

CHICAGO TRIBUNE/WGN-TV POLLS; 2012 IL GENERAL ELECTION

Illinois Polls, President

In 2008 Barack Obama defeated John McCain 62% to 37%, by 25 percentage points.

2012 Election day November 6. The Illinois State Board of Elections posted final count results Dec 2. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

	Feb. <u>2-6</u> %	Poll 1 <u>Margin</u> %	Oct. <u>4-8</u> %	Poll 2 <u>Margin</u> %	Election <u>Result</u> %	Election <u>Margin</u> %	Estimate <u>Error</u> %
Barack Obama	56	+21	55	+19	58	+17	1
Mitt Romney	35		36		41		
Others	4		4		2		
Undecided	6		5				
Base:	(600)		(700)				

[February poll was of registered voters. Later polls were likely voters.]

Final Poll Estimate Error: One half the difference between the election margin and poll margin for the top two candidates. That difference - if added to one candidate and subtracted from the other - would exactly match the election margin. This is the only error measure comparable with sample margin of error the method used by the National Council on Public Polls since 1997.

8th Congressional District Poll

	Oct. <u>20-24</u> %	Poll <u>Margin</u> %	Election <u>Result</u> %	Election <u>Margin</u> %	Estimate <u>Error</u> %
Tammy Duckworth (D)	50	+10	55	+10	0
Joe Walsh (R, incumbent)	40		45		
Others (Vol.)	2				
Undecided	9				
Base:	(600)				