

Maine Senate Primary Toplines

Online sample of 704 likely Democratic primary voters fielded over text to web on June 05, 2026 and weighted by gender, race, age, education, and vote history. The margin of error is 5.9%.

1. Please select your gender:

Male.....	40%
Female.....	60%

2. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

No high school diploma.....	0%
High school diploma or equivalent.....	12%
Some college, no degree.....	29%
Associate's degree.....	13%
Bachelor's degree.....	21%
Advanced degree (such as Masters, Professional, or Doctorate degree)	25%

3. Choose the race or ethnicity you consider yourself to be:

White.....	93%
Black or African American.....	2%
Hispanic or Latino/a.....	1%
Asian.....	0%
American Indian or Alaska Native.....	2%
Other race.....	2%

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	1%
Somewhat disapprove	1%
Strongly disapprove	94%
Not sure	1%
Total Approve	4%
Total Disapprove	95%
Net Total Approve	-91%

5. Did you vote in the 2024 presidential election?

Yes, I voted	98%
No, I didn't vote	2%
I'm not sure	0%

6. Who did you vote for in the 2024 presidential election?

(Asked only of respondents who answered 'voted' to voted_2024)
(n=688)

Democrat Kamala Harris	89%
Republican Donald Trump	6%
Libertarian Chase Oliver	1%
Green Party candidate Jill Stein	2%
Independent Robert F. Kennedy Jr.	0%
Someone else	2%

7. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or something else?

Democrat	66%
Republican	1%
Independent	28%
Something else	5%

8. If you had to choose, would you say you typically lean more towards Democrats or more towards Republicans?

(Asked only of respondents who did not answer 'democrat' to party_self_id and Asked only of respondents who did not answer 'republican' to party_self_id)

(n=298)

Democrats	67%
Republicans.....	0%
Neither	33%

9. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following people?: Donald Trump

Very favorable.....	2%
Somewhat favorable.....	1%
Somewhat unfavorable	3%
Very unfavorable	94%
Not sure/never heard of.....	0%
Total Favorable	3%
Total Unfavorable	97%
Net Total Favorable	-94%

10. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following people?: Angus King III

Very favorable.....	11%
Somewhat favorable.....	51%
Somewhat unfavorable	18%
Very unfavorable	9%
Not sure/never heard of.....	10%
Total Favorable	63%
Total Unfavorable	27%
Net Total Favorable	35%

11. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following people?: Susan Collins

Very favorable.....	4%
Somewhat favorable.....	4%
Somewhat unfavorable.....	15%
Very unfavorable.....	76%
Not sure/never heard of.....	1%
Total Favorable	9%
Total Unfavorable	91%
Net Total Favorable	-82%

12. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following people?: Janet Mills

Very favorable.....	28%
Somewhat favorable.....	37%
Somewhat unfavorable.....	20%
Very unfavorable.....	15%
Not sure/never heard of.....	0%
Total Favorable	65%
Total Unfavorable	35%
Net Total Favorable	30%

13. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following people?: Graham Platner

Very favorable.....	42%
Somewhat favorable.....	32%
Somewhat unfavorable.....	8%
Very unfavorable.....	17%
Not sure/never heard of.....	2%
Total Favorable	74%
Total Unfavorable	24%
Net Total Favorable	50%

14. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following people?: Nirav Shah

Very favorable.....	34%
Somewhat favorable.....	37%
Somewhat unfavorable.....	12%
Very unfavorable.....	8%
Not sure/never heard of.....	9%
Total Favorable	72%
Total Unfavorable	19%
Net Total Favorable	52%

15. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following people?: Shenna Bellows

Very favorable.....	35%
Somewhat favorable.....	40%
Somewhat unfavorable.....	5%
Very unfavorable.....	9%
Not sure/never heard of.....	10%
Total Favorable	75%
Total Unfavorable	15%
Net Total Favorable	60%

16. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following people?: Robert “Bobby” Charles

Very favorable.....	1%
Somewhat favorable.....	3%
Somewhat unfavorable.....	13%
Very unfavorable.....	48%
Not sure/never heard of.....	35%
Total Favorable	4%
Total Unfavorable	61%
Net Total Favorable	-57%

17. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following people?: Jonathan Bush

Very favorable.....	0%
Somewhat favorable.....	12%
Somewhat unfavorable.....	23%
Very unfavorable.....	35%
Not sure/never heard of.....	31%
Total Favorable	12%
Total Unfavorable	57%
Net Total Favorable	-45%

18. In the past week, have you seen, read, or heard anything about Janet Mills?

Yes.....	63%
No.....	37%

19. In your own words, what have you seen, read, or heard about Janet Mills recently?

Still on the Ballot / Campaign Suspended (Status Updates)	53%
Negative Character Attacks / Distrust and Cynicism.....	12%
Endorsements and Support for Other Candidates.....	11%
Dropped Out / No Longer Running (Perceived Withdrawal)	9%
Return to Race / Re-entering Speculation.....	8%
Policy Actions and Governance (Non-campaign issues)	4%
Media/Ads/General Exposure or No Information.....	3%
Scandals, Allegations, or Personal Controversies.....	1%

20. Did what you heard about Janet Mills make you feel more positive or more negative about her?

(Asked only of respondents who answered 'yes' to heard_news_mills)

(n=429)

More positive.....	20%
More negative.....	38%
Neither positive nor negative.....	42%

21. In the past week, have you seen, read, or heard anything about Graham Platner?

Yes.....	93%
No.....	7%

22. In your own words, what have you seen, read, or heard about Graham Platner recently?

Sexting/Cheating Scandal	36%
Dishonesty/Character & General Unfitness	20%
Smear/Propaganda/Attack Ads Narrative	19%
Campaign Media & News Exposure (Neutral Mentions)	9%
Abuse, Misogyny, or Predatory Allegations	7%
Policy/Populist Appeal & Positive Support	6%
Nazi Symbol/Tattoo & Extremism Claims	2%
Endorsements, Polling, Fundraising & Horse-Race Updates	1%

23. Did what you heard about Graham Platner make you feel more positive or more negative about him?

(Asked only of respondents who answered 'yes' to heard_news_platner)

(n=656)

More positive	24%
More negative	34%
Neither positive nor negative	42%

24. If you vote in a primary election would you vote in the Democratic primary or the Republican primary?

Democratic Primary	93%
Republican primary	0%
Not sure	7%

25. If the primary election for U.S. Senator from Maine were held today, who would you vote for?

Democrat Janet Mills	16%
Democrat Graham Platner	68%
Democrat David Costello	5%
Democrat Andrea LaFlamme	2%
Not sure	9%

26. Do you think you might change your mind before the election, or will you definitely vote for {primary_first_choice}?

(Asked only of respondents who did not answer 'not_sure' to primary_first_choice)

(n=612)

Definitely voting for them	80%
Might change my mind	20%

27. If you did change your mind, who would be your second choice?

Democrat Janet Mills	21%
Democrat Graham Platner	5%
Democrat David Costello	16%
Democrat Andrea LaFlamme	8%
Not sure	50%

28. If you had to choose between the following two people, who would you prefer to be the next U.S. Senator from Maine?

Democrat Janet Mills	31%
Democrat Graham Platner	69%

29. If you had to choose between the following two people, who would you prefer to be the next U.S. Senator from Maine?

Another Democrat candidate	28%
Democrat Graham Platner	72%