

California Exit Polls

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The exit poll is the crucial bit of information available to tell you who came out to vote, what candidate they voted for, and why. Exit polls are conducted as voters leave their polling place, thus the name "exit" polls. For the states that hold caucuses, exit polls are called entrance polls, simply because interviewers talk to voters as they're entering their polling place instead of exiting. [Read more on exit polls.](#)

Gender

2,350 total respondents

	Male 44%	Female 56%
• Biden	19%	26%
• Bloomberg	9%	12%
• Buttigieg	6%	2%
• Gabbard	2%	1%
• Klobuchar	3%	4%
• Sanders	44%	34%
• Steyer	2%	3%
• Warren	13%	16%

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Race

2,316 total respondents

	White 55%	Black 7%	Hispanic 28%	Asian 6%	Other 3%
• Biden	23%	38%	21%	16%	n/a
• Bloomberg	10%	20%	8%	16%	n/a
• Buttigieg	5%	4%	3%	7%	n/a
• Gabbard	2%	n/a	1%	2%	n/a
• Klobuchar	4%	3%	1%	n/a	n/a
• Sanders	33%	18%	55%	37%	n/a
• Steyer	2%	4%	3%	4%	n/a
• Warren	19%	12%	8%	12%	n/a

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Race

2,316 total respondents

	White 55%	Non-white 45%
• Biden	23%	23%
• Bloomberg	10%	12%
• Buttigieg	5%	3%
• Gabbard	2%	1%
• Klobuchar	4%	1%
• Sanders	33%	45%
• Steyer	2%	3%
• Warren	19%	10%

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Age

2,342 total respondents

	18-29 14%	30-44 26%	45-64 32%	65 and older 28%
• Biden	5%	9%	29%	37%
• Bloomberg	1%	6%	14%	16%
• Buttigieg	4%	2%	6%	5%
• Gabbard	n/a	3%	1%	1%
• Klobuchar	1%	1%	4%	5%
• Sanders	72%	57%	27%	18%
• Steyer	1%	n/a	3%	4%
• Warren	14%	21%	15%	10%

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Age

2,342 total respondents

	18-24 7%	25-29 6%	30-39 18%	40-49 14%	50-64 26%	65 and older 28%
• Biden	5%	6%	8%	17%	30%	37%
• Bloomberg	1%	1%	4%	9%	16%	16%
• Buttigieg	3%	5%	1%	2%	7%	5%
• Gabbard	n/a	n/a	4%	n/a	1%	1%
• Klobuchar	2%	n/a	1%	1%	4%	5%

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Age

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	18-44 40%	45 and older 60%
<div></div> Biden	8%	33%
<div></div> Bloomberg	4%	15%
<div></div> Buttigieg	3%	5%
<div></div> Gabbard	2%	1%
<div></div> Klobuchar	1%	4%
<div></div> Sanders	62%	23%
<div></div> Steyer	0%	4%
<div></div> Warren	18%	13%

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Age by race

2,307 total respondents

	White voters under 30 5%	White voters 30-44 14%	White voters 45-59 17%	White voters 60 or older 19%	Black voters under 30 1%	Black voters 30-44 1%
<div></div> Biden	6%	8%	29%	33%	n/a	n/a
<div></div> Bloomberg	2%	3%	9%	18%	n/a	n/a
<div></div> Buttigieg	3%	1%	8%	5%	n/a	n/a
<div></div> Gabbard	n/a	4%	1%	1%	n/a	n/a
<div></div> Klobuchar	n/a	2%	6%	6%	n/a	n/a
<div></div> Sanders	65%	52%	27%	18%	n/a	n/a
<div></div> Steyer	2%	n/a	1%	4%	n/a	n/a
<div></div> Warren	20%	29%	18%	13%	n/a	n/a

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	Never attended college 10%	Some college, no degree 22%	Associate's degree 13%	Bachelor's degree 28%	Advanced degree 26%
• Biden	33%	27%	25%	20%	18%
• Bloomberg	9%	9%	11%	11%	13%
• Buttigieg	1%	2%	5%	5%	5%
• Gabbard	n/a	1%	n/a	2%	2%
• Klobuchar	3%	2%	3%	3%	4%
• Sanders	38%	45%	43%	36%	34%
• Steyer	5%	2%	2%	2%	2%
• Warren	7%	10%	9%	19%	21%

