

Results of SurveyUSA Election Poll #22696



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Geography: Texas

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1 Week to TX Presidential Primary, Trump and Cruz Tied, Rubio in 3rd Place with Half as Much Support;

Clinton Laps Sanders; State Divided on Which President Should Nominate the Next Supreme Court Justice: In his home state of Texas, US Senator Ted Cruz cannot shake businessman Donald Trump and his New York values, according to a SurveyUSA poll conducted exclusively for TEGNA Texas. Cruz's best shot at a Super Tuesday win looks at this hour like he may do no better than a draw. On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton defeats Bernie Sanders 2:1. In the Republican Primary, it's Cruz 32%, Trump 32%, Marco Rubio 17%, others further back. Cruz narrowly leads Trump among Texas's Hispanic/Latino population, 34% to 27%. Cruz materially leads Trump among Texas's evangelicals, 42% to 28%. Cruz overwhelmingly leads Trump among those who are members of the Tea Party, 62% to 21%. Cruz leads by 11 points in West Texas, which includes El Paso, Midland and 88 surrounding counties, and by a nominal 3 points in East Texas, which includes Houston and 60 surrounding counties. Cruz leads by 20 points among "very conservative" primary voters. Cruz overpowers Trump among Texas Republican primary voters who in 2012 voted for Rick Santorum or Newt Gingrich. Trump leads among voters who in 2012 backed Mitt Romney or Ron Paul. Trump leads by 16 points among "moderates" and by 14 points among non-evangelical voters. Trump leads in North Texas, which includes Dallas and 43 surrounding counties, and Trump leads among the least educated Republican primary voters. Trump leads among the most affluent Texans, but Cruz leads among middle-income primary voters. In Central TX, which includes Austin, San Antonio, and 28 surrounding counties, the two candidates run effectively even. How close are Trump and Cruz at this hour? * Among "Strong Republicans," Trump and Cruz are effectively tied.

- * Among "Republicans," Trump and Cruz are effectively tied.
- * Among men, Trump and Cruz are effectively tied.
- * Among women, Trump and Cruz are effectively tied.
- * Among younger voters, Trump and Cruz are effectively tied.
- * Among older voters, Trump and Cruz are effectively tied.
- * Among gun owners, Trump and Cruz are effectively tied.
- * Among non-gun owners, Trump and Cruz are effectively tied.
- * Among college-educated voters, Trump and Cruz are effectively tied.

In the Democratic Primary, it's Clinton 61%, Sanders 32%. Sanders is backed by 58% of the youngest voters, but Clinton is backed by 70% of middle-aged voters and 82% of seniors. Clinton leads Sanders 4:1 among black voters and Clinton leads Sanders by 40 points among Hispanic voters. Sanders draws near to Clinton, but still trails, among Democratic primary voters who say they are "falling behind" financially. But Clinton overpowers among voters who say they are "doing well" financially or "just getting by." Of those Democratic primary voters who voted for Clinton in 2008, 86% stick with her in 2016. Among Democratic primary voters who voted for Barack Obama in 2008, Clinton leads Sanders 58% to 33%. Clinton polls at or above 60% in North TX, East TX, Central TX and South TX. Sanders comes close to Clinton in West TX, but still trails her there 48% to 42%. Texas likely voters are split on whether the current President of the United States or the next President should appoint the next Justice for the Supreme Court. Of those Republican primary voters who say the current President should appoint the next Justice, Trump and Rubio lead, each with 27% of the vote. Of those Republican primary voters who say the next President should appoint the Justice, Cruz narrowly leads Trump, 36% to 33%. **About:** SurveyUSA interviewed 1,750 adults from the state of Texas in the respondent's choice of Spanish or English 02/21/16 through 02/22/16. Interviews were completed after the results of the South Carolina Republican Primary were known, but before the results of the Nevada Republican caucuses were known. Of the 1,750 Texas adults, 1,531 were registered to vote in Texas. Of the registered voters, SurveyUSA identified 1,293 as likely to vote in the 11/08/16 general election for president, 645 who had either already voted in the Texas Republican primary or were certain to do so on or before 03/01/16, and 569 who had either already voted in the Texas Democratic primary or were certain to do so on or before 03/01/16. This research was conducted using blended sample, mixed mode. Respondents reachable on a home telephone were interviewed on their home telephone in the recorded voice of a professional announcer. Respondents not reachable on a home telephone were shown a questionnaire on their smartphone, tablet or other electronic device.

