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Rick Scott

Rick Scott (b. December 1, 1952, in Bloomington, Illinois) is the current Republican Governor of Florida. He was first elected in 2010 on a joint ticket with former lieutenant governor Jennifer Carroll. Scott won a narrow and closely watched contest with Florida's Democratic CFO, Alex Sink, in the general election on November 2, 2010.^[1] He was sworn into office on January 4, 2011, and his term will expire January 6, 2015. Rick Scott won the general election on November 4, 2014.

Before becoming governor, Scott ran Solantic Corporation, a network of Florida urgent care centers, which he co-founded in 2001. From 1997 to 2001, he owned a controlling share in America's Health Network, a media company later known as Discovery Health. He headed Columbia Hospital Corporation, a conglomeration of 340 hospitals, from its founding in 1987 to 1997.^[1]

Scott ran successfully for re-election as governor on November 4, 2014.^[2] Beginning in late 2012, Scott was rated one of the most vulnerable gubernatorial incumbents of the 2014 election cycle.^{[3][4]} Scott's preexisting concerns about re-election were compounded by the re-emergence of former Republican governor and state attorney general Charlie Crist. After a brief stint as an Independent, Crist's switch to the Democratic Party in early 2013 signaled ominously to the Scott campaign that the veteran politician was preparing a comeback bid. Polls projected an extremely close contest between Scott and Crist, who were both nominated in the August 26

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Rick Scott



Governor of Florida

Incumbent

In office

January 4, 2011 - Present

Term ends

January 6, 2015

Years in position 3

Party Republican

Predecessor Charlie Crist

Compensation

Base salary \$130,273

Elections and appointments

Last election November 4, 2014

First elected November 2, 2010

Campaign \$ \$67,488,953

Term limits 2 consecutive terms

Education

Bachelor's University of Missouri-Kansas City

J.D. Southern Methodist University

Personal

Birthday December 1, 1952

primary. Indeed, the race came down to the wire on election night before Scott was declared the victor by a margin of less than 1.5 percent.^{[5][6]}

An analysis of Republican governors by Nate Silver of the *New York Times* in April 2013 ranked Scott as the 20th most conservative governor in the country.^[7]

Biography

Scott was born in Illinois, near Bloomington. He grew up in Kansas City, Missouri, where his parents worked as a truck driver and a secretary for J.C. Penney. After high school, Scott spent one year in community college before deciding to join the U.S. Navy.^[1]

He served for two and half years, much of that time spent abroad the U.S.S.

Glover as a radar technician. Upon leaving the service, Scott attended the University of Missouri and went on to law school in SMU. He began his business career while in college, when he bought and revitalized two doughnut shops. After law school he joined Johnson & Swanson in Dallas, Texas; at the time, the firm was the largest in the city.^[1]

While a partner at Johnson & Swanson in 1987, Scott formed HCA Acquisition Company specifically to acquire Hospital Corporation of America and secured funding conditional on completing the acquisition. The initial offer was declined by HCA and ultimately withdrawn.^[1]

The next year, he formed Columbia Hospital Corporation and successfully acquired several Dallas area hospitals.

Beginning in 1992, Scott and his partners bought a hospital a year for four years, including HCA, his former target. By 1997, Columbia/HCA was the largest healthcare provider on the globe, with annual revenues exceeding \$23 billion.^[1]

But by then, an investigation begun by the *New York Times* had caught the eye of the federal government. The federal investigation uncovered evidence of fraud and the company ultimately paid \$1.7 billion in fines. Scott's departure from the company was part of the arrangement to avoid criminal charges. Scott relocated to Naples, Florida and founded Richard L. Scott Investments. Starting in 1998, the firm acquired numerous targets.

Education

- Southern Methodist University, J.D.
- University of Missouri, Kansas City

Political career

Governor of Florida (2011-Present)

Scott was elected Governor of Florida in 2010 on a ticket with Jennifer Carroll. His term ends January 6, 2015.

Issues

Response to the 2014 illegal immigration surge

See also:2014 illegal immigration surge

In response to the 2014 illegal immigration surge, Scott wrote a letter to Sylvia Mathews Burwell, Health and Human Services Secretary. Scott complained about the lack of a system of notification to communities in place for when immigrants were placed there with sponsors or relatives.^[8]

Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare")

On February 20, 2013, Scott joined the growing brood of reluctant Republican governors to declare his support for Medicaid expansion as outlined under the Affordable Care Act, commonly referred to as "Obamacare."^[9] The controversial federal health care reform bill was passed in March 2010 to the dismay of many Republican elected officials, Scott included, whose disapproval crystallized into a legal effort to have the law overturned by the Supreme Court. The challenge was led by Scott's executive branch colleague, Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi. When the Court

