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**INDIANA**

**Statewide**

**Public Opinion**

Survey conducted January 14 through January 15, 2024. 706 likely voters participated in the survey. Survey weighted to match turnout demographics for the 2026 General Election. Margin of Error is +/- 3.7% with a 95% level of confidence. Totals do not always equal 100% due to rounding.



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Q: Wildlife trappers trap or snare and kill wildlife as a hobby or to sell the animals' fur, usually to overseas markets. Do you support or oppose the recreational trapping of bobcats in Indiana with wire neck snares, steel-jawed leghold traps, and cage traps?

Support: 19%

Oppose: 71%

Not sure: 10%

Q: There are only around 4,000 registered wildlife trappers in Indiana, representing less than 1% of the population. Do you believe that providing recreational opportunities for trappers is a sufficient reason to allow the trapping of Indiana's bobcats?

Yes, it is a sufficient reason: 24%

No, it is not a sufficient reason: 66%

Not sure: 10%

Q: Currently, bobcats cannot be trapped or trophy hunted in Indiana. However, the Department of Natural Resources has proposed allowing up to 250 of Indiana's bobcats to be trapped and killed. But the Department could lower that number – even to zero. Do you support or oppose a recreational trapping quota of zero for Indiana's bobcats, meaning that no bobcats would be trapped for sport or recreation?

Support a zero quota: 53%

Oppose a zero quota: 34%

Not sure: 13%

Q: Bobcats are generally shy and tend to avoid people, but they occasionally have conflicts with domestic animals such as chickens. Hoosiers who experience those few conflicts can request a permit from the Department of Natural Resources to kill the offending bobcat, and statewide, 28 residents requested this permit in 2023. However, the proposed bobcat recreational trapping season would target bobcats living in natural areas, rather than specific bobcats involved in a conflict. Do you believe that non-lethal conflict reduction strategies, such as wildlife-proof chicken coops, should be prioritized over recreational trapping of bobcats?

Yes, non-lethal strategies should be prioritized: 62%

No, non-lethal strategies should not be prioritized: 26%

Not sure: 12%



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Q: Do you support or oppose the trophy hunting of bobcats in Indiana?

Support: 19%

Oppose: 75%

Not sure: 6%

Q: Most Hoosiers do not hunt or trap. Do you believe that the interests of Hoosiers who value the welfare of wild animals should be considered proportionally with the interests of hunters and trappers?

Yes: 60%

No: 27%

Not sure: 13%



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Column %	Indianapolis Market	North Markets	South Markets
Support	16%	22%	24%
Oppose	75%	66%	71%
Not sure	9%	12%	5%

Table 1. Q1 by Designated\_Market\_Area\_DMA

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Support	28%	7%	17%
Oppose	64%	84%	71%
Not sure	7%	10%	12%

Table 2. Q1 by PARTY

Column %	V cons	S cons	Moderate	Progressive
Support	29%	28%	15%	5%
Oppose	60%	66%	72%	88%
Not sure	12%	5%	13%	6%

Table 3. Q1 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
Support	6%	34%
Oppose	85%	56%
Not sure	9%	10%

Table 4. Q1 by GENDER



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Column %	Indianapolis Market	North Markets	South Markets
Yes	20%	27%	31%
No	72%	63%	57%
Not sure	8%	9%	12%

Table 5. Q2 by Designated\_Market\_Area\_DMA

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Yes	34%	10%	22%
No	57%	82%	64%
Not sure	9%	8%	13%

Table 6. Q2 by PARTY

Column %	V cons	S cons	Moderate	Progressive
Yes	38%	29%	23%	8%
No	56%	57%	65%	90%
Not sure	7%	14%	12%	2%

Table 7. Q2 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
Yes	14%	37%
No	79%	52%
Not sure	8%	11%

Table 8. Q2 by GENDER



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Column %	Indianapolis Market	North Markets	South Markets
Support	61%	47%	44%
Oppose	26%	39%	44%
Not sure	13%	14%	11%

Table 9. Q3 by Designated\_Market\_Area\_DMA

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Support	44%	70%	49%
Oppose	44%	17%	35%
Not sure	12%	14%	15%

Table 10. Q3 by PARTY

Column %	V cons	S cons	Moderate	Progressive
Support	45%	43%	52%	76%
Oppose	43%	46%	33%	11%
Not sure	12%	11%	15%	14%

Table 11. Q3 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
Support	59%	46%
Oppose	28%	41%
Not sure	12%	14%

Table 12. Q3 by GENDER



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Column %	Indianapolis Market	North Markets	South Markets
Yes	65%	59%	61%
No	24%	28%	24%
Not sure	11%	12%	15%

Table 13. Q4 by Designated\_Market\_Area\_DMA

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Yes	50%	78%	67%
No	34%	14%	24%
Not sure	17%	8%	10%

Table 14. Q4 by PARTY

Column %	V cons	S cons	Moderate	Progressive
Yes	49%	53%	60%	89%
No	43%	31%	22%	8%
Not sure	8%	16%	18%	3%

Table 15. Q4 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
Yes	71%	52%
No	15%	37%
Not sure	14%	11%

Table 16. Q4 by GENDER



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Column %	Indianapolis Market	North Markets	South Markets
Support	15%	20%	27%
Oppose	78%	74%	67%
Not sure	7%	6%	5%

Table 17. Q5 by Designated\_Market\_Area\_DMA

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Support	28%	6%	18%
Oppose	63%	91%	77%
Not sure	9%	3%	5%

Table 18. Q5 by PARTY

Column %	V cons	S cons	Moderate	Progressive
Support	28%	26%	15%	7%
Oppose	62%	67%	77%	92%
Not sure	10%	7%	7%	1%

Table 19. Q5 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
Support	10%	30%
Oppose	84%	64%
Not sure	6%	7%

Table 20. Q5 by GENDER



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Column %	Indianapolis Market	North Markets	South Markets
Yes	67%	52%	56%
No	24%	29%	30%
Not sure	9%	19%	14%

Table 21. Q6 by Designated\_Market\_Area\_DMA

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Yes	54%	69%	60%
No	32%	21%	23%
Not sure	14%	11%	16%

Table 22. Q6 by PARTY

Column %	V cons	S cons	Moderate	Progressive
Yes	57%	45%	64%	74%
No	34%	35%	23%	14%
Not sure	9%	20%	12%	12%

Table 23. Q6 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
Yes	65%	55%
No	21%	33%
Not sure	15%	12%

Table 24. Q6 by GENDER



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## DEMOGRAPHICS

	%
Indianapolis Market	47%
North Markets	34%
South Markets	19%

*Table 25. Designated\_Market\_Area\_DMA*

	%
Republican	48%
Democrat	30%
Independent	22%

*Table 26. PARTY*

	%
V cons	21%
S cons	26%
Moderate	33%
Progressive	21%

*Table 27. IDEOLOGY*

	%
Female	53%
Male	47%

*Table 28. GENDER*