

Post-Labor Day polls in competitive races since 2006

Race	Post-Labor Day polls in RCP	Led by eventual loser or tied	% led by eventual loser	Winner	Final margin of race
<b>2012 ND</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100%</b>	Heitkamp	0.90
<b>2010 CO</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>94%</b>	Bennet	1.68
2010 AK	7	6	86%	Murkowski**	4.01
<b>2010 NV</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>74%</b>	Reid	5.74
2006 VA	27	19	70%	Webb	0.39
2010 WV*	17	9	53%	Manchin	10.07
<b>2012 MT</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>50%</b>	Tester	3.72
<b>2008 MN</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>48%</b>	Franken	0.01
2006 MO	27	12	44%	McCaskill	2.27
2006 TN	29	12	41%	Corker	2.72
2010 WA	22	7	32%	Murray	4.73
2012 AZ	7	2	29%	Flake	3.02
2012 WI	21	6	29%	Baldwin	5.55
2012 MA	19	5	26%	Warren	7.55
2012 VA	27	7	26%	Kaine	5.91
2012 IN	4	1	25%	Donnelly	5.76
2008 OR	13	3	23%	Merkley	3.35
2006 NJ	38	8	21%	Menendez	9.02
2010 IL	19	4	21%	Kirk	1.60
2008 NC	30	6	20%	Hagan	8.47
2012 NV	17	3	18%	Heller	1.16
2012 CT	12	2	17%	Murphy	11.75
2006 MD	23	3	13%	Cardin	10.01
2008 AK	10	1	10%	Begich	1.24
2010 PA	30	3	10%	Toomey	2.02
2012 FL	32	3	9%	Nelson	13.01
2012 MO	11	1	9%	McCaskill	15.70
2008 KY	13	1	8%	McConnell	5.93
2006 MT	15	1	7%	Tester	0.88
2006 RI	15	1	7%	Whitehouse	7.02
2012 OH	39	2	5%	Brown	6.00
2008 NH	21	1	5%	Shaheen	6.34
2008 GA	23	1	4%	Chambliss‡	2.92
2010 CA	29	1	3%	Boxer	10.01
2012 PA	20	0	0%	Casey	9.10
2006 AZ	15	0	0%	Kyl	9.84
2006 CT	19	0	0%	Lieberman	9.98
2008 ME	9	0	0%	Collins	22.75
2008 MS*	7	0	0%	Wicker	9.92
2010 CT	20	0	0%	Blumenthal	11.94
2010 KY	14	0	0%	Paul	11.47

2010 WI	13	0	0%	Johnson	4.84
<b>Median</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17%</b>		

**Bolded** races are ones that at least one polling average got wrong

\*Special elections

\*\*Won as a write-in candidate

## 2006

Race	RCP leader	RCP avg. lead	Pollster leader	Pollster avg. lead	Actual winner	Actual margin
AZ	Kyl	8.6	Kyl	7.3	Kyl	9.84
CT	Lieberman	11.8	Lieberman	11.8	Lieberman	9.98
MD	Cardin	3.7	Cardin	3.2	Cardin	10.01
MO	McCaskill	2.5	McCaskill	2.6	McCaskill	2.27
MT	Tester	3.0	Tester	4.0	Tester	0.88
NJ	Menendez	6.4	Menendez	6.2	Menendez	9.02
RI	N/A	N/A	Whitehouse	6.2	Whitehouse	7.02
TN	Corker	6.0	Corker	5.0	Corker	2.72
VA	Webb	1.5	Webb	1.4	Webb	0.39

## 2008

Race	RCP leader	RCP avg. lead	Pollster leader	Pollster avg. lead	Actual winner	Actual margin
AK	Begich	10.3	Begich	4.4	Begich	1.24
CO	Udall	12.5	Udall	11.4	Udall	10.30
GA	Chambliss	3.8	Chambliss	4.1	Chambliss	2.92
KY	McConnell	5.7	McConnell	3.9	McConnell	5.93
ME	Collins	14.6	Collins	15.2	Collins	22.75
MN	Coleman	2.8	Franken	1.8	Franken	0.01
MS*	Wicker	10.3	Wicker	5.5	Wicker	9.92
NH	Shaheen	9.6	Shaheen	7.9	Shaheen	6.34
NJ	Lautenberg	17.7	Lautenberg	16.2	Lautenberg	14.08
NM	Udall	14.6	Udall	16.9	Udall	22.66
NC	Hagan	4.3	Hagan	4.1	Hagan	8.47
OR	Merkley	5.3	Merkley	5.4	Merkley	3.35

## 2010

Race	RCP leader	RCP avg. lead	Pollster leader	Pollster avg. lead	Actual winner	Actual margin
AK	N/A	N/A	Murkowski	0.4	Murkowski	4.01
CA	Boxer	5.0	Boxer	5.1	Boxer	10.01
CO	Buck	3.0	Buck	1.4	Bennet	1.68
CT	Blumenthal	8.7	Blumenthal	9.2	Blumenthal	11.94
IL	Kirk	3.3	Kirk	1.7	Kirk	1.60
KY	Paul	11.0	Paul	8.8	Paul	11.47
NV	Angle	2.7	Angle	2.8	Reid	5.74

PA	Toomey	4.5	Toomey	4.0	Toomey	2.02
WA	Murray	0.3	Murray	0.7	Murray	4.73
WV*	Manchin	4.5	Manchin	3.3	Manchin	10.07
WI	Johnson	7.7	Johnson	7.7	Johnson	4.84

## 2012

Race	RCP leader	RCP avg. lead	Pollster leader	Pollster avg. lead	Actual winner	Actual margin
AZ	Flake	5.5	Flake	3.8	Flake	3.02
CT	Murphy	5.0	Murphy	6.2	Murphy	11.75
FL	Nelson	6.2	Nelson	8.2	Nelson	13.01
IN	N/A	N/A	Donnelly	3.7	Donnelly	5.76
MA	Warren	3.0	Warren	4.5	Warren	7.55
MO	McCaskill	6.3	McCaskill	8.7	McCaskill	15.70
MT	Rehberg	0.4	Tester	1.1	Tester	3.72
NV	Heller	4.0	Heller	3.6	Heller	1.16
ND	Berg	5.7	Heitkamp	0.3	Heitkamp	0.90
OH	Brown	5.0	Brown	5.2	Brown	6.00
PA	Casey	5.4	Casey	5.1	Casey	9.10
VA	Kaine	1.8	Kaine	2.6	Kaine	5.91
WI	Baldwin	2.2	Baldwin	0.8	Baldwin	5.55