



VIRGINIA VOTER GUIDE

A NON-PARTISAN GUIDE TO VIRGINIA'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY



IMPORTANCE OF PRIMARIES

The Virginia state government conducts primaries in which voters may choose the presidential candidate that best represents them. Virginia traditionally holds open primaries.

A voter's candidate stands a better chance of appearing on the ballot in November when voters participate in the primary.

- The 2016 presidential primary will take place on March 1, 2016
- Voters choose which party's primary to vote in at the polling place.
- Voters may change their primary party and candidate for the November presidential election.
- A primary represents the opinion of voters. The delegate who votes at the national convention of their respective party then conveys the opinion of the voters.
- Some candidates who have suspended their campaigns will still appear on the ballot on March 1.

Every Vote
Counts!

Be sure to
vote on

March 1,
2016

ALBEMARLE CO. POLL LOCATIONS

Rio District Brad Sheffield, Supervisor

- Woodbrook Precinct
- Woodbrook Elementary School
- Branchlands Precinct
- Senior Center
- Agnor-Hurt Precinct
- Agnor-Hurt Elementary School
- Dunlora Precinct
- C.A.T.E.C.
- Northside Precinct
- Earlysville Fire Department

Jack Jouett District Diantha McKeel, Supervisor

- Jack Jouett Precinct
- Jack Jouett Middle School
- University Hall Precinct
- University Hall
- Georgetown Precinct
- Albemarle High School
- Belfield Precinct
- St. Anne's-Belfield Lower School Convocation Center

Samuel Miller District Liz Palmer, Supervisor

- Ivy Precinct
- Meriwether Lewis Elementary School
- Red Hill Precinct
- Red Hill Elementary School
- East Ivy Precinct
- Miller Center
- Country Green Precinct
- Berean Baptist Church
- Porter's Precinct
- Yancey Elementary School
- Yellow Mountain Precinct Mt. Ed Baptist Church

Scottsville District Jane Dittmar, Supervisor

- Scottsville Precinct
- Scottsville Elementary School
- Monticello Precinct
- Monticello High School
- Cale Precinct
- Cale Elementary School
- Stone-Robinson Precinct
- Stone-Robinson Elementary School

Rivanna District Kenneth C. Boyd, Supervisor

- Keswick Precinct
- Zion Hill Baptist Church
- Stony Point Precinct
- Stony Point Elementary School
- Hollymead Precinct
- Hollymead Elementary School
- Free Bridge Precinct
- Elks' Lodge Hall
- Baker-Butler Precinct
- Baker-Butler Elementary School

White Hall District Ann H. Mallek, Supervisor

- Crozet Precinct
- Crozet Elementary School
- Free Union Precinct
- Free Union Baptist Church
- Earlysville Precinct
- Broadus Wood Elementary School
- Brownsville Precinct
- Brownsville Elementary School
- Albemarle County Schools

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Hillary Clinton on the Issues:

Employment

- Increase federal minimum wage.
- “Create good-paying jobs and get pay rising by investing in infrastructure, clean energy, and scientific and medical research to strengthen our economy and growth.”

Education

- Ensure no student has to borrow to pay for tuition, books, or fees to attend a four-year public college in their state.
- Enable Americans with existing student loan debt to refinance at current rates.
- Hold colleges and universities accountable for controlling costs and making tuition affordable.
- Require students to work 10 hours a week in order to contribute to their education.
- Hold colleges accountable for graduation rates and student outcomes.

Alternative Energy

- Wishes to require 500 million solar panels to be installed and generate enough renewable energy to power every home in America.
- Bring greenhouse gas emissions 30 percent below what they were in 2005.
- Provide funding for state and local governments to promote clean energy.



Bernie Sanders on the Issues:

Employment

“The current federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour is a starvation wage. We need to raise the minimum wage to a living wage--\$15 an hour over the next few years. No one in this country who works 40 hours a week should live in poverty.”

Education

“I do believe that public colleges and universities should be tuition-free. Is this a radical idea? Well, other countries around the world do that, because they know investing in their kids is good for their economy.”

