

## Presidential Election Results 1789–2016

### Introduction

The Electoral College consists of 538 electors, who are representatives typically chosen by the candidate's political party, though some state laws differ. Each state's number of electors is based on its congressional delegation (one for each member in the House of Representatives and one for each member in the Senate). Currently, a total of 270 electoral votes is required to win the presidency.

Prior to the 1804 election the first runner-up became vice president, as spelled out in the US Constitution. As a result of the Election of 1800, the method of electing the vice president was changed for the 1804 election with the Twelfth Amendment, and led to separate ballots cast for the president and vice president, with the winner in each race gaining the seat. Popular vote statistics are not available until the 1824 election.

### Election Results, 1789–2016

**Note:** Election data is taken from the [University of California, Santa Barbara American Presidency Project](#)

**Election Year:** 1789

**Winner and Vice President:** George Washington, John Adams

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 69

Opponent(s): 34

**Candidates**

Candidates: George Washington, John Adams\*

\*Although theoretically John Adams could have won, everyone knew George Washington was the choice for president; Adams was never expected to win the election.

**Election Year:** 1792

**Winner and Vice President:** George Washington, John Adams

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 132

Opponent(s): 77

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic-Republican: Aaron Burr, George Clinton, Thomas Jefferson

Federalist Candidates: George Washington, John Adams

**Election Year:** 1796

**Winner and Vice President:** John Adams, Thomas Jefferson

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 71

Opponent(s): 68

**Candidates by Party** Democratic-Republican Candidate: Thomas Jefferson, Aaron Burr

Federalist Candidate: John Adams, Thomas Pinckney

**Election Year:** 1800

**Winner and Vice President:** Thomas Jefferson, Aaron Burr

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 73\*

Opponent(s): 73

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic-Republican Candidates: Aaron Burr, Thomas Jefferson

Federalist Candidate: John Adams, Charles C. Pinckney

\* The tie in the Electoral College sent the election to the House of Representatives, where Jefferson received the most votes.

**Election Year:** 1804

**Winner and Vice President:** Thomas Jefferson, George Clinton

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 162

Opponent(s): 14

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic-Republican Candidate: Thomas Jefferson

Federalist Candidate: Charles C. Pinckney

**Election Year:** 1808

**Winner and Vice President:** James Madison, George Clinton

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 122

Opponent(s): 47

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic-Republican Candidate: James Madison

Federalist Candidate: Charles C. Pinckney

**Election Year:** 1812

**Winner and Vice President:** James Madison, Elbridge Gerry

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 128

Opponent(s): 89

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic-Republican Candidate: James Madison

Federalist Candidate: De Witt Clinton

**Election Year:** 1816

**Winner and Vice President:** James Monroe, Daniel D. Tompkins

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 183

Opponent(s): 34

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic-Republican Candidate: James Monroe

Federalist Candidate: Rufus King

**Election Year:** 1820

**Winner and Vice President:** James Monroe, Daniel D. Tompkins

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 231

Opponent(s): 1

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic-Republican Candidate: James Monroe

National Republican Candidate: John Quincy Adams

**Election Year:** 1824

**Winner and Vice President:** John Quincy Adams, John C. Calhoun

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 84

Opponent(s): 99 (Jackson), 41 (Crawford), 37 (Clay)

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 32.0%

Opponent(s): 42.0%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic-Republican Candidates: Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford, Henry Clay

Coalition Candidate: John Quincy Adams

**Election Year:** 1828

**Winner and Vice President:** Andrew Jackson, John C. Calhoun

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 178

Opponent(s): 83

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 56.1%

Opponent(s): 43.6%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Andrew Jackson

National Republican Candidate: John Quincy Adams

**Election Year: 1832**

**Winner and Vice President:** Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 219

Opponent(s): 49 (Clay), 7 (Wirt)

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 54.2%

Opponent(s): 37.4% (Clay), 7.8% (Wirt)

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Andrew Jackson

National Republican Candidate: Henry Clay

Anti-Masonic Candidate: William Wirt

**Election Year: 1836**

**Winner and Vice President:** Martin Van Buren, Richard M. Johnson

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 170

Opponent(s): 73 (Harrison), 26 (White), 14 (Webster), 11 (Mangum)

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 50.8%

Opponent(s): 36.6% (Harrison), 9.7% (White), 2.7% (Webster)

