

Election 2008: Arizona Democratic Presidential Primary

Arizona: Clinton 46% Obama 41%
Saturday, February 02, 2008

The latest Rasmussen Reports telephone survey in Arizona shows a tight race with Hillary Clinton leading Barack Obama by five percentage points. Clinton attracts 46% of the vote while Obama earns 41%. Twelve percent (12%) say they'd like to vote for some other candidate while 3% remain undecided.

Clinton leads by eleven points among women but trails by three points among men.

Clinton leads by seventeen points among those who consider the economy to be the top voting issue of Election 2008. Obama leads by sixteen among those who consider the War in Iraq to be the highest priority.

The race remains fluid and nearly one-third of the voters say they might change their mind. Sixty-six percent (66%) of Clinton's voters are "certain" they will vote for her. Just 61% of Obama's supporters are that certain.

Seventy-five percent (75%) of Likely Primary Voters have a favorable opinion of Clinton. Seventy-four percent (74%) say the same about Obama.

The candidates are seen as equally electable—76% believe that both Clinton and Obama would be somewhat likely to win the White House if nominated.

Thirty-seven percent (37%) consider the economy as the top issue of Election 2008. Twenty-six percent (26%) believe the War in Iraq is the highest priority. Fourteen percent (14%) name Health Care and 12% named immigration.

Clinton remains the frontrunner for the Democratic Nomination, but Obama has gained ground since Obama's huge victory in South Carolina and high-profile endorsements from the daughter and brother of martyred President John F. Kennedy. A Rasmussen Reports analysis earlier in the week noted that the numbers still favored Clinton, but sometimes the numbers don't matter.

Survey of 537 Likely Democratic Primary Voters
January 31, 2008

Arizona Democratic Primary

Hillary Clinton
Barack Obama

45%
39%

Election 2008: Arizona GOP Presidential Primary

Arizona: McCain 43% Romney 34%
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In his home state of Arizona, John McCain leads Mitt Romney by nine percentage points. The latest Rasmussen Reports telephone survey found McCain earning 43% of the vote while Romney attracts 34%.

Among conservatives in his home state, McCain trails 44% to 36%. However, he holds a forty-three point lead among political moderates in the state. McCain leads among voters who consider the economy and the War in Iraq as the top issue. However, among voters who see immigration as the highest priority, Romney leads 47% to 31%.

Thirty percent (30%) of Arizona's Likely Republican Primary voters see the economy as the top issue for Election 2008. Twenty-six percent (26%) think that immigration is most important.

Mike Huckabee gets just 9% of the vote in Arizona while Ron Paul picks up 7% and 4% say they plan on voting for some other candidate. Twenty-eight percent (28%) of the state's voters say they still might change their mind before voting on Tuesday.

Fifty-three delegates are at stake in the winner-take-all primary. McCain has solid leads in three other winner-take-all states—New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. Victories in these states plus Arizona would yield 236 delegates for McCain. Another winner-take-all state—Missouri—is too close to call. Fifty-eight delegates are up for grabs in Missouri.

In his home state, McCain is seen as far more electable than Romney. Seventy-five percent (75%) say that their Senator would be at least somewhat likely to win the White House if nominated. Just 53% say the same about the former Governor of Massachusetts.

Nationally, McCain and Romney are on top in the Rasmussen Reports daily Presidential Tracking Poll.

McCain leads Huckabee in Alabama and the race is very close in Missouri and Tennessee. McCain leads in the winner-take-all state of New Jersey. He also holds modest leads over Romney in California, Connecticut, and Illinois (see summary of Rasmussen Reports Super Tuesday polls).

**Survey of 612 Likely GOP Primary Voters
January 31, 2008**

Arizona Republican Primary

John McCain

43%