

South Carolina 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

2,018 total respondents

	Male 43%	Female 57%
• Biden	43%	46%
• Buttigieg	8%	9%
• Gabbard	3%	1%
• Klobuchar	2%	3%
• Sanders	27%	17%
• Steyer	10%	14%
• Warren	6%	10%

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Race

2,012 total respondents

	White 40%	Black 56%	Hispanic 2%	Asian 0%	Other 1%
• Biden	26%	60%	n/a	n/a	n/a
• Buttigieg	17%	3%	n/a	n/a	n/a
• Gabbard	2%	1%	n/a	n/a	n/a
• Klobuchar	6%	1%	n/a	n/a	n/a
• Sanders	25%	17%	n/a	n/a	n/a
• Steyer	10%	14%	n/a	n/a	n/a
• Warren	12%	5%	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Race

2,012 total respondents

	White 40%	Non-white 60%
• Biden	26%	58%

● Klobuchar	6%	1%
● Sanders	25%	18%
● Steyer	10%	14%
● Warren	12%	5%

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Age

2,027 total respondents

	17-29 11%	30-44 18%	45-64 42%	65 and older 28%
● Biden	24%	31%	48%	58%
● Buttigieg	10%	12%	9%	5%
● Gabbard	2%	2%	2%	1%
● Klobuchar	1%	2%	4%	4%
● Sanders	46%	29%	17%	13%
● Steyer	6%	11%	14%	14%
● Warren	12%	14%	6%	5%

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Age

2,027 total respondents

	17-24 6%	25-29 5%	30-39 11%	40-49 16%	50-64 33%	65 and older 28%
● Biden	26%	21%	27%	40%	49%	58%
● Buttigieg	8%	12%	14%	8%	9%	5%
● Gabbard	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	1%
● Klobuchar	2%	n/a	1%	4%	4%	4%
● Sanders	46%	46%	29%	25%	15%	13%
● Steyer	6%	6%	8%	12%	14%	14%
● Warren	10%	15%	18%	8%	6%	5%

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Age

2,027 total respondents

	17-44 29%	45 and older 71%
● Biden	28%	52%
● Buttigieg	11%	8%
● Gabbard	2%	2%

• Steyer	9%	14%
• Warren	13%	6%

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Age by race

2,008 total respondents

	White voters under 30 4%	White voters 30-44 7%	White voters 45-59 10%	White voters 60 or older 20%	Black voters under 30 6%	Black voters 30-44 10%	Black 45-59 19%
• Biden	7%	9%	20%	38%	35%	44%	61%
• Buttigieg	16%	24%	21%	13%	6%	4%	3%
• Gabbard	1%	3%	6%	1%	n/a	1%	1%
• Klobuchar	3%	4%	9%	7%	n/a	1%	1%
• Sanders	56%	38%	18%	18%	40%	23%	15%
• Steyer	1%	6%	9%	14%	10%	14%	17%
• Warren	15%	17%	16%	8%	9%	12%	2%

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Education

1,992 total respondents

	Never attended college 18%	Some college, no degree 26%	Associate's degree 16%	Bachelor's degree 21%	Advanced degree 20%
• Biden	58%	45%	47%	34%	42%
• Buttigieg	2%	4%	10%	16%	11%
• Gabbard	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%
• Klobuchar	1%	2%	4%	6%	2%
• Sanders	21%	24%	21%	22%	17%
• Steyer	13%	15%	11%	11%	11%
• Warren	3%	8%	6%	8%	14%

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Education

1,992 total respondents

	College graduate 40%	No college degree 60%
• Biden	38%	49%
• Buttigieg	14%	5%
• Gabbard	2%	1%
• Klobuchar	4%	2%

● Warren 11% 6%

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Education by race

1,972 total respondents

	White college graduates 23%	White no college degree 17%	Non-white college graduates 17%	Non-white no college degree 42%
● Biden	28%	23%	52%	60%
● Buttigieg	19%	14%	6%	2%
● Gabbard	3%	2%	2%	1%
● Klobuchar	7%	5%	1%	1%
● Sanders	21%	31%	18%	19%
● Steyer	8%	12%	14%	14%
● Warren	13%	11%	8%	4%

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Education among whites by gender

1,966 total respondents

	White college-graduate women 12%	White women, no degree 10%	White college-graduate men 11%	White men, no degree 7%	All others 60%
● Biden	28%	25%	27%	21%	58%
● Buttigieg	20%	17%	19%	11%	3%
● Gabbard	2%	1%	4%	3%	1%
● Klobuchar	9%	5%	5%	6%	1%
● Sanders	16%	24%	27%	41%	18%
● Steyer	10%	12%	7%	13%	14%
● Warren	15%	15%	11%	6%	5%

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Party ID

1,944 total respondents

	Democrats 68%	Republicans 5%	Independents 27%
● Biden	52%	n/a	29%
● Buttigieg	6%	n/a	13%
● Gabbard	1%	n/a	3%
● Klobuchar	1%	n/a	7%
● Sanders	19%	n/a	25%
●	12%	n/a	13%

confidence to their true values in the population.

