

BIDEN HOLDS COMMANDING LEAD IN ILLINOIS ON EVE OF SECOND DEBATE

Biden Leads Nearest Competitor Sanders By More Than 2-1 Margin in Illinois

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Former Vice President Joe Biden holds a commanding lead in Illinois heading into the second presidential debate, according to a new poll. Biden has 36.1% of the vote, with Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders in second place with 15.2%. Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren is in third place with 12.8%, while South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg (9.3%), and California Senator Kamala Harris (8.6%) round out the top tier of candidates.

The poll, conducted between July 26th-29th, of 1200 Democratic primary voters across Illinois, is part of The Illinois Poll, a semi monthly survey by Victory Research, an independent polling company based in Chicago. The poll has a margin of error of 2.83% and was conducted by live callers. Respondents answered on land lines (502) and cell phones (698). Victory Research has no client in the Presidential campaign.

Victory Research was the most accurate Illinois polling company for the 2018 gubernatorial election. The final Illinois poll of the 2018 Illinois Governor election published the day before the election showed Governor Prizker's lead over former Governor Rauner at 16%. The actual margin of victory was 15.7%.

Biden's lead is built on a very strong showing among African-American voters. More than half of African-American voters (54.2%) choose President Obama's running mate as their first choice for President, according to the poll. This is a 5-1 lead over the next highest vote getter among African-Americans.

Biden also leads in every geographic area of the state, according to the poll. Among age groups, Sanders leads Biden among voters 18-30 year of age (25.7%-23.6%), with Biden leading among every other age group.

There are twenty five announced Democratic candidates for President. All were included in the poll. Outside of the top tier, former Texas Congressman Beto O'Rourke received 2.1% in the poll, followed by Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar (1.7%), New Jersey Senator Cory Booker (1.4%), and New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (1.0%). Sixteen of the announced candidates received less than one percent in the poll.

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2020 US Presidential Election: Demographic Breakdown by Candidate																		
CANDIDATE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	White	African-American	Latino	18-30	31-45	46-60	Over 60	Chicago	Cook	Collars	North	Central	Southern	Land	Cell
TOTAL																		
JOE BIDEN	36.1%	34.9%	36.9%	29.9%	54.2%	32.8%	23.6%	31.7%	38.6%	51.1%	37.1%	34.9%	35.2%	38.1%	35.1%	36.6%	39.4%	33.7%
BERNIE SANDERS	15.2%	16.9%	13.9%	18.4%	10.4%	13.5%	25.7%	18.3%	8.6%	8.3%	17.7%	14.7%	14.6%	11.9%	12.6%	12.2%	15.9%	14.6%
ELIZABETH WARREN	12.8%	13.3%	12.5%	14.5%	5.8%	13.5%	20.8%	14.1%	9.9%	6.5%	12.9%	10.4%	13.3%	10.7%	15.3%	18.3%	13.1%	12.6%
PETE BUTTIGIEG	9.3%	9.5%	9.1%	11.9%	0.6%	11.5%	14.2%	9.3%	8.6%	4.7%	8.0%	9.7%	11.2%	8.3%	9.9%	8.5%	7.6%	10.5%
KAMALA HARRIS	8.6%	9.1%	8.2%	8.6%	10.1%	8.3%	4.9%	6.7%	12.0%	10.5%	6.3%	8.3%	12.4%	10.7%	8.1%	8.5%	6.4%	10.2%
BETO O'ROURKE	2.1%	2.2%	2.0%	1.4%	1.3%	5.7%	0.7%	3.5%	2.2%	1.8%	2.4%	2.2%	1.3%	1.2%	2.7%	2.4%	2.0%	2.1%
AMY KLOBUCHAR	1.7%	2.8%	0.9%	2.0%	1.3%	1.6%	0.3%	1.6%	2.5%	2.2%	2.7%	1.4%	0.9%	1.2%	0.9%	1.2%	1.6%	1.7%
CORY BOOKER	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	0.5%	3.9%	1.0%	1.0%	2.2%	0.9%	1.4%	1.5%	1.4%	1.3%	2.4%	0.9%	1.2%	1.8%	1.1%
KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND	1.0%	1.2%	0.9%	0.9%	1.3%	0.5%	0.3%	1.0%	0.9%	1.8%	1.2%	1.1%	0.4%	0.0%	1.8%	1.2%	1.2%	0.9%
TOM STEYER	0.8%	0.6%	0.9%	0.8%	0.6%	0.5%	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%	1.1%	0.7%	0.7%	0.9%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.7%
JAY INSLEE	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%	1.0%	0.3%	1.0%	0.9%	0.4%	0.5%	1.1%	0.4%	1.2%	0.9%	0.0%	0.6%	0.7%
JULIAN CASTRO	0.6%	0.4%	0.7%	0.2%	0.3%	2.6%	0.3%	0.3%	0.9%	0.7%	0.5%	1.1%	0.4%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.4%
BILL DE BLASIO	0.4%	0.6%	0.3%	0.2%	0.6%	0.5%	0.3%	0.0%	0.9%	0.4%	0.7%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%
ANDREW YANG	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%	0.2%	0.4%
TULSI GABBARD	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%	0.0%	0.6%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.6%	0.1%
MARIANNE WILLIAMSON	0.3%	0.6%	0.1%	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.7%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%
JOHN HICKENLOOPER	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.7%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%	0.9%	0.0%	0.4%	0.1%
TIM RYAN	0.3%	0.4%	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.4%	0.2%	0.4%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%
LARRY BULLOCK	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.7%	0.2%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%
MIKE GRAVEL	0.2%	0.4%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%
TIM RYAN	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%
JOE SESTAK	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%
SETH MOULTON	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
WAYNE MESSAM	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
JOHN DELANEY	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Dk/Und	7.3%	4.0%	9.6%	8.0%	6.2%	5.2%	5.9%	8.0%	6.2%	9.1%	5.6%	10.4%	5.2%	7.1%	9.0%	8.5%	5.2%	8.7%