Place of birth	Bloomington, Illinois
Profession	Health care executive, lawyer
Websites	
Office website	
(http://www.flgov.com/)	
Campaign website	
(http://www.rickscottforflorida.com/home/)	

ultimately upheld Obamacare on June 28, 2012, Scott expressed his commitment to shun optional provisions such as expanding Florida's Medicaid rolls. But the prospect of having to put 3.5 million Florida patients into managed care plans under a federal action waiver convinced him to agree to a three year trial period for expansion, during which the federal government can absorb the costs of adding 1 million low-income Florida residents to the state's Medicaid rolls. "Three years is a reasonable period to judge just how well the expansion is working and to explore further reforms to improve cost, quality and access in health care -- both in the public and private markets."^[10]

In Scott's appeal to the Republican-dominated Florida legislature to consent to a three year trial expansion, he pointed to the estimated \$26 billion federal dollars Florida could receive in the next 10 years under the expansion. He also appealed to their sense of compassion, citing the significant portion of uninsured Florida residents who stood to become eligible for medicaid under the new requirements. Reversing his position on the expansion "is not a white flag of surrender to government-run health care," Scott insisted.^[10]

Job creation ranking

In a June 2013 analysis by *The Business Journals* looking at 45 of the country's 50 governors by their job creation record, Scott was ranked number 12. The five governors omitted from the analysis all assumed office in 2013. The ranking was based on a comparison of the annual private sector growth rate in all 50 states using data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.^{[11][12]}

Trey Radel arrested for cocaine possession

See also: Trey Radel

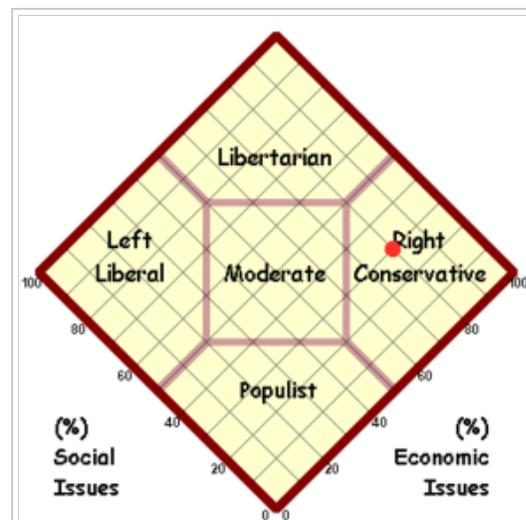
Florida's 19th Congressional District Rep. Trey Radel (R) was arrested in the District of Columbia on October 29, 2013, for possession of cocaine. He was officially charged on November 19, 2013, in D.C. Superior Court with misdemeanor possession of cocaine.^{[13][14]} On Wednesday, November 20, 2013, Radel plead guilty to possession of cocaine. He was sentenced to one year of supervised probation.^{[13][15][16]}

Scott called for Radel to resign on November 26, 2013. In a statement he said, "I agree with the party chairman. Look, Trey's going through some hard times. My prayers and my wife's prayers are with his family, but we have to hold all of our elected officials to the highest standard."^[17]

On The Issues Vote Match

See also: On The Issues Vote Match

The table below contains the results of analysis compiled by staff at On The Issues.



Rick Scott's Vote Match results from *On The Issues*.

On The Issues Vote Quiz ^[18]			
Economic Issues		Social Issues	
Issue	Stance	Issue	Stance
Legally require hiring women & minorities	Unknown	Abortion is a woman's unrestricted right	Opposes
Expand ObamaCare	Strongly Opposes	Comfortable with same-sex marriage	Strongly Opposes
Vouchers for school choice	Favors	Keep God in the public sphere	Unknown
Absolute right to gun ownership	Strongly Favors	Human needs over animal rights	Opposes
Higher taxes on the wealthy	Strongly Opposes	Stricter punishment reduces crime	Strongly Favors
Support & expand free trade	Unknown	Pathway to citizenship for illegal aliens	Strongly Opposes
Stricter limits on political campaign funds	Strongly Opposes	Maintain US sovereignty from UN	Unknown
Prioritize green energy	Opposes	Expand the military	Favors
Stimulus better than market-led recovery	Strongly Opposes	Stay out of Iran	Unknown
Privatize Social Security	Unknown	Never legalize marijuana	Favors

Note: Information last updated: June 23, 2014.^[19]



Elections

2014

See also: Florida gubernatorial election, 2014

Scott ran for re-election in 2014.^{[20][21][22]} Scott secured the Republican nomination in the primary on August 26, 2014. Scott ran on the GOP ticket with Florida Lt. Gov. Carlos Lopez-Cantera in the general election. They defeated the Democratic ticket of Charlie Crist and Annette Taddeo-Goldstein, the Libertarian ticket of Adrian Wylie and Greg Roe, as well as seven other unaffiliated and write-in tickets to win the general election on November 4, 2014.