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Ideology

1,907 total respondents

	Very liberal 20%	Somewhat liberal 30%	Moderate 40%	Conservative 9%
● Biden	39%	37%	52%	44%
● Buttigieg	4%	12%	10%	5%
● Gabbard	1%	0%	3%	5%
● Klobuchar	1%	3%	4%	5%
● Sanders	30%	25%	14%	23%
● Steyer	10%	12%	14%	12%
● Warren	16%	11%	4%	3%

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Ideology

1,907 total respondents

	Liberal 50%	Moderate 40%	Conservative 9%
● Biden	38%	52%	44%
● Buttigieg	9%	10%	5%
● Gabbard	1%	3%	5%
● Klobuchar	2%	4%	5%
● Sanders	27%	14%	23%
● Steyer	11%	14%	12%
● Warren	13%	4%	3%

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Ideology

1,907 total respondents

	Liberal 50%	Moderate/Conservative 50%
● Biden	38%	51%
● Buttigieg	9%	9%
● Gabbard	1%	3%
● Klobuchar	2%	4%
● Sanders	27%	16%
● Steyer	11%	14%
● Warren	13%	4%

Are you gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender?

964 total respondents

	Yes 8%	No 92%
● Biden	n/a	45%
● Buttigieg	n/a	8%
● Gabbard	n/a	2%
● Klobuchar	n/a	4%
● Sanders	n/a	20%
● Steyer	n/a	13%
● Warren	n/a	9%

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Served in the U.S. military?

972 total respondents

	Yes 16%	No 84%
● Biden	48%	43%
● Buttigieg	6%	9%
● Gabbard	1%	2%
● Klobuchar	5%	3%
● Sanders	22%	20%
● Steyer	9%	14%
● Warren	7%	10%

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Attend religious services:

973 total respondents

	Once a week or more 45%	Occasionally 38%	Never 17%
● Biden	54%	41%	19%
● Buttigieg	5%	9%	15%
● Gabbard	2%	1%	2%
● Klobuchar	2%	4%	5%
● Sanders	16%	20%	37%
● Steyer	14%	15%	4%
● Warren	7%	10%	16%

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	Occasionally or more	Never
	83%	17%
● Biden	48%	19%
● Buttigieg	7%	15%
● Gabbard	1%	2%
● Klobuchar	3%	5%
● Sanders	18%	37%
● Steyer	15%	4%
● Warren	8%	16%

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Ever voted in a Democratic primary before?

1,025 total respondents

	Previous voter	First-time voter
	81%	19%
● Biden	47%	29%
● Buttigieg	6%	16%
● Gabbard	1%	2%
● Klobuchar	4%	2%
● Sanders	19%	30%
● Steyer	14%	11%
● Warren	9%	8%

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Which issue mattered most to your vote?

1,967 total respondents

	Race relations	Health care	Climate change	Income inequality
	17%	40%	14%	22%
● Biden	51%	47%	33%	42%
● Buttigieg	8%	8%	17%	6%
● Gabbard	2%	2%	1%	3%
● Klobuchar	1%	3%	4%	3%
● Sanders	14%	23%	21%	24%
● Steyer	16%	10%	15%	11%
● Warren	9%	6%	9%	12%

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Which candidate quality mattered most?

994 total respondents

● Buttigieg	5%	6%	16%	n/a
● Gabbard	2%	1%	1%	n/a
● Klobuchar	2%	2%	6%	n/a
● Sanders	23%	25%	11%	n/a
● Steyer	14%	16%	7%	n/a
● Warren	8%	12%	4%	n/a

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Should Democrats nominate someone who:

1,967 total respondents

	Agrees with you on issues 43%	Can beat Trump 53%
● Biden	40%	48%
● Buttigieg	7%	11%
● Gabbard	4%	0%
● Klobuchar	4%	3%
● Sanders	25%	18%
● Steyer	12%	12%
● Warren	7%	9%

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A government plan for all instead of private insurance?

