

Florida's 2018 gubernatorial election

Details on candidates, campaign spending and more

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Overview of the 2018 Florida gubernatorial election

Primary election:

August 28, 2018

General election:

November 6, 2018

The governor and lieutenant governor of
Florida run for office as a joint ticket



Rick Scott (R)

- Current Florida governor
- Originally elected in 2010,
- Re-elected in 2014
- Unable to run for re-election due to term limits

The Cook Political Report:

Toss Up

rating for Florida's gubernatorial election

Gwen Graham supports gun control and immigration reform



Gwen Graham (D)

- Previously: Representative from Florida's 2nd district
- Daughter of former Governor Bob Graham
- Announced candidacy May 2017

Key policy issues



Graham supports comprehensive immigration reform with a **pathway to citizenship**, as well as DACA and DAPA. She strongly opposes Governor Scott's proposed refugee ban and President Trump's Muslim ban.



Graham supports **comprehensive universal background checks** on all gun sales and a ban on large-capacity feeding devices. Graham also co-sponsored legislation to ban suspected terrorists from purchasing guns



In Congress, Graham voted **against every attempt to repeal Obamacare**, and has vowed to expand Medicaid.

Former Tallahassee mayor enters the race



Andrew Gillum (D)

- Previously: Mayor of Tallahassee
- Served on the Tallahassee City Council for 10 years

Key policy issues



Gillum pledged to **expand Medicaid** and strengthen the Affordable Care Act in Florida. He has proposed a law protecting people with pre-existing conditions.



Gillum plans to focus on making **college debt-free** and revitalizing vocational programs in schools.



Gillum supports a plan to **transition Florida to clean energy** as quickly as possible. He also would make protecting the Everglades a priority.

John Morgan is reportedly considering run for governor



John Morgan (D)

- Currently: Attorney, Morgan & Morgan
- Also chair of People United for Medical Marijuana
- Author of two books about starting his law firm
- Has not yet announced his candidacy

Key policy issues



Morgan's defining political issue so far has been the **legalization of cannabis**. Morgan pushed for a 2016 amendment to legalize medical marijuana, which passed.



Morgan has made clear his support for a constitutional amendment to **increase the minimum wage** in Florida.

Adam Putnam is running on conservative principles



Adam Putnam (R)

- Currently: Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Previously served in both the Florida and US House of Representatives
- Announced candidacy May 2017

Key policy issues



Putnam prioritizes **protecting the Second Amendment**, and expanding Florida's concealed weapon license program



Putnam supports ending sanctuary cities and securing America's borders.



As governor, Putnam pledges to fight for less government interference, **lower taxes** and fewer regulations.

Jack Latvala enters the GOP primary as an underdog



Jack Latvala (R)

- Currently: Member of the Florida State Senate
- Previously operated a printing company in Largo
- Announced candidacy in August 2017

Key policy issues



In the past, Latvala has supported **reducing taxes** and reforming Florida's welfare system.



Latvala has also repeatedly emphasized “**cracking down on violent crimes and criminals**”

Rep. Ron DeSantis could shake up the race by announcing his candidacy

**Usha Jain (R)**

- Physician
- Ran for the Florida House in 2017, winning 3% of the vote in the primary

**Angel Luis Rivera (R)**

- Fashion entrepreneur
- CEO of Vera Corporation

**Bob White (R)**

- Chairman of the Republican Liberty Caucus of Florida

**Chris King (D)**

- Former Real Estate Developer
- Announced candidacy April 2017

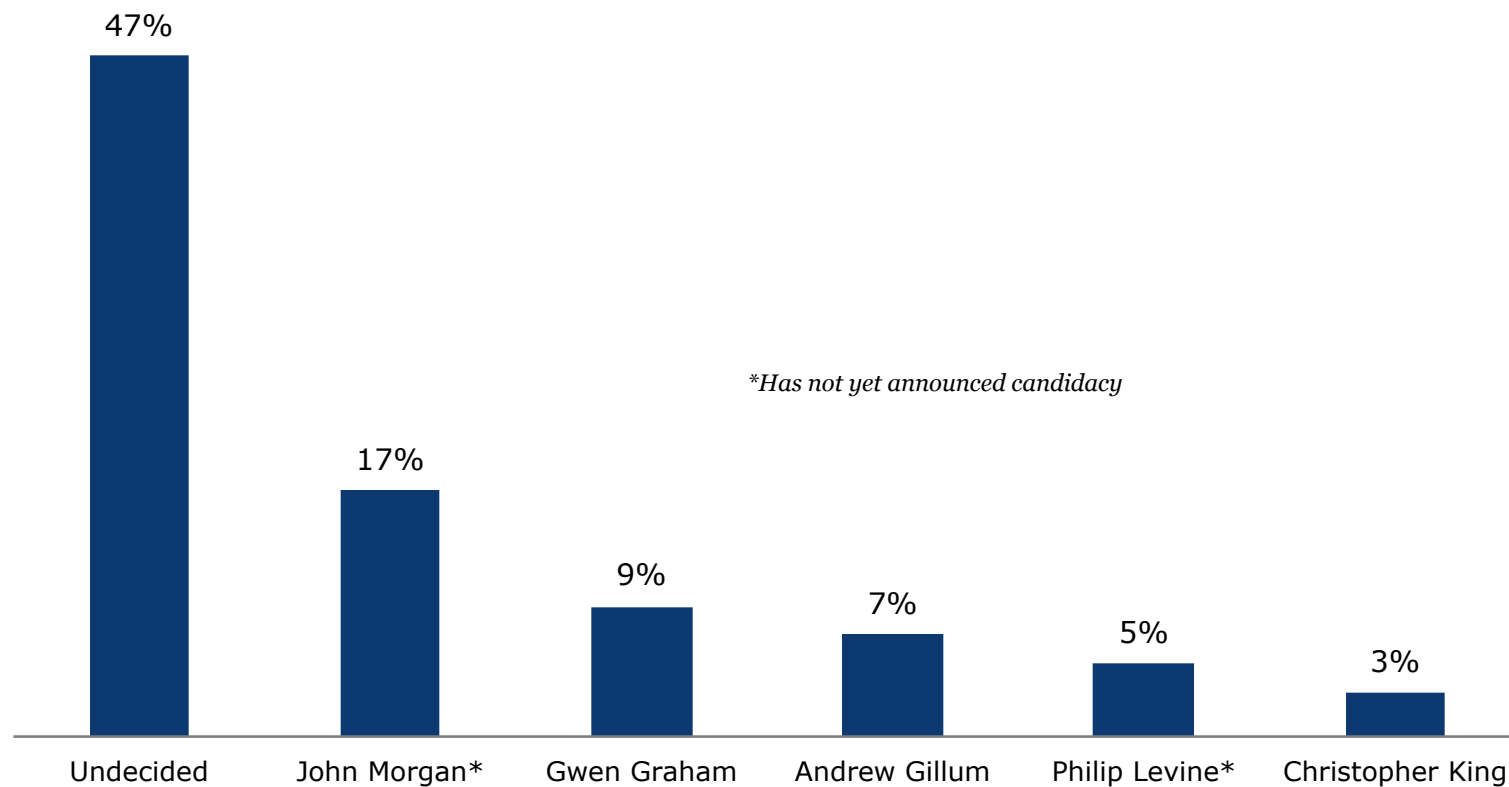
Other possible contenders:

