

Rhode Island Democratic Presidential Primary

Rhode Island: Clinton 53% Obama 38%
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While most of the attention in the Democratic Presidential Primary is focused on Ohio and Texas these days, Rhode Island and Vermont will also be voting on March 4. Rhode Island offers a rare bit of good news for the campaign of New York Senator Hillary Clinton. The former First Lady leads Illinois Senator Barack Obama by fifteen percentage points, 53% to 38%.

Clinton lead by twenty-five points among men and by three points among women.

Clinton is viewed favorably by 80% of the Likely Democratic Primary Voters in Rhode Island. Those figures include favorable reviews from 84% of women and 75% of men. Obama earns such positive reviews from 73%. There is no significant gender gap for Obama’s numbers.

Seventy-nine percent (79%) believe that Clinton is at least Somewhat Likely to win the White House if nominated. An identical percentage believe that Obama is at least Somewhat Likely to win.

Forty-eight percent (48%) of Rhode Island’s Primary Voters name the economy as the top issue. Twenty-one percent (21%) say it’s the War in Iraq while 13% name Health Care as the top priority. The voters who consider the War in Iraq as the top issue are evenly divided between Clinton and Obama. Clinton has the edge among other voters.

Rhode Island Survey of 1,035 Democratic Primary Voters February 23, 2008

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Hillary Clinton	53%
Barack Obama	38%
Not Sure	9%