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Martin Van Buren

Whig Candidates: William H. Harrison, Hugh White, Daniel Webster

Independent/Whig Candidate: Willie P. Mangum

**Election Year: 1840**

**Winner and Vice President:** William H. Harrison, John Tyler

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 234

Opponent(s): 60

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 52.9%

Opponent(s): 46.8%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Martin Van Buren

Whig Candidate: William H. Harrison

**Election Year: 1844**

**Winner and Vice President:** James K. Polk, George M. Dallas

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 170

Opponent(s): 105

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 49.5%

Opponent(s): 48.1%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: James K. Polk

Whig Candidate: Henry Clay

**Election Year: 1848**

**Winner and Vice President:** Zachary Taylor, Millard Fillmore

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 163

Opponent(s): 127 (Cass), 0 (Van Buren)

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 47.3%

Opponent(s): 42.5% (Cass), 10.1% (Van Buren)

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Lewis Cass

Whig Candidate: Zachary Taylor

Free Soil Candidate: Martin Van Buren

**Election Year: 1852**

**Winner and Vice President:** Franklin Pierce, William R. King

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 254

Opponent(s): 42

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 50.8%

Opponent(s): 43.9%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Franklin Pierce

Whig Candidate: Winfield Scott

**Election Year:** 1856

**Winner and Vice President:** James Buchanan, John C. Breckinridge

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 174

Opponent(s): 114 (Fremont), 8 (Fillmore)

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 45.3%

Opponent(s): 33.1% (Fremont), 21.6% (Fillmore)

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: James Buchanan

Republican Candidate: John C. Fremont

Whig-American Candidate: Millard Fillmore

**Election Year:** 1860

**Winner and Vice President:** Abraham Lincoln, Hannibal Hamlin

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 180

Opponent(s): 72 (Breckinridge), 39 (Bell), 12 (Douglas)

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 39.9%

Opponent(s): 18.1% (Breckinridge), 12.6% (Bell), 29.5% (Douglas)

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Stephen A. Douglas

Republican Candidate: Abraham Lincoln

Southern Democratic Candidate: John C. Breckinridge

Constitutional Union Candidate: John Bell

**Election Year:** 1864

**Winner and Vice President:** Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 212

Opponent(s): 21

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 55.1%

Opponent(s): 44.9%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: George B. McClellan

Republican Candidate: Abraham Lincoln

**Election Year:** 1868

**Winner and Vice President:** Ulysses S. Grant, Schuyler Colfax

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 214

Opponent(s): 80

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 52.7%

Opponent(s): 47.3%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Horatio Seymour

Republican Candidate: Ulysses S. Grant

**Election Year:** 1872

**Winner and Vice President:** Ulysses S. Grant, Henry Wilson

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 286

Opponent(s): 0

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 55.6%

Opponent(s): 43.8%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidates: B. Gratz Brown, Horace Greeley, Charles J. Jenkins, David Davis

Republican Candidate: Ulysses S. Grant

Independent Democratic Candidate: Thomas A. Hendricks

Note: Horace Greeley was the major Democratic candidate, and earned electoral votes, but died between the election and the Electoral College. Greeley's votes were distributed between the other three democratic candidates

**Election Year:** 1876

**Winner and Vice President:** Rutherford B. Hayes, William A. Wheeler

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 185

Opponent(s): 184

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 48.0%

Opponent(s): 51.0%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Samuel J. Tilden

Republican Candidate: Rutherford B. Hayes

**Election Year:** 1880

**Winner and Vice President:** James Garfield, Chester A. Arthur

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 214

Opponent(s): 155

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 48.3%

Opponent(s): 48.2%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Winfield S. Hancock

Republican Candidate: James Garfield

**Election Year:** 1884

**Winner and Vice President:** Grover Cleveland, Thomas A. Hendricks

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 219

Opponent(s): 182

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 48.9%

Opponent(s): 48.2%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Grover Cleveland

Republican Candidate: James G. Blaine

**Election Year:** 1888

**Winner and Vice President:** Benjamin Harrison, Levi P. Morton

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 233

Opponent(s): 168

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 47.8%

Opponent(s): 48.6%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Grover Cleveland

Republican Candidate: Benjamin Harrison

**Election Year:** 1892

**Winner and Vice President:** Grover Cleveland, Adlai E. Stevenson

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 277

Opponent(s): 145 (Harrison), 22 (Weaver)



**Popular Vote**

Winner: 46.0%

Opponent(s): 43.0% (Harrison), 8.5% (Weaver)