973 total respondents

	Support 49%	Oppose 46%
● Biden	41%	49%
● Buttigieg	7%	12%
● Gabbard	1%	3%
● Klobuchar	1%	4%
● Sanders	29%	15%
● Steyer	11%	11%
● Warren	10%	5%

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The economic system in the United States:

994 total respondents

● Buttigieg	n/a	13%	6%
● Gabbard	n/a	2%	1%
● Klobuchar	n/a	3%	2%
● Sanders	n/a	16%	23%
● Steyer	n/a	13%	13%
● Warren	n/a	9%	10%

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Should the next president's policies:

994 total respondents

	Return to Obama's policies 52%	Be more conservative than Obama's 17%	Be more liberal than Obama's 27%
● Biden	60%	42%	16%
● Buttigieg	7%	6%	9%
● Gabbard	0%	5%	2%
● Klobuchar	1%	7%	4%
● Sanders	13%	17%	37%
● Steyer	13%	16%	11%
● Warren	5%	4%	20%

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Feelings about the Trump administration:

973 total respondents

	Enthusiastic 4%	Satisfied 7%	Dissatisfied 38%	Angry 48%
● Biden	n/a	n/a	54%	40%
● Buttigieg	n/a	n/a	8%	10%
● Gabbard	n/a	n/a	1%	0%
● Klobuchar	n/a	n/a	2%	3%
● Sanders	n/a	n/a	18%	23%
● Steyer	n/a	n/a	13%	11%
● Warren	n/a	n/a	3%	12%

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Best understands the concerns of racial/ethnic minorities?

994 total respondents

● Buttigieg	2%	n/a	n/a	n/a	2%	2%	n
● Gabbard	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2%	n/a	n
● Klobuchar	1%	n/a	n/a	n/a	1%	n/a	n
● Sanders	3%	n/a	n/a	n/a	74%	2%	n
● Steyer	3%	n/a	n/a	n/a	6%	84%	n
● Warren	2%	n/a	n/a	n/a	5%	5%	n

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Vote Democratic in Nov. regardless of nominee?

1,007 total respondents

	Yes 80%	No 18%
● Biden	51%	26%
● Buttigieg	8%	15%
● Gabbard	1%	6%
● Klobuchar	2%	5%
● Sanders	19%	32%
● Steyer	12%	10%
● Warren	7%	5%

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Opinion of Joe Biden:

973 total respondents

	Favorable 76%	Unfavorable 20%
● Biden	58%	4%
● Buttigieg	8%	14%
● Gabbard	0%	6%
● Klobuchar	3%	3%
● Sanders	13%	51%
● Steyer	11%	13%
● Warren	7%	8%

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Opinion of Michael Bloomberg:

973 total respondents

● Buttigieg	12%	9%
● Gabbard	2%	2%
● Klobuchar	3%	3%
● Sanders	13%	26%
● Steyer	15%	10%
● Warren	4%	9%

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Opinion of Pete Buttigieg:

973 total respondents

	Favorable 50%	Unfavorable 42%
● Biden	40%	48%
● Buttigieg	18%	1%
● Gabbard	1%	2%
● Klobuchar	4%	2%
● Sanders	15%	30%
● Steyer	12%	11%
● Warren	10%	5%

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Opinion of Amy Klobuchar:

973 total respondents

	Favorable 43%	Unfavorable 48%
● Biden	40%	49%
● Buttigieg	13%	6%
● Gabbard	2%	2%
● Klobuchar	7%	n/a
● Sanders	16%	27%
● Steyer	11%	12%
● Warren	11%	5%

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Opinion of Bernie Sanders:

973 total respondents

	Favorable 53%	Unfavorable 41%
● Biden	34%	56%

• Sanders	39%	2%
• Steyer	9%	14%
• Warren	7%	8%

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Opinion of Tom Steyer:

973 total respondents

	Favorable 55%	Unfavorable 37%
• Biden	45%	44%
• Buttigieg	8%	13%
• Gabbard	0%	4%
• Klobuchar	3%	3%
• Sanders	17%	29%
• Steyer	20%	n/a
• Warren	7%	8%

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Opinion of Elizabeth Warren:

973 total respondents

	Favorable 53%	Unfavorable 39%
• Biden	38%	51%
• Buttigieg	10%	9%
• Gabbard	0%	4%
• Klobuchar	3%	4%
• Sanders	23%	22%
• Steyer	12%	11%
• Warren	13%	n/a

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When did you decide for whom to vote?

