

Election 2008: Massachusetts Democratic Primary

Massachusetts: Clinton 43% Obama 37%
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A Rasmussen Reports telephone survey of the Massachusetts Democratic Presidential Primary finds Hillary Clinton attracting 43% of the vote while Barack Obama earns 37%. The survey was conducted on the night that Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy endorsed Obama but before John Edwards dropped out of the race.

Edwards picked up 11% of the vote in this survey while 4% said they would prefer some other candidate. Five percent (5%) remain undecided.

A poll conducted Sunday night in neighboring Connecticut found Clinton and Obama tied. Nationally, Clinton has a modest lead over Obama in the Rasmussen Reports daily Presidential Tracking Poll.

In Massachusetts, Clinton leads by sixteen percentage points among women while Obama leads by five points among men. Clinton's support is more solid at this time than Obama's. Among those who say they'd vote for the former First Lady, 74% are "certain" they won't change their mind. Just 62% of Obama supporters are that certain.

Even before the news that Edwards was leaving the race, just 46% of his supporters were certain they would stick with him until Election Day. Seventy-eight percent (78%) of Edwards voters in Massachusetts have a favorable opinion of Obama while 58% have a favorable opinion of Clinton.

The economy is seen as the top issue for 51% of Bay State voters while 24% named the War in Iraq as the top priority. Clinton leads by twenty percentage points among those who see the economy as the key issue. Obama leads by ten percentage points among those focused on the War.

Overall, 78% of Likely Democratic Primary Voters in Massachusetts have a favorable opinion of Obama. Seventy-seven percent (77%) say the same about Clinton. The former First Lady earns positive reviews from 83% of women and 70% of men.

Seventy-nine percent (79%) of Bay State Primary Voters think that Obama would be at least somewhat likely to win the election in November if nominated. Seventy-seven percent (77%) say the same about Clinton.

Survey of 1,023 Likely Democratic Primary Voters

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Hillary Clinton	43%
Barack Obama	37%
John Edwards	11%