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645 Likely & Actual GOP Primary Vot	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race			
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian /
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-3.9%													
Donald Trump	32%	33%	31%	29%	32%	36%	30%	31%	33%	33%	**	27%	**
Ted Cruz	32%	32%	33%	27%	36%	30%	34%	33%	32%	31%	**	34%	**
Marco Rubio	17%	17%	17%	19%	14%	17%	17%	16%	17%	16%	**	20%	**
Ben Carson	5%	6%	5%	11%	5%	4%	3%	7%	3%	6%	**	5%	**
John Kasich	6%	8%	4%	5%	3%	5%	11%	4%	8%	7%	**	4%	**
Other	2%	1%	3%	1%	0%	2%	5%	0%	3%	1%	**	2%	**
Uncommitted	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	3%	1%	0%	2%	2%	**	0%	**
Undecided	5%	4%	6%	6%	9%	3%	1%	8%	2%	4%	**	8%	**
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely & Actual GOP	100%	51%	49%	17%	32%	26%	25%	49%	51%	71%	2%	22%	5%

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		Strong	Republi	Indy Le	Indepen	Indy Le	Democr	Strong	Very Co	Conser	Moder	Liberal	Very Li	Yes	No	Yes	No
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Marco Rubio	17%	16%	15%	23%	6%	**	**	**	13%	16%	23%	**	**	6%	21%	14%	20%
Ben Carson	5%	5%	4%	6%	9%	**	**	**	3%	6%	7%	**	**	5%	5%	4%	7%
John Kasich	6%	5%	5%	5%	17%	**	**	**	4%	3%	11%	**	**	5%	7%	5%	8%
Other	2%	1%	0%	3%	0%	**	**	**	0%	2%	3%	**	**	1%	2%	1%	3%
Uncommitted	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	**	**	**	1%	2%	0%	**	**	0%	1%	1%	1%
Undecided	5%	2%	7%	5%	7%	**	**	**	3%	6%	4%	**	**	0%	6%	5%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely & Actual GOP	100%	30%	31%	29%	8%	2%	0%	0%	30%	37%	28%	3%	0%	19%	68%	48%	45%

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		Current	Next Pr	Yes	No	Doing	Just Ge	Falling	Romne	Paul	Santoru	Gingric	Obama	Clinton	High Sc	Some C	4-year	
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John Kasich	6%	17%	4%	5%	7%	6%	7%	3%	6%	8%	3%	9%	-	-	4%	5%	8%	
Other	2%	3%	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	-	-	4%	1%	1%	
Uncommitted	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	-	-	2%	2%	1%	
Undecided	5%	4%	4%	5%	5%	2%	7%	9%	3%	14%	0%	1%	-	-	6%	6%	5%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	100%	100%	100%	
Composition of Likely & Actual GOP	100%	17%	73%	55%	38%	44%	45%	8%	55%	10%	6%	6%			17%	33%	50%	

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John Kasich	6%	7%	5%	7%	4%	8%	7%	4%	7%	**	8%	
Other	2%	3%	2%	1%	0%	3%	1%	2%	2%	**	2%	
Uncommitted	1%	3%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%	**	0%	
Undecided	5%	3%	7%	4%	9%	2%	4%	7%	1%	**	4%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Composition of Likely & Actual GOP	100%	22%	40%	38%	45%	55%	35%	37%	14%	4%	10%	

