



Survey in Texas' 18th Congressional District shows Jolanda Jones leading a divided field

About the survey

We conducted a survey in Texas' 18th Congressional District September 8-10, 2025, using text-to-web. The sample size is 454 giving us a margin of error of +/- 4.6%. We weighted results to match the likely November 2025 electorate. The topline are attached.

Key Findings

In the special election for Texas' 18th Congressional District, Jolanda Jones leads the field with 25%, followed by Maria Montiel at 19% and Christian Menefee at 14%; 25% of voters say they are still undecided.

Jones' lead comes in large part from her high numbers among Black voters and self-identified "strong Democrats," receiving 41% support from both groups, more than double her next closest challenger. She also holds a strong lead with women at 31%, followed by Menefee at 13% and Amanda Edwards at 12%.

Montiel leads with white voters at 28%, followed by Jones at 16% and Menefee at 14%. Latinos also prefer Montiel (27%), followed by Jones (14%), Edwards (13%), and Isaiah Martin (13%). In both cases, Montiel's support comes almost exclusively from the relatively small number of Republicans in the district, who give her 83% of their votes.

Menefee performs better among voters with a college degree, garnering 21% of the vote (Jones is at 20% with this group, a statistical tie), while among voters without a degree, Jones leads with 28%, followed by Montiel at 21%, and Menefee and Edwards at 10%.



Texas CD 18 Survey
September 8-9, 2025

N = 454
MoE = +/-4.6

Q1 How likely are you to vote in the special election for Texas' 18th Congressional District on November 4th?

89.7% Definitely voting
10.3% Probably voting

Q2 If the special election for Texas' 18th Congressional District were held today which of the following candidates would you vote for?

25.3% Democrat Jolanda Jones
13.9% Democrat Christian Menefee
9.7% Democrat Amanda Edwards
3.5% Democrat Isaiah Martin
18.9% Republican Maria Montiel
2.0% Independent George Foreman IV
1.9% Someone else
24.9% Undecided

Q3 Finally, I'd like to ask some questions for statistical purposes.

What is your age?

10.5% 18-34
16.8% 35-44
16.0% 45-54
19.7% 55-64
37.0% 65 or older

Q4 What is your race or ethnicity?

34.8% African American or Black
2.5% Asian American or Pacific Islander
35.0% Caucasian or White
13.6% Hispanic or Latino
1.0% Native American
1.6% Other
8.0% Prefer not to say
3.5% Multi

Q5 What is your gender?

- 40.7% Male
- 54.4% Female
- 0.5% Non-binary/Other
- 4.4% Prefer not to say

Q6 What was your highest level of education completed?

- 1.4% GED
- 22.7% High school or less
- 28.9% Associate's degree
- 24.0% Bachelor's degree
- 16.0% Graduate degree such as a Master's, PhD, or MD
- 7.0% Prefer not to say

Q7 Which of the following best describes your political affiliation?

- 50.8% Strong Democrat
- 14.4% Lean Democrat
- 17.1% Completely independent
- 6.1% Lean Republican
- 11.7% Strong Republican