20%	16%	19%	17%	32%	15%
AV	25%	41%	14%	18%	31%	19%	10%	20%	47%	23%	42%	29%
ED	56%	33%	73%	64%	52%	60%	70%	64%	32%	60%	25%	56%

Gender

	Total	DEM	GOP	IND	F	M	18-44	45-64	65+	W	AA	Other
F	52%	61%	47%	41%	100%	0%	49%	47%	61%	52%	48%	56%
M	48%	39%	53%	59%	0%	100%	51%	53%	39%	48%	52%	44%
N	658	263	263	125	342	316	204	243	211	540	71	44

Age

	Total	DEM	GOP	IND	F	M	18-44	45-64	65+	W	AA	Other
18-44	31%	29%	31%	32%	29%	33%	100%	0%	0%	32%	26%	35%
45-64	37%	34%	42%	35%	33%	41%	0%	100%	0%	37%	30%	41%
65+	32%	38%	26%	33%	38%	26%	0%	0%	100%	31%	44%	24%
N	658	263	263	125	342	316	204	243	211	540	71	44

Race

	Total	DEM	GOP	IND	F	M	18-44	45-64	65+	W	AA	Other
W	82%	72%	92%	84%	83%	82%	83%	84%	80%	100%	0%	0%
AA	11%	23%	2%	3%	10%	12%	9%	9%	15%	0%	100%	0%
Other	7%	4%	6%	13%	7%	6%	7%	8%	5%	0%	0%	100%
N	656	263	261	125	342	314	204	241	211	540	71	44

Party

	Total	DEM	GOP	IND	F	M	18-44	45-64	65+	W	AA	Other
DEM	40%	100%	0%	0%	47%	33%	37%	36%	47%	35%	86%	26%
GOP	40%	0%	100%	0%	36%	44%	40%	46%	33%	44%	8%	35%
IND	19%	0%	0%	100%	15%	23%	20%	18%	20%	19%	6%	37%
N	658	263	263	125	342	316	204	243	211	540	71	44

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TV Market (DMA)

	Total	DEM	GOP	IND	F	M	18-44	45-64	65+	W	AA	Other
DET	33%	44%	24%	32%	36%	31%	23%	36%	41%	31%	53%	30%
GR	22%	17%	26%	23%	23%	22%	15%	29%	22%	23%	14%	23%
FLINT	15%	13%	18%	13%	15%	16%	24%	12%	10%	14%	21%	15%
LAN	9%	12%	9%	5%	9%	9%	17%	5%	7%	10%	7%	5%
TC	5%	3%	8%	4%	4%	6%	6%	4%	5%	5%	0%	12%
OTHER	15%	12%	15%	23%	14%	16%	15%	14%	15%	16%	5%	15%
N	652	262	260	123	340	312	202	240	210	534	71	44

Abortion Position

	Total	DEM	GOP	IND	F	M	18-44	45-64	65+	W	AA	Other
Str Ch	45%	84%	10%	38%	49%	40%	45%	40%	50%	42%	75%	30%
Smwt Ch	11%	7%	12%	18%	13%	9%	13%	11%	9%	12%	3%	17%
Smwt Li	11%	1%	22%	9%	8%	13%	9%	16%	7%	13%	0%	2%
Str Li	30%	6%	54%	28%	25%	35%	32%	32%	26%	31%	16%	45%
Und	3%	3%	3%	7%	5%	2%	1%	1%	9%	3%	6%	5%
N	657	263	262	125	341	316	204	243	210	539	71	44

Education

No Col	18%	24%	13%	10%	15%	20%	17%	25%	9%	14%	48%	9%
Col/Tr	44%	33%	57%	44%	45%	43%	31%	46%	55%	46%	32%	45%
Col Grad	21%	20%	19%	29%	21%	21%	30%	14%	19%	21%	6%	38%
Mas +	17%	24%	11%	18%	19%	16%	21%	14%	17%	19%	13%	8%

	Total	Str Ch	Smwt Ch	Smwt Li	Str Li	Und	DET	GR	FLINT	LAN	TC	OTHER
Total	100%	45%	11%	11%	30%	3%	33%	22%	15%	9%	5%	15%
N	658	294	73	71	196	23	218	146	98	60	32	97

Generic Congressional Ballot

	Total	Str Ch	Smwt Ch	Smwt Li	Str Li	Und	DET	GR	FLINT	LAN	TC	OTHER
GOP	48%	7%	64%	88%	89%	47%	40%	48%	58%	36%	73%	53%
DEM	46%	89%	33%	6%	6%	21%	56%	42%	40%	61%	21%	38%
Und	6%	5%	3%	5%	5%	31%	4%	10%	2%	3%	6%	9%
N	658	294	73	71	196	23	218	146	98	60	32	97

Governor Ballot

	Total	Str Ch	Smwt Ch	Smwt Li	Str Li	Und	DET	GR	FLINT	LAN	TC	OTHER
Whitmer	50%	91%	37%	10%	6%	48%	60%	46%	40%	61%	27%	42%
Dixon	48%	6%	63%	90%	92%	43%	38%	52%	58%	36%	73%	54%
Und	2%	2%	0%	0%	2%	5%	1%	2%	2%	3%	0%	2%
N	658	294	73	71	196	23	218	146	98	60	32	97

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Attorney General Ballot

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Nessel	47%	89%	34%	8%	5%	35%	56%	45%	40%	58%	24%	38%
DePerno	44%	7%	52%	74%	86%	39%	37%	47%	56%	24%	60%	48%
AC	1%	0%	0%	0%	4%	4%	1%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Und	8%	5%	14%	19%	5%	22%	6%	3%	3%	19%	15%	15%
N	657	293	73	71	196	23	218	146	98	60	32	96

