

Ohio 2008 Presidential Election

Ohio: McCain 42% Obama 41%
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Ohio, the state whose 20 Electoral College Votes put George W. Bush over the top in his bid for re-election four years ago, may be the scene of another close general election contest in 2008.

The latest Rasmussen Reports telephone poll finds that John McCain attracts 42% of the vote in the Buckeye State while Barack Obama earns 41%. Nine percent (9%) said they would vote for some other candidate while 8% are undecided. McCain leads by ten points among men while Obama leads by seven among women. Following his victory in the Wisconsin Presidential Primary, Obama is now seen as the overwhelming favorite to win the Democratic Presidential Nomination.

If Hillary Clinton is able to mount a comeback and become the Democratic nominee, she trails McCain by three percentage points. It's McCain 46% Clinton 43%. McCain leads Clinton by ten among men and trails by five among women.

Rasmussen Reports will be polling later this week on the Ohio Presidential Primary.

McCain wins 83% of the Republican vote if Clinton is the nominee, 73% if Obama is the nominee. McCain holds a slight edge over Clinton among unaffiliated voters while the reverse is true against Obama. Clinton does a bit better than Obama among Democratic voters. Overall, in most states surveyed recently, Obama performs significantly better against McCain than Clinton. The same dynamic is found nationally in the Rasmussen Reports daily Presidential Tracking Poll.

In Ohio, McCain is viewed favorably by 56% of Likely Voters, Obama by 55% and Clinton by 48%.

Forty percent (40%) of Ohio voters name the economy as the top voting issue of 2008. The economic confidence of Ohio workers has fallen for five consecutive months.

Twenty percent (20%) name the War in Iraq as the top issue while another 10% name national security as the highest priority. Nationally, Democrats are trusted more than Republicans on most key issues at this time.

Ohio Survey of 500 Likely Voters
February 17, 2008

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

John McCain (R)	42%
Barack Obama (D)	41%

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

John McCain (R)	46%
Hillary Clinton (D)	43%