

# **Obama and the Faith Vote**

Based on 2008 CNN Exit Polls

## **General Trends**

- Broad appeal whether voters attend church weekly or occasionally.
- Appeals to people across faith and belief lines: Christian and Jewish; Protestant and Catholic.

## **State Data**

### **New Hampshire**

- 37 % of those who attend church weekly voted for Obama (32% HRC)

### **South Carolina**

- 64% of those who attend church more than weekly voted for Obama (23% HRC)
- 52% of those who attend church weekly voted for Obama (29% HRC)
- 57% of those who attend church monthly voted for Obama (22% HRC)
- 46% of those who attend church a few times a year voted for Obama (31% HRC)

### **Alabama**

- 61% of those who attend church more than weekly voted for Obama (36% HRC)
- 58% of those who attend church weekly voted for Obama (41% HRC)
- 62% of those who attend church monthly voted for Obama (36% HRC)
- 55% of those who described themselves as Protestant voted for Obama (42% HRC)
- 66% of those who described themselves as Christian but not Protestant or Catholic (32% HRC)
- 63% of those who affiliated themselves with a religion other than Christianity, Islam or Judaism voted for Obama(36% HRC)

### **Arizona**

- 51% of those who attend church more than weekly voted for Obama (47% HRC)

- 56% of those who affiliated themselves with a religion other than Christianity, Islam or Judaism voted for Obama (40% HRC)
- 50% of White voters who affiliate themselves with a religion other than Christianity or Judaism voted for Obama (47% HRC)

### **California**

- 50% of those who do not attend church voted for Obama (31% HRC)
- 54% of those who affiliated themselves with a religion other than Christianity, Islam or Judaism voted for Obama (40% HRC)
- 60% of White voters who affiliate themselves with a religion other than Christianity or Judaism voted for Obama (30% HRC)
- 49% of those who described themselves as Jewish voted for Obama (47% HRC)

### **Connecticut**

- 51% of those who attend church weekly voted for Obama (47% HRC)
- 54% of those who attend church monthly voted for Obama (44% HRC)
- 62% of those who described themselves as Protestant voted for Obama (35% HRC)
- 63% of those who described themselves as Christian but not Protestant or Catholic (33% HRC)
- 65% of those who affiliated themselves with a religion other than Christianity, Islam or Judaism voted for Obama (32% HRC)
- 55% of White voters who describe themselves as Protestant voted for Obama (41% HRC)
- 62% of White voters who describe themselves as Jewish voted for Obama (36% HRC)

### **Delaware**

- 70% of those who attend church more than weekly voted for Obama (27% HRC)
- 54% of those who attend church weekly voted for Obama (41% HRC)
- 56% of those who attend church monthly voted for Obama (38% HRC)
- 60% of those who described themselves as Protestant voted for Obama (35% HRC)

- 68% of those who affiliated themselves with a religion other than Christianity or Judaism voted for Obama (32% HRC)

### **Georgia**

- 69% of those who attend church more than weekly voted for Obama (29% HRC)
- 67% of those who attend church weekly voted for Obama (32% HRC)
- 71% of those who attend church monthly voted for Obama (29% HRC)
- 67% of those who attend church a few times a year voted for Obama (33% HRC)
- 52% of those who described themselves as Protestant voted for Obama (46% HRC)
- 56% of those who described themselves as Catholic voted for Obama (44% HRC)
- 77% of those who described themselves as Christian but not Protestant or Catholic (22% HRC)
- 71% of those who affiliated themselves with a religion other than Christianity, Islam or Judaism voted for Obama (24% HRC)

### **Illinois**

- 71% of those who attend church more than weekly voted for Obama (28% HRC)
- 64% of those who attend church weekly voted for Obama (35% HRC)
- 59% of those who attend church monthly voted for Obama (37% HRC)
- 61% of those who attend church a few times a year voted for Obama (37% HRC)
- 58% of those who described themselves as Protestant voted for Obama (38% HRC)
- 79% of those who described themselves as Christian but not Protestant or Catholic (19% HRC)
- 82% of those who affiliated themselves with a religion other than Christianity, Islam or Judaism voted for Obama (17% HRC)
- 78% of those who do not affiliate themselves with any religion voted for Obama (21% HRC)
- 56% of White voters who describe themselves as Protestant voted for Obama (41% HRC)

### **Louisiana**

- 66% of those who attend church more than weekly voted for Obama (28% HRC)

