

South Carolina Exit Polls: How Different Groups Voted

The numbers on this page are **estimates** from exit polls conducted by Edison Research for the National Election Pool. These surveys interviewed voters outside of polling places or early voting sites, or by phone (to account for mail-in voters).

Results from interviews with 1,684 voters are shown below. These numbers have been adjusted to match the actual vote count.

While exit polls offer an initial indication of how groups voted on election night, they are not perfect. The polls are not precise enough to distinguish between, say, 53 percent support or 50 percent support from a certain group. Like any survey, they are subject to sampling error, and they rely on estimates of how many people voted in each group.

Demographic



Donald Trump



Joseph R. Biden Jr.

Are you male or female?

Male	57%	41%
45% of voters		
Female	53	45
55%		

What is your racial or ethnic heritage?

White	73	26
66% of voters		
Black	7	90
26%		
Hispanic/Latino	—	—
5%		
Asian	—	—
<1%		

Other
3%



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How old are you?

18-29
15% of voters

53

43

30-44
20%

48

50

45-64
37%

57

42

65 or over
27%

60

40

What is your level of education?

College graduate
37% of voters

55

43

No college degree
63%

55

43



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Are you gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender?

Yes
5% of voters

—

—

No
95%

59

40

Do you have any children under 18 living in your home?

Yes	55	44
31% of voters		
No	57	41
69%		



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Are you a white evangelical or white born-again Christian?

White evangelical or white born-again Christian	85	13
39% of voters		
All others	38	60
61%		

What was your total family income in 2019?

Under \$50,000	46	53
41% of voters		
\$50,000-\$99,999	51	47
31%		
\$100,000 or more	64	34
27%		



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Compared to four years ago, is your family's financial situation:

Better today	84	15
49% of voters		

Worse today 17%	12	88
About the same 32%	31	65

Have you ever served in the U.S. military?

Yes 17% of voters	68	31
No 83%	60	38



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Is this the first year you have ever voted?

Yes 12% of voters	—	—
No 88%	57	42

On most political matters, do you consider yourself:

Liberal 15% of voters	7	92
Moderate 38%	42	56
Conservative 47%	85	14



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No matter how you voted today, do you usually think of yourself as a:

Democrat 30% of voters	4	96
Republican 41%	95	4
Independent or something else 29%	50	46

What kind of place do you live in?

City of 50K or more 14% of voters	43	55
Suburb 49%	58	40
Small city or rural area 37%	56	43



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In which part of the state do you live?

Upcountry 25% of voters	66	32
Piedmont 14%	57	41
Central 24%	46	52
Pee Dee/Waccamaw 15%	57	43
Low Country 21%	50	49

Are you white or nonwhite?

White 66% of voters	73	26
Nonwhite 34%	21	78



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What is your gender and racial or ethnic heritage?

White men 28% of voters	75	23
White women 38%	71	28
Black men 12%	12	85
Black women 14%	3	96
Latino men 2%	—	—
Latino women 2%	—	—
All other races 3%	—	—

What is your race and education level?

White college graduate 29% of voters	63	36
White noncollege graduate 37%	80	19
Nonwhite college graduate 7%	25	72
Nonwhite noncollege graduate 26%	20	79

Issues and attitudes



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Which one of these five issues mattered most in deciding how you voted for president?

Racial inequality 15% of voters	10	88
The coronavirus pandemic 16%	10	89
The economy 36%	87	11
Crime and safety 14%	84	16
Health care policy 11%	—	—

Which one of these four candidate qualities mattered most in deciding how you voted for president?

Can unite the country 17% of voters	32	64
Is a strong leader 35%	84	15
Cares about people like me 19%	48	52
Has good judgment 23%	21	76



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Who would better handle the coronavirus pandemic?

Joe Biden 40% of voters	4	95
Donald Trump 55%	95	4

Which is more important?

Containing the coronavirus now, even if it hurts the economy 48% of voters	21	78
Rebuilding the economy now, even if it hurts efforts to contain the coronavirus 48%	86	13



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Do you think Donald Trump has the temperament to serve effectively as president?

Yes 53% of voters	94	6
No 46%	7	90

Do you think Joe Biden has the temperament to serve effectively as president?

