



Georgia’s 6th Congressional District Poll Results

POLLING METHODOLOGY

For this poll, a sample of likely households for a live operator poll was chosen from the population registered to vote in the 6th Congressional District of Georgia, and there was a representative sample of 500 completed responses.

The survey was conducted October 13-18. The margin of error, with a 95% confidence interval, was 4.5%. The demographic breakdown of the respondents was 65-12% white/black (5% Hispanic, and 18% “other”). The geographic breakdown of the respondents was as follows: 45% from Fulton County, 32% from Cobb County, and 23% from DeKalb County (*The explanation of the boundaries of these regions is graphically depicted in Exhibit A at the end of the poll analysis*).

POLL RESULTS

Question 1: Do you consider yourself to be a Democrat, Republican, or Independent?

Republican	45%
Democrat	35%
Independent	20%

Question 2: In the November election for Governor of Georgia which candidate do you plan to vote for ? (Party affiliations of candidates mentioned)

Kemp (Rep)	47%
Abrams (Dem)	45%
Metz (Lbt)	2%
Undecided	6%

Question 3: If the upcoming November Congressional Election were held today which candidate would you support? (Party affiliations of candidates mentioned)

Handel (Rep)	49%
McBath (Dem)	45%
Undecided	6%

Question 4: Do you believe Congresswoman Karen Handel deserves to be re-elected?

Yes	49%
No	45%
Undecided	6%

Question 5: Do you approve, disapprove or are unfamiliar with Karen Handel?

Approve	48%
Disapprove	44%
No Opinion	4%
Never Heard	4%

Question 6: Do you approve, disapprove or are unfamiliar with Lucy McBath?

Approve	44%
Disapprove	48%
No Opinion	2%
Never Heard	6%

Question 7: Which issue is most important in deciding your vote for Congress?

Jobs/economy	28%
Healthcare	20%
Education	16%
Transportation/infrastructure	10%
Social Security/Medicare	7%
Gun control/gun rights	5%
Social issues (gay rights, abortion)	4%
Veterans' issues	3%
Tax Policy	3%
Immigration/border control	3%
Foreign policy	<1%

Question 8: Do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of President Donald Trump?

Approve	45%
Disapprove	51%
Unsure	4%

Question 9: Which political party do you want to control Congress?

Republican Party	48%
Democratic Party	39%
Unsure/Don't Know	13%

Question 10: Do you approve or disapprove of Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation to the US Supreme Court?

Approve	47%
Disapprove	49%
Unsure/Don't Know	4%

Question 11: What is your age?

18-30 years old	12%
31-50 years old	29%
51-64 years old	32%
65 years old or over	37%

Question 12: What is your gender?

Female	55%
Male	45%



Question 13: What is your race?

White/Caucasian	65%
Black/African American	12%
Hispanic/Latino	5%
Asian/Other/mixed race	18%

Question 14: And finally, what is the highest level of education you have completed?

High School/GED	10%
Some college	21%
Vocational/technical school	27%
College degree	35%
Advanced degree	7%

SUMMARY

JMC Analytics and Polling (in a joint and bipartisan polling engagement with Bold Blue Campaigns) independently conducted this poll in the Congressional race for the 6th Congressional District of Georgia. There are two main takeaways from this poll: (1) the noticeable Democratic trend between 2012 and 2016 (and which arguably triggered national and bipartisan interest in the special election race in the spring of 2017) has not reversed itself, and (2) polling shows a narrow lead for Brian Kemp for Governor, and a modest lead for Rep. Karen Handel that is similar to her victory margin in last year’s Congressional special election.

Demographic changes (albeit to a lesser extent than in the neighboring 7th Congressional district) have begun to transform the district’s politics. A district that supported Mitt Romney 61-38% in 2012 supported Donald Trump by a much narrower 48-47%. While some of this was due to weakness among white-collar suburban voters, the Democratic tendencies of the growing non-white population have also played a part.

Since President Trump’s election, his weakness among white collar suburban voters has begun to affect results in other races as well. In a district he only carried 48-47% (and which in the 1990s comfortably voted several times for Newt Gingrich), he faces a 51-45% disapproval rating (largely due to his 68-13% disapproval among self-described Independents), despite the fact that (1) respondents by a 48-39% margin want Republicans to control Congress, and (2) by a 45-35% margin, respondents identify as Republican.

The increasing marginal tendencies of the district first apparent in the 2016 Presidential race (then in the 2017 Congressional special election) have reappeared in the Congressional race. Karen Handel was elected in a nationally watched special election last year 52-48%, and on the ballot test, she holds a similar four-point lead (49-45%) over her Democratic opponent Lucy McBath, who has a negative (48-44%) approval rating (Rep. Handel’s approval is 48-44%). Rep. Handel’s challenge is attracting more support from Independents: she only runs 9 points ahead of President Trump among this crucial voter bloc, but still trails 22-59% (with 20% undecided).

In summary, this is a district where Rep. Handel is favored, but the narrow margin by which she was elected last year was no fluke.

CROSSTABS

Question 2 – Governor’s Race

Age Range	Abrams	Kemp	Metz	Undecided
18-30	76%	14%	0%	10%
31-50	60%	35%	0%	5%
51-64	38%	51%	5%	6%
65+	23%	72%	2%	4%
Race	Abrams	Kemp	Metz	Undecided
White	28%	66%	3%	3%
Black	89%	6%	0%	5%
Hispanic	52%	30%	0%	19%
Other	76%	13%	0%	12%
Gender	Abrams	Kemp	Metz	Undecided
Male	39%	50%	4%	7%
Female	50%	45%	1%	4%
Party	Abrams	Kemp	Metz	Undecided
Democrat	97%	2%	0%	1%
Republican	2%	96%	0%	2%
Independent	53%	14%	10%	23%
County	Abrams	Kemp	Metz	Undecided
Cobb	36%	56%	3%	5%
DeKalb	61%	37%	0%	2%
Fulton	43%	46%	2%	8%

Question 3 – Congressional Race

Age Range	McBath	Handel	Undecided
18-30	78%	13%	10%
31-50	57%	38%	6%
51-64	41%	55%	4%
65+	22%	72%	6%
Race	McBath	Handel	Undecided
White	26%	67%	7%
Black	87%	6%	6%
Hispanic	59%	37%	4%
Other	81%	16%	2%
Gender	McBath	Handel	Undecided
Male	42%	55%	4%
Female	48%	45%	8%
Party	McBath	Handel	Undecided
Democrat	94%	2%	3%
Republican	1%	97%	2%
Independent	59%	22%	20%
County	McBath	Handel	Undecided
Cobb	36%	58%	6%
DeKalb	61%	37%	2%
Fulton	43%	49%	8%

Question 8 – Trump job performance

Age Range	Approve	Disapprove	Undecided
18-30	11%	79%	10%
31-50	37%	55%	8%
51-64	62%	37%	1%
65+	46%	51%	3%
Race	Approve	Disapprove	Undecided
White	62%	35%	3%
Black	6%	90%	3%
Hispanic	37%	48%	15%
Other	8%	84%	8%
Gender	Approve	Disapprove	Undecided
Male	69%	25%	6%
Female	24%	72%	4%
Party	Approve	Disapprove	Undecided
Democrat	2%	97%	1%
Republican	90%	9%	1%
Independent	13%	68%	19%
County	Approve	Disapprove	Undecided
Cobb	55%	43%	2%
DeKalb	31%	66%	3%
Fulton	44%	50%	7%



Appendix A: Georgia 6th Congressional District regions