Results

Primary election

Governor of Florida, Republican Primary, 2014			[hide]
Candidate	Vote %	Votes	

✓Rick Scott <i>Incumbent</i>	87.6%	835,084
Elizabeth Cuevas-Neunder	10.6%	100,803
Yinka Adeshina	1.8%	16,912
Total Votes		952,799
<i>Election Results Via: My Florida - Election Watch (http://enight.elections.myflorida.com/StateOffices/).</i>		

General election

Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Florida, 2014				[hide]
Party	Candidate		Vote %	Votes
Republican	✓Rick Scott/Carlos Lopez-Cantera <i>Incumbent</i>		48.2%	2,859,203
Democratic	Charlie Crist/Annette Taddeo-Goldstein		47%	2,788,706
Libertarian	Adrian Wyllie/Greg Roe		3.8%	222,660
No Party Affiliation	Glenn Burkett/Jose Augusto Matos		0.7%	41,212
No Party Affiliation	Farid Khavari/Lateresa Jones		0.3%	20,086
Total Votes				5,931,867
<i>Election Results via NY Times (http://elections.nytimes.com/2014/florida-elections?utm_source=state_list_nav&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=election-2014). Vote totals above are unofficial and reflect 100% precincts reporting.</i>				

Race background

Republican incumbent **Rick Scott** was re-elected to a second term as governor in 2014. Sources such as *Governing*, *Larry Sabato's Crystal Ball*, *The Cook Political Report*, *The Washington Post* and *Daily Kos* had rated Scott among the most vulnerable governors of the electoral cycle.^{[23][24][25][26][27]} Polls projected an extremely close contest between Scott and his prime contender, former Republican Governor Charlie Crist, who became a Democrat before mounting his comeback bid against Scott. Indeed, the race came down to the wire on election night.^[28]

Education debate

Charlie Crist and **Rick Scott** sparred over education funding as the primary election transitioned into a general election. Prior to the Republican primary, Scott announced that he would boost per-pupil spending to record levels if re-elected in November. The governor's office published a statement promising an increase in per-pupil funding to \$7,132 per student for the 2016 fiscal year, which would surpass the \$7,126 per student rate passed during Crist's first year as governor in 2007. He cited improving job figures in his office's optimistic outlook on public education financing.^[29]

Crist toured the state in a school bus in August in order to highlight cuts in public education since Scott won election. He noted that the governor facilitated \$1.3 billion in education cuts during the 2012 fiscal year.^[29] Crist stated on his campaign website that he would push public schools and their partners to reach the top 10 percent of schools globally as measured by reading, math and science scores by 2020.^[30]

Ad spending, influence

The Scott vs. Crist election battle played out largely through television ads during the general election. Whether sponsored internally or produced and aired under the auspices of independent expenditures, the commercials were predominantly negative, with each candidate and his outside backers barring no holds to disgrace the other before Florida's electorate of active television viewers.

In late September, Scott upped the ante on media spending for the race by sinking an additional \$8 million on television commercials, next to Crist's roughly \$5.5 million ad-buy increase on current and future spots. Already a wallet-shattering sum, those ad-buys put the total amount spent on behalf of the two frontrunners' marketing campaigns past the \$50 million mark. Scott was responsible for 71 percent, or over \$35 million, of this pot, far eclipsing contributions from Crist and his supporters. The incumbent's standing in the race remained precarious during the marketing blitz, but polls conducted during this stage indicated a slight improvement for Scott. These marginal gains invited comparisons to his road from virtual no-name to victory back in 2010, which was attributed in large part to a massive emphasis on TV commercials.^[31]

A September 23 article in *The Miami Herald* pointed out that a candidate's on-air presence does not guarantee success in an election, although Florida's media-marketing landscape is such that a candidate who neglects television altogether is almost guaranteed to fail. "If TV ads decided the governor's race, Scott would win in a landslide," the article stated.^[31]

Primary races

In June 2013, ex-Florida Sen. Nan Rich became the first Democratic candidate in the race. She was later joined by former Florida Gov. and newly-minted Democrat Charlie Crist. Crist's candidacy loomed heavy over Scott's re-election campaign, according to match-up and approval polls dating back as far as May 2012.^{[32][33][34]}

Long affiliated with the Republican Party, Crist's first party switch occurred in 2010, when, after losing the Republican primary for U.S. Senate to Marco Rubio, he changed his registration to Independent as an alternative route to reaching the general election ballot. In the fall of 2013, Crist became a Democrat; This latest party makeover was widely interpreted as a strategic maneuver to help him unseat Scott in the 2014 governor's race.^[35]

As the Crist story unfolded and media coverage about Scott's struggles increased, a slew of other lesser-known hopefuls began filing for the office, mainly as write-ins or with no party affiliation. By October 2013, there were over twenty potentials actively petitioning for a place on the primary and general election ballots.^[36] When the filing window finally closed on June 20, 2014, the number had dropped to 18 qualified gubernatorial candidates. The Republican field settled to three, including Scott, while the Democratic field remained a head-to-head battle between Crist and Rich. Unopposed Libertarian nominee Adrian Wyllie earned a direct pass to the general election, along with nine write-ins and three candidates with no stated party preference.^[37]

Under Article IV of the Florida Constitution, gubernatorial nominees are required to select running mates after the primary, though they are permitted to do so in advance. Customs for selecting running mates vary across Florida's main political parties. For example, Crist was chided for breaking with party tradition when he announced Annette Taddeo-Goldstein as his lieutenant governor pick prior to the primary. "Because he's been a life-long Republican, Charlie Crist might be excused for not knowing that Democrats typically don't choose a running mate until they win the nomination," jabbed Nan Rich, his Democratic primary challenger, in a July campaign press release.^[38]

