

North Carolina Democratic Primary

North Carolina: Obama 56% Clinton 33%
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In North Carolina, Barack Obama has opened up a twenty-three percentage point lead over Hillary Clinton. The latest Rasmussen Reports telephone survey finds that Obama attracts 56% of the vote while Clinton earns 33%. A month ago, Obama's lead was just seven percentage points.

While the absolute numbers are different, the trend is similar to results from Pennsylvania where Obama gained ten-points on Clinton during the month of March.

Perhaps the only disturbing news for Obama in the survey is that most Clinton voters (56%) say they are not likely to vote for the Illinois Senator in the general election against John McCain. A month ago, 45% of Clinton voters said they were not likely to vote for Obama against McCain.

There remains an enormous racial divide in the North Carolina data. Obama leads 86% to 9% among African-American voters. Clinton holds a 47% to 38% advantage among white voters in the Tar Heel State. A month ago, Obama led by fifty-three points among African-Americans while Clinton led by twenty points among White voters.

Obama is viewed favorably by 75% of the state's Likely Primary Voters, up three points from a month ago. Clinton is viewed favorably by 66%, down four since early March.

Nationally, Obama has the edge over Clinton in the Rasmussen Reports daily Presidential Tracking Poll.

In North Carolina, 52% say that the economy is the top voting issue while 21% name the War in Iraq.

Twenty-eight percent (28%) of Tar Heel Democratic Primary Voters say that Clinton should drop out of the race. Fifteen percent (15%) say the same about Obama. Forty-two percent (42%) say it's Very Likely the Democratic race will remain unsettled until the convention. Another 38% say that is Somewhat Likely. By a 57% to 29% margin, North Carolina voters believe that Obama would be the better candidate against John McCain.

Seventy-seven percent (77%) have followed news stories about Clinton's misstatements about her Bosnia trip. Twenty-three percent (23%) say they are a Very Important issue while 25% say the issue is Somewhat Important. Sixty-three percent (63%) say that most politicians lie or embellish the truth when discussing their own accomplishments.

Just 5% of Democratic Primary Voters in North Carolina rate the economy as good or excellent. Thirty percent (30%) say it's in fair shape while 64% rate current economic conditions as poor.

Just 4% say things are getting better while 86% say they are getting worse.

Twenty-seven percent (27%) say the U.S. and its allies are winning the War on Terror while 28% say the terrorists are winning. Just 14% expect the situation in Iraq to get better over the coming six months while 53% say it will get worse.

**North Carolina Survey of 704 Likely Dem Primary Voters
April 3, 2008**

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Hillary Clinton	33%
Not Sure	11%