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Education

2,336 total respondents

	College graduate 55%	No college degree 45%
• Biden	19%	28%
• Bloomberg	12%	10%
• Buttigieg	5%	3%
• Gabbard	2%	1%
• Klobuchar	4%	3%
• Sanders	35%	43%
• Steyer	2%	3%
• Warren	20%	9%

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Education by race

2,298 total respondents

	White college graduates 36%	White no college degree 20%	Non-white college graduates 18%	Non-white no college degree 26%
• Biden	19%	30%	18%	26%
• Bloomberg	10%	10%	15%	9%
• Buttigieg	5%	4%	5%	2%
• Gabbard	2%	1%	2%	n/a
• Klobuchar	5%	4%	2%	1%
• Sanders	32%	36%	40%	49%

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Education among whites by gender

2,297 total respondents

	White college-graduate women 19%	White women, no degree 12%	White college-graduate men 17%	White men, no degree 8%	All others 44%
• Biden	23%	33%	15%	25%	23%
• Bloomberg	10%	13%	10%	7%	12%
• Buttigieg	3%	3%	7%	5%	3%
• Gabbard	1%	2%	3%	n/a	1%
• Klobuchar	5%	6%	4%	1%	1%
• Sanders	26%	26%	39%	50%	45%
• Steyer	1%	3%	2%	1%	3%
• Warren	28%	13%	18%	9%	10%

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Party ID

2,258 total respondents

	Democrats 77%	Republicans 2%	Independents 21%
• Biden	25%	n/a	14%
• Bloomberg	11%	n/a	11%
• Buttigieg	5%	n/a	2%
• Gabbard	n/a	n/a	6%
• Klobuchar	3%	n/a	3%
• Sanders	36%	n/a	50%
• Steyer	3%	n/a	1%
• Warren	17%	n/a	9%

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Ideology

2,233 total respondents

Very liberal

Somewhat liberal

Moderate

Conservative

● Buttigieg	2%	6%	5%	n/a
● Gabbard	n/a	1%	3%	n/a
● Klobuchar	2%	4%	3%	n/a
● Sanders	52%	38%	26%	n/a
● Steyer	2%	2%	3%	n/a
● Warren	24%	17%	6%	n/a

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Ideology

2,233 total respondents

	Liberal 67%	Moderate 28%	Conservative 5%
● Biden	17%	36%	n/a
● Bloomberg	8%	16%	n/a
● Buttigieg	4%	5%	n/a
● Gabbard	1%	3%	n/a
● Klobuchar	3%	3%	n/a
● Sanders	44%	26%	n/a
● Steyer	2%	3%	n/a
● Warren	20%	6%	n/a

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Ideology

2,233 total respondents

	Liberal 67%	Moderate/Conservative 33%
● Biden	17%	35%
● Bloomberg	8%	14%
● Buttigieg	4%	5%
● Gabbard	1%	2%
● Klobuchar	3%	3%
● Sanders	44%	27%
● Steyer	2%	4%
● Warren	20%	7%

Are you gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender?

2,227 total respondents

	Yes 10%	No 90%
• Biden	16%	24%
• Bloomberg	9%	11%
• Buttigieg	7%	4%
• Gabbard	2%	1%
• Klobuchar	2%	3%
• Sanders	36%	39%
• Steyer	0%	3%
• Warren	26%	14%

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Ever voted in a Democratic primary before?

1,207 total respondents

	Previous voter 89%	First-time voter 10%
• Biden	25%	11%
• Bloomberg	10%	12%
• Buttigieg	3%	0%
• Gabbard	1%	5%
• Klobuchar	3%	1%
• Sanders	38%	48%
• Steyer	2%	n/a
• Warren	16%	15%

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Which issue mattered most to your vote:

2,298 total respondents

	Race relations 8%	Health care 34%	Climate change 26%	Income inequality 25%
• Biden	33%	25%	25%	13%
• Bloomberg	13%	10%	13%	9%
• Buttigieg	2%	5%	4%	3%

• Steyer	1%	1%	4%	1%
• Warren	14%	12%	16%	21%

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Which candidate quality mattered most?

