

Times national exit poll results

Data from the Los Angeles Times exit poll show how various groups of voters in the nation cast their ballots in the election. The two columns of percentages for Bush and Kerry are read horizontally. For example, of all the men who voted for president, 53% voted for Bush and 46% for Kerry.

	% of all voters	Bush	Kerry
Presidential choice			
Bush/Cheney	51%	100%	—
Kerry/Edwards	48	—	100%
Other	1	—	—
Gender			
Men	49%	53%	46
Women	51	49%	50
Gender and marital status			
Married men	31%	59%	40
Single men	16	40%	58
Married women	30	57%	42
Single women	19	35%	64
Age			
18-29	20%	43%	55
30-44	32	52%	47
45-64	36	54%	45
65 or older	12	55%	45
Race/ethnicity			
White	79%	57%	42
Black	10	14%	86
Latino	5	45%	54
Asian	3	34%	64
Education			
Less than college	48%	54%	45
College degree or more	52	49%	50
Income of voter			
Less than \$20,000	10%	46%	51
\$20,000 to \$39,999	20	47%	52
\$40,000 to \$59,999	20	51%	48
\$60,000 to \$74,999	15	53%	46
\$75,000 or more	35	54%	45
Political ideology			
Liberal	32%	19%	79
Moderate	29	45%	54
Conservative	39	82%	18
Party affiliation			
Democrat	40%	12%	88
Independent	19	48%	49
Republican	39	94%	6
Party ideology			
Liberal Democrats	22%	5%	95
Other Democrats	18	19%	81
Other Independents	13	36%	60
Conservative Independents	6	77%	22
Other Republicans	13	89%	11
Conservative Republicans	27	96%	4

	% of all voters	Bush	Kerry
When decided presidential vote			
Today/yesterday	8%	45%	52
Over the weekend	2	47%	46
Before the weekend	43	37%	62
Always knew	47	65%	34
Military affiliation			
Household with a veteran and/or family active in military	46%	54%	45
Not in military, nor a veteran	50	48%	51
Religion			
Protestant	51%	61%	38
Catholic	25	55%	44
Jewish	4	26%	74
Attendance at religious services			
Weekly or more	42%	65%	34
Less than that	58	42%	57
Gun ownership			
Own guns	36%	65%	34
Don't own any	64	43%	56
Voting status			
First-time voter	11%	42%	57
Voted before	89	53%	46
Locality			
City	36%	43%	56
Suburb	32	52%	47
Small town	20	58%	41
Rural	12	62%	37
Region			
East	24%	42%	57
Midwest	24	54%	45
South	32	57%	42
West	20	49%	50
Union household			
Union households	27%	43%	56
Non-union households	73	54%	45
Sexuality			
Heterosexual	96%	53%	46
Gay/lesbian/ bisexual	4	17%	81
Do you think the country is on the right or wrong track?			
Right track	51%	89%	11
Wrong track	49	11%	87
Do you think the situation in Iraq was worth going to war over, or not?			
Worth it	50%	88%	12
Not worth it	50	14%	84

Note: numbers may not add up to 100% where some answer categories are not shown.

How the poll was conducted: The Los Angeles Times Poll interviewed 5,154 voters who cast ballots in the general election Tuesday as they exited 136 polling places across the nation, including 3,357 California voters as they exited 50 polling places across the state. Precincts were chosen based on the pattern of turnout in past general elections. The survey was a self-administered, confidential questionnaire, in English and in Spanish. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus three percentage points for all voters, including California voters. For some subgroups, the error margin may be somewhat higher. Fieldwork provided by Schlesinger Associates of Edison, N.J. and Davis Research of Calabasas.

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