- 56% of those who attend church weekly voted for Obama (39% HRC)
- 58% of those who attend church monthly voted for Obama (32% HRC)
- 46% of those who attend church a few times a year voted for Obama (41% HRC)
- 58% of those who described themselves as Protestant voted for Obama (32% HRC)
- 51% of those who described themselves as Catholic voted for Obama (43% HRC)
- 65% of those who affiliated themselves with a religion other than Christianity or Judaism voted for Obama (32% HRC)

### **Maryland**

- 67% of those who attend church more than weekly voted for Obama (20% HRC)
- 59% of those who attend church weekly voted for Obama (36% HRC)
- 58% of those who attend church monthly voted for Obama (40% HRC)
- 54% of those who attend church a few times a year voted for Obama (43% HRC)
- 51% of those who described themselves as Protestant voted for Obama (44% HRC)
- 74% of those who described themselves as Christian but not Protestant or Catholic (21% HRC)
- 61% of those who affiliated themselves with a religion other than Christianity, Islam or Judaism voted for Obama(39% HRC)

### **Massachusetts**

- 49% of those who do not attend church voted for Obama (48% HRC)
- 52% of those who described themselves as Jewish voted for Obama (48% HRC)
- 52% of White voters who affiliate themselves with Judaism (48% HRC)

### **Missouri**

- 49% of those who attend church more than weekly voted for Obama (46% HRC)
- 59% of those who attend church weekly voted for Obama (40% HRC)
- 51% of those who attend church monthly voted for Obama (45% HRC)

- 51% of those who attend church a few times a year voted for Obama (46% HRC)
- 52% of those who described themselves as Protestant voted for Obama (45% HRC)
- 50% of those who described themselves as Catholic voted for Obama (46% HRC)
- 63% of those who described themselves as Christian but not Protestant or Catholic (33% HRC)
- 61% of those who affiliated themselves with a religion other than Christianity, Islam or Judaism voted for Obama(36% HRC)

### **New Jersey**

- 56% of those who attend church more than weekly voted for Obama (34% HRC)
- 56% of those who described themselves as Protestant voted for Obama (40% HRC)
- 72% of those who described themselves as Christian but not Protestant or Catholic (25% HRC)
- 54% of those who affiliated themselves with a religion other than Christianity, Islam or Judaism voted for Obama(40% HRC)

### **New Mexico**

- 51% of those who attend church a few times a year voted for Obama (46% HRC)
- 71% of those who affiliated themselves with a religion other than Christianity, Islam or Judaism voted for Obama(27% HRC)
- 63% of those who do not affiliate themselves with any religion voted for Obama (36% HRC)
- 70% of White voters who describe themselves as something other than Christian or Jewish voted for Obama (28% HRC)

### **New York**

- 53% of those who attend church more than weekly voted for Obama (47% HRC)
- 51% of those who described themselves as Protestant voted for Obama (47% HRC)
- 54% of those who described themselves as Christian but not Protestant or Catholic (42% HRC)

### **Utah**

- 58% of those who attend church weekly voted for Obama (36% HRC)

- 57% of those who described themselves as Protestant voted for Obama (39% HRC)
- 61% of those who described themselves as Mormon voted for Obama (33% HRC)
- 54% of White voters who describe themselves as Protestant voted for Obama (42% HRC)

### **Virginia**

- 77% of those who attend church more than weekly voted for Obama (23% HRC)
- 68% of those who attend church weekly voted for Obama (30% HRC)
- 66% of those who attend church monthly voted for Obama (33% HRC)
- 60% of those who attend church a few times a year voted for Obama (40% HRC)
- 61% of those who described themselves as Protestant voted for Obama (38% HRC)
- 52% of those who described themselves as Catholic voted for Obama (46% HRC)
- 73% of those who described themselves as Christian but not Protestant or Catholic (27% HRC)
- 69% of those who affiliated themselves with a religion other than Christianity, Islam or Judaism voted for Obama(31% HRC)
- 49% of White voters who describe themselves as Catholic voted for Obama (48% HRC)

### **Wisconsin**

- 56% of those who attend church more than weekly voted for Obama (44% HRC)
- 55% of those who attend church weekly voted for Obama (44% HRC)
- 60% of those who attend church monthly voted for Obama (39% HRC)
- 60% of those who attend church a few times a year voted for Obama (40% HRC)
- 59% of those who described themselves as Protestant voted for Obama (41% HRC)
- 66% of those who described themselves as Christian but not Protestant or Catholic (33% HRC)
- 58% of White voters who describe themselves as Protestant voted for Obama (42% HRC)
- 50% of White voters who describe themselves as Catholic voted for Obama (49% HRC)