

Washington

Democrat has small lead in race for U.S. Senate

In the final days for the election, in the race for U.S. Senate Democrat Patty Murray leads Republican Dino Rossi by three percentage points among likely voters. Among registered voters the lead is slightly larger with Murray leading Rossi by 5 points.

	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Senate		
Patty Murray	50%	50%
Dino Rossi	45%	47%

Race is tight among key voting groups

Unlike in other races where key voting groups can lean heavily in favor of one candidate or another, in this race for U.S. Senate, many of these groups are fairly evenly divided between the two candidates. The race is in a virtual tie among men who are likely voters with Democratic candidate Patty Murray receiving 49 percent support and Republican Dino Rossi receiving 48 percent. Among women Murray leads Rossi by 4 percentage points. Among the key group Independents, Rossi leads Murray by 6 percentage points, while among 30 to 64 year olds, Murray leads Rossi by 6 points.

	Senate			
	Registered Voters		Likely Voters	
	Patty Murray	Dino Rossi	Patty Murray	Dino Rossi
Gender				
Male	47%	47%	49%	48%
Female	52%	43%	51%	47%
Age				
18-29	59%	30%	61%	36%
30-64	51%	44%	51%	45%
over 65	39%	58%	40%	59%
Race/Ethnicity				
White	49%	45%	50%	47%
Non-White	56%	40%	48%	42%
Party Identification				
Democrat	94%	3%	95%	2%
Republican	3%	94%	3%	95%
Independent	44%	49%	45%	51%

Methodology

Interviews with 1000 registered voters, including 849 likely voters, were conducted October 25-30, 2010, online using YouGov's PollingPoint panel. YouGov uses a matched sample methodology that selects respondents to match the Washington registered voter population in terms of demographics (age, race, gender, education, employment status, income, marital status, children), past voting behavior, and political attitudes (interest in politics, party registration, and ideology). Margin of error (adjusted for weighting) for registered voters is $\pm 3.8\%$ and for likely voters is $\pm 4.1\%$.

About YouGov

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