1,173 total respondents

	Cares about people like me 15%	Can bring needed change 42%	Can unite the country 29%	Is a fighter 10%
• Biden	15%	14%	43%	22%
• Bloomberg	5%	11%	10%	17%
• Buttigieg	3%	3%	3%	3%
• Gabbard	n/a	3%	1%	n/a
• Klobuchar	3%	1%	6%	2%
• Sanders	54%	45%	26%	23%
• Steyer	5%	1%	2%	3%
• Warren	13%	21%	8%	29%

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Should Democrats nominate someone who:

2,298 total respondents

	Agrees with you on issues 33%	Can beat Trump 64%
• Biden	15%	27%
• Bloomberg	4%	15%
• Buttigieg	2%	5%
• Gabbard	3%	0%
• Klobuchar	2%	4%
• Sanders	55%	30%
• Steyer	2%	3%
• Warren	14%	16%

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	Support 57%	Oppose 36%
• Biden	13%	34%
• Bloomberg	5%	23%
• Buttigieg	3%	9%
• Gabbard	n/a	3%
• Klobuchar	4%	4%
• Sanders	53%	16%
• Steyer	3%	1%
• Warren	18%	8%

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Should tuition be free at public colleges?

1,125 total respondents

	Yes 76%	No 20%
• Biden	19%	30%
• Bloomberg	8%	23%
• Buttigieg	3%	14%
• Gabbard	n/a	5%
• Klobuchar	2%	9%
• Sanders	46%	10%
• Steyer	3%	3%
• Warren	17%	5%

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The economic system in the United States:

1,125 total respondents

	Works well as is 6%	Needs minor changes 38%	Needs complete overhaul 52%
• Biden	n/a	24%	20%
• Bloomberg	n/a	14%	8%
• Buttigieg	n/a	9%	3%
• Gabbard	n/a	1%	n/a

• Warren	n/a	11%	17%
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Should the next president's policies:

1,151 total respondents

	Return to Obama's policies 40%	Be more conservative than Obama's 9%	Be more liberal than Obama's 43%
• Biden	35%	n/a	9%
• Bloomberg	19%	n/a	4%
• Buttigieg	7%	n/a	4%
• Gabbard	n/a	n/a	n/a
• Klobuchar	3%	n/a	3%
• Sanders	22%	n/a	57%
• Steyer	2%	n/a	1%
• Warren	10%	n/a	21%

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Feelings about the Trump administration:

1,125 total respondents

	Enthusiastic 1%	Satisfied 4%	Dissatisfied 20%	Angry 72%
• Biden	n/a	n/a	23%	21%
• Bloomberg	n/a	n/a	17%	10%
• Buttigieg	n/a	n/a	3%	6%
• Gabbard	n/a	n/a	1%	n/a
• Klobuchar	n/a	n/a	2%	3%
• Sanders	n/a	n/a	46%	37%
• Steyer	n/a	n/a	1%	3%
• Warren	n/a	n/a	3%	18%

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	Yes 86%	No 13%
• Biden	23%	12%
• Bloomberg	11%	13%
• Buttigieg	5%	8%
• Gabbard	n/a	8%
• Klobuchar	3%	5%
• Sanders	37%	43%
• Steyer	3%	1%
• Warren	16%	7%

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Who has the best chance to defeat Trump?

1,125 total respondents

	Biden 28%	Bloomberg 15%	Buttigieg 2%	Gabbard 1%	Klobuchar 2%	Sanders 35%
• Biden	64%	7%	n/a	n/a	n/a	2%
• Bloomberg	4%	63%	n/a	n/a	n/a	1%
• Buttigieg	4%	5%	n/a	n/a	n/a	2%
• Gabbard	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
• Klobuchar	3%	0%	n/a	n/a	n/a	1%
• Sanders	13%	14%	n/a	n/a	n/a	84%
• Steyer	2%	5%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
• Warren	9%	5%	n/a	n/a	n/a	9%

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Opinion of Joe Biden:

