



Georgia Governor/Senator Statewide Poll Summary (Republican Runoff)

JMC Analytics and Polling (who is not affiliated with any candidate running for Governor or Senator) commissioned this poll for marketing/promotional purposes for Republican runoff races in Georgia both for Governor and U.S. Senator. There are three main takeaways from this poll: (1) In the Republican runoff race for governor, Rick Jackson starts the runoff with a narrow lead over Burt Jones, (2) Mike Collins has a wide lead over Derek Dooley in the U.S. Senate race, and (3) economic concerns are the top issue among likely Republican runoff voters.

In the primary, Burt Jones had a 38-33% lead over Rick Jackson. In this poll, Jackson has a narrow (40-39%) lead over Jones on the ballot test. If we include undecided “leaners”, Jackson similarly remains ahead 45-43%. This “flipping” of the race is because those who supported one of the other eliminated candidates in the primary are currently breaking 44-36% for Rick Jackson.

From an ideological standpoint, Jones has the support of MAGA Republicans by a 53-39% margin, while Jackson more than “trumps” that demographic with 51-33% support from Evangelical conservatives and 54-34% support from Establishment Republicans. From a geographic standpoint, Jackson is relatively stronger across the Atlanta media market, while Jones does relatively better in more rural/small-town media markets across the state.

In the US Senate primary race, Mike Collins had a 41-30% lead over Derek Dooley; since then, Collins’ lead has widened to 50-36%. Including undecided “leaners” causes his lead to widen a bit more, to 55-39%. Rep. Collins (as with Rick Jackson) benefits from the fact that those supporting another candidate in the primary are breaking his way: more specifically, that “also ran” vote is 48-42% for Collins.

From an ideological standpoint, Collins’ lead is fortified by the formidable coalition he has built of both MAGA Republicans (69-26% support) and Evangelical conservatives (51-38% margin). Dooley’s main support (56-40%) is from self-described Establishment Republicans. From a geographic standpoint, Collins dominates across most of the state; the one place where Dooley shows any relative strength (he’s statistically tied) is in the core part of the Atlanta media market.

In summary, Mike Collins starts off with a wide lead in the Senate race, while Rick Jackson has a small lead. The question now is the extent to which these leads will be challenged between now and the June runoffs.