In January, Scott appointed Carlos Lopez-Cantera as Florida's new lieutenant governor, ending an extended vacancy in the office that began with former-Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll's March 2013 resignation amid a public relations scandal. Since Lopez-Cantera's appointment occurred during a gubernatorial election year, his qualifications as a campaigner factored significantly into his selection. Scott and Carroll shared the ticket in 2010, so the governor was left with the responsibility of picking not only a new lieutenant governor to serve out Carroll's term, but also a new running mate for the 2014 election.

Scott and Crist handily secured their respective parties' nominations in the August 26 primary election.^[39]

Scott and Cantera-Lopez were elected governor and lieutenant governor on a joint ticket in the general election on November 4, 2014.

Debates

Debate media



October 15 debate



October 21 debate

October 21 debate

Rick Scott (R) and Charlie Crist (D) leveled sharp criticisms against each other during the race's final debate carried live on CNN. The race received significant attention for an earlier debate where Scott refused to join Crist on stage due to the Democratic candidate's use of a fan. Scott and Crist displayed their acrimonious relationship during the CNN debate by sparring over personal finances. Scott argued that Crist's privileged upbringing meant that he could not relate to low-income families. Crist countered that Scott was not qualified to make such a statement given his substantial wealth.^[40]

The most interesting exchange of the night came after a question regarding the governor's role in signing execution orders. Crist accused Scott of delaying the execution of a death-row inmate this year to accommodate the fundraising schedule of Attorney General Pam Bondi (R). Scott responded that he did shift the date of the order because the proposed execution dates did not work for Bondi and stated that she apologized for the delay. He did not answer repeated questions about whether he knew the delay was due to a fundraising event.^[41]

Polls

General election

Crist vs. Scott vs. Wylie

Florida Governor Three-way match-up							[hide]
Poll	Charlie Crist (D)	Rick Scott* (R)	Adrian Wylie (L)	Undecided	Margin of Error	Sample Size	
Quinnipiac University (http://www.quinnipiac.edu/images/polling/fl/fl07232014_fgwn62.pdf) July 17-21, 2014	39%	37%	9%	12%	+/-2.8	1,251	
Cherry (R-Florida Chamber of Commerce) (http://www.tampabay.com/blogs/the-buzz-florida-politics/fla-chamber-poll-rick-scott-41-charlie-crist-35-adrian-wyllie4/2193335) August 10-13, 2014	35%	41%	4%	11%	+/-4.0	627	
Tampa Bay Times/Bay News 9/UF Bob Graham Center (http://www.tampabay.com/news/politics/stateroundup/times-poll-rick-scott-leads-charlie-crist-41-36/2195818) August 27-31, 2014	31%	41%	6%	9%	+/-3.4	814	
Public Policy Polling (http://www.publicpolicypolling.com/pdf/2014/PPP_Release_FL_909704.pdf) September 4-7, 2014	42%	39%	8%	11%	+/-3.4	818	

SurveyUSA/WFLA-TV (http://www.surveyusa.com/client/PollReport.aspx?g=8e77e837-677c-4bff-a211-aface6fa4216) September 23-15, 2014	39%	44%	7%	9%	+/-4.2	571
Quinnipiac University (http://www.quinnipiac.edu/news-and-events/quinnipiac-university-poll/florida/release-detail?ReleaseID=2085) September 17-22, 2014	42%	44%	8%	5%	+/-3.1	991
SurveyUSA/WFLA-TV (http://www.surveyusa.com/client/PollReport.aspx?g=06d61e55-3651-4d70-933a-ac60daba0775) September 19-22, 2014	42%	43%	4%	11%	+/-4.1	588
<i>New York Times</i> /CBS/YouGov (http://today.yougov.com/news/2014/09/09/governor-races-headline-results/) September 20-October 1, 2014	44%	47%	0%	9%	+/-2	5,689
Public Policy Polling (http://cdn.americanprogress.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/FLPollingData.pdf) October 3-4, 2014	45%	43%	8%	5%	+/-3.4	1,161
University of North Florida (http://members.jacksonville.com/opinion/blog/406107/ron-littlepage/2014-10-09/there-may-be-reason-charlie-crist-smiling#gsc.tab=0) September 29-October 8, 2014	43%	38%	10%	9%	+/-4.74	471
University of Florida (http://www.tampabay.com/news/politics/stateroundup/times-poll-all-tied-up-in-florida-governors-race-between-rick-scott/2202100) October 7-12, 2014	40%	40%	6%	14%	+/-3.2	781
CNN/ORC (http://i2.cdn.turner.com/cnn/2014/images/10/14/topfl1.pdf) October 9-13, 2014	44%	44%	9%	4%	+/-3	1,035
St. Pete Polls (http://stpetepolls.org/files/StPetePolls_2014_FloridaPolitics_StateGEN_October_17_RT2D.pdf) October 17, 2014	45.3%	43.9%	8.4%	2.5%	+/-2.3	1,855
Quinnipiac University (http://www.quinnipiac.edu/news-and-events/quinnipiac-university-poll/florida/release-detail?ReleaseID=2098) October 14-20, 2014	42%	42%	7%	9%	+/-3.1	984
Quinnipiac University (http://www.quinnipiac.edu/news-and-events/quinnipiac-university-poll/florida/release-detail?ReleaseID=2106) October 22-27, 2014	43%	40%	8%	9%	+/-3.4	817
AVERAGES	41.09%	41.79%	6.83%	8.63%	+/-3.34	1,230.2

