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## **Obama, Durbin get strong marks**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – Barack Obama is meeting with strong approval from voters in his home state, the newest survey from Public Policy Polling finds, although his numbers are just about as polarized along party lines in Illinois as they are everywhere else.

61% of voters in the state like the job Obama's doing so far, with 31% disapproving. 91% of Democrats but only 22% of Republicans express approval. Obama also benefits from strong numbers with independents, 55% of whom say they think he's doing a good job.

Not surprisingly Obama is getting his best marks from African Americans (88% approval) and voters under 30 (73%), two of the groups that were most supportive of him at the polls last year.

“Barack Obama has maintained his strong popularity with Illinois voters as he's made the transition to the Oval Office,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But even at home more than two thirds of Republicans don't like what he's doing, numbers consistent with what we're finding everywhere else in the country.”

PPP also looked at Senator Richard Durbin's approval rating, and found 47% of voters in the state happy with his performance compared to 34% who are not. That ranks him seventh in approval among the 22 Senators PPP has gauged the popularity of across the country in the last year.

PPP will release numbers looking at both the Democratic primary for US Senate next year and some possible general election contests tomorrow.

PPP surveyed 991 Illinois voters between April 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.1%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at [www.publicpolicypolling.com](http://www.publicpolicypolling.com).

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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## Illinois Survey Results

**Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Approve* ..... 61%  
*Disapprove*..... 31%  
*Not Sure*..... 8%

**Q2** Do you approve or disapprove of Democratic Senator Richard Durbin's job performance? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

*Approve* ..... 47%  
*Disapprove*..... 34%  
*Not Sure*..... 19%

**Q3** Would you describe yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

*Liberal*..... 18%  
*Moderate*..... 47%  
*Conservative*..... 35%

**Q4** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 54%  
*Man*..... 46%

**Q5** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

*Democrat*..... 45%  
*Republican*..... 30%  
*Independent/Other*..... 25%

**Q6** If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

*Hispanic*..... 8%  
*White* ..... 75%  
*African American* ..... 14%  
*Other*..... 3%

**Q7** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

*18 to 29*..... 10%  
*30 to 45*..... 27%  
*46 to 65*..... 43%  
*Older than 65*..... 20%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	61%	93%	72%	30%
<b>Disapprove</b>	30%	4%	19%	60%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	3%	9%	10%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Durbin Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	47%	76%	57%	19%
<b>Disapprove</b>	34%	8%	25%	61%
<b>Not Sure</b>	19%	17%	18%	20%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	61%	66%	55%
<b>Disapprove</b>	31%	27%	35%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	7%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Durbin Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	47%	48%	45%
<b>Disapprove</b>	34%	27%	43%
<b>Not Sure</b>	19%	25%	11%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	61%	91%	22%	55%
<b>Disapprove</b>	31%	4%	69%	32%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	4%	10%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Durbin Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	47%	73%	15%	39%
<b>Disapprove</b>	34%	8%	69%	39%
<b>Not Sure</b>	19%	18%	16%	22%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	61%	62%	55%	88%	71%
<b>Disapprove</b>	31%	26%	36%	8%	25%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	13%	9%	3%	4%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
<b>Durbin Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	47%	40%	45%	63%	49%
<b>Disapprove</b>	34%	32%	39%	10%	36%
<b>Not Sure</b>	19%	28%	16%	27%	15%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	61%	73%	63%	60%	54%
<b>Disapprove</b>	31%	17%	32%	33%	30%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	10%	4%	7%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Durbin Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	47%	47%	51%	43%	50%
<b>Disapprove</b>	34%	18%	35%	39%	31%
<b>Not Sure</b>	19%	35%	15%	18%	18%

