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Republican Primary Projections

These forecasts are formulated from an average of recent surveys, with adjustments made to account for a polling firm's accuracy, freshness of a poll and each candidate's momentum. Although this improves accuracy, there is still considerable uncertainty in the forecast as is reflected in the range of possible vote totals for each candidate. Read more about [the methodology](#).

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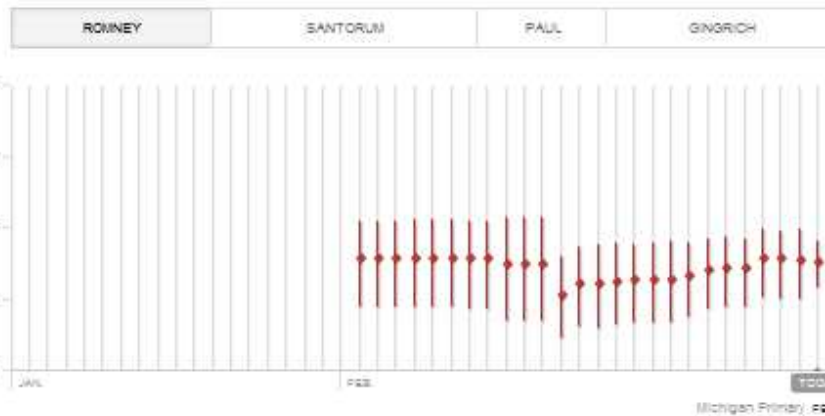
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More states will be made available as we get closer to their contests.

Michigan Primary Projections

CANDIDATE	PROJECTED VOTE RANGE	CHANCE OF WINNING
Mitt Romney	38.9% Vote range → 23-48	77%
Rick Santorum	34.6% Vote range → 15-42	23%
Ron Paul	15.6% Vote range → 5-24	0%
Newt Gingrich	10.9% Vote range → 5-18	0%

Previous Vote Range Projections



Polls Used for the Projections

FEB. 26

PPP

Survey of 421 likely voters

538 poll weight: 

Mitt Romney	39 %
Rick Santorum	37
Ron Paul	13
Newt Gingrich	9

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We Ask America

Survey of 364 likely voters

538 poll weight: 

Mitt Romney	37 %
Rick Santorum	33
Ron Paul	18
Newt Gingrich	13

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Mitchell

Survey of 553 likely voters

538 poll weight: 

Rick Santorum	37 %
Mitt Romney	35
Newt Gingrich	9
Ron Paul	8

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Rasmussen

Survey of 750 likely voters

538 poll weight: 

Mitt Romney	38 %
Rick Santorum	36
Ron Paul	11
Newt Gingrich	10

FEB. 25-26

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Survey of 500 likely voters

538 poll weight: 

Rick Santorum	36 %
Mitt Romney	35
Ron Paul	15
Newt Gingrich	8

FEB. 23

Mitchell

Survey of 430 likely voters

538 poll weight: 

Mitt Romney	36 %
Rick Santorum	33
Ron Paul	12
Newt Gingrich	9

FEB. 23

Rasmussen

Survey of 750 likely voters

538 poll weight: 

Mitt Romney	40 %
Rick Santorum	34
Ron Paul	10
Newt Gingrich	9

FEB. 23

Baydoun Consulting

Survey of 2253 likely voters

538 poll weight: 

Mitt Romney	39 %
Rick Santorum	31
Newt Gingrich	9
Ron Paul	9

FEB. 21-22

American Research Gr...

Survey of 500 likely voters

538 poll weight: 

Rick Santorum	38 %
Mitt Romney	34
Ron Paul	12
Newt Gingrich	7

FEB. 18-21

EPIC/MRA

Survey of 400 likely voters

538 poll weight: 

Rick Santorum	37 %
Mitt Romney	34
Ron Paul	10
Newt Gingrich	7

FEB. 20

Mitchell

Survey of 420 likely voters

538 poll weight: 

Mitt Romney	32 %
Rick Santorum	30
Newt Gingrich	9
Ron Paul	7

FEB. 20

Rasmussen

Survey of 750 likely voters

538 poll weight: 

Rick Santorum	38 %
Mitt Romney	34
Ron Paul	10
Newt Gingrich	9

FEB. 19-20

NBC/Marist

Survey of 715 likely voters

538 poll weight: 

Mitt Romney	37 %
Rick Santorum	35
Ron Paul	13
Newt Gingrich	8

FEB. 19

We Ask America

Survey of 1025 likely voters

538 poll weight: 

Rick Santorum	29 %
Mitt Romney	29
Ron Paul	12
Newt Gingrich	10

FEB. 17-19

PPP

Survey of 502 likely voters

538 poll weight: 

Rick Santorum	37 %
Mitt Romney	33
Ron Paul	15
Newt Gingrich	10