Secretary of State Ballot

	Total	Str Ch	Smwt Ch	Smwt Li	Str Li	Und	DET	GR	FLINT	LAN	TC	OTHER
Benson	51%	89%	43%	9%	15%	35%	60%	50%	40%	61%	21%	50%
Karamo	40%	6%	53%	67%	77%	43%	31%	44%	53%	22%	76%	40%
AC	2%	0%	0%	4%	3%	4%	1%	3%	0%	0%	0%	3%
Und	7%	5%	4%	20%	6%	18%	8%	3%	7%	17%	3%	7%
N	657	293	73	71	196	23	218	146	98	60	32	96

Prop 3

	Total	Str Ch	Smwt Ch	Smwt Li	Str Li	Und	DET	GR	FLINT	LAN	TC	OTHER
Yes	51%	94%	44%	12%	6%	39%	61%	47%	43%	65%	24%	46%
No	46%	4%	52%	76%	94%	40%	38%	49%	55%	32%	76%	47%
NV	3%	2%	4%	12%	0%	21%	2%	5%	3%	3%	0%	6%
N	657	293	73	71	196	23	218	146	98	60	32	96

Enthusiasm

Extrm	67%	74%	33%	55%	74%	68%	73%	65%	68%	65%	40%	63%
Very	17%	15%	34%	9%	17%	14%	14%	20%	20%	5%	35%	17%
Less/Very	16%	11%	33%	36%	9%	18%	13%	14%	11%	30%	25%	19%
N	657	294	73	71	195	23	218	146	98	60	32	96

Voter Type

	Total	Str Ch	Smwt Ch	Smwt Li	Str Li	Und	DET	GR	FLINT	LAN	TC	OTHER
A AV	18%	25%	15%	4%	14%	13%	17%	22%	28%	7%	12%	12%
AV	25%	37%	27%	10%	12%	39%	37%	21%	12%	41%	15%	14%
ED	56%	38%	58%	86%	73%	43%	44%	57%	60%	52%	73%	72%
Und	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
N	658	294	73	71	196	23	218	146	98	60	32	97

Gender

	Total	Str Ch	Smwt Ch	Smwt Li	Str Li	Und	DET	GR	FLINT	LAN	TC	OTHER
F	52%	57%	62%	41%	43%	70%	56%	53%	51%	51%	42%	47%
M	48%	43%	38%	59%	57%	30%	44%	47%	49%	49%	58%	53%
N	658	294	73	71	196	23	218	146	98	60	32	97

Age

	Total	Str Ch	Smwt Ch	Smwt Li	Str Li	Und	DET	GR	FLINT	LAN	TC	OTHER
18-44	31%	32%	37%	25%	33%	7%	21%	21%	49%	57%	39%	31%
45-64	37%	33%	37%	54%	40%	14%	40%	47%	30%	20%	28%	36%
65+	32%	35%	26%	21%	27%	79%	40%	32%	20%	24%	34%	33%
N	658	294	73	71	196	23	218	146	98	60	32	97

Race

W	82%	77%	87%	99%	84%	74%	76%	86%	78%	88%	84%	89%
AA	11%	18%	3%	0%	6%	17%	18%	7%	15%	8%	0%	4%
Other	7%	5%	10%	1%	10%	9%	6%	7%	7%	4%	16%	7%

Party

	Total	Str Ch	Smwt Ch	Smwt Li	Str Li	Und	DET	GR	FLINT	LAN	TC	OTHER
DEM	40%	75%	25%	4%	7%	30%	53%	30%	35%	52%	21%	32%
GOP	40%	9%	44%	81%	72%	31%	29%	47%	48%	37%	65%	39%
IND	19%	16%	30%	15%	18%	39%	18%	20%	17%	10%	14%	29%
N	658	294	73	71	196	23	218	146	98	60	32	97

TV Market (DMA)

	Total	Str Ch	Smwt Ch	Smwt Li	Str Li	Und	DET	GR	FLINT	LAN	TC	OTHER
DET	33%	41%	24%	27%	27%	35%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
GR	22%	19%	23%	15%	30%	18%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
FLINT	15%	14%	17%	19%	16%	7%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
LAN	9%	10%	4%	21%	6%	4%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
TC	5%	2%	9%	6%	7%	9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%
OTHER	15%	14%	23%	12%	14%	27%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
N	652	292	73	68	195	23	218	146	98	60	32	97

Abortion Position

	Total	Str Ch	Smwt Ch	Smwt Li	Str Li	Und	DET	GR	FLINT	LAN	TC	OTHER
Str Ch	45%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	55%	38%	40%	51%	20%	41%
Smwt Ch	11%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	8%	12%	13%	5%	20%	17%
Smwt Li	11%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	9%	7%	13%	24%	12%	8%
Str Li	30%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	24%	40%	32%	19%	41%	27%
Und	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	4%	3%	2%	2%	6%	6%
N	657	294	73	71	196	23	218	145	98	60	32	97

Education

	Total	Str Ch	Smwt Ch	Smwt Li	Str Li	Und	DET	GR	FLINT	LAN	TC	OTHER
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No Col	18%	21%	10%	10%	18%	25%	17%	15%	25%	16%	33%	12%
Col/Tr	44%	32%	49%	63%	52%	57%	45%	50%	43%	34%	25%	48%
Col Grad	21%	23%	27%	14%	19%	5%	19%	19%	17%	27%	30%	24%
Mas +	17%	24%	14%	12%	12%	13%	20%	16%	15%	23%	12%	15%
N	658	294	73	71	196	23	218	146	98	60	32	97