Note: The polls above may not reflect all polls that have been conducted in this race. Those displayed are a random sampling chosen by Ballotpedia staff. If you would like to nominate another poll for inclusion in the table, send an email to editor@ballotpedia.org (<mailto:editor@ballotpedia.org>).

****Incumbency is denoted by asterisk (*)**

Major party candidates

Crist vs. Scott (June 2014 - present)

[hide]

Poll	Charlie Crist (D)	Rick Scott* (R)	Undecided	Margin of Error	Sample Size
Cherry (R-Florida Chamber of Commerce) (http://www.sunshinestatenews.com/story/rick-scott-leads-charlie-crist-adrian-wyllie-new-poll) June 11, 2014	38%	41%	21%	+/-3.5	806
SurveyUSA/WFLA-TV (http://www.surveyusa.com/client/PollReport.aspx?g=fdb22486-e6e1-40b6-bad3-7d561ad99aea) June 20-23, 2014	41%	42%	8%	+/-3.5	541
Gravis Marketing (http://gravismarketing.com/uncategorized/gravis-marketing-florida-poll-june/) June 20-23, 2014	39%	41%	15%	+/-3.0	1,232
Survey USA/WFLA-TV (http://www.surveyusa.com/client/PollReport.aspx?g=3c4d2734-d750-47f8-9406-50fb875b4462) June 30-7/2	43%	45%	5%	+/-3.4	558
Survey USA/WFLA-TV (http://www.surveyusa.com/client/PollReport.aspx?g=9879b1f3-f54d-4ae5-ba27-5a1b5207710a) July 17-21, 2014	46%	40%	6%	+/-3.5	564
Quinnipiac University (http://www.quinnipiac.edu/images/polling/fl/fl07232014_fgwn62.pdf) July 17-21, 2014	45%	40%	9%	+/-2.8	1,251
Rasmussen Reports Poll (http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/elections/election_2014/florida/election_2014_florida_governor) July 29-30	41%	42%	9%	+/-3.0	900
SurveyUSA/WFLA TV (http://www.surveyusa.com/client/PollReport.aspx?g=64bcc835-450e-4950-9a3a-1254b0107388) July 31-August 4, 2014	43%	45%	4%	+/-3.4	859
Rasmussen Reports Poll (http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/elections/election_2014/florida/election_2014_florida_governor)	42%	40%	9%	+/-3.0	1,000

September 8-10, 2014					
Rasmussen Reports (http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/elections/election_2014/florida/election_2014_florida_governor) October 15-17, 2014	47%	47%	6%	+/-3	1,114
<i>New York Times</i> /CBS News/YouGov (http://today.yougov.com/news/2014/09/09/governor-races-headline-results/) October 16-23, 2014	45%	46%	9%	+/-2	5,422
Gravis Marketing (http://gravismarketing.com/polling-and-market-research/current-florida-polling-2/) October 22-24, 2014	44%	42%	14%	+/-3	861
AVERAGES	42.83%	42.58%	9.58%	+/-3.09	1,259
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Hypothetical general election match-ups (May 2012 - June 2014)

Crist vs. Scott

Crist vs. Scott (January 2014 - June 2014) [hide]					
Poll	Charlie Crist (D)	Rick Scott* (R)	Undecided	Margin of Error	Sample Size
University of Florida Poll (http://news.ufl.edu/2014/02/05/election-survey/) January 27-February 1, 2014	47%	40%	13%	+/-3	1,006
University of North Florida (https://www.unf.edu/publicrelations/media_relations/press/2014/UNF_Poll_Reveals_Crist_has_Slight_Lead_in_Governor_s_Race.aspx) March 6-16, 2014	34%	33%	17%	+/-4.35	507
Sunshine State News/VSS (http://www.sunshinestatenews.com/story/rick-scott-pulls-ahead-charlie-crist-new-poll) March 31-April 3, 2014	44%	45%	10%	+/-3.46	800
SurveyUSA Poll (http://www.surveyusa.com/client/PollReport.aspx?g=cf47b630-df18-4320-860e-e54086ce766c) April 10-24, 2014	46%	41%	6%	+/-4.5	502
Mason Dixon Poll (http://mason-dixon.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Mason-Dixon-FL-4-14Poll.pdf) April 15-22, 2014	42%	42%	12%	+/-3.8	700
Rasmussen Reports Poll (http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/elections/election_2014/florida)	45%	39%	10%	+/-4	750

