



Election 2012

Past Presidential Election Results

An Explanation of the Header Titles

Each page of this collection of election results includes a header for each column of figures. This is an explanation for what the abbreviations in the header means.

CANDIDATES

Those individuals running for the presidency during a given election cycle. Candidates include their running mate (RM), who the presidential candidate intends to become their Vice President on that ticket. This is not always the case, especially pre-1804 when the Vice Presidency went to the opponent coming in second place, a system quickly abandoned. Vice Presidents are nominated individually by the party delegates, meaning that their presence as running mate on the ticket is not necessarily the final say.

PARTY

The party is the body organized to support, finance, and promote the candidate. Typically only two parties run with third parties getting little support and recognition. To date, the most successful third party has been the Republicans, which emerged from the failing Whig structure in 1856, winning the presidency in 1860.

ST

The state (ST) that the candidates lived in while campaigning. Social differences across states often play important roles in how candidates approach their campaigns and running mates are frequently chosen from states with differing social climates. For example, a presidential candidate from a conservative southern state might generate more appeal across their base by selecting a running mate from a more liberal northern state, and vice versa.

%

The percentage (%) of the popular vote that each candidates won, divided between all parties running during the election.

PV

The popular vote (PV) is total number of votes cast by the overall nationwide electorate. Each popular vote accounts for an individual casting a ballot for their preferred candidate.

EV

The electoral vote (EV) is the total number of votes cast for a candidate by the Electoral College. Explained in Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution, the number of electors in each state is equal to the combined number of Senators and Representatives allotted to that state. Following the tallying of the popular vote, the electoral vote is taken. The intention is that the electors should vote in favor of the outcome of the popular vote.

SC

The number of states carried (SC) by each candidate on Election Day. Unfortunately, not all states are created equal. A candidate may win the entire cluster of central plains states but be in trouble if they lose California, a state whose population and number of electors may exceed all of those plains states combined.

CANDIDATES	PARTY	ST	%	PV	EV	SC
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1789 : Ist Presidential Election

George WASHINGTON RM: John ADAMS	Unaffiliated Pro-Admin	VA MA	100%	38,818	69	10
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Uncontested

1792 : IInd Presidential Election

George WASHINGTON RM: John ADAMS	Unaffiliated Federalist	VA MA	100%	13,332	132	15
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Uncontested

1796 : IIIrd Presidential Election

John ADAMS RM: Thomas PINCKNEY	Federalist Federalist	MA SC	53.4%	35,726	71	9
Thomas JEFFERSON RM: Aaron BURR	Dem-Rep Dem-Rep	VA NY	46.6%	31,115	68	7

1800 : IVth Presidential Election

Thomas JEFFERSON RM: Aaron BURR	Dem-Rep Dem-Rep	VA NY	61.4%	41,330	73	8
John ADAMS RM: Charles C. PINCKNEY	Federalist Federalist	MA SC	38.6%	25,952	65	7

1804 : Vth Presidential Election

Thomas JEFFERSON RM: George CLINTON	Dem-Rep Dem-Rep	VA NY	72.8%	104,110	162	15
Charles C. PINCKNEY RM: Rufus KING	Federalist Federalist	SC NY	27.2%	39,919	14	2

1808 : VIth Presidential Election

James MADISON RM: George CLINTON	Dem-Rep Dem-Rep	VA NY	64.7%	124,732	122	12
Charles C. PINCKNEY RM: Rufus KING	Federalist Federalist	SC NY	32.4%	62,431	47	5

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1812 : VIIth Presidential Election

James MADISON RM: Elbridge GERRY	Dem-Rep Dem-Rep	VA MA	50.4%	140,431	128	11
DeWitt CLINTON RM: Jared INGERSOLL	Federalist Federalist	NY PA	47.6%	132,781	89	7

1816 : VIIIth Presidential Election

James MONROE RM: Daniel D. TOMPKINS	Dem-Rep Dem-Rep	VA NY	68.2%	76,592	183	16
Rufus KING RM: John E. HOWARD	Federalist Federalist	NY MD	30.9%	34,740	34	3

1820 : IXth Presidential Election

James MONROE RM: Daniel D. TOMPKINS	Dem-Rep Dem-Rep	VA NY	100%	87,343	231	24
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Uncontested

