

Suffolk University Political Research Center

Bellwether Polling Historical Accuracy

FLORIDA

2014 Midterm Governor

Statewide: Scott (R) 48% over Crist (D) 47%

Volusia County: Scott (R) 49% over Crist (D) 45%

2014 Midterm U.S. Senate

NO ELECTION

2010 Midterm Governor

Statewide: Scott (R) 49% over Sink (D) 48%

Volusia County: Scott (R) 49% over Sink (D) 47%

2010 Midterm U.S. Senate

Statewide: Rubio (R) 49% over Crist (I) 30%

Volusia County: Rubio (R) 50% over Crist (I) 27%

2006 Midterm Governor

Statewide: Crist (R) 52% over Davis (D) 45%

Volusia County: Crist (R) 50% over Davis (D) 47%

2006 Midterm U.S. Senate

Statewide: Nelson (D) 60% over Harris (R) 38%

Volusia County: Nelson (D) 63% over Harris (R) 35%

OHIO

2014 Midterm Governor

Statewide: Kasich (R) 64% over FitzGerald (D) 33%

Clark County: Kasich (R) 67% over FitzGerald (D) 31%

2014 Midterm U.S. Senate

NO ELECTION

2010 Midterm Governor

Statewide: Kasich (R) 49% over Strickland (D) 47%

Clark County: Kasich (R) 48% over Strickland (D) 47%

2010 Midterm U.S. Senate

Statewide: Portman (R) 57% over Fisher (D) 39%

Clark County: Portman (R) 60% over Fisher (D) 37%

2006 Midterm Governor

Statewide: Strickland (D) 61% over Blackwell (R) 37%

Clark County: Strickland (D) 60% over Blackwell (R) 37%

2006 Midterm U.S. Senate

Statewide: Brown (D) 56% over DeWine (R) 44%

Clark County: Brown (D) 53% over DeWine (R) 47%

Bellwethers are polls conducted separately from statewide surveys. A bellwether can be a ward, precinct, town, county, or other district that accurately reflects how a state will vote on Election Day. A sister-test to state polls, bellwethers are not designed to predict margins of victory, just outcomes. SUPRC Director David Paleologos's proprietary bellwether model has an 89% hit rate as of November 1, 2018.