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Grover Cleveland

Republican Candidate: Benjamin Harrison

People's (Populist) Candidate: James B. Weaver

**Election Year: 1896**

**Winner and Vice President:** William McKinley, Garret A. Hobart

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 271

Opponent(s): 176

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 51.1%

Opponent(s): 45.8%

**Candidates by Party**

Republican Candidate: William McKinley

Democratic-Populist Candidate: William J. Bryan

**Election Year: 1900**

**Winner and Vice President:** William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 292

Opponent(s): 155

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 51.7%

Opponent(s): 45.5%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: William J. Bryan

Republican Candidate: William McKinley

**Election Year: 1904**

**Winner and Vice President:** Theodore Roosevelt, Charles W. Fairbanks

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 336

Opponent(s): 140

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 56.4%

Opponent(s): 37.6%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Alton B. Parker  
Republican Candidate: Theodore Roosevelt

**Election Year:** 1908

**Winner and Vice President:** William H. Taft, James S. Sherman

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 321

Opponent(s): 162

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 51.6%

Opponent(s): 43.0%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: William J. Bryan

Republican Candidate: William H. Taft

**Election Year:** 1912

**Winner and Vice President:** Woodrow Wilson, Thomas R. Marshall

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 435

Opponent(s): 88 (Roosevelt), 8 (Taft)

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 41.8%

Opponent(s): 27.4% (Roosevelt), 23.2% (Taft)

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Woodrow Wilson

Republican Candidate: William H. Taft

Progressive Candidate: Theodore Roosevelt

**Election Year:** 1916

**Winner and Vice President:** Woodrow Wilson, Thomas R. Marshall

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 277

Opponent(s): 254

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 49.2%

Opponent(s): 46.1%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Woodrow Wilson

Republican Candidate: Charles E. Hughes

**Election Year:** 1920

**Winner and Vice President:** Warren G. Harding, Calvin Coolidge

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 404

Opponent(s): 127

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 60.3%

Opponent(s): 34.1%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: James M. Cox

Republican Candidate: Warren G. Harding

**Election Year:** 1924

**Winner and Vice President:** Calvin Coolidge, Charles G. Dawes

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 382

Opponent(s): 136 (Davis), 13 (LaFollette)

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 54.0%

Opponent(s): 28.8% (Davis), 16.6% (LaFollette)

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: John W. Davis

Republican Candidate: Calvin Coolidge

Progressive Candidate: Robert M. LaFollette

**Election Year:** 1928

**Winner and Vice President:** Herbert C. Hoover, Charles Curtis

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 444

Opponent(s): 87

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 58.2%

Opponent(s): 40.8%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Alfred E. Smith

Republican Candidate: Herbert C. Hoover

**Election Year:** 1932

**Winner and Vice President:** Franklin D. Roosevelt, John N. Garner

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 472

Opponent(s): 59

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 57.4%

Opponent(s): 39.6%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Republican Candidate: Herbert C. Hoover

**Election Year: 1936**

**Winner and Vice President:** Franklin D. Roosevelt, John N. Garner

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 523

Opponent(s): 8

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 60.8%

Opponent(s): 36.5%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Republican Candidate: Alfred M. Landon

**Election Year: 1940**

**Winner and Vice President:** Franklin D. Roosevelt, Henry A. Wallace

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 449

Opponent(s): 82

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 54.7%

Opponent(s): 44.8%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Republican Candidate: Wendell L. Wilkie

**Election Year: 1944**

**Winner and Vice President:** Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 432

Opponent(s): 99

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 53.4%

Opponent(s): 45.9%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Franklin D. Roosevelt

Republican Candidate: Thomas E. Dewey

**Election Year:** 1948

**Winner and Vice President:** Harry S. Truman, Alben W. Barkley

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 303

Opponent(s): 189 (Dewey), 39 (Thurmond)

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 49.5%

Opponent(s): 45.1% (Dewey), 2.4% (Thurmond)

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Harry S. Truman

Republican Candidate: Thomas E. Dewey

States' Rights (Dixiecrat) Candidate: Strom Thurmond

**Election Year:** 1952

**Winner and Vice President:** Dwight D. Eisenhower, Richard M. Nixon

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 442

Opponent(s): 89

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 54.9%

Opponent(s): 44.4%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Adlai Stevenson

Republican Candidate: Dwight D. Eisenhower

**Election Year:** 1956

**Winner and Vice President:** Dwight D. Eisenhower, Richard M. Nixon

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 457

Opponent(s): 73

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 57.4%

Opponent(s): 42.0%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Adlai Stevenson