1824 : Xth Presidential Election

John Q. ADAMS RM: John C. CALHOUN	Adamsian Democratic	MA SC	30.9%	113,122	84	7
Andrew JACKSON RM: John C. CALHOUN	Jacksonian Democratic	TN SC	41.3%	151,271	99	11
William H. CRAWFORD RM: Nathaniel MACON	Democratic Democratic	GA NC	11.2%	40,856	41	3
Henry CLAY RM: Nathan SANFORD	Nat Repub Nat Repub	KY NY	13.0%	47,531	37	3

1828 : XIth Presidential Election

Andrew JACKSON RM: John C. CALHOUN	Democratic Democratic	TN SC	56.0%	642,553	178	15
John Q. ADAMS RM: Richard RUSH	Nat Repub Democratic	MA PA	43.6%	500,897	83	9

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1832 : XIIth Presidential Election

Andrew JACKSON RM: Martin VAN BUREN	Democratic Democratic	TN NY	54.2%	701,780	219	16
Henry CLAY RM: John SERGEANT	Nat Repub Nat Repub	KY PA	37.4%	484,205	49	6
William WIRT RM: Amos ELLMAKER	Anti-Masonic Anti-Masonic	MD MD	7.8%	100,715	7	1

1836 : XIIIth Presidential Election

Martin VAN BUREN RM: Richard M. JOHNSON	Democratic Democratic	NY KY	50.8%	764,176	170	15
William H. HARRISON RM: Francis P. GRANGER	Whig Whig	OH NY	36.6%	550,816	73	7
Hugh L. WHITE RM: John TYLER	Whig Whig	TN VA	9.7%	146,107	26	2

1840 : XIXth Presidential Election

William H. HARRISON RM: John TYLER	Whig Whig	OH VA	52.9%	1,275,390	234	19
Martin VAN BUREN RM: <i>None</i>	Democratic	NY	46.8%	1,128,854	60	7

1844 : XVth Presidential Election

James K. POLK RM: George M. DALLAS	Democratic Democratic	TN PA	49.5%	1,339,494	170	15
Henry CLAY RM: Theodore FRELINGHUYSEN	Whig Whig	KY NJ	48.1%	1,300,004	105	11

1848 : XVIth Presidential Election

Zachary TAYLOR RM: Millard FILLMORE	Whig Whig	LA NY	47.3%	1,361,393	136	15
Lewis CASS RM: William O. BUTLER	Democratic Democratic	MI KY	42.5%	1,223,460	127	15
Martin VAN BUREN RM: Charles F. ADAMS	Free Soil Free Soil	NY MA	10.1%	291,501	0	0

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1852 : XVIIth Presidential Election

Franklin PIERCE RM: William R. KING	Democratic Democratic	NH AL	50.8%	1,607,510	254	27
Winfield SCOTT RM: William A. GRAHAM	Whig Whig	NJ NC	43.9%	1,386,942	42	4

1856 : XVIIIth Presidential Election

James BUCHANAN RM: John. C. BRECKINRIDGE	Democratic Democratic	PA KY	45.3%	1,836,072	174	19
John C. FRÉMONT RM: William L. DAYTON	Republican Republican	CA NJ	33.1%	1,342,345	114	11
Millard FILLMORE RM: Andrew J. DONELSON	Know Nothing Know Nothing	NY TN	21.6%	873,053	8	1

1860 : XIXth Presidential Election

Abraham LINCOLN RM: Hannibal HAMLIN	Republican Republican	IL ME	39.8%	1,865,908	180	18
John C. BRECKINRIDGE RM: Joseph LANE	S. Democratic S. Democratic	KY OR	14.3%	669,148	72	11
John BELL RM: Edward EVERETT	Con Union Con Union	TN MA	12.6%	590,901	29	3
Stephen A. DOUGLAS RM: Herschel V. JOHNSON	N. Democratic N. Democratic	IL GA	21.5%	1,004,823	12	1

1864 : XXth Presidential Election

Abraham LINCOLN RM: Andrew JOHNSON	Republican Democratic	IL TN	55.0%	2,218,388	212	22
George B. MCCLELLAN RM: George H. PENDLETON	Democratic Democratic	NJ OH	45.0%	1,812,807	21	3