1,173 total respondents

	Favorable 62%	Unfavorable 31%
• Biden	37%	3%
• Bloomberg	12%	7%
• Buttigieg	3%	2%

● Steyer	3%	1%
● Warren	14%	19%

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Opinion of Michael Bloomberg:

1,173 total respondents

	Favorable 32%	Unfavorable 57%
● Biden	31%	19%
● Bloomberg	31%	0%
● Buttigieg	3%	3%
● Gabbard	1%	2%
● Klobuchar	4%	2%
● Sanders	21%	46%
● Steyer	3%	1%
● Warren	5%	23%

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Opinion of Pete Buttigieg:

1,173 total respondents





	Favorable 49%	Unfavorable 33%
● Biden	29%	19%
● Bloomberg	12%	9%
● Buttigieg	5%	0%
● Gabbard	0%	4%
● Klobuchar	4%	2%
● Sanders	27%	50%
● Steyer	3%	1%
● Warren	19%	12%

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Opinion of Amy Klobuchar:

1,173 total respondents









	Favorable 46%	Unfavorable 35%
● Biden	32%	17%

 Klobuchar	6%	0%
 Sanders	22%	52%
 Steyer	2%	2%
 Warren	21%	10%

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Opinion of Bernie Sanders:









1,173 total respondents

	Favorable 70%	Unfavorable 27%
 Biden	15%	44%
 Bloomberg	6%	21%
 Buttigieg	2%	4%
 Gabbard	2%	1%
 Klobuchar	2%	5%
 Sanders	54%	3%
 Steyer	1%	4%
 Warren	17%	15%

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Opinion of Elizabeth Warren:

1,173 total respondents

	Favorable 67%	Unfavorable 25%
 Biden	21%	31%
 Bloomberg	7%	17%
 Buttigieg	2%	5%
 Gabbard	0%	5%
 Klobuchar	3%	3%
 Sanders	41%	32%
 Steyer	1%	4%
 Warren	24%	0%

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Opinion of socialism:

1,173 total respondents

• Bloomberg	6%	18%
• Buttigieg	2%	3%
• Gabbard	1%	3%
• Klobuchar	2%	3%
• Sanders	52%	21%
• Steyer	1%	3%
• Warren	21%	8%

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When did you decide for whom to vote?

1,151 total respondents

	Just today 6%	Last few days 12%	In February 34%	Before that 45%
• Biden	27%	47%	15%	18%
• Bloomberg	6%	11%	19%	5%
• Buttigieg	2%	1%	8%	6%
• Gabbard	n/a	n/a	1%	1%
• Klobuchar	6%	2%	5%	2%
• Sanders	42%	24%	30%	51%
• Steyer	n/a	n/a	5%	2%
• Warren	15%	15%	17%	13%

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When did you decide whom to support?

1,151 total respondents

	In the last few days 18%	Earlier than that 79%
• Biden	41%	17%
• Bloomberg	9%	11%
• Buttigieg	1%	7%
• Gabbard	n/a	1%
• Klobuchar	3%	3%
• Sanders	30%	42%
• Steyer	n/a	3%
• Warren	15%	15%

When did you decide whom to support?

1,151 total respondents

	This month 52%	Earlier than that 45%
• Biden	24%	18%
• Bloomberg	16%	5%
• Buttigieg	6%	6%
• Gabbard	1%	1%
• Klobuchar	4%	2%
• Sanders	30%	51%
• Steyer	3%	2%
• Warren	16%	13%

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Area type

2,358 total respondents

	Urban area 47%	Suburban area 48%	Rural area 5%
• Biden	22%	25%	n/a
• Bloomberg	11%	12%	n/a
• Buttigieg	3%	5%	n/a
• Gabbard	1%	1%	n/a
• Klobuchar	2%	4%	n/a
• Sanders	40%	36%	n/a
• Steyer	2%	2%	n/a
• Warren	18%	13%	n/a

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Region

2,358 total respondents

	Coastal 11%	Inland 21%	Bay Area 23%	LA County 31%	Southern Coast 15%
• Biden	19%	31%	19%	23%	20%
• Bloomberg	14%	10%	10%	11%	11%
• Buttigieg	7%	5%	6%	2%	3%

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