Governor approval ratings amid the coronavirus pandemic

An overview of changes in job approval ratings for all 50 governors due to their response to the COVID-19 outbreak
Governor job approval ratings (1/6)

IN ORDER OF HIGHEST TO SMALLEST PANDEMIC APPROVAL RATING

- Pre-pandemic approval
- Pandemic approval

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<td>Mike DeWine (R-OH)</td>
<td>49%</td>
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<td>Larry Hogan (R-MD)</td>
<td>69%</td>
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<td>Andy Beshear (D-KY)</td>
<td>52%</td>
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<td>Tim Walz (D-MN)</td>
<td>69%</td>
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<td>Charlie Baker (R-MA)</td>
<td>47%</td>
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<td>Andrew Cuomo (D-NY)</td>
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<td>Gavin Newsom (D-CA)</td>
<td>69%</td>
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<td>Mark Gordon (R-WY)</td>
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* Gov. Beshear was elected at the end of Q4 2019, therefore his pre-pandemic approval rating is not available.

Sources: Morning Consult, Microsoft News.
Governor job approval ratings (2/6)

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Pre-pandemic approval  Pandemic approval

Mike Dunleavy (R-AK)  77%  42%
Phil Murphy (D-NJ)  77%  46%
John Carney (D-DE)  77%  53%
Doug Burgum (R-ND)  58%  35%
Gina Raimondo (D-RI)  76%  53%
Gary Herbert (R-UT)  76%  47%
Roy Cooper (D-NC)  75%  43%
J.B. Pritzker (D-IL)  75%  77%

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Governor job approval ratings (3/6)

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<td>Jared Polis</td>
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<td>Asa Hutchinson</td>
<td>(R-AR)</td>
<td>58%</td>
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<td>Jay Inslee</td>
<td>(D-WA)</td>
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Governor job approval ratings (4/6)

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Gretchen Whitmer (D-MI)
- Pre-pandemic approval: 74%
- Pandemic approval: 42%

Steve Sisolak (D-NV)
- Pre-pandemic approval: 50%
- Pandemic approval: 48%

Tony Evers (D-WI)
- Pre-pandemic approval: 73%
- Pandemic approval: 43%

Kristi Noem (R-SD)
- Pre-pandemic approval: 73%
- Pandemic approval: 47%

Janet Mills (D-ME)
- Pre-pandemic approval: 73%
- Pandemic approval: 32%

Ned Lamont (D-CT)
- Pre-pandemic approval: 72%
- Pandemic approval: 32%

David Ige (D-HI)
- Pre-pandemic approval: 71%
- Pandemic approval: 52%

Pete Ricketts (R-NE)
- Pre-pandemic approval: 70%
- Pandemic approval: 43%

Jim Justice (R-WV)
- Pre-pandemic approval: 70%
- Pandemic approval: 43%

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Governor job approval ratings (5/6)

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Laura Kelly (D-KS) 70% 50%
Greg Abbott (R-TX) 70% 58%
Michelle Lujan Grisham (D-NM) 70% 44%
Kevin Stitt (R-OK) 69% 56%
Brad Little (R-ID) 69% 55%
Ralph Northam (D-VA) 68% 42%
Kay Ivey (R-AL) 67% 58%
John Bel Edwards (D-LA) 67% 54%

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Governor job approval ratings (6/6)

*Gov. Reeves was elected at the end of Q4 2019, therefore his pre-pandemic approval rating is not available.*

Gov. DeSantis is the only governor whose approval has decreased during this time.

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