1868 : XXIst Presidential Election

Ulysses S. GRANT RM: Schuyler COLFAX	Republican Republican	IL IN	52.7%	3,013,650	214	26
Horatio SEYMOUR RM: Francis P. BLAIR	Democratic Democratic	NY MO	47.3%	2,708,744	80	8

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1872 : XXIInd Presidential Election

Ulysses S. GRANT RM: Henry WILSON	Republican Republican	IL MA	55.6%	3,598,235	286	31
Horace GREELEY RM. Benjamin G. BROWN	Lib Republican Lib Republican	NY MO	43.8%	2,834,761	66	6

1876 : XXIIIrd Presidential Election

Rutherford B. HAYES RM: William A. WHEELER	Republican Republican	OH NY	47.9%	4,036,572	185	21
Samuel B. TILDEN RM. Thomas A. HENDRICKS	Democratic Democratic	NY IN	51.0%	4,284,020	184	17

1880 : XXIVth Presidential Election

James A. GARFIELD RM: Chester A. ARTHUR	Republican Republican	OH NY	48.3%	4,446,158	214	19
Winfield S. HANCOCK RM: William H. ENGLISH	Democratic Democratic	PA IN	48.2%	4,444,260	155	19

1884 : XXVth Presidential Election

Grover CLEVELAND RM: Thomas A. HENDRICKS	Democratic Democratic	NY IN	48.5%	4,874,621	219	20
James G. BLAINE RM: John A. LOGAN	Republican Republican	ME IL	48.2%	4,848,936	182	18

1888 : XXVIth Presidential Election

Benjamin HARRISON RM: Levi P. MORTON	Republican Republican	IN NY	47.8%	5,443,892	233	20
Grover CLEVELAND RM: Allen G. THURMAN	Democratic Democratic	NY OH	48.6%	5,534,488	168	18

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1892 : XXVIIth Presidential Election

Grover CLEVELAND RM: Adlai E. STEVENSON	Democratic Democratic	NY IL	46.0%	5,556,918	277	23
Benjamin HARRISON RM: Whitelaw REID	Republican Republican	IN OH	43.0%	5,176,108	145	16
James B. WEAVER RM: James G. FIELD	Populist Populist	IA VA	8.5%	1,041,028	22	4

1896 : XXVIIIth Presidential Election

William MCKINLEY RM: Garret HOBART	Republican Republican	OH NJ	51.0%	7,104,779	271	23
William J. BRYAN RM: Arthur SEWELL	Democratic Democratic	NE ME	46.7%	6,502,925	176	22

1900 : XXIXth Presidential Election

William MCKINLEY RM: Theodore ROOSEVELT	Republican Republican	OH NY	51.6%	7,228,864	292	28
William J. BRYAN RM: Adlai E. STEVENSON	Democratic Democratic	NE IL	45.5%	6,370,932	155	17

1904 : XXXth Presidential Election

Theodore ROOSEVELT RM: Charles W. FAIRBANKS	Republican Republican	NY IN	56.4%	7,630,457	336	32
Alton B. PARKER RM: Henry G. DAVIS	Democratic Democratic	NY WV	37.6%	5,083,880	140	13

1908 : XXXIst Presidential Election

William H. TAFT RM: James S. SHERMAN	Republican Republican	OH NY	51.6%	7,678,395	321	29
William J. BRYAN RM: John W. KERN	Democratic Democratic	NE IN	43.0%	6,408,984	162	17

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1912 : XXXIInd Presidential Election

T. Woodrow WILSON RM: Thomas R. MARSHALL	Democratic Democratic	NJ IN	41.8%	6,296,284	435	40
Theodore ROOSEVELT RM: Hiram W. JOHNSON	Progressive Progressive	NY CA	27.4%	4,122,721	88	6
William H. TAFT RM: Nicholas M. BUTLER	Republican Republican	OH NY	23.2%	3,486,242	8	2
Eugene V. DEBS RM: Emil SEIDEL	Socialist Socialist	IN WI	6.0%	901,551	0	0

1916 : XXXIIIrd Presidential Election

T. Woodrow WILSON RM: Thomas R. MARSHALL	Democratic Democratic	NJ IN	49.2%	9,126,868	277	30
Charles E. HUGHES RM: Charles W. FAIRBANKS	Republican Republican	NY IN	46.1%	8,548,728	254	18

