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Comparative Voter Graphic Analysis of Florida's 2008 and 2012 Primary Turnout

The 2016 Florida Presidential primary is scheduled for March 15, 2016. It's a winner take all state. It awards all of its delegates: Democrats, 214, Republicans, 99, to the winner of the closed partisan primary.

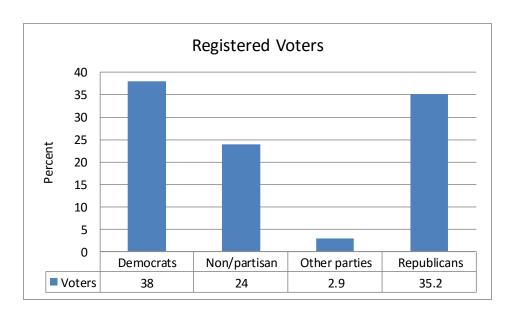
This analysis is an attempt to provide an overview of the past two presidential elections in the state, We will show how each party, Democrat and Republican, performed during the past primary presidential elections of 2008 and 2012, and thus be able to compare, after March 15, their voter performance in the upcoming 2016 primary.

The Democrats competing for those delegates are Hillary Clinton, and Bernie Sanders. The Republican competitors consist of Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio, and John Kasich.

The population of Florida, according to the 2015 U.S. Census estimates, is 20,271,272. The Registered voter's total is 11,301,866, or approximately 55.75% of the population is registered to vote, according to the Florida Secretary of State.

The 2008 distribution of the 11,301,866 voters by party is: Republicans, 3,978,295, or 35.2%; Democrats 4,290,354, or, 38%. The other parties were not included, in this analysis, since they cannot vote,

The registered voters are included, in the chart below, for comparison purposes to give a fuller picture of the total voter universe in Florida.



A subset of the registered voter files is the actual voting population, as we shall show in the analysis of the 2008 and 2012 Republican and Democratic parties.



The Republicans

The Republican total voting population consists of 3,406,624 voters. The chart below, shows how they voted, 56.2%, or 1914124, did not vote in the 2008 primary, also 59.6%, or 2,030,263, did not vote in the 2012 primary.

	Total Republica	Total Republican registered voters						
	2008							
No. of voters	Not Voted	Percent	Voted	Percent				
3,406,728	1,914,124	56.2	1,492,500	43.8				
	2012							
3,406,728	2,030,263	59.6	1,376,465	40.4				

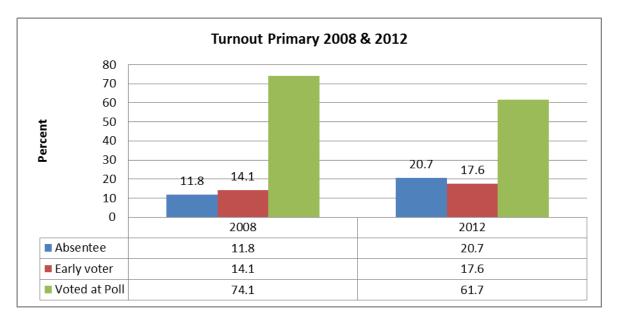
Demographics

Gender			Age			Race		
	2008	2012		2008	2012		2008	2012
Female	52	50.6	18-34	2.7	4.2	Black/non-hispanic	0.7	0.5
Male	47.5	49	35-49	12.7	11.5	Hispanic	9	8.1
Unknown	0.4	0.4	50-64	31.5	29.5	White/non-hipanic	87.8	89.1
			65+	53	54.8	Other	2.5	2.4

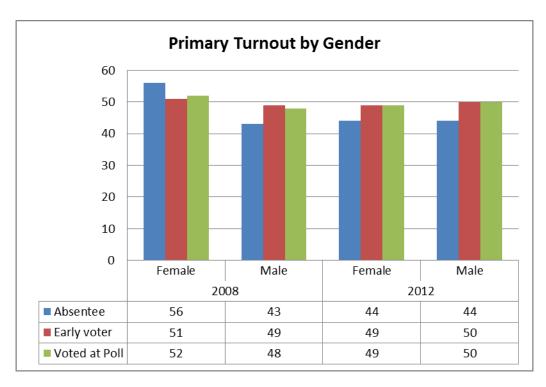
Years Registered	2008	2012	Voted	2008	2012
5-9	2.8	11.7	Absentee	11.8	20.7
10-14	23.6	22.1	Early voter	14.1	17.6
15+	73.7	66.2	Voted at Poll	74.1	61.7



The turnout primary 2008 & 2012, provides an overview of the total Republican voting choice by the voters on their voting preference. The overwhelming choice of voters was to vote in their precinct.

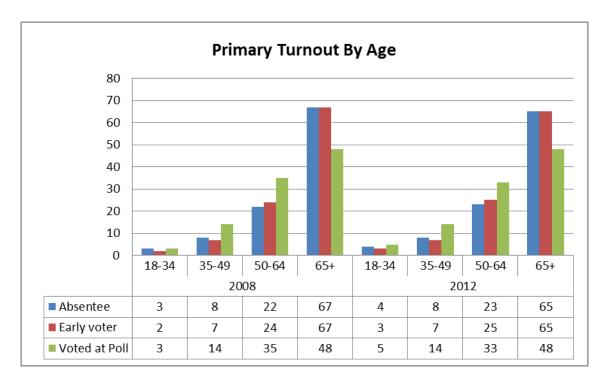


In 2008, females outperformed male voters in all three categories, absentee, early vote, and voting at the polling booth.