Health Care

He believes that healthcare is a human right and should be guaranteed to all Americans regardless of wealth or income.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Donald Trump on the Issues:

Employment

- Trump does not want to raise minimum wage.
- Does not want to raise business tax because it forces businesses to move jobs out of the country.
- He wants to take jobs back from foreign countries to reduce unemployment.

Education

- Wants education to be at a local level. He does not want federal government to be involved with education.
- Believes the Common Core needs to be terminated.
- Wants more competition among schools to encourage a higher level of education.

Health Care

- Wants to replace Obamacare with a different health care system.
- In favor of vaccines, however feels they should be done more gradually and over longer periods of time, specifically for children, because the treatment can be harmful to their health.
- Sees the amount of money saved in other areas of the government as an opportunity to cover everybody in the country under health care.



Ted Cruz on the Issues:

Employment

“Cruz Simple Flat Tax: collapse current seven rates of income tax into a single rate of 10%. For families of four, the first \$36,000 in income will be tax free.”

- Opposed to a minimum wage hike.
- Reduce government involvement and regulation of small businesses.

Education

- Repeal Common Core.
- Believes the best solution for student loan debt is a stable and productive economy where college graduates can find well-paid work.



Alternative Energy

- Disputes scientific consensus on climate change; Would approve the Keystone XL Pipeline
- Believes in full use of domestic fossil fuels and does not plan to allocate federal funding for alternative energy.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Marco Rubio on the Issues:

Employment

- Against raising the minimum wage
- Wants to raise wages by “[Making] America the best place in the world to start a business or expand an existing business.”



Alternative Energy

"I do not believe that human activity is causing dramatic changes to our climate the way scientists are portraying it."

- Feels solar and wind energy should be a part of the U.S.'s energy portfolio without eschewing coal, oil and natural gas.

Health Care

- Opposes Obamacare.
- Wants to Expand mental health centers; address violence at its source.
- All kids should get vaccinated, with medical exceptions



Ben Carson on the Issues:

Employment

- Believes higher minimum wages for the young creates unemployment, because they have fewer skills to offer for the price the business would be required to pay them, therefore they are not given jobs. However, the minimum wage should be raised for the general population and then indexed to more accurately reflect the demographic it affects.

Education

- Supports school choice programs, such as charter schools and school vouchers. Feels it would give students the opportunity to reach their full potential.
- Is against the “one size fits all,” approach to education and feels innovative thinking and individuality should be focused upon.

Health Care

- Complete repeal of Obamacare; keep the federal government from involvement between doctors and patients.
- Wants to decrease the cost of prescription drugs by reducing Obamacare taxations, reducing FDA regulations and encourage more competition amongst pharmaceutical companies.
- Supports vaccinations and encourages people to vaccinate themselves against harmful diseases that have left the U.S but could return.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES



John Kasich on the Issues:

Employment

- Elimination of death tax, 16 percent income tax across the board, and abolition of income tax on small businesses.
- Would put job growth and economic development entirely in the hands of the private sector; minimal or no federal involvement.

Education

- Believes education is a state and local issue that should not be managed by the federal government.
- Would abolish federal learning standards.
- Would incentivize colleges and universities by paying them based on course completion and graduation rates rather than enrollment.

Health Care

- Would repeal Obamacare and incentivize market-based healthcare.
- Believes in rewarding effectiveness and value of healthcare rather than volume.

Candidates Who Have Dropped Out

The following candidates will appear on the ballot but are no longer in the running for the presidency.

Democrat:

Martin J. O'Malley

Republicans:

Lindsey Graham, Rand Paul, Mike Huckabee, Jim Gilmore, Chris Christie, Jeb Bush, Rick Santorum, and Carly Fiorina.

FIND OUT MORE

To learn more about the Virginia Primary and individual candidates, visit the following websites:

- Virginia Department of Elections website: www.sbe.virginia.gov
- Find your polling place: <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/PollingPlaceLookup>
- Vote Smart: votesmart.org
- Vote 411: vote411.org
- Virginia Democrats website: <http://vademocrats.org/>
- Virginia Republicans website: <http://www.virginia.gop/>

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