1920 : XXXIVth Presidential Election

Warren G. HARDING RM: J. Calvin COOLIDGE	Republican Republican	OH MA	60.3%	16,144,093	404	37
James M. COX RM: Franklin D. ROOSEVELT	Democratic Democratic	OH NY	34.1%	9,139,661	127	11
Eugene V. Debs RM: Seymour STEDMAN	Socialist Socialist	IN IL	3.4%	913,693	0	0
Parley P. CHRISTENSEN RM: Max S. HAYES	Farm Lab Farm Lab	IL OH	1.0%	265,411	0	0

1924 : XXXVth Presidential Election

J. Calvin COOLIDGE RM: Charles G. DAWES	Republican Republican	MA IL	54.0%	15,723,789	382	35
John W. DAVIS RM: Charles W. BRYAN	Democratic Democratic	WV NE	28.8%	8,386,242	136	12
Robert M. LA FOLLETTE RM: Burton K. WHEELER	Progressive Progressive	WI MT	16.6%	4,831,706	13	1

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1928 : XXXVIth Presidential Election

Herbert C. HOOVER RM: Charles CURTIS	Republican Republican	CA KS	58.2%	21,427,123	444	40
Alfred E. SMITH RM: Joseph T. ROBINSON	Democratic Democratic	NY AR	40.8%	15,015,464	87	8

1932 : XXXVIIth Presidential Election

Franklin D. ROOSEVELT RM: John N. GARNER	Democratic Democratic	NY TX	57.4%	22,821,277	472	42
Herbert C. HOOVER RM: Charles CURTIS	Republican Republican	CA KS	39.7%	15,761,254	59	6

1936 : XXXVIIIth Presidential Election

Franklin D. ROOSEVELT RM: John N. GARNER	Democratic Democratic	NY TX	60.8%	27,752,648	523	46
Alfred M. LANDON RM: W. Franklin KNOX	Republican Republican	KS IL	36.5%	16,681,862	8	2

1940 : XXXVIXth Presidential Election

Franklin D. ROOSEVELT RM: Henry A. WALLACE	Democratic Democratic	NY IA	54.7%	27,313,945	449	38
Wendell L. WILLKIE RM: Charles L. MCNARY	Republican Republican	IN OR	44.8%	22,347,744	82	10

1944 : XLth Presidential Election

Franklin D. ROOSEVELT RM: Harry S TRUMAN	Democratic Democratic	NY MO	53.4%	25,612,916	432	36
Thomas E. DEWEY RM: John W. BRICKER	Republican Republican	NY OH	45.9%	22,017,929	99	12

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1948 : XLIst Presidential Election

Harry S TRUMAN RM: Alben W. BARKLEY	Democratic Democratic	MO KY	49.6%	24,179,347	303	28
Thomas E. DEWEY RM: Earl WARREN	Republican Republican	NY CA	45.1%	21,991,292	189	16
J. Strom THURMOND RM: Fielding L. WRIGHT	Dixiecrat Dixiecrat	SC MS	2.4%	1,175,930	39	4

1952 : XLIInd Presidential Election

Dwight D. EISENHOWER RM: Richard M. NIXON	Republican Republican	NY CA	55.2%	34,075,529	442	39
Adlai E. STEVENSON RM: John J. SPARKMAN	Democratic Democratic	IL AL	44.3%	27,375,090	89	9

1956 : XLIIIrd Presidential Election

Dwight D. EISENHOWER RM: Richard M. NIXON	Republican Republican	PA CA	57.4%	35,579,180	457	41
Adlai E. STEVENSON RM: Estes KEFAUVER	Democratic Democratic	IL TN	42.0%	26,028,028	73	7

1960: XLIVth Presidential Election

John F. KENNEDY RM: Lyndon B. JOHNSON	Democratic Democratic	MA TX	49.7%	34,220,984	303	22
Richard M. NIXON RM: Henry C. LODGE	Republican Republican	CA MA	49.5%	34,108,157	219	26

1964: XLVth Presidential Election

Lyndon B. JOHNSON RM: Hubert H. HUMPHREY	Democratic Democratic	TX MN	61.1%	43,127,041	486	44
Barry M. GOLDWATER RM: William E. MILLER	Republican Republican	AZ NY	38.5%	27,175,754	52	6

