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Interviews: 1,012 adults; 252 elite college football fans

Ipsos/McClatchy Poll

NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

METHOD OF FAN SELECTION:

Fans, in this poll, are selected in a rigorous multi-stage process. First, a representative sample of US adults is selected from the Ipsos online panel. Of this sample, approximately 61% percent are college football fans (here defined as following in some manner at least 1 college football game in a year). Ipsos, then, selects "avid football fans", representing approximately 38% of all football fans (or 23% of the adult population). The definition of "Avid Football fans" is based on an index of how often the fan watches college football games on television, listens to games on the radio, attends games in person, as well as reads newspapers and magazine articles related to college football.

TOP 25 COLLEGE FOOTBALL FAN POLL (through week 9)

RANKING	TEAM	RANKING WEEK 8
1	Florida (8-0)	1
2	Alabama (8-0)	2
3	Texas (8-0)	3
4	Iowa (9-0)	4
5	Boise State (8-0)	6
6	Cincinnati (8-0)	5
7	Penn State (8-1)	7
8	TCU (8-0)	9
9	Oregon (7-1)	14
10	LSU (7-1)	10
11	Georgia Tech (8-1)	11
12	Pittsburgh (7-1)	12
13	Ohio State (7-2)	15
14	Houston (7-1)	17
15	USC (6-2)	8
16	Utah (7-1)	18
17	Miami (6-2)	21
18	Notre Dame (6-2)	22
19	Oklahoma State (6-2)	13
20	Wisconsin (6-2)	Unranked
21	California (6-2)	Unranked
22	BYU (6-2)	Unranked
23	West Virginia (6-2)	16
24	Oklahoma (5-3)	24
25	South Florida (6-2)	Unranked

Teams dropping out of the poll

- South Carolina (ranked 19 in week 8)
- Virginia Tech (ranked 20 in week 8)
- Ole Miss (ranked 23 in week 8)
- Arizona (ranked 25 in week 8)

RANKING BY REGION:

RANKING	NORTHEAST	MIDWEST	SOUTH	WEST
1	Alabama (8-0)	Florida (8-0)	Florida (8-0)	Florida (8-0)
2	Florida (8-0)	Alabama (8-0)	Texas (8-0)	Texas (8-0)
3	Iowa (9-0)	Texas (8-0)	Alabama (8-0)	Alabama (8-0)
4	Penn State (8-1)	Iowa (9-0)	Cincinnati (8-0)	Iowa (9-0)
5	Cincinnati (8-0)	Boise State (8-0)	Iowa (9-0)	Boise State (8-0)
6	Texas (8-0)	Cincinnati (8-0)	TCU (8-0)	Oregon (7-1)
7	TCU (8-0)	Penn State (8-1)	LSU (7-1)	Penn State (8-1)
8	Boise State (8-0)	Georgia Tech (8-1)	Boise State (8-0)	TCU (8-0)
9	Pittsburgh (7-1)	Oregon (7-1)	Georgia Tech (8-1)	LSU (7-1)
10	Oregon (7-1)	TCU (8-0)	Penn State (8-1)	Cincinnati (8-0)

For this survey, a national representative sample of 1,012 respondents from Ipsos' U.S. online panel were interviewed online (1,223 college fans and 252 avid college fans). Weighting then was employed to balance demographics and ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the U.S. adult population according to Census data and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe. Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online polls because they are based on samples drawn from opt-in online panels, not on random samples that mirror the population within a statistical probability ratio. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error.