1,007 total respondents

	Just today 15%	In the last few days 21%	Earlier this month 19%	In January 7%	Before that 37%
• Biden	39%	45%	41%	n/a	54%
• Buttigieg	6%	7%	12%	n/a	9%

• Sanders	23%	18%	19%	n/a	25%
• Steyer	11%	13%	17%	n/a	6%
• Warren	13%	11%	5%	n/a	3%

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When did you decide whom to support?

1,007 total respondents

	In the last few days 36%	Earlier than that 63%
• Biden	43%	48%
• Buttigieg	7%	11%
• Gabbard	1%	2%
• Klobuchar	6%	1%
• Sanders	20%	22%
• Steyer	12%	11%
• Warren	12%	4%

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When did you decide whom to support?

1,007 total respondents

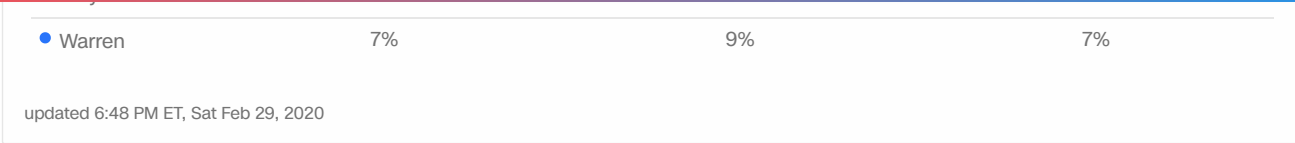
	This month 55%	Earlier than that 44%
• Biden	42%	51%
• Buttigieg	8%	10%
• Gabbard	2%	2%
• Klobuchar	5%	0%
• Sanders	19%	24%
• Steyer	14%	8%
• Warren	10%	4%

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Area type

2,032 total respondents

	Urban area 20%	Suburban area 42%	Rural area 38%
• Biden	44%	38%	53%
• Buttigieg	8%	11%	6%
• Gabbard	1%	3%	1%



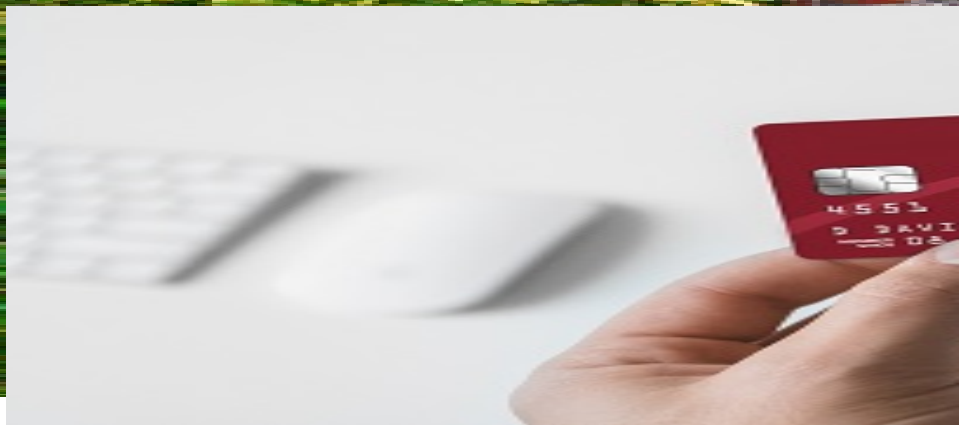
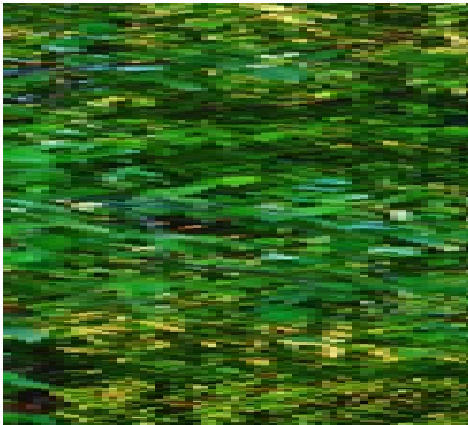
Region
2,032 total respondents

	Upcountry 21%	Piedmont 12%	Central 30%	Pee Dee/Waccamaw 14%	Low Country 24%
• Biden	35%	41%	52%	57%	41%
• Buttigieg	12%	10%	5%	6%	10%
• Gabbard	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
• Klobuchar	5%	7%	1%	2%	2%
• Sanders	23%	24%	20%	17%	22%
• Steyer	12%	10%	13%	14%	12%
• Warren	11%	5%	7%	3%	11%

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