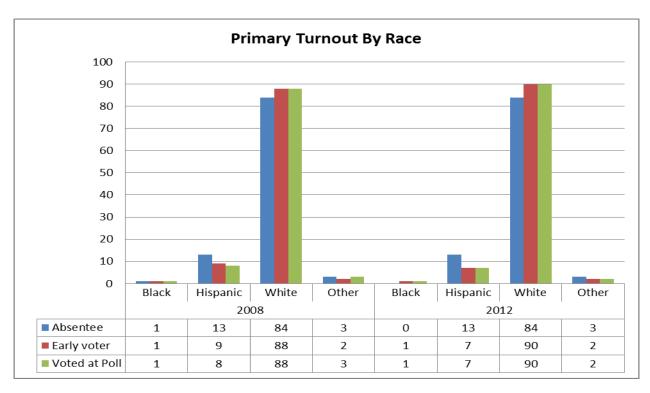




In both 2008 and 2012, voters age 65+ were the key to the largest voting group that preferred voting absentee.



White voters had the largest voting participation of all groups, while Blacks were the lowest participation group in both the 2008 and 2012 primary elections.





The Democrats

The Democratic Party total voting population consists of 4,290,354 voters. The chart below, shows how they voted, 71.1%, or 1,239,091 did not vote in the 2008 primary, also 97.8%, or 4,197,520, also did not vote in the 2012 primary

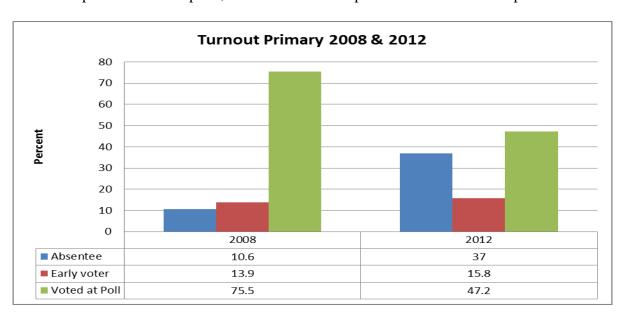
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	2008	2008						
Number of voters	Not voted	Percent	Voted	Percent				
4,290,354	3,051,263	71.1	1,239,091	29				
	2012							
4,290,354	4,197,520	97.8	92,834	2.2				

Demographics

	Gender	Gender		Age		Race	2008	2012
	2008	2012		2008	2012		22.7	25.6
Female	61.4	58.8	18-34	3.4	4.3	Black/non hispanic	7.8	12.5
Male	38.1	40.7	35-49	13.1	10.8	Hispanic	66.3	59.2
Unknown	0.5	0.5	50-64	31.5	29.7	White/non hispanic		
			65+	52	55.2			

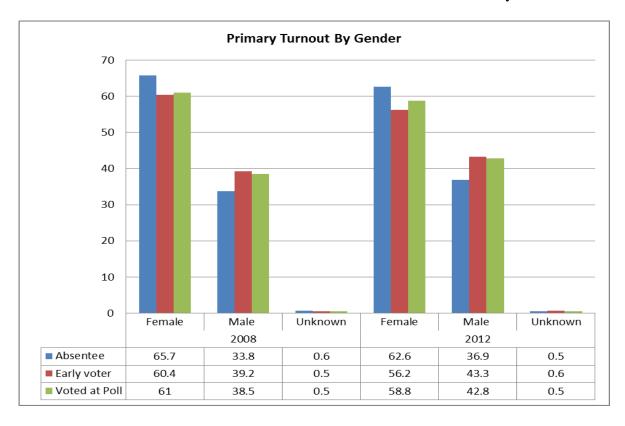
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	2008	2012		2008	2012
5-9	3.1	9.7	Absentee	10.6	37
10-14	22	15	Early voter	13.9	15.8
15+	74.9	75.3	Voted at Poll	75.5	47.2

Much like their Republican counterparts, the Democrats also preferred to vote at their precinct.

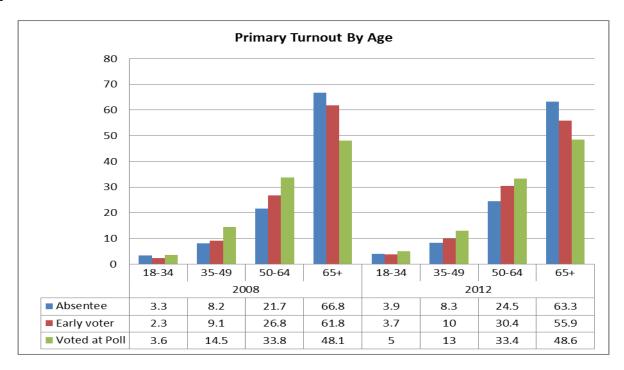




Female Democratic voters overwhelmed the male voters in both the 2008 ans 2012 cycle.



Seniors, those over 65 years old, proved to be the key for both primaries. The 18-34 group continues to underperform in elections.





The turnout by race shows the growing influence of the Black vote, almost 3% increase, and the Hispanic vote, over 4% increase.

