

Hillary Clinton wins West Virginia presidential primary

Major US television networks projected Hillary Clinton's victory in the Democratic Party's West Virginia presidential primary immediately after voting stations closed Tuesday evening.

With one percent of precincts reporting, the former first lady had 56 percent of the vote compared to 36 percent for rival Democratic candidate Barack Obama.

Clinton closely trails Obama in delegates won for the party's presidential nominating convention in August. Despite the narrow margin, her campaign has been declared all but hopeful by most of the national media, with only a handful of small states yet to vote in the intra-party contest.

Clinton's campaign was banking on a strong win in West Virginia to revive her fortunes and convince party leaders that she is best positioned to reach a broad coalition of voters for the Nov 4 general election.

Only 28 delegates are up for grabs in West Virginia, and not enough contests remain for Clinton to catch Obama in pledged delegates awarded by voters.

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