

• LIVE Exit Polls

Exit polls are surveys of a random sample of voters taken as they leave their polling place on election day. Absentee and early voters are represented by either telephone polls or in-person exit polls at early voting locations. Pollsters use the results to assess the makeup and opinions of the electorate. [Read how exit polls work during a pandemic.](#)

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Region

646 total respondents

	Multnomah County 19%	Portland Suburbs 25%	Willamette/NW 31%	East/South 25%
• Merkley	n/a	64%	56%	39%
• Perkins	n/a	35%	38%	59%

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Age

646 total respondents

	18-29 17%	30-44 24%	45-64 35%	65 or older 24%
• Merkley	n/a	65%	54%	59%
• Perkins	n/a	30%	44%	39%

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Age

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	18-24 8%	25-29 9%	30-39 15%	40-49 18%	50-64 25%	65 or older 24%
• Merkley						



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	n/a	n/a	n/a	40%	39%
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### Family's financial situation today:

646 total respondents

	Better than four years ago 40%	Worse than four years ago 17%	About the same 43%
● Merkley	30%	82%	74%
● Perkins	66%	15%	22%

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### Condition of the nation's economy:

646 total respondents

	Excellent 6%	Good 30%	Not so good 39%	Poor 24%
● Merkley	n/a	29%	75%	81%
● Perkins	n/a	69%	21%	14%

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### Party ID

646 total respondents

	Democrat 36%	Republican 23%	Independent 41%
● Merkley	97%	5%	58%
● Perkins	2%	94%	35%

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### Ideology

646 total respondents

	Liberal 34%	Moderate 38%	Conservative 28%
● Merkley	95%	66%	10%
● Perkins	4%	28%	88%



## Race

646 total respondents

	White 85%	Black 1%	Latino 8%	Asian 2%	Something else 4%
● Merkley	<b>58%</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
● Perkins	38%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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## Gender

646 total respondents

	Male 49%	Female 51%
● Merkley	<b>54%</b>	<b>64%</b>
● Perkins	42%	33%

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## Area type

646 total respondents

	Urban 32%	Suburban 49%	Rural 19%
● Merkley	<b>79%</b>	<b>53%</b>	40%
● Perkins	20%	41%	<b>60%</b>

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## Condition of the nation's economy:

646 total respondents

	Excellent/Good 37%	Not good/Poor 62%
● Merkley	25%	<b>77%</b>
● Perkins	<b>73%</b>	19%

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## How confident that votes will be



● Merkley	<b>83%</b>	<b>47%</b>	n/a	n/a
● Perkins	16%	46%	n/a	n/a

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### How confident that votes will be counted accurately?

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	<b>Confident</b> 80%	<b>Not confident</b> 19%
● Merkley	<b>69%</b>	n/a
● Perkins	27%	n/a

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### Parents

646 total respondents

	<b>Men with children</b> 13%	<b>Women with children</b> 15%	<b>Men no children</b> 35%	<b>Women no children</b> 36%
● Merkley	n/a	n/a	<b>54%</b>	<b>64%</b>
● Perkins	n/a	n/a	43%	33%

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### Sex by race

646 total respondents

	<b>White men</b> 41%	<b>White women</b> 44%	<b>Black men</b> 1%	<b>Black women</b> 0%	<b>Latino men</b> 4%	<b>Latino women</b> 4%	<b>All other races</b> 6%
● Merkley	<b>54%</b>	<b>63%</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
● Perkins	41%	35%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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● Merkley	<b>64%</b>	<b>56%</b>
● Perkins	30%	42%

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**Education**

646 total respondents

	College graduate 30%	No college degree 70%
● Merkley	<b>73%</b>	<b>53%</b>
● Perkins	23%	43%

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**Education by race**

646 total respondents

	White voters, college degree 26%	White voters, no degree 59%	Voters of color, college degree 4%	Voters of color, no degree 11%
● Merkley	<b>75%</b>	<b>51%</b>	n/a	n/a
● Perkins	21%	46%	n/a	n/a

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**Is this the first year you voted?**

646 total respondents

	Yes 10%	No 90%
● Merkley	n/a	<b>58%</b>
● Perkins	n/a	39%

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**View of Joe Biden:**

646 total respondents

Favorable

Unfavorable



8%

82%

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### Have any children under 18?

646 total respondents

**YES**  
28%

**NO**  
72%

 Merkley

55%

59%

 Perkins

40%

38%

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### Race

646 total respondents

**White voters**  
85%

**Voters of color**  
15%

 Merkley

58%

n/a

 Perkins

38%

n/a

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### Gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender?