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1968: XLVIth Presidential Election

Richard M. NIXON RM: Spiro T. AGNEW	Republican Republican	CA MD	43.4%	31,783,783	301	32
Hubert H. HUMPHREY RM: Edmund S. MUSKIE	Democratic Democratic	MN ME	42.7%	31,271,839	191	13
George C. WALLACE RM: Curtis E. LEMAY	American Ind Independent	AL CA	13.5%	9,901,118	46	5

1972: XLVIIth Presidential Election

Richard M. NIXON RM: Spiro T. AGNEW	Republican Republican	CA MD	60.7%	47,168,710	520	49
George S. MCGOVERN RM: R. Sargent SHRIVER	Democratic Democratic	SD MD	37.5%	29,173,222	17	1

1976: XLVIIIth Presidential Election

James E. CARTER RM: Walter F. MONDALE	Democratic Democratic	GA MN	50.1%	40,831,881	297	23
Gerald R. FORD RM: Robert J. DOLE	Republican Republican	MI KS	48.0%	39,148,634	240	27

1980: XLVIXth Presidential Election

Ronald W. REAGAN RM: George H. W. BUSH	Republican Republican	CA TX	50.7%	43,903,230	489	44
James E. CARTER RM: Walter F. MONDALE	Democratic Democratic	GA MN	41.0%	35,480,115	49	6
John B. ANDERSON RM: Patrick J. LUCEY	Independent Democratic	IL WI	6.6%	5,719,850	0	0

1984: Lth Presidential Election

Ronald W. REAGAN RM: George H. W. BUSH	Republican Republican	CA TX	60.8%	54,455,472	525	49
Walter F. MONDALE RM: Geraldine A. FERRARO	Democratic Democratic	MN NY	38.6%	37,577,352	13	1

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1988: LIst Presidential Election

George H. W. BUSH RM: J. Danforth QUAYLE	Republican Republican	TX IN	53.4%	48,886,097	426	40
Michael S. DUKAKIS RM: Lloyd M. BENTSEN	Democratic Democratic	MA TX	45.7%	41,809,074	111	10

1992: LIInd Presidential Election

William J. CLINTON RM: Albert A. GORE	Democratic Democratic	AR TN	43.0%	44,909,806	370	32
George H. W. BUSH RM: J. Danforth QUAYLE	Republican Republican	TX IN	37.5%	39,104,550	168	18
H. Ross PEROT RM: James B. STOCKDALE	Independent Independent	TX CA	18.9%	19,743,821	0	0

1996: LIIIrd Presidential Election

William J. CLINTON RM: Albert A. GORE	Democratic Democratic	AR TN	49.2%	47,401,185	379	31
Robert J. DOLE RM: Jack F. KEMP	Republican Republican	KS NY	40.7%	38,197,469	159	19
H. Ross PEROT RM: Patrick J. CHOATE	Reform Reform	TX DC	8.4%	8,085,294	0	0

2000: LIVth Presidential Election

George W. BUSH RM: Richard B. CHENEY	Republican Republican	TX WY	47.9%	50,456,002	271	30
Albert A. GORE RM: Joseph I. LIEBERMAN	Democratic Democratic	TN CT	48.4%	50,999,897	266	20
Ralph NADER RM: Winona LADUKE	Green Green	CT MN	2.7%	2,882,955	0	0

2004: LVth Presidential Election

George W. BUSH RM: Richard B. CHENEY	Republican Republican	TX WY	50.7%	62,040,610	286	31
John F. KERRY RM: John R. EDWARDS	Democratic Democratic	MA NC	48.3%	59,028,444	251	19

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2008 : LVIth Presidential Election

Barack H. OBAMA RM: Joseph R. BIDEN	Democratic Democratic	IL DE	52.9%	69,456,897	365	28
John S. MCCAIN RM: Sarah L. PALIN	Republican Republican	AZ AK	45.7%	59,934,814	173	22

2012 : LVIIth Presidential Election

Barack H. OBAMA RM: Joseph R. BIDEN	Democratic Democratic	IL DE
Willard M. ROMNEY RM: Paul D. RYAN	Republican Republican	MA WI