- Rep. Ron DeSantis (R)
- Richard Corcoran (R)
- Ron Bergeron (R)
- Phillip Levine (D)

Most voters undecided in Democratic primary poll

August 2017 poll: voter preferences for governor

Florida Atlantic University Poll

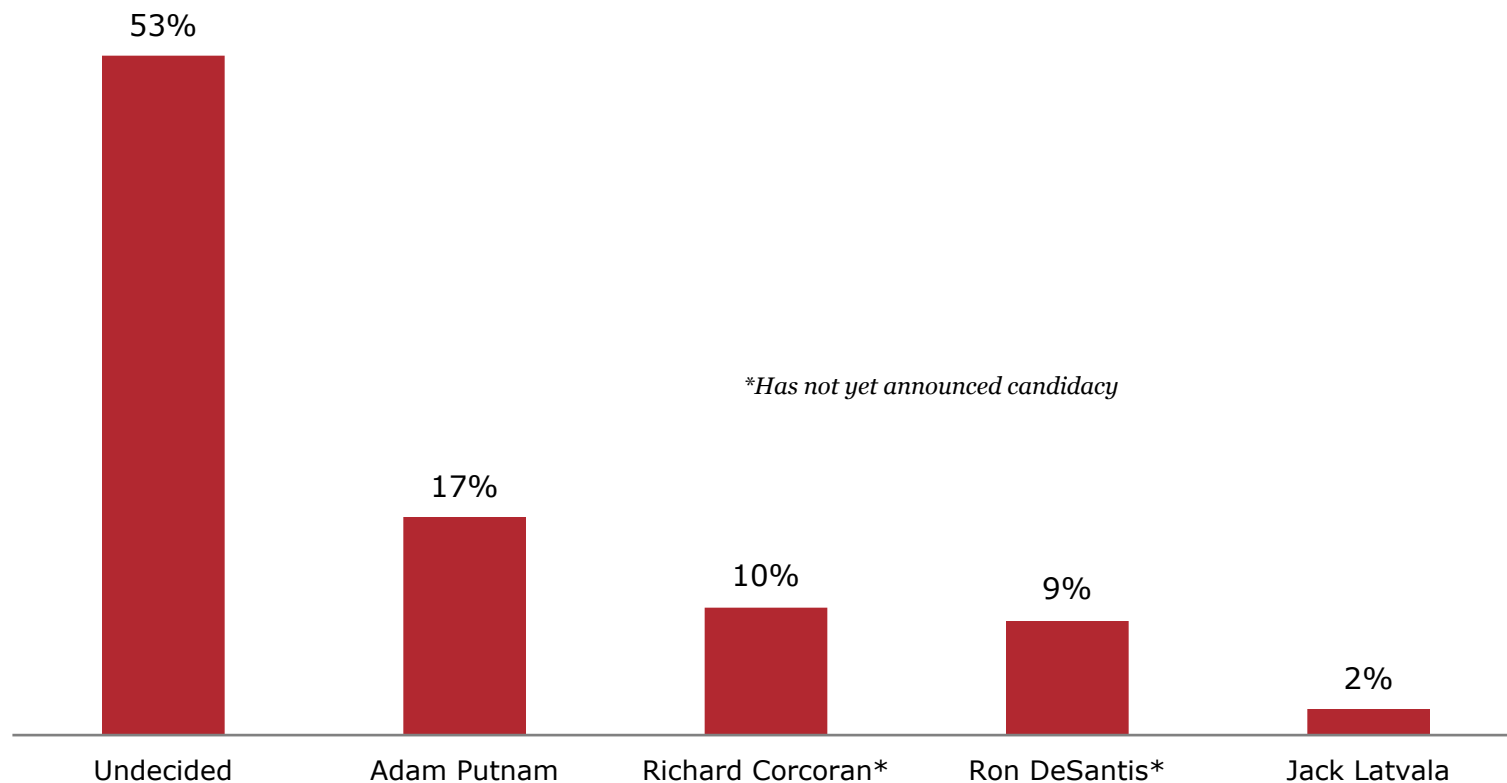


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Putnam leads potential rivals in early GOP primary poll

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