

Voters flock to polls for Florida primary

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MIAMI -- Voting is under way Tuesday in Florida's presidential primary with election officials predicting a high turnout, The Miami Herald reported. Polls suggested Democrats would favor Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., while the race for the Republican nod appeared to favor Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., but only by a slim margin. During the last contested primary for both parties in 2000, only about 19 percent, or 1.34 million, of Florida voters showed up. However, this time around two weeks of advance and absentee voting has already resulted in 1.05 million ballots being cast, leading officials to expect high turnouts at the 6,913 precincts, the newspaper said. There are 10.2 million registered voters in Florida, which has an eight-year checkered history with technical and mechanical voting glitches. There were no reports of malfunctions or problems two hours into the 12-hour voting window, the newspaper said.

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