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Oregon Republican Gubernatorial Primary Poll
May 7–14, 2026 fieldwork

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OREGON REPUBLICAN GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY — MAY 14, 2026

n=656 likely Republican primary voters ±3.83% margin of error Fieldwork May 7–13, 2026

With five days remaining before the May 19 Republican primary, Predict Oregon's statewide poll shows the race for the gubernatorial nomination is a dead heat between Christine Drazan and Ed Diehl. Drazan's 3-point lead is inside the poll's ±3.83% margin of error. Other recent polls have placed Drazan well outside the margin of error and treated the race as effectively decided. This poll, conducted closer to election day, with a substantial share of respondents who have already voted — finds a much closer contest.

1. Decided Voters Only (n=507)

Candidate	Support	n
Christine Drazan	41.0%	208
Ed Diehl	37.9%	192
Chris Dudley	16.6%	84
David Medina	2.8%	14
Danielle Bethell	1.6%	8
Other	0.2%	1

Among the 507 respondents who named a specific candidate — either having already voted or stating a clear preference — Drazan leads Diehl by 3.1 points. The margin is inside the ±3.83% margin of error.

2. Leaners Only (n=31)

Candidate	Support	n
Ed Diehl	32.3%	10
Christine Drazan	32.3%	10
Chris Dudley	29.0%	9
Danielle Bethell	3.2%	1

This is a small sub-sample and is reported directionally. Among 31 voters who were initially undecided but named a lean when asked, Diehl and Drazan were tied at 10 each. Dudley pulled 9 leaners.

3. Combined: Decided + Leaners (n=538)

Candidate	Support	n
Christine Drazan	40.5%	218
Ed Diehl	37.5%	202
Chris Dudley	17.3%	93
David Medina	2.8%	15
Danielle Bethell	1.7%	9
Other	0.2%	1

Combining decided voters with leaners produces the most complete preference picture: Drazan 40.5%, Diehl 37.5%. The 3.0-point margin remains inside the $\pm 3.83\%$ margin of error. Dudley holds steady at 17.3% — essentially identical to his share among decided voters alone.

4. Already-Voted (n=295)

Candidate	Support	n
Christine Drazan	39.7%	117
Ed Diehl	39.0%	115
Chris Dudley	16.9%	50
David Medina	2.4%	7
Danielle Bethell	2.0%	6

Among the 295 respondents who have already cast their ballots — votes that cannot change — Drazan and Diehl are effectively tied at 39.7% and 39.0% respectively. This is the most consequential finding in the poll: the locked-in vote, free from late-campaign movement, shows the race essentially deadlocked.

About This Poll

Combined sample of 656 likely Republican primary voters, $\pm 3.83\%$ margin of error at 95% confidence. Fieldwork May 7–14, 2026 using the Oregon Secretary of State statewide voter list as of May 1, 2026. Conducted primarily through live telephone interviews, with a small portion completed via secure web link. More in-depth analysis will be completed Friday, May 15 and available to the media upon request.

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