

# Election 2008: South Carolina Democratic Primary

The latest Rasmussen Reports telephone survey in South Carolina shows that Barack Obama has opened a double digit-lead over Hillary Clinton in the January 26th Primary Election. It's Obama 42% Clinton 30%. John Edwards attracts 14% of the vote and nobody else tops 3%.

In [December](#), Obama and Clinton were tied at 33% advantage

This is the latest in a string of election polls showing a surge for Obama since his victory last week in Iowa. Nationally, Clinton's lead in the Rasmussen Reports daily [Presidential Tracking Poll](#)

has nearly disappeared. In [New Hampshire](#), Obama has opened a significant lead over the former First Lady on the eve of the first in the nation Primary.

In South Carolina, Obama now attracts 58% of the African-American vote, up from 50% in December. Earlier in the year, Obama and Clinton split this important constituency fairly evenly. Now while Obama enjoys a 2-to-1 advantage over Clinton among African-American voters, white voters are split fairly evenly between three candidates--it's Clinton 32%, Edwards 29%, and Obama 27%. For Obama, that reflects a 13-point improvement from the previous survey.

Obama leads by 17 points among men and eight points among women.

Eighty percent (80%) have a favorable opinion of Obama, 79% say the same about Clinton, and 75% offer a positive assessment of Edwards. Those figures include 54% with a Very Favorable assessment of Obama. Forty-five percent (45%) are that positive about Clinton and 30% say the same about Edwards.

[Rasmussen Markets](#) data suggests that Barack Obama is currently favored to win in South Carolina. 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](#) hot a poll. RasmussenMarkets.com is a ?futures market? that harnesses competitive passions to becomes 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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