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# DeSantis in Florida governor's race

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Democrat Andrew Gillum holds a 4-point lead against Ron DeSantis (R) in the Florida gubernatorial race with two weeks left until Election Day, a poll published Tuesday showed.

A Florida Atlantic University (FAU) poll showed that likely voters in Florida favor Gillum 41 percent to 37 percent. Roughly 18 percent of those surveyed are still undecided in the race.

The two candidates are dead even among women and men who are likely to vote, according to the survey.

Gillum gains an advantage among voters ages 18-34, 46 percent of whom support the Democrat. Twenty-four percent of those younger voters back DeSantis.

The poll surveyed 704 likely Florida voters from Oct. 18-21. The margin of error is 3.6 percentage points.

Tuesday's poll shows Gillum with a slightly larger lead than a September FAU poll that showed the Democrat leading 41-38.

The latest FAU poll tracks closely with other poll results in the hotly contested race to replace outgoing Gov. Rick Scott (R). [A RealClearPolitics average of polls in the race](#) shows Gillum leading by 4.7 percentage points.

The [Cook Political Report](#), a nonpartisan election handicapper, rates the election as a "toss-up."

The two candidates [squared off in their first debate](#) on Sunday, and are scheduled to meet in another debate on Wednesday.

President [Trump](#) has endorsed DeSantis, while Gillum has earned support from Sen. [Bernie Sanders](#) (I-Vt.) and other prominent progressive Democrats.

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