

## Election 2008: Louisiana President

Louisiana: McCain Enjoys Big Lead in Bayou State  
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In the first Rasmussen Reports telephone survey of Louisiana voters since Hillary Clinton's exit from the Democratic race, John McCain leads Barack Obama 54% to 34%. When “leaners” are included, McCain is ahead 56% to 37%.

In May, McCain had a 50% to 41% lead over Obama. The race was even closer between the Republican and Clinton, in which he lead 47% to 40%.

McCain is backed by 87% of Republicans and 30% of Democrats in Louisiana. Obama earns support from just 57% of Democrats and 8% of Republicans. Among unaffiliated voters, McCain tops Obama 50% to 27%.

McCain leads 68% to 19% among White voters while Obama is supported by 92% of African-Americans. McCain leads 60% to 30% among men and 50% to 37% among women.

Nationally, the two candidates are very competitive in the Rasmussen Reports daily Presidential Tracking Poll.

Sixty-six percent (66%) of voters in Louisiana have a favorable view of McCain, while 32% have an unfavorably view of him. Obama's numbers are 43% favorable and 46% unfavorable.

While 35% of Louisiana voters think the economy is the most important issue in the upcoming election, 30% of voters say that of national security.

Three out of four Louisiana voters (75%) think drilling in offshore oil wells should be allowed in the United States, while 66% think it is at least somewhat likely gas prices would go down if this practice was implemented. Just 50% in Louisiana favor a proposal requiring Americans to conserve energy and reduce the amount of oil they consume.

The survey also found that 52% of voters favor a proposal to allow offshore drilling if it included a provision requiring Americans to conserve energy. An identical percentage favored a proposal allowing offshore drilling without a conservation requirement.

While 55% of Louisiana voters think Obama is too inexperienced to be president, just 22% think McCain is too old for the job. National results for this question and other key stats of Election 2008 can be found at [Obama-McCain: By the Numbers](#).

President Bush earns good or excellent ratings from 39% of voters in Louisiana, while 44% of voters say he is doing a poor job.