/election_2014_florida_governor) April 21-22, 2014					
Quinnipiac University (http://www.quinnipiac.edu/images/polling/fl/fl04302014_ap49yv.pdf) April 23-28, 2014	48%	38%	12%	+/-2.6	1,413
News Channel 8/Survey USA Poll (http://www.wfla.com/story/25377456/charlie-crist-leads-rick-scott-in-governors-race-poll) April 30, 2014	44%	41%	8%	+/-4.3	-
Gravis Marketing (http://gravismarketing.com/polling-and-market-research/florida-political-poll-4-25-14/?utm_source=Media+List&utm_campaign=4e853b6428-Floirda_Poll4_30_2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_9267323088-4e853b6428-83052417) April 23-25, 2014	43%	44%	9%	+/-3.0	907
McLaughlin (R-American Future Fund) (http://miamiherald.typepad.com/nakedpolitics/2014/05/gop-mclaughlin-poll-rick-scott-42-crist-38.html) May 4-6, 2014	38%	42%	20%	+/-3.4	800
SurveyUSA/WFLA-TV (http://www.surveyusa.com/client/PollReport.aspx?g=e382e9bb-f847-40be-8cea-bc1b17845725) May 9-12, 2014	44%	41%	8%	+/-4.2	554
SurveyUSA/WFLA-TV (http://www.surveyusa.com/client/PollReport.aspx?g=e3ee92de-531b-4a8b-9ac6-eb00efda84b1) May 20-22, 2014	40%	42%	8%	+/-4.3	531
Saint Leo University (http://polls.saintleo.edu/florida-governors-race-deadlocked/) May 28-June 4, 2014	41%	43%	16%	+/-3.5	420
Public Policy Poll (http://www.publicpolicypolling.com/pdf/2014/PPP_Release_FL_610.pdf) June 4-9, 2014	42%	42%	16%	+/-3.3	672
SurveyUSA/WFLA-TV (http://www.surveyusa.com/client/PollReport.aspx?g=c26d7d89-bbeb-4187-88bb-2af781228258) June 5-10, 2014	44%	40%	8%	+/-3.4	556

AVERAGES

42.8% 40.87% 11.53% +/-3.67 553.6

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Crist vs. Scott (May 2012 - January 2014)							[hide]
Poll	Charlie Crist (D)	Rick Scott* (R)	Don't Know/Refused	Other	Margin of Error	Sample Size	
Florida Opinion Research (http://miamiherald.typepad.com/nakedpolitics/2012/05/fl-poll-charlie-crist-48-rick-scott-34-in-2014-matchup.html) May 23-25, 2012	48.1%	34.1%	12.8%	5.0%	+/-3.46	802	

Quinnipiac University Poll (http://www.quinnipiac.edu/institutes-and-centers/polling-institute/florida/release-detail?ReleaseID=1909) June 11-16, 2013	47%	37%	12%	4%	+/-2.9	1,176
Public Policy Poll (http://www.publicpolicypolling.com/pdf/2013/PPP_Release_FL_1001.pdf) September 27-29, 2013	50%	38%	12%	0%	+/-4.1	579
University of Florida Poll (http://race42016.com/2013/10/10/poll-watch-university-of-north-florida-2014-gubernatorial-poll/) September 30-October 8, 2013	44%	40%	14%	2%	+/-4.27	526
Cherry Communication/Florida Chamber of Commerce Poll (http://www.sunshinestatenews.com/blog/rick-scott-closing-charlie-crist-florida-chambers-new-poll) October 4-8, 2013	46%	41%	13%	0%	+/-4.0	618
Quinnipiac University Poll (http://www.quinnipiac.edu/images/polling/fl/fl11212013_dds94.pdf/) November 12-17, 2013	47%	40%	14%	8%	+/-2.4	1,464
Saint Leo Polling Institute Poll of Likely voters (http://polls.saintleo.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Florida-Voters-Poll-Results-1.pdf) December 1-8, 2013	46%	34%	20%	0%	+/-5.0	318
Fabrizio McLaughlin & Associates Poll (Internal, leaked) (http://www.politico.com/story/2013/12/internal-poll-rick-scott-charlie-crist-101236.html) November 24-26, 2013	49%	45%	6%	0%	+/-3.1	1,000
Public Policy Poll (http://www.publicpolicypolling.com/pdf/2014/PPP_Release_FL_122.pdf) January 16-21, 2014	43%	41%	15%	0%	+/-6.3	591
Quinnipiac University Poll (http://www.quinnipiac.edu/images/polling/fl/fl01302014_gigt4v.pdf) January 22-27, 2014	50%	34%	12%	4%	+/-2.5	1,565

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47.01%

38.41%

13.08%

2.3%

+/-3.8

863.9

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Hypothetical general election match-ups (June 2013 - April 2014)

