

Who won the Polk County races in Florida's primary 2026? See results

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Winners of today's Republican and Democratic primary races will proceed to the general election, to be held on Nov. 3, 2026.

Polk County School Board

Read more about the results [here](#).

LIVE RESULTS

School Board District 3

Updated 11:55 p.m. ET Aug. 18

100% precincts reporting

Candidates		Total Votes	% Votes
Kate Wallace (NP)*		39,265	45.1%
Victor Sims (NP)		31,212	35.8%
Sarah Corona (NP)		16,640	19.1%

*Incumbent

LIVE RESULTS

School Board District 5

Updated 11:55 p.m. ET Aug. 18

100% precincts reporting

Candidates		Total Votes	% Votes
Kay Fields (NP)*		50,007	57.3%
Sam Neelam (NP)		37,231	42.7%

*Incumbent

LIVE RESULTS

School Board District 6

Updated 11:55 p.m. ET Aug. 18

100% precincts reporting

Candidates		Total Votes	% Votes
Justin Sharpless (NP)*		57,754	67.4%
Kasen Chase Hampton (NP)		27,931	32.6%

*Incumbent

Polk County Commission District 2

Read more about the results [here](#).

● LIVE RESULTS

Rep County Commissioner District 2

Updated 11:55 p.m. ET Aug. 18

100% precincts reporting

Candidates		Total Votes	% Votes
Rick Wilson (R)*		43,733	51.1%
Kelly Quinn (R)		41,850	48.9%

*Incumbent

10th Judicial Circuit Court

Chris Spath defeated Lakeisha Latoya Babers for the Group 23 seat on the 10th Judicial Circuit Court, based in Polk County. Andrea DeMichael prevailed over Candice Dixon for the Group 24 seat. [Full coverage, here](#).

● LIVE RESULTS

Circuit Judge 10th Judicial Circuit Group 23

Updated 11:55 p.m. ET Aug. 18

100% precincts reporting

Candidates		Total Votes	% Votes
Chris P. Spath (NP)		55,751	63.3%
Lakeisha Latoya Babers (NP)		32,382	36.7%

Circuit Judge 10th Judicial Circuit Group 24

Updated 11:55 p.m. ET Aug. 18

100% precincts reporting

Candidates		Total Votes	% Votes
Andrea DeMichael (NP)		47,687	55.9%
Candice Dixon (NP)		37,597	44.1%

Florida House of Representatives, District 48, Republican primary

Read more about the results [here](#).

● LIVE RESULTS

State Representative, District 48 Republican

Updated 10:13 p.m. ET Aug. 18

Candidates		Total Votes	% Votes
Jonathan Albert (R)		8,191	61.0%
Jerry Carter (R)		5,229	39.0%

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Florida Congressional District 9, Republican primary

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Representative in Congress, District 9 Republican

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Candidates		Total Votes	% Votes
Dan Green (R)		14,714	25.4%
Ben Butler (R)		14,131	24.4%
Thomas E. Chalifoux Jr. (R)		11,772	20.3%

Top 3 candidates shown by vote share

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Representative in Congress, District 16 Republican

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Candidates		Total Votes	% Votes
Sydney Gruters (R)		48,336	63.4%
Eddie Speir (R)		16,222	21.3%
Ed Pope (R)		11,622	15.3%

● LIVE RESULTS

Representative in Congress, District 16 Democratic

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Candidates		Total Votes	% Votes
Kelly Kirschner (D)		23,181	43.1%
Tamika Lyles (D)		10,641	19.8%
Jan Schneider (D)		8,301	15.4%

Top 3 candidates shown by vote share

Florida Governor

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Governor Republican

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Candidates		Total Votes	% Votes
Byron Donalds (R)		806,246	47.8%
Jay Collins (R)		424,556	25.2%
James Fishback (R)		176,681	10.5%

Top 3 candidates shown by vote share

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Governor Democratic

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Candidates		Total Votes	% Votes
David Jolly and Gwen Graham (D)		752,483	61.0%
Dayna Marie Foster (D)		186,356	15.1%
Dotie Joseph (D)		117,825	9.6%

Top 3 candidates shown by vote share

Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services

● LIVE RESULTS

Commissioner of Agriculture Republican

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Candidates		Total Votes	% Votes
Wilton Simpson (R)		1,104,504	68.9%
Matt Taylor (R)		498,709	31.1%

● LIVE RESULTS

Commissioner of Agriculture Democratic

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Candidates		Total Votes	% Votes
Joey Mendoza Atkins (D)		707,549	60.3%
Donald A. "Don" Prichard (D)		466,068	39.7%

Florida Chief Financial Officer

● LIVE RESULTS

Chief Financial Officer Republican

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Candidates		Total Votes	% Votes
Blaise Ingoglia (R)		962,079	61.3%
Frank William Collige (R)		607,362	38.7%

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Chief Financial Officer Democratic

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Candidates		Total Votes	% Votes
Annette Taddeo (D)		785,907	65.6%
Earle Ford (D)		411,359	34.4%

U.S. Senate

● LIVE RESULTS

United States Senator Republican

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Candidates		Total Votes	% Votes
Ashley Moody (R)		1,312,820	79.6%
Chris Gleason (R)		226,673	13.7%
Ernest "Ernie" Rivera (R)		79,396	4.8%

Top 3 candidates shown by vote share

● LIVE RESULTS

United States Senator Democratic

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Candidates		Total Votes	% Votes
Angie Nixon (D)		695,132	56.0%
Alex Vindman (D)		546,748	44.0%