

Election 2008: Montana Presidential Election

Montana: McCain 48% Obama 43%
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The latest Rasmussen Reports telephone survey in Montana shows John McCain leading Barack Obama 48% to 43%. However, he enjoys a much more comfortable lead over Hillary Clinton, 54% to 36%.

It would be truly stunning if Obama could turn Montana into a competitive state this November. George W. Bush won Montana’s 3 Electoral College Votes by twenty percentage points in 2004 and by twenty-five points four years earlier. Even Bob Dole managed to win Montana, albeit by a narrow 44% to 41% margin (Ross Perot picked up 14% of the vote).

The last Democrat to win Montana was Bill Clinton in 1992. He did so with 38% of the vote. The first President Bush got 35% of the Montana vote while Ross Perot picked up 26%.

In Montana, McCain currently leads Clinton by twelve points among unaffiliated voters while he is essentially even with Obama.

McCain is viewed favorably by 56% of Montana voters, Obama by 54%, and Clinton by 42%.

Obama might get some help from the state’s Democratic Governor, Brian Schweitzer—61% of the state’s voters say he is doing a good or an excellent job. Just 14% rate his work as poor.

McCain, on the other hand, is likely to get little help from the President. Despite winning 59% of the vote in Montana less than four years ago, George W. Bush now earns good or excellent ratings from just 38% of the state’s voters. Forty-seven percent (47%) say he is doing a poor job.

Montana Survey of 500 Likely Voters April 6, 2008

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