

Minnesota: 2008 Presidential Election

Minnesota: McCain Leads Clinton By Five, Trails Obama By Fifteen
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In Minnesota, the latest Rasmussen Reports telephone survey shows John McCain leading Hillary Clinton by five percentage points, 47% to 42%. However, it's an entirely different story if Barack Obama is the Democratic nominee—Obama leads McCain by fifteen points, 53% to 38%.

This dynamic matches what Rasmussen Reports polls have found in most other states-- Obama typically outperforms Clinton in general election match-ups.

In Minnesota, Clinton leads McCain by nine among women but trails by twenty-one points among men. Obama leads by twenty-nine points among women while running even with McCain among men.

McCain narrowly leads Clinton among unaffiliated voters but trails Obama by a two-to-one margin among those same voters.

Obama is viewed favorably by 64% of the state's voters, McCain by 62%, and Clinton by 51%.

Thirty-eight percent (38%) of Minnesota voters view the economy as the top voting issue for Election 2008. Twenty-three percent (23%) believe the War in Iraq is the highest priority.

Among voters who consider the economy to be the top issue, McCain has a very slight edge over Clinton but trails Obama by a wide margin. McCain trails both Democrats among Minnesota voters who consider the War in Iraq to be the top issue.

Obama currently outperforms Clinton in Oregon, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Colorado, and Nevada. These same dynamics are also found in national polling. In Missouri, both Clinton and Obama are essentially even with McCain. The one glaring exception to the general trend is Florida where both Clinton and Obama trail McCain at this time.

Minnesota Survey of 500 Likely Voters February 16, 2008

John McCain (R) vs. Hillary Clinton (D)

John McCain (R)	47%
Hillary Clinton (D)	42%

John McCain (R) vs. Barack Obama (D)

John McCain (R)
Barack Obama (D)

38%
53%