Yes 43% of voters	3	96
No 55%	94	4



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Was your vote for president mainly:

For your candidate	63	36
72% of voters		
Against his opponent	41	55
23%		

How do you feel about the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

Approve	92	7
60% of voters		
Disapprove	5	94
40%		



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Is your opinion of Donald Trump:

Favorable	97	2
50% of voters		
Unfavorable	6	91
48%		

Is your opinion of Joe Biden:

Favorable	4	96
44% of voters		
Unfavorable	92	5
54%		



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Do you think U.S. efforts to contain the coronavirus pandemic are going:

Very well 23% of voters	93	7
Somewhat well 38%	81	18
Somewhat badly 13%	29	70
Very badly 26%	3	95

Do you consider wearing a face mask in public more of a:

Personal choice 36% of voters	78	21
Public health responsibility 61%	42	56



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Do you think the condition of the nation's economy is:

Excellent or good 57% of voters	82	18
Not so good or poor 42%	20	76

Is racism in the U.S.:

Most important problem or one of many important problems
67% of voters

42

57

A minor problem or not a problem at all
29%

90

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Donald Trump



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How confident are you that votes in your state will be counted accurately?

Very confident
38% of voters

56

43

Somewhat confident
46%

58

40

Not very confident
11%

—

—

Not at all confident
3%

—

—

When did you finally decide for whom to vote in the presidential election?

In the last month
14% of voters

42

54

Before that
84%

56

43



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When did you finally decide for whom to vote in the

presidential election?

In the last week	—	—
7% of voters		
Before that	56	43
90%		

Is your opinion of Jaime Harrison:

Favorable	10	89
47% of voters		
Unfavorable	93	5
46%		



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Is your opinion of Lindsey Graham:

Favorable	87	11
54% of voters		
Unfavorable	11	87
43%		

For which of the presidential candidates do you have a favorable opinion?

Both	—	—
2% of voters		
Only Biden	1	98
42%		
Only Trump	99	<1
48%		
Neither	—	—
6%		



For which of the Senate candidates do you have a favorable opinion?

Both 10% of voters	—	—
Only Harrison 37%	2	97
Only Graham 44%	97	<1
Neither 6%	—	—

Would you rather see the U.S. Senate controlled by:

The Democratic Party 39% of voters	4	95
The Republican Party 56%	96	3

More breakdowns



Which presidential candidate has the temperament to serve effectively as president?

Both 3% of voters	—	—
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Only Biden 40%	1	98
Only Trump 50%	97	3
Neither 5%	—	—

How do you feel about the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

Strongly approve 43% of voters	95	5
Somewhat approve 17%	83	12
Somewhat disapprove 7%	—	—
Strongly disapprove 33%	2	97



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Do you think U.S. efforts to contain the coronavirus pandemic are going:

Very well or somewhat well 60% of voters	85	14
Very badly or somewhat badly 38%	12	87

Do you think the condition of the nation's economy is:

Excellent 14% of voters	94	6
Good 43%	78	22

Not so good 26%	31	66
Poor 16%	3	94



Is racism in the U.S.:

The most important problem 12% of voters	—	—
One of many important problems 55%	49	50
A minor problem 21%	92	5
Not a problem at all 8%	—	—

How confident are you that votes in your state will be counted accurately?

Very or somewhat confident 84% of voters	57	41
Not very or not at all confident 14%	—	—



When did you finally decide for whom to vote in the presidential election?

In the last few days		
2% of voters	—	—
In the last week		
5%	—	—
In October		
7%	—	—
In September		
8%	—	—
Before that		
76%	58	41

Do you have any children under 18 living in your home? What is your gender?

Men with children		
14% of voters	55	43
Women with children		
17%	55	45
Men without children		
31%	59	40
Women without children		
38%	56	42



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What best describes your level of education?

Never attended college		
22% of voters	53	46
Attended college but received no degree		
25%	53	46
Associate's degree		
17%	63	36

Bachelor's degree 23%	55	43
Graduate degree 14%	56	43

How old are you?

18-24 9% of voters	42	53
25-29 6%	68	30
30-39 12%	47	50
40-49 18%	46	53
50-64 28%	61	38
65 or over 27%	60	40



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How old are you?

18-44 35% of voters	50	47
45+ 65%	58	41

What was your total family income in 2019?

Under \$30,000 23% of voters	38	62
\$30,000 - \$49,999 18%	56	42

\$50,000 - \$99,999 31%	51	47
\$100,000 - \$199,999 22%	64	35
\$200,000 or more 5%	—	—



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What was your total family income in 2019?

Under \$50,000 41% of voters	46	53
\$50,000 or more 59%	57	41

What was your total family income in 2019?

Under \$100,000 73% of voters	48	51
\$100,000 or more 27%	64	34



Donald Trump



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Are you:

White female college graduate 15% of voters	62	36
White female not a college graduate 22%	77	23

White male college graduate 14%	64	35
White male not a college graduate 15%	86	12
Not any of these 34%	21	77

These estimates are subject to sampling error. The potential error is greater for smaller subgroups, or for characteristics that are concentrated in a few polling places. They are also subject to other types of errors, such as those that would arise if certain types of people were unwilling to talk to exit poll workers.

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