

# Results of SurveyUSA Election Poll #13345



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Geography: Virginia

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**Eve of VA Democratic Primary: No Late Charge from Clinton; Obama Will Get Larger Share of Delegates:** 24 hours till votes are counted in the Virginia Democratic Primary, Barack Obama is positioned to capture a majority of convention delegates, according to SurveyUSA's final pre-primary poll, conducted for WJLA-TV Washington DC, WDBJ-TV Roanoke and WTVR-TV Richmond. Today it's Obama 60%, Clinton 38%, not materially different from a SurveyUSA tracking poll released 72 hours ago, which showed Obama 59%, Clinton 39%. Voters in the DC suburbs moved to Obama over the weekend, increasing his advantage there. Voters in the Shenandoah moved to Clinton over the weekend, increasing her advantage there. The movement was offsetting. Obama held his ground among voters under age 50, and gained ground among voters age 50+. Among voters age 65+, Clinton had led by 5 on Friday, now less.

**Filtering:** 1,700 VA adults were interviewed 02/09/08 and 02/10/08. Half of interviews were conducted before Obama wins in Louisiana Primary, Nebraska caucus and Washington state caucus were known. Half of interviews were conducted after. All of interviews were conducted after NBC newsman was suspended over comments about Chelsea Clinton and Clinton campaign threatened to withdraw from scheduled NBC debate over those comments. Of the adults, 1,516 were registered to vote. Of them, 596 were determined by SurveyUSA to be likely to vote in the 02/12/08 Democratic primary.

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596 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4%																
Clinton	38%	30%	44%	36%	32%	40%	49%	33%	43%	49%	13%	44%	37%	27%	40%	31%
Obama	60%	66%	54%	62%	65%	57%	48%	64%	54%	47%	86%	56%	63%	63%	58%	67%
Other	2%	3%	1%	1%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	3%	0%	0%	0%	10%	1%	1%
Undecided	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	45%	55%	21%	35%	29%	15%	56%	44%	63%	29%	3%	5%	6%	78%	14%

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		Conser	Modera	Liberal	Regular	Occasio	Almost	Pro-life	Pro-cho	Could C	Mind M
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Obama	60%	56%	54%	66%	64%	48%	60%	60%	59%	42%	61%
Other	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	12%	0%
Undecided	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	11%	46%	27%	48%	23%	29%	26%	70%	13%	86%

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		Econo	Environ	Health	Iraq	Terroris	Social	Educati	Immigra	Shenan	Northea	Southe	Central
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: WDBJ-TV Roanoke, WJLA-TV Washington DC, WTVR-TV Richmond

**Statement of Methodology:** The following statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls: How this poll was conducted: This SurveyUSA poll was conducted by telephone in the voice of a professional announcer. Respondent households were selected at random, using Random Digit Dialed (RDD) sample provided by Survey Sampling, of Fairfield CT. All respondents heard the questions asked identically. Within the report, you will find: the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted and the news organization(s) that paid for the research. The number of respondents who answered each question and the margin of sampling error for each question are provided. Where necessary, responses were weighted according to age, gender, ethnic origin, geographical area and number of adults and number of voice telephone lines in the household, so that the sample would reflect the actual demographic proportions in the population, using most recent U.S. Census estimates. In theory, with the stated sample size, one can say with 95% certainty that the results would not vary by more than the stated margin of sampling error, in one direction or the other, had the entire universe of respondents been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than theoretical calculations of sampling error. These include refusals to be interviewed, question wording and question order, weighting by demographic control data and the manner in which respondents are filtered (such as, determining who is a likely voter). It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these factors. Fieldwork for this survey was done by SurveyUSA of Verona, NJ.