646 total respondents

**YES**  
7%

**NO**  
93%

 Merkley

n/a

57%

 Perkins

n/a

40%

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### View of Donald Trump:

646 total respondents

**Favorable**  
37%

**Unfavorable**  
61%


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**91%**

6%

### Education by Gender Among White Voters

646 total respondents

	White college graduate women 14%	White women no degree 29%	White college graduate men 12%	White men no degree 29%	Voters of color 15%
● Merkley	<b>79%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>70%</b>	47%	n/a
● Perkins	21%	42%	21%	<b>49%</b>	n/a

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### Opinion of Trump as president

646 total respondents

	Strongly approve 28%	Somewhat approve 12%	Somewhat disapprove 7%	Strongly disapprove 52%
● Merkley	5%	n/a	n/a	<b>98%</b>
● Perkins	<b>92%</b>	n/a	n/a	1%

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### Opinion of Trump as president

646 total respondents

	Approve 40%	Disapprove 59%
● Merkley	10%	<b>93%</b>
● Perkins	<b>88%</b>	4%

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### Education

646 total respondents

	Never attended college 22%	Some college 36%	Associate's degree 12%	Bachelor's degree 18%	Advanced degree 12%
● Merkley	38%	<b>60%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>78%</b>



### Most important issue to your vote?

646 total respondents

	Racial inequality 17%	Coronavirus 19%	The economy 29%	Crime and safety 8%	Health care policy 19%
● Merkley	n/a	97%	8%	n/a	85%
● Perkins	n/a	1%	88%	n/a	13%

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### Which candidate quality mattered most?

646 total respondents

	Can unite the country 23%	Is a strong leader 21%	Cares about people like me 21%	Has good judgment 31%
● Merkley	73%	25%	54%	76%
● Perkins	23%	75%	38%	23%

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### U.S. efforts to contain coronavirus are going:

646 total respondents

	Very well 10%	Somewhat well 26%	Somewhat badly 25%	Very badly 36%
● Merkley	n/a	20%	77%	88%
● Perkins	n/a	79%	19%	9%

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### Which is more important to do now?

646 total respondents

	Contain coronavirus 58%	Rebuild the economy 34%
● Merkley		
● Perkins		





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9%

**88%****Racism in the U.S. is:**

646 total respondents

	<b>The most important problem</b> 10%	<b>An important problem</b> 64%	<b>A minor problem</b> 19%	<b>Not a problem at all</b> 7%
● Merkley	n/a	<b>72%</b>	14%	n/a
● Perkins	n/a	23%	<b>84%</b>	n/a

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**Favorable opinion of:**

646 total respondents

	<b>Biden and Trump</b> 5%	<b>Only Biden</b> 52%	<b>Only Trump</b> 33%	<b>Neither of them</b> 9%
● Merkley	n/a	<b>98%</b>	5%	n/a
● Perkins	n/a	2%	<b>94%</b>	n/a

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**View of Trump response to Portland protests:**

646 total respondents

	<b>Strongly approve</b> 27%	<b>Somewhat approve</b> 9%	<b>Somewhat disapprove</b> 10%	<b>Strongly disapprove</b> 49%
● Merkley	5%	n/a	n/a	<b>93%</b>
● Perkins	<b>93%</b>	n/a	n/a	3%

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**Racism in the U.S. is:**

646 total respondents

	<b>An important problem</b> 74%	<b>Not an important problem</b> 26%
● Merkley	<b>74%</b>	17%



### U.S. efforts to contain the coronavirus are going:

646 total respondents

	Well 35%	Badly 62%
● Merkley	19%	83%
● Perkins	79%	13%

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### Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump administration's response to the protests which began this summer in Portland?

646 total respondents

	APPROVE 36%	DISAPPROVE 59%
● Merkley	11%	90%
● Perkins	87%	7%

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## Notes

- All times ET.
- Not all candidates are listed.
- CNN will broadcast a projected winner only after an extensive review of data from a number of sources.
- "Flipped seat" denotes a race where the 2020 projected winner is from a different party than the previous winner or incumbent.
- Both Maine and Nebraska allow electoral votes to be split. In Maine, two of four electoral votes go to the statewide winner and one electoral vote goes to the winner in each of the two congressional districts. In Nebraska, two of five electoral votes go to the winner of the statewide vote. One electoral vote goes to the winner in each of Nebraska's three congressional districts.





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