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PART 2 – 2026 GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY RACES

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FLORIDA GOVERNOR 2026:

DONALDS EARLY GOP FRONTRUNNER, DEM RACE WIDE OPEN

Florida's gubernatorial primary elections are months away, but the race is already underway. In each primary, undecided voters currently outnumber those supporting any individual candidate. However, in the Republican primary there is a candidate with a significant early lead, while the Democratic primary has no clear favorite.

On the Republican side, Representative Byron Donalds has the support of 37% of GOP voters, far ahead of the 7% backing Lieutenant Governor Jay Collins who just entered the race. Former Florida House Speaker Paul Renner trails with 4%, followed by businessman James Fishback with 3% and almost half (49%) are still undecided.

Among registered Democrats, former Congressman David Jolly has a narrow 23%-19% edge over Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings. This margin is insignificant, particularly given that 58% are undecided at this time.

It should be noted that Donalds is the only candidate in either race whose name is recognized by more than half of his party's voters. That name recognition advantage is an important factor behind his frontrunner status.

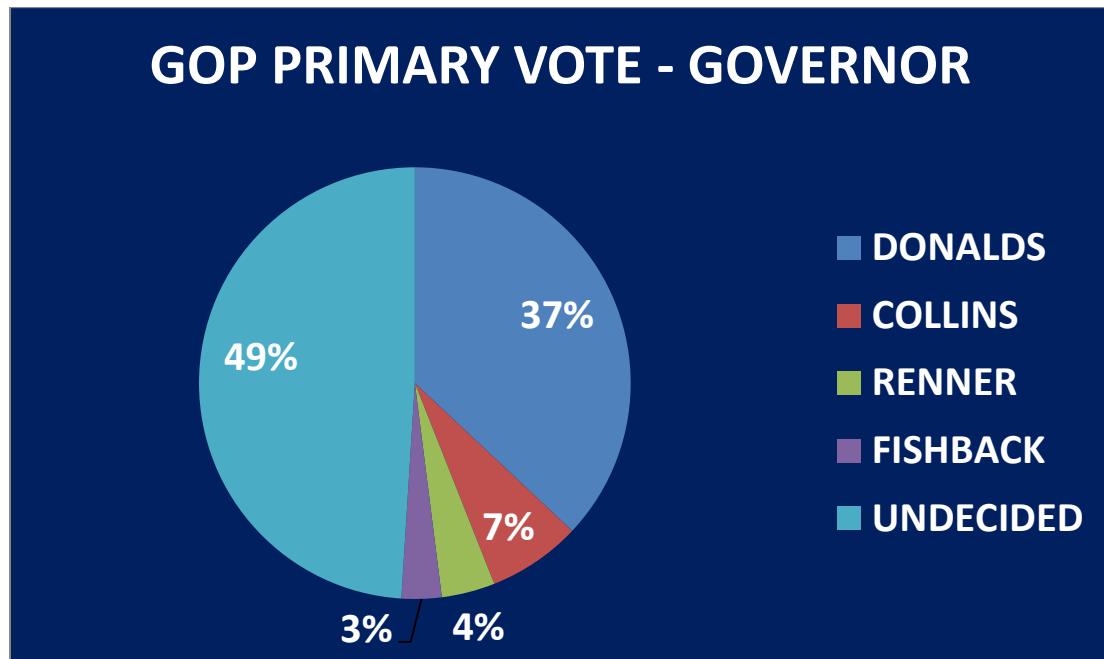
*** 400 REGISTERED REPUBLICAN VOTERS ***
 (MARGIN FOR ERROR +/-5%)

NAME RECOGNITION

	<u>RECOGNIZE FAVORABLE</u>	<u>RECOGNIZE UNFAVORABLE</u>	<u>RECOGNIZE NEUTRAL</u>	<u>DON'T RECOGNIZE</u>
Byron Donalds	52%	3%	17%	28%
Jay Collins	11%	1%	15%	73%
Paul Renner	9%	1%	16%	74%
James Fishback	5%	4%	10%	81%

QUESTION: If the 2026 Republican primary for governor were held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were: (ORDER ROTATED)

Byron Donalds	37%
Jay Collins	7%
Paul Renner	4%
James Fishback	3%
Undecided (NOT READ)	49%



*** 400 REGISTERED DEMOCRATIC VOTERS ***
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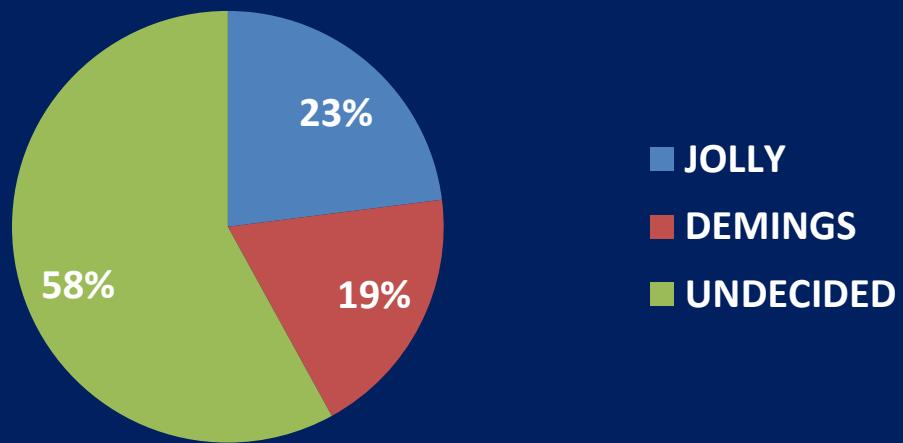
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David Jolly	19%	4%	22%	55%
Jerry Demings	15%	2%	23%	60%

QUESTION: If the 2026 Democratic primary for governor were held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were: (ORDER ROTATED)

David Jolly	23%
Jerry Demings	19%
Undecided (DO NOT READ)	58%

DEM PRIMARY VOTE - GOVERNOR



HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

This poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida from January 8 through January 13, 2026.

This poll is made up of two separate statewide samples – one of 400 registered Democratic voters and one of 400 registered Republican voters

All voters were interviewed live by telephone. Those interviewed were randomly selected from a phone-matched Florida voter registration list that included both land-line and cell phone numbers. Calls were distributed proportionately in each sample to reflect that party's voter registration by county.

The margin for error, according to standards customarily used by statisticians, is no more than ± 5 percentage points for each sample.