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### **General Information:**

The AJC 2026 Republican Primary Poll was a live interviewer telephone survey conducted April 18-26, 2026, that included a total of 1,000 likely Republican primary voters in Georgia. Likely primary voters were respondents who had voted in the 2022 and/or 2024 statewide Republican primaries and/or the 2024 Republican presidential preference primary, who indicated they were currently registered to vote in Georgia, and who were *definitely* or *probably* going to vote in the Republican Primary election in 2026. The survey was administered by the School of Public and International Affairs Survey Research Center at the University of Georgia. Interviews were conducted in English. A dual-frame statewide random sample consisting of approximately 90% cell phone numbers and 10% landline numbers was obtained through L2 (L2 is a sampling vendor that maintains a database constructed from state voter registration lists. Through commercial sources, phone numbers have been appended to the individual records (registrants) that make up these lists). The survey results were weighted using iterative proportional raking in order to ensure the sample was representative of the 2026 Republican primary electorate in terms of race, sex, age, and education. The calculated margin of error for the total sample is  $\pm 3.1$  points at the 95% confidence level. This would mean that if 50% of respondents indicate a topline view on an issue, we can be 95% confident that the population's view on that issue is somewhere between 53.1% and 46.9%.

### **Statistical Calculations:<sup>1</sup>**

**U.S. Senate:** The difference between first-place candidate Mike Collins' estimated vote share and second-place candidate Buddy Carter, at 9.1, is statistically significant. Collins is currently leading Carter in the GOP U.S. Senate primary.

**Governor:** The difference between first-place candidate Rick Jackson's estimated vote share and second-place candidate Burt Jones' estimated vote share, at 2.4, is not statistically significant. In plain English, the governor's race is a dead heat.

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<sup>1</sup> formula used to determine if the difference in vote percentages between candidates is statistically significant is derived from Alastair J. Scott and George A.F. Seber. 1983. "Difference of Proportions from the Same Survey." *The American Statistician* 37(4): 319-320.

Q1: If the election to choose a Republican candidate for U.S. Senate were being held TODAY, and the candidates were \_\_\_\_\_, for whom would you vote?

	Topline	Male	Female	White	Minority	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	High School or less	Some College	BA/Graduate
Buddy Carter	12.5	12.5	12.4	13.1	7.2	19.3	9.8	9.2	17.1	12.3	14.0	11.9
Mike Collins	21.6	28.4	14.7	21.7	20.7	22.8	20.3	21.9	22.3	22.7	18.8	23.0
John Coyne	0.5	1.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.7
Derek Dooley	11.0	13.3	8.8	11.9	3.6	19.3	10.5	8.7	12.9	7.9	9.9	13.8
John McCollum	0.8	1.2	0.4	0.8	1.8	0.0	2.6	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.5
Don't know	53.6	43.5	63.7	51.9	66.7	38.6	55.6	58.8	47.4	57.1	55.5	49.1

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Under \$50,000	\$50,000-99,999	\$100,000 and up
Buddy Carter	6.9	7.7	13.9	13.8	10.0	8.2	12.5	11.9	12.2
Mike Collins	13.8	18.3	22.7	22.2	0.0	20.2	32.4	20.0	20.5
John Coyne	10.3	0.0	0.2	0.3	10.0	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7
Derek Dooley	10.3	13.4	10.8	10.4	0.0	13.3	5.9	12.2	12.5
John McCollum	0.0	2.1	0.6	0.5	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.4	1.3
Don't know	58.6	58.5	51.7	52.7	80.0	56.2	48.5	54.8	52.8

Note: Entries are column percentages.

Q2. If the election to choose a Republican candidate for governor were being held TODAY, and the candidates were \_\_\_\_\_, for whom would you vote?

	Topline	Male	Female	White	Minority	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	High School or less	Some College	BA/Graduate
Chris Carr	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.7	5.4	1.8	2.6	2.4	3.4	0.9	3.3	4.2
Clark Dean	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.9	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
Rick Jackson	27.2	28.6	25.7	28.7	15.3	17.5	14.9	26.5	35.3	29.0	32.4	22.5
Burt Jones	24.8	26.8	22.4	25.1	22.5	17.5	37.0	21.9	25.6	28.7	23.2	22.7
Gregg Kirkpatrick	0.4	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.9	3.5	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.5
Brad Raffensperger	14.0	15.5	12.4	13.8	15.3	33.3	11.7	13.3	13.1	8.5	10.7	20.5
Thomas Williams	0.5	1.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.7
Ken Yasger	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Don't know	30.0	23.9	36.1	28.8	39.6	26.3	30.5	35.2	21.9	32.8	29.0	28.1

Note: Entries are column percentages.

Q2. Continued

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Under \$50,000	\$50,000-99,999	\$100,000 and up
Chris Carr	0.0	3.5	3.0	3.2	0.0	2.1	2.2	4.1	2.4
Clark Dean	0.0	1.4	.2	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.7
Rick Jackson	7.1	16.8	29.5	30.0	9.1	19.3	18.4	29.5	28.0
Burt Jones	21.4	19.6	26.0	25.9	0.0	22.3	26.5	18.8	27.3
Gregg Kirkpatrick	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.7	0.0	0.7
Brad Raffensperger	28.6	28.7	11.0	9.7	27.3	26.6	17.6	13.3	13.8
Thomas Williams	0.0	2.8	0.1	0.1	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.4	0.9
Ken Yasger	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Don't know	42.9	27.3	29.6	30.4	63.6	27.5	34.6	33.9	26.2

Note: Entries are column percentages.