

## Times national exit poll results

Data from the Los Angeles Times exit poll show how various groups of voters in the nation cast their ballots in the election. The two columns of percentages for Bush and Kerry are read horizontally. For example, of all the men who voted for president, 53% voted for Bush and 46% for Kerry.

	% of all voters	Bush	Kerry
<b>Presidential choice</b>			
Bush/Cheney	51%	100%	—
Kerry/Edwards	48	—	100%
Other	1	—	—
<b>Gender</b>			
Men	49%	53%	46
Women	51	49%	50
<b>Gender and marital status</b>			
Married men	31%	59%	40
Single men	16	40%	58
Married women	30	57%	42
Single women	19	35%	64
<b>Age</b>			
18-29	20%	43%	55
30-44	32	52%	47
45-64	36	54%	45
65 or older	12	55%	45
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>			
White	79%	57%	42
Black	10	14%	86
Latino	5	45%	54
Asian	3	34%	64
<b>Education</b>			
Less than college	48%	54%	45
College degree or more	52	49%	50
<b>Income of voter</b>			
Less than \$20,000	10%	46%	51
\$20,000 to \$39,999	20	47%	52
\$40,000 to \$59,999	20	51%	48
\$60,000 to \$74,999	15	53%	46
\$75,000 or more	35	54%	45
<b>Political ideology</b>			
Liberal	32%	19%	79
Moderate	29	45%	54
Conservative	39	82%	18
<b>Party affiliation</b>			
Democrat	40%	12%	88
Independent	19	48%	49
Republican	39	94%	6
<b>Party ideology</b>			
Liberal Democrats	22%	5%	95
Other Democrats	18	19%	81
Other Independents	13	36%	60
Conservative Independents	6	77%	22
Other Republicans	13	89%	11
Conservative Republicans	27	96%	4

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<b>When decided presidential vote</b>			
Today/yesterday	8%	45%	52
Over the weekend	2	47%	46
Before the weekend	43	37%	62
Always knew	47	65%	34
<b>Military affiliation</b>			
Household with a veteran and/or family active in military	46%	54%	45
Not in military, nor a veteran	50	48%	51
<b>Religion</b>			
Protestant	51%	61%	38
Catholic	25	55%	44
Jewish	4	26%	74
<b>Attendance at religious services</b>			
Weekly or more	42%	65%	34
Less than that	58	42%	57
<b>Gun ownership</b>			
Own guns	36%	65%	34
Don't own any	64	43%	56
<b>Voting status</b>			
First-time voter	11%	42%	57
Voted before	89	53%	46
<b>Locality</b>			
City	36%	43%	56
Suburb	32	52%	47
Small town	20	58%	41
Rural	12	62%	37
<b>Region</b>			
East	24%	42%	57
Midwest	24	54%	45
South	32	57%	42
West	20	49%	50
<b>Union household</b>			
Union households	27%	43%	56
Non-union households	73	54%	45
<b>Sexuality</b>			
Heterosexual	96%	53%	46
Gay/lesbian/ bisexual	4	17%	81
<b>Do you think the country is on the right or wrong track?</b>			
Right track	51%	89%	11
Wrong track	49	11%	87
<b>Do you think the situation in Iraq was worth going to war over, or not?</b>			
Worth it	50%	88%	12
Not worth it	50	14%	84

Note: numbers may not add up to 100% where some answer categories are not shown.

**How the poll was conducted:** The Los Angeles Times Poll interviewed 5,154 voters who cast ballots in the general election Tuesday as they exited 136 polling places across the nation, including 3,357 California voters as they exited 50 polling places across the state. Precincts were chosen based on the pattern of turnout in past primary elections. The survey was a self-administered, confidential questionnaire, in English and in Spanish. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus three percentage points for all voters, including California voters. For some subgroups, the error margin may be somewhat higher. Fieldwork provided by Schlesinger Associates of Edison, N.J. and Davis Research of Calabasas.

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