

# Results of SurveyUSA Election Poll #13337

Geography: Virginia

Data Collected: 02/07/2008 - 02/08/2008

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**Virginia Republican Primary: Most Romney Supporters Go to McCain, Who Sails to Easy Win** - One day after Mitt Romney withdrew from the Republican race for President, John McCain collects approximately two-thirds of Romney's support, according to before-and-after tracking polls conducted by SurveyUSA for WJLA-TV Washington DC, WDBJ-TV Roanoke, and WTVR-TV Richmond. In SurveyUSA interviews conducted on 02/06/08, before Romney withdrew, McCain got 45%, Romney 22%, Mike Huckabee 20%. In interviews conducted on 02/07/08 and 02/08/08, immediately after Romney withdrew, McCain gained 12 points, to 57%, Huckabee gained 5 points, to 25%. McCain led Huckabee by 25 points before Romney dropped out. McCain leads Huckabee by 32 points now. McCain leads in all regions of the state, though Huckabee runs slightly stronger in the Shenandoah and in Southeast VA than he does in the DC suburbs and in Central VA. To the extent that Republicans in Virginia see John McCain's nomination as a foregone conclusion, and therefore do not turn out to vote, McCain's margin of victory may here be slightly overstated or understated -- but the dynamics of the contest are clear. At stake are 63 winner-take-all delegates to the Republican National Convention.

**Filtering:** 1,700 state of Virginia adults were interviewed 02/07/08 and 02/08/08. Of them, 1,470 were registered to vote. Of them, 382 were determined by SurveyUSA to be likely to vote in the 02/12/08 Virginia Republican Primary. All interviews for **this** survey conducted after Romney withdrew, and after both local and national evening newscasts aired on 02/07/08. Results from partial sample conducted 02/06/08, **before** Romney withdrew, are available [here](#).

**1** If the Republican Primary for President of the United States were today, would you vote for ...(names rotated) Mike Huckabee? John McCain? Ron Paul? Or some other Republican?

382 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: +/-5.1%																
Huckabee	25%	21%	30%	28%	25%	26%	22%	26%	24%	24%	51%	0%	34%	25%	46%	25%
McCain	57%	58%	55%	50%	60%	54%	62%	56%	57%	58%	24%	65%	58%	58%	44%	51%
Paul	9%	10%	7%	16%	9%	6%	3%	11%	5%	9%	3%	12%	0%	8%	4%	14%
Other	7%	8%	5%	2%	5%	11%	10%	4%	11%	6%	12%	23%	8%	7%	0%	8%
Undecided	3%	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	9%	0%	0%	3%	6%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	58%	42%	19%	36%	28%	17%	55%	45%	90%	5%	2%	3%	79%	3%	15%

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		Conser	Modera	Liberal	Regular	Occasio	Almost	Pro-life	Pro-cho	Could C	Mind M
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McCain	57%	50%	70%	49%	54%	64%	55%	51%	71%	43%	62%
Paul	9%	10%	7%	0%	6%	4%	25%	9%	7%	11%	8%
Other	7%	8%	5%	0%	8%	5%	6%	7%	4%	6%	6%
Undecided	3%	3%	2%	5%	2%	4%	5%	2%	4%	7%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	60%	28%	3%	59%	25%	16%	64%	33%	24%	74%

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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.