

GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

2012 REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted December 1-5, 2011, on the Gallup Daily tracking survey, with a random sample of 1,374—Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

For results based on the total sample of Republicans, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ± 4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of 1,227—Republican registered voters, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ± 3 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each daily sample of 1,000 national adults includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2010 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

1. ***(Asked of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents)*** Next, I'm going to read a list of people who are running for the 2012 Republican nomination for president. After I read the names, please tell me which candidate you are most likely to support for the nomination, or if you would support someone else.
 [RANDOM ORDER: Michele Bachmann; Herman Cain; Newt Gingrich; Jon Huntsman; Ron Paul; Rick Perry; Mitt Romney; Rick Santorum]

Trend for active candidates:

	Gingrich	Romney	Paul	Perry	Bachmann	Santorum	Huntsman	Cain	Pawlenty	Other	None/Any/ no opinion
<i>Republicans and Republican-leaning independents who are registered to vote</i>											
2011 Dec 1-5 ^	37	22	8	7	6	3	1	n/a	n/a	3	14
2011 Nov 13-17	22	21	9	8	4	1	1	16	n/a	1	18
2011 Nov 2-6	13	22	6	11	3	2	1	22	n/a	*	20
<i>All Republicans and Republican-leaning independents</i>											
2011 Dec 1-5 ^	34	22	8	7	7	3	1	n/a	n/a	3	16
2011 Nov 13-17	19	20	10	8	5	1	1	16	n/a	1	19
2011 Nov 2-6	12	21	8	11	3	2	1	21	n/a	*	21
2011 Oct 3-7 †‡	7	20	8	15	5	3	2	18	n/a	1	20
2011 Aug 17-21 †‡	4	17	13	29	10	3	1	4	n/a	2	17
2011 Jul 20-24 †‡	6	23	10	18	13	2	2	4	3	2	18
2011 Jun 8-11 †‡	9	27	8	n/a	7	6	2	10	6	5	21
2011 May 20-24 †‡	12	19	12	n/a	7	2	3	8	7	6	25

^Cain included in Dec. 1-3 interviewing. Cain supporters' second choice substituted for their vote choice.

† WORDING: Next, I'm going to read a list of people who may be running in the Republican primaries for president in the 2012 election. After I read all the names, please tell me which of those candidates you would be most likely to support for the Republican nomination for President in 2012, or if you would support someone else.

‡ Palin (May-Aug) and Giuliani (July-Aug) included in prior polls. Palin and Giuliani's supporters second choice substituted for their vote choice

Extended Trend (Active and potential candidates, based on all Republicans and Republican leaners):

	Romney	Gingrich	Cain	Paul	Perry	Bachmann	Huntsman	Santorum	Pawlenty	Palin	Giuliani	Huckabee	Trump	Other	None/Any/ no opinion
2011 Aug 17-21	14	3	4	11	25	7	1	3	n/a	11	9	n/a	n/a	1	12
2011 Jul 20-24	17	3	3	8	15	11	2	2	2	12	11	n/a	n/a	1	14
2011 Jun 8-11	24	5	9	7	n/a	5	1	6	6	16	n/a	n/a	n/a	4	18
2011 May 20-24	17	9	8	10	n/a	5	2	2	6	15	n/a	n/a	n/a	5	22
2011 Apr 15-20	13	6	n/a	6	n/a	4	1	2	3	10	n/a	16	16	5	17
2011 Mar 18-22	15	10	n/a	6	n/a	5	2	2	3	12	n/a	19	n/a	11	16
2011 Feb 18-20	16	9	n/a	5	n/a	4	1	2	3	16	n/a	18	n/a	13	14
2010 Nov 13-14	19	13	n/a	6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	4	16	n/a	16	n/a	12	14
2010 Sep 25-26	19	9	n/a	7	n/a	n/a	n/a	2	3	16	n/a	12	n/a	14	19

n/a Not asked.

"Other" from earlier polls includes candidates included in the question but who did not enter the race.

Q.1 (2012 REPUBLICAN NOMINATION PREFERENCE) CONTINUED

Also (separate USA Today/Gallup samples, based on all Republicans and Republican leaners):

Next, I'm going to read a list of people who are considered the most likely candidates to run in the Republican primaries for president. After I read all the names, please tell me which one you would be most likely to support for the Republican nomination for president in 2012, or if you would support someone else. [RANDOM ORDER: Minnesota Congresswoman, Michele Bachmann; Businessman, Herman Cain; Former Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich; Former Utah governor, Jon Huntsman; Texas Congressman, Ron Paul; Texas governor, Rick Perry; Former Massachusetts governor, Mitt Romney; Former Pennsylvania senator, Rick Santorum].

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING INDEPENDENTS

	2011 Sep 15-18	2011 Aug 4-7
Rick Perry	31	17
Mitt Romney	24	24
Ron Paul	13	14
Michele Bachmann	5	13
Newt Gingrich	5	7
Herman Cain	5	4
Rick Santorum	2	1
Jon Huntsman	1	2
Tim Pawlenty	--	3
Other	4	4
None/Any/No opinion	10	10