

Election 2008: New Hampshire Democratic Primary

The latest Rasmussen Reports telephone survey in New Hampshire, released Monday morning, shows Barack Obama continuing to enjoy a double digit lead in New Hampshire. Obama earns 38% of the vote, ten points more than Hillary Clinton who earns 28%. The survey was conducted on [Saturday and Sunday](#) and shows [little change from the results reported yesterday](#) and [Saturday](#)

Clinton and Obama are essentially even among Democrats but the Illinois Senator enjoys a more than 2-to-1 advantage among Independent voters likely to vote in the Democratic Primary. Obama's success is causing problems for John McCain as Independent voters are growing less likely to participate in the GOP Primary. [McCain's lead in that race has slipped to a statistically insignificant single percentage point](#)

Nationally, Clinton's lead is [shrinking in the Rasmussen Reports daily Presidential Tracking Poll](#) and Rasmussen Markets data shows that [Obama is narrowly favored to win the nomination](#)

Among Likely Democratic Primary Voters, the current New Hampshire poll shows John Edwards with 18%, Bill Richardson with 8%, and Dennis Kucinich with 4% support.

Eighty-six percent (86%) have a favorable opinion of Obama. Seventy-nine percent (79%) say the same about Edwards and 67% offer a positive assessment of Clinton. Just 45% of Obama voters have a favorable opinion of Clinton, 55% say the opposite.

Forty percent (40%) of Likely Democratic Primary Voters view Obama as politically liberal while 49% see him as moderate. That places him a bit to the left of the other candidates, at least in terms of voter perceptions.

Clinton is seen as politically liberal by 30% of the primary voters and moderate by 59%.

For Edwards, the numbers are 38% liberal, 51% moderate.

[Nationally, Democrats see little ideological difference between these candidates](#)
but Republicans are most likely to see Clinton as politically liberal.

Data released earlier in the weekend showed that Obama is seen as the most electable Democratic candidate--87% believe he would be at least somewhat likely to win if nominated. Seventy-six percent (76%) say the same about Clinton and 75% think Edwards would have a chance.

[Rasmussen Markets](#) data suggests that Barack Obama is currently favored to win in New Hampshire. Current prices imply that Obama has a % chance of winning while Clinton has a % chance. Numbers ~~in this paragraph~~ reflect results from a [prediction market](#). RasmussenMarkets.com is a ?futures market? that harnesses competitive passions to become a reliable leading indicator of upcoming events. Using a trading format where traders "buy and sell" candidates, issues, and news features, the markets correctly projected both Obama and Huckabee as the winners in Iowa.

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