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569 Likely & Actual Democratic Prim Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.1%	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race			
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian /
Hillary Clinton	61%	58%	65%	34%	70%	67%	82%	52%	73%	49%	73%	68%	**
Bernie Sanders	32%	32%	31%	58%	23%	27%	13%	40%	21%	44%	18%	28%	**
Undecided	7%	9%	4%	9%	7%	6%	5%	8%	6%	7%	9%	4%	**
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely & Actual Demo	100%	49%	51%	27%	28%	27%	18%	55%	45%	36%	21%	38%	5%

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Hillary Clinton	61%	**	**	**	44%	43%	66%	72%	76%	71%	64%	49%	48%	70%	60%	69%	57%
Bernie Sanders	32%	**	**	**	47%	49%	25%	23%	22%	25%	28%	46%	43%	30%	33%	23%	36%
Undecided	7%	**	**	**	9%	8%	9%	5%	2%	4%	8%	5%	9%	0%	7%	7%	7%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely & Actual Demo	100%	2%	1%	3%	7%	22%	34%	30%	9%	11%	36%	23%	14%	5%	86%	29%	66%

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Bernie Sanders	32%	31%	37%	33%	32%	30%	32%	40%	-	-	-	-	33%	12%	23%	37%	33%
Undecided	7%	7%	2%	2%	9%	7%	6%	9%	-	-	-	-	8%	3%	7%	5%	8%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely & Actual Demo	100%	70%	13%	33%	63%	38%	49%	11%					61%	23%	23%	37%	40%

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Undecided	7%	8%	4%	10%	7%	6%	6%	8%	5%	7%	10%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely & Actual Demo	100%	37%	38%	25%	51%	49%	27%	31%	20%	12%	9%

3 Who should pick the next Justice for the Supreme Court of the United States? The current president? The next president? Or, do you not know enough to say?

1744 Adults Margin of Sampling Error: +/-2.4%	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race			
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian /
Current President	38%	41%	36%	44%	32%	41%	37%	38%	39%	33%	63%	38%	40%
Next President	41%	41%	40%	30%	45%	40%	51%	38%	44%	50%	20%	32%	41%
Don't Know Enough To Say	21%	17%	25%	26%	23%	20%	12%	24%	17%	16%	17%	30%	20%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	49%	51%	27%	29%	26%	18%	56%	44%	52%	11%	32%	5%

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Current President	38%	8%	19%	20%	29%	60%	65%	82%	17%	20%	43%	69%	91%	20%	45%	26%	49%
Next President	41%	84%	64%	62%	33%	11%	17%	4%	69%	64%	32%	11%	7%	75%	35%	57%	32%
Don't Know Enough To Say	21%	8%	17%	19%	38%	29%	18%	13%	14%	16%	25%	19%	2%	5%	20%	17%	19%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	13%	15%	17%	16%	13%	15%	11%	17%	22%	37%	12%	5%	10%	77%	35%	57%

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Don't Know Enough To Say	21%	0%	0%	14%	25%	13%	24%	33%	9%	12%	1%	8%	14%	12%	30%	23%	14%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	38%	41%	42%	52%	38%	48%	12%	55%	10%	6%	6%	61%	23%	22%	37%	41%

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Don't Know Enough To Say	21%	29%	19%	14%	25%	17%	17%	22%	20%	29%	25%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Composition of Adults	100%	35%	37%	29%	52%	48%	29%	34%	18%	9%	9%	

** Too few respondents of this type were interviewed for this data to be meaningful.

Statement of Methodology: About the Poll: This 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. The pollster's report includes the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted, the number of respondents who answered each question and the theoretical margin of sampling error for each question. Where necessary, respondents were weighted using the most recent US Census estimates for age, gender, ethnic origin and region, to align the sample to the population. In theory, 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 with home telephones been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than sampling error. These include: the difficulty of interviewing respondents who do not have a home telephone; the refusal by some with home telephones to be interviewed; the order in which questions are asked; the wording of questions; the way and extent to which data are weighted; and the manner in which specialized populations, such as likely voters, are determined. It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these and other factors. Research methodology, questionnaire design and fieldwork for this survey were completed by SurveyUSA of Clifton, NJ. This statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.