

# Results of SurveyUSA Election Poll #14450



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Geography: Connecticut

Data Collected: 09/24/2008 - 09/25/2008

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Percentages

**Connecticut: McCain Trails Significantly in Joe Lieberman's Home State:** In an election for President of the United States in Connecticut today, 09/26/08, Democrat Barack Obama defeats Republican John McCain 54% to 38%, according to this SurveyUSA poll conducted exclusively for WABC-TV New York. Obama takes a majority of votes among men and women, young and old, white and black. McCain leads among conservatives, Republicans, pro-life voters, gun owners, and those who regularly attend religious services. Obama leads by double digits in Hartford County, New Haven County, and Fairfield County; McCain and Obama tie in the rest of the state.

**Filtering:** SurveyUSA interviewed 900 Connecticut adults 09/24/08 and 09/25/08. The research was conducted at a time of unprecedented economic and political turbulence. Of the adults, 807 were registered to vote. Of the registered voters, 686 were determined by SurveyUSA to be likely voters in the 11/04/08 general election. Connecticut has 7 Electoral College votes. It is home to US Senator Joseph Lieberman, one of McCain's most visible and outspoken supporters and possibly McCain's first choice for running mate. John Kerry carried the state by 10 points in 2004, but McCain underperforms Bush at this point in 2008.

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686 Adults	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Age			Race				
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	< Obam	> McCa	> In Bet	White	Black	Hispani	Other	
Credibility Interval: +/-3.8 pct points																	
McCain (R)	38%	37%	40%	34%	38%	39%	42%	37%	41%	37%	45%	39%	41%	22%	24%	**	
Obama (D)	54%	55%	53%	58%	55%	51%	49%	56%	50%	56%	47%	52%	51%	74%	67%	**	
Other	4%	5%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	5%	3%	1%	4%	**	
Undecided	4%	3%	5%	4%	3%	5%	5%	3%	5%	3%	4%	5%	4%	3%	4%	**	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Composition of Adults	100%	49%	51%	21%	33%	25%	21%	54%	46%	47%	12%	41%	84%	7%	6%	4%	

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686 Adults	All	Party Affiliation			Ideology			College Grad		Attend Religious Services			Abortion		Intellectual?		Traveled Abroad	
		Republi	Democr	Indepen	Conser	Modera	Liberal	Yes	No	Regular	Occasio	Almost	Pro-life	Pro-cho	Yes	No	Yes	No
Credibility Interval: +/-3.8 pct points																		
McCain (R)	38%	71%	17%	40%	78%	36%	12%	35%	44%	48%	36%	29%	64%	26%	39%	37%	40%	32%
Obama (D)	54%	21%	79%	48%	16%	57%	82%	58%	47%	43%	58%	63%	30%	67%	54%	54%	53%	59%
Other	4%	4%	2%	7%	2%	5%	5%	3%	5%	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Undecided	4%	4%	2%	5%	5%	3%	1%	4%	4%	5%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	5%
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		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	< \$50K	> \$50K	Fairfield	Hartford	New Ha	Rest of
McCain (R)	38%	40%	38%	43%	23%	51%	35%	40%	38%	38%	34%	38%	44%
Obama (D)	54%	51%	55%	51%	70%	39%	58%	53%	55%	55%	60%	55%	45%
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Undecided	4%	5%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	34%	65%	80%	16%	24%	74%	25%	75%	27%	24%	24%	24%

\*\* 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.