

Virginia: 2008 Presidential Election

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In Virginia, John McCain leads Barack Obama by five percentage points in an early look at a possible general election match-up. It's McCain 49% Obama 44%. The latest Rasmussen Reports telephone survey of the race also found McCain leading Hillary Clinton 51% to 41%.

Obama and Clinton are matched in a tight race for the Democratic nomination. While Rasmussen Markets data now shows Obama as the overwhelming favorite to win the nomination, many believe it will not be decided until the Democratic National Convention.

Against both Democrats, McCain leads by double digits among men. He leads Clinton by three among women while trailing Obama by two. The Arizona Senator also leads both Democrats among voters not affiliated with either major political party.

McCain is viewed favorably by 61% of Virginia voters, Obama by 55%, and Clinton by 48%.

When matched against McCain, Obama outperforms Clinton in most states polled recently by Rasmussen Reports. Nationally, Obama leads McCain and McCain leads Clinton.

The economy is the most important issue for 36% of Virginia voters. The War in Iraq comes in second with 19% and National Security comes in a close third with 17%. Nationally, Democrats are trusted more than Republicans on most key issues at this time.

Virginia Survey of 500 Likely Voters February 19, 2008

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

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Hillary Clinton (D)	41%

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