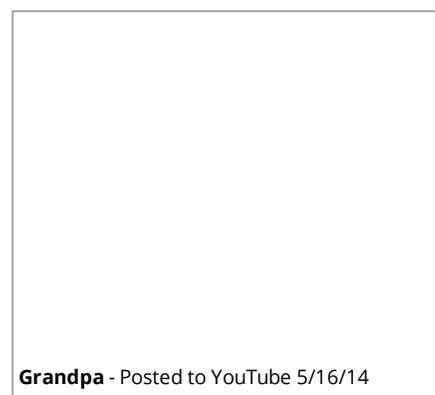
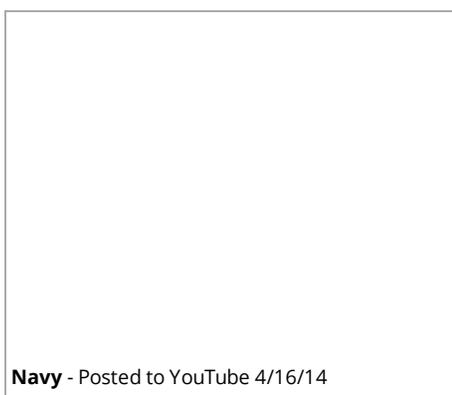
Rich vs. Scott

Governor of Florida Hypothetical Match-Up Poll						[hide]
Poll	Nan Rich (D)	Rick Scott* (R)	Undecided	Margin of Error	Sample Size	
Quinnipiac University Poll (http://www.quinnipiac.edu/institutes-and-centers/polling-institute/florida/release-detail?ReleaseID=1909) (June 11-16, 2013)	36%	42%	18%	+/-2.9	1,176	
Public Policy Poll (http://www.publicpolicypolling.com/pdf/2013/PPP_Release_FL_1001.pdf) (September 27-29, 2013)	36%	37%	27%	+/-4.1	579	
University of Florida Poll (http://race42016.com/2013/10/10/poll-watch-university-of-north-florida-2014-gubernatorial-poll/) (September 30-October 8, 2013)	28%	43%	27%	+/-4.27	526	
Cherry Communication/Florida Chamber of Commerce Poll (http://www.sunshinestateneews.com/blog/rick-scott-closing-charlie-crist-florida-chambers-new-poll) (October 4-8, 2013)	29%	40%	31%	+/-4.0	618	
Quinnipiac University Poll (http://www.quinnipiac.edu/images/polling/fl/fl11212013_ddsn94.pdf/) (November 12-17, 2013)	35%	43%	14%	+/-2.4	1,646	
Public Policy Poll (http://www.publicpolicypolling.com/pdf/2014/PPP_Release_FL_122.pdf) (January 16-21, 2014)	34%	40%	25%	+/-6.3	591	
Quinnipiac University (http://www.quinnipiac.edu/images/polling/fl/fl01302014_gigt4v.pdf) (January 22-27, 2014)	37%	41%	19%	+/-2.5	1,565	
University of Florida (http://news.ufl.edu/2014/02/05/election-survey/) (January 27-February 1, 2014)	36%	41%	0%	+/-3.0	1,006	
Saint Leo University (http://polls.saintleo.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Florida-Survey-March-2014-Poll-Results.pdf) (March 16-19, 2014)	32%	40%	28%	+/-3.5	401	

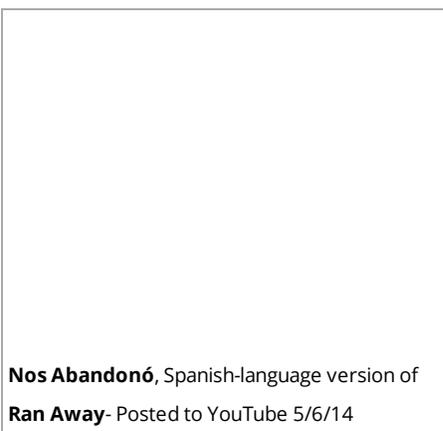
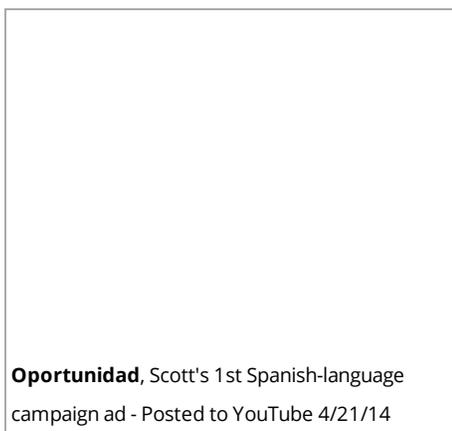
Quinnipiac University (http://www.quinnipiac.edu/images/polling/fl/fl04302014_ap49yv.pdf) (April 23-28, 2014)	36%	42%	15%	+/-2.6	1,413
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Campaign media



Spanish-language campaign ads



2010

See also: Florida gubernatorial election, 2010 and Gubernatorial elections, 2010

Scott won election as Governor of Florida in 2010. He defeated Bill McCollum and Mike McAllister in the August 24 primary, winning with 46.41 percent of the vote.