Republican Candidate: Dwight D. Eisenhower

**Election Year:** 1960

**Winner and Vice President:** John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 303

Opponent(s): 219

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 49.7%

Opponent(s): 49.5%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: John F. Kennedy

Republican Candidate: Richard M. Nixon

Independent Candidate: Harry F. Byrd

**Election Year: 1964**

**Winner and Vice President:** Lyndon B. Johnson, Hubert H. Humphrey

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 486

Opponent(s): 52

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 61.1%

Opponent(s): 38.5%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Lyndon B. Johnson

Republican Candidate: Barry M. Goldwater

**Election Year: 1968**

**Winner and Vice President:** Richard M. Nixon, Spiro T. Agnew

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 301

Opponent(s): 191 (Humphrey), 46 (Wallace)

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 43.4%

Opponent(s): 42.7% (Humphrey), 13.5% (Wallace)

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Hubert H. Humphrey

Republican Candidate: Richard M. Nixon

American Independent Candidate: George C. Wallace

**Election Year: 1972**

**Winner and Vice President:** Richard M. Nixon, Spiro T. Agnew

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 520

Opponent(s): 17

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 60.7%

Opponent(s): 37.5%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: George S. McGovern

Republican Candidate: Richard M. Nixon

Libertarian Candidate: Joseph Hospers

**Election Year:** 1976

**Winner and Vice President:** Jimmy Carter, Walter F. Mondale

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 297

Opponent(s): 240

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 50.1%

Opponent(s): 48.0%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Jimmy Carter

Republican Candidate: Gerald R. Ford

**Election Year:** 1980

**Winner and Vice President:** Ronald Reagan, George Bush

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 489

Opponent(s): 49 (Carter), 0 (Anderson)

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 50.7%

Opponent(s): 41.0% (Carter), 6.6% (Anderson)

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Jimmy Carter

Republican Candidate: Ronald Reagan

National Union Candidate: John B. Anderson

**Election Year:** 1984

**Winner and Vice President:** Ronald Reagan, George Bush

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 525

Opponent(s): 13

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 58.8%

Opponent(s): 40.6%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Walter F. Mondale

Republican Candidate: Ronald Reagan

**Election Year:** 1988

**Winner and Vice President:** George Bush, James Danforth Quayle

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 426

Opponent(s): 111

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 53.4%

Opponent(s): 45.6%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Michael S. Dukakis

Republican Candidate: George Bush

**Election Year:** 1992

**Winner and Vice President:** William J. Clinton, Albert Gore Jr.

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 370

Opponent(s): 168 (Bush), 0 (Perot)

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 43.0%

Opponent(s): 37.4% (Bush), 18.9% (Perot)

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: William J. Clinton

Republican Candidate: George Bush

Independent Candidate: H. Ross Perot

**Election Year:** 1996

**Winner and Vice President:** William J. Clinton, Albert Gore Jr.

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 379

Opponent(s): 159 (Dole), 0 (Perot)

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 49.2%

Opponent(s): 40.7% (Dole), 8.4% (Perot)

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: William J. Clinton

Republican Candidate: Bob Dole

Independent Candidate: H. Ross Perot



**Election Year:** 2000

**Winner and Vice President:** George W. Bush, Dick Cheney

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 271

Opponent(s): 266 (Gore), 0 (Nader)

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 47.9%

Opponent(s): 48.4% (Gore), 2.7% (Nader)

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Albert Gore Jr.

Republican Candidate: George W. Bush

Green Party Candidate: Ralph Nader

**Election Year:** 2004

**Winner and Vice President:** George W. Bush, Dick Cheney

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 286

Opponent(s): 251

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 50.7%

Opponent(s): 48.3%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: John F. Kerry

Republican Candidate: George W. Bush

**Election Year:** 2008

**Winner and Vice President:** Barack Obama, Joe Biden

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 365

Opponent(s): 173

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 52.9%

Opponent(s): 45.7%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Barack Obama

Republican Candidate: John McCain

**Election Year:** 2012

**Winner and Vice President:** Barack Obama, Joe Biden

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 332

Opponent(s): 206

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 51.1%

Opponent(s): 47.2%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Barack Obama

Republican Candidate: Mitt Romney

**Election Year:** 2016

**Winner and Vice President:** Donald Trump, Mike Pence

**Electoral College Votes**

Winner: 304

Opponent(s): 227

**Popular Vote**

Winner: 46.1%

Opponent(s): 48.2%

**Candidates by Party**

Democratic Candidate: Hillary Clinton

Republican Candidate: Donald Trump