



TO VoteVets & Interested Parties
FROM FM3 Research
RE: Iowa U.S. Senate Democratic Primary Election Survey Results
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A recently completed survey¹ commissioned by VoteVets of Iowa Democrats likely to cast a ballot in the state’s June primary election shows State Representative Josh Turek has gained momentum over the past month since VoteVets began its statewide communications program. **As Figure 1 shows, support for Josh Turek among Democratic primary voters has dramatically increased over the past month and he has surged ahead of Wahls in the race to be the party’s nominee for U.S. Senator.** Today, Turek holds a 20-point lead over Wahls (48%-28%), a dramatic change from the survey conducted in March when Wahls led by nine points (34%-25%).

Figure 1: U.S. Senate Democratic Primary Vote
March 11-14, 2026 vs. April 21-23, 2026

Candidate	April 21-23	March 11-14
Josh Turek	48%	25%
Zach Wahls	28%	34%
Undecided/Other	24%	41%

Turek has a broad base of support among Iowa Democrats. He leads by double digits regardless of gender as he is ahead by 15-points with men (44%-29%) and 24-points with women (51%-27%). Notably, voters ages 65 and older favor Turek by more than 30-points (53%-21%) – this is a major advantage since older voters are more reliable primary voters and may comprise a majority of Democratic primary voters in June. Turek is also ahead by 14-points with self-identified progressives (46%-32%), liberals prefer him by 20-points (51%-31%) and leads by almost thirty points with those who say they are moderate or conservative (50%-22%). By education, Turek has a 20-point advantage among voters with (50%-30%) and without a college degree (46%-26%).

In addition to his gains in the vote, today, nearly six in ten (58%) Iowa Democrats rate Turek favorably, a 21-point increase since March. **(See Figure 2 on the next page)** In that same time period, the favorability rating for Turek’s primary opponent, State Senator Zach Wahls is virtually unchanged though his unfavorable rating has doubled from 7% to 14%.

¹ *Methodology: From April 21-23, 2026, Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates (FM3) conducted a survey among 600 Iowans likely to vote in the June 2026 Democratic Primary Election. A survey among 600 Iowans likely to vote in the June 2026 Democratic Primary Election was conducted March 11-14, 2026. Both surveys were conducted using a dual-mode methodology where voters were contacted by telephone (cellular and landlines) by live interviewers or via text message to take the survey online. Both survey’s margin of error for the full sample is +/-4.0% at the 95% confidence level. Not all results will sum to 100% due to rounding.*

Figure 2: Josh Turek and Zach Wahls Favorability Ratings among Iowa Democrats
March 11-14, 2026 vs. April 21-23, 2026

Candidate	April 21-23			March 11-14		
	Total Favorable	Total Unfavorable	No Opinion	Total Favorable	Total Unfavorable	No Opinion
Josh Turek	58%	5%	37%	37%	4%	59%
Zach Wahls	49%	14%	37%	46%	7%	47%

With five weeks until election day, this survey shows Josh Turek well-positioned for Iowa’s June primary. Over the past month, most Democrats have become familiar with him and the vast majority regards him favorably. Furthermore, Turek now holds a 20-point lead over Wahls in the U.S. Senate primary race, and his base of support extends across the electorate as he leads with most demographic groups.

With continued support from VoteVets as well as his own campaign’s activities, Turek is poised to win the primary and be a strong general election candidate.