Scott faced Democrat Alex Sink in the general election on November 2, 2010, winning by just over 1 percent.^[42]

Florida Gubernatorial/Lt. Gubernatorial General Election, 2010				[hide]
Party	Candidate	Vote %	Votes	

	Republican	 Rick Scott/Jennifer Carroll	48.9%	2,619,335
	Democratic	Alex Sink/Rod Smith	47.7%	2,557,785
	Independent	Peter L. Allen/John E. Zanni	2.3%	123,831
	No Party Affiliation	C.C. Reed/Larry Waldo, Sr.	0.4%	18,842
	No Party Affiliation	Michael E. Arth/Al Krulick	0.3%	18,644
	No Party Affiliation	Daniel Imperato/Karl Behm	0.3%	13,690
	No Party Affiliation	Farid Khavari/Darcy C. Richardson	0.1%	7,487
	Write-in	Josue Larouse/Valencia St. Louis	0%	121
Total Votes				5,359,735
Election Results Via: Florida Department of State (http://election.dos.state.fl.us/elections/resultsarchive/Index.asp?ElectionDate=11/2/2010)				

Campaign donors

Comprehensive donor information for Scott is available dating back to 2010. Based on available campaign finance records, Scott raised a total of **\$67,488,953** during that time period. This information was last updated on July 8, 2013.^[43]

Rick Scott's Campaign Contribution History [hide]			
Year	Office	Result	Contributions
2012	Governor of Florida		\$0
2010	Governor of Florida		\$67,488,953
Grand Total Raised			\$67,488,953

2010

Ballotpedia collects information on campaign donors for each year in which a candidate or incumbent is running for election. The following table offers a breakdown of Rick Scott & Jennifer Carroll's donors each year.^[44] Click [show] for more information.

Rick Scott & Jennifer Carroll's Campaign Contributions [show]

Personal

Scott and his wife Ann have three children and live in Naples, Florida. He and Ann have been married since 1972; the two met in high school.^[1]

Recent news

This section displays the most recent stories in a Google news search for the term "**Rick + Scott + Florida + Governor**"

All stories may not be relevant to this page due to the nature of the search engine.

Rick Scott News Feed (<http://news.google.com/news?hl=en&gl=us&q=Rick+Scott+Florida+Governor&um=1&ie=UTF-8&output=rss>)

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- Gov. Rick Scott's weak win empowers GOP -dominated Legislature - MiamiHerald.com (11/8/2014)
- Gov. Rick Scott, Charlie Crist make final push as Florida governor's race ... - MiamiHerald.com (11/1/2014)
- New agenda for re-elected Gov. Rick Scott looks much like old one: Jobs - Naples Daily News (11/9/2014)
- Florida Gov. Rick Scott stalls debate over opponent's fan - CNN (10/15/2014)
- Times poll: All tied up in Florida governor's race between Rick Scott, Charlie ... - Tampabay.com (10/15/2014)
- CNN Florida governor's debate transcript: Rick Scott vs. Charlie Crist - MiamiHerald.com (10/21/2014)
- Michael Laughlin / Sun Sentinel - Sun Sentinel (11/4/2014)
- More Floridians voted for medical pot than for triumphant Gov. Rick Scott - The Cannabist (11/5/2014)
- Rick Scott defeats Charlie Crist in close race for Florida governor - Florida Times-Union (11/4/2014)

See also

- Governor of Florida
- Florida Gubernatorial and Lieutenant Gubernatorial election, 2014
- Lieutenant Governor of Florida
- Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll

External links

- Florida Governor Rick Scott (<http://www.flgov.com/>)
- Rick Scott's campaign website (<http://www.rickscottforflorida.com/>)
- Social media:
 - Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/Rick-Scott>)
 - Flickr (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/scottforflorida>)
 - Twitter (<http://twitter.com/scottforflorida>)
 - YouTube (<http://www.youtube.com/user/scottforflorida>)
- Biographies:
 - Nat. Governors Assoc. (<http://www.nga.org/cms/home/governors/current-governors/col2-content/main-content-list/rick-scott.html>)
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 - Wikipedia (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rick_Scott)
- Executive actions:
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- Fact-checking:
 - PolitiFact (<http://www.politifact.com/personalities/rick-scott>)
- Financial (state level):
 - Follow The Money (<http://www.followthemoney.org/database/uniquecandidate.phtml?uc=143729>)
- Interest group ratings:
 - Project Vote Smart (<http://www.votesmart.org/candidate/evaluations/124204>)
- Issue positions:
 - On The Issues (http://www.ontheissues.org/Rick_Scott.htm)
 - Project Vote Smart (<http://www.votesmart.org/candidate/political-courage-test/124204>)
- Public statements:
 - Project Vote Smart (<http://www.votesmart.org/candidate/public-statements/124204>)
- Media appearances:
 - C-SPAN (<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/richardscott>)
 - IMDb (<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm4508411>)
- Media coverage:
 - *Bloomberg* (<http://topics.bloomberg.com/rick-scott>)
 - *New York Times*



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