Montana

Democrat Steve Bullock leads Republican Steve Daines by one point

President Donald Trump leads Democrat Joe Biden by six points

MONTANA SENATE

In Montana, Democrat Steve Bullock, the state's two-term governor and a 2020 presidential primary candidate, is going up against incumbent Republican Steve Daines. We find that Bullock leads Daines by a narrow one-percentage-point margin (48 percent Bullock, 47 percent Daines). This puts Bullock running five points ahead of Biden in this state. Notably, Bullock won re-election to the governor's seat in 2016 while the state went for Trump in the presidential race.

MONTANA PRESIDENTIAL

In Montana, Trump leads Biden by a six-point margin (43 percent Biden, 49 percent Trump). Libertarian candidate Jo Jorgenson currently holds three percent of the vote, while five percent of voters are still undecided. Montana went for Donald Trump by a 20-point margin in 2016 (56 percent Trump, 36 percent Clinton).
POLICIES

Voters in this state broadly support Democratic policy priorities. By 28 points, they favor extending coronavirus relief until the unemployment rate falls back to where it was before the crisis. Seventytwo percent of Montana voters support a jobs program to help rebuild American infrastructure and increase public health capacity to recover from the coronavirus emergency. Providing additional funding to the USPS to deliver essential needs is also popular by a 48-point margin (71 percent support, 23 percent oppose). Additionally, we find a plurality of Montana voters (49 percent) support federal investments to achieve a 100% carbon-free electricity sector by 2035.

METHODOLOGY

From September 30 to October 5, 2020, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 737 likely voters in Montana using web panel and SMS respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is +/- 3.6 percentage points.