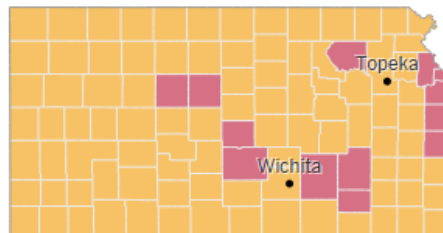


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REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE	VOTES	PCT.	
✓ Pat Roberts <i>Incumbent</i>	125,306	48.1%	<div></div>
Milton Wolf	106,128	40.8	<div></div>
D.J. Smith	15,057	5.8	<div></div>
Alvin Zahnter	13,935	5.4	<div></div>

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²Note: each district has roughly 66,000 residents

¹ "Kansas Primary Election Results." 2014. NYTimes, 6 Aug. 2014. Web. 16 Sept. 2014.

² "Plan: Sub. SB 256." *Plan: Sub. SB 256*. Kansas Legislative Research Dept., n.d. Web. 16 Sept. 2014.

As the above chart and data table show, incumbent Senator Pat Roberts narrowly beat Milton Wolf, Tea Party challenger and second cousin, once removed, of President Obama. Wolf, Kansas native and lifelong resident (he even attended the University of Kansas for both undergraduate and graduate education), criticized Roberts heavily over the latter's residency. Roberts's home is actually in Alexandria, VA, and the place listed as his Kansas residence is owned and lived in by local supporters in Dodge City. Whether the three-term senator is out of touch with his state is a major concern for a fair share of voters. This was exacerbated by an earlier statement from the his campaign manager that the senator would be returning home (meaning to Virginia) for a several days. Additionally, Wolf based his campaign on how Roberts is not conservative enough, especially in instances where the latter was even the slightest bit cooperative with the Democratic Party and the Obama Administration.

As far as the two other main players in the general election, Democrat Chad Taylor won his primary 53% to 47%, in a close, albeit much less heated, race; Independent Greg Orman did not have a primary race, as Kansas state law does not require one for nonpartisan candidates to appear on the general election ballot. Arguably, this may have helped Orman, as he did not face a divisive or dirt-uncovering primary fight.

It is important to note that Kansas maintains a closed primary system, requiring partisan registration in order to vote. However, they are not purely closed, for the chairperson of each party is empowered to allow registered Independents to cast votes in their respective party.

Additional update - unrelated to this specific topic:

This week (Thursday, 9/18/14), Kansas Supreme Court ruled unanimously that Taylor's name need not remain on the ballot. Secretary of State Kobach is unhappy with this ruling and is working to delay the overseas absentee ballots being sent out until the Democratic Party puts a new name on the ballot.