



Donald J. Trump has won the presidency, improving upon his 2020 performance in both red and blue states and capturing enough swing states to reach 270 Electoral College votes.

The voters elected Donald Trump as the 47th president of the United States. Trump’s victory over Kamala Harris in the 2024 presidential election marks a historic comeback for the former president, who left office in 2021 after losing the 2020 election to Joe Biden. Trump’s message on the economy and immigration ultimately resonated with enough Americans. Trump’s vote share grew in a diverse array of regions across the country and across different demographic groups. Trump swept to a decisive victory by winning several crucial battleground states. Trump’s 2024 win marks the third straight presidential election in which voters have thrown out the incumbent party. On January 20, 2025, the 45th president of the United States will become the 47th at an inauguration at the US Capitol. Trump will not be eligible in 2028, because the 22nd Amendment limits presidents to two terms.

Electoral College Results

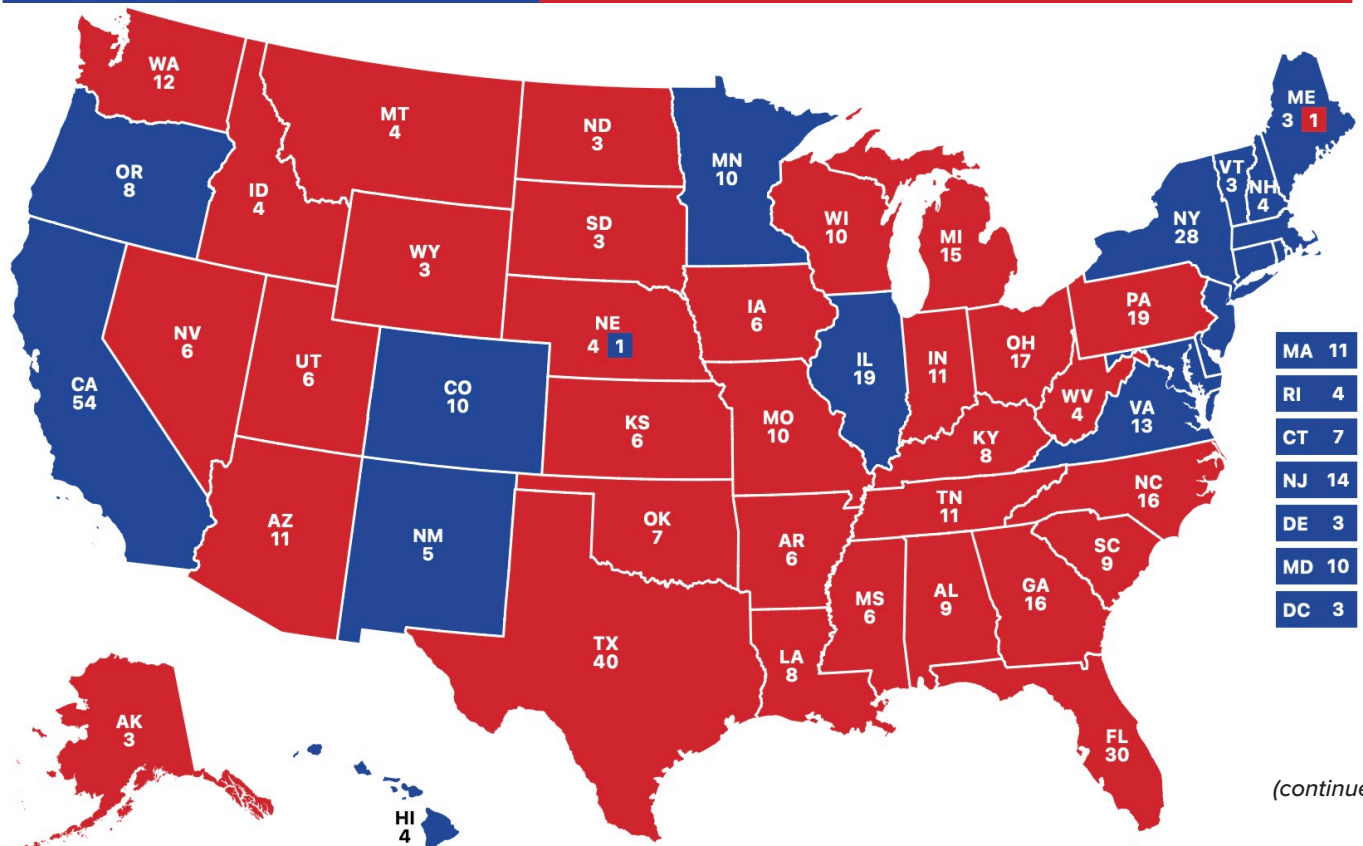
Since its founding, the United States has used the Electoral College to elect the nation’s president. A candidate needs 270 electoral votes to win the White House, which is a majority of the 538 electors in total across the 50 states and Washington, D.C. President-elect trump won 324 electoral votes to Vice President’s Kamala Harris 214 votes.

Each state is allocated electors based on the size of its congressional delegation allocated to states based on the 2020 Census. Several states with the smallest populations — Alaska, Delaware, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, and Wyoming — have three electors each since they have one representative in the House and two senators. In contrast, California, the largest, has 54 electoral votes. Washington, D.C., is also allocated three electors.

A battleground state — sometimes known as a swing state — has a population of voters who are almost evenly divided politically heading into the election. While many states vote fairly consistently for either Democrats or Republicans, both parties see a chance to win in the battlegrounds and invest a lot of money and time into campaigning in these states. The 2024 presidential election race came down seven states — Arizona (11), Georgia (16), Michigan (15), Nevada (6), North Carolina (16), Pennsylvania (19), and Wisconsin (10) — any of which had the potential to swing to either the Democrats or Republicans bid for the presidency. Trump’s win in all seven states put him over the top.

Harris ▾ 214

324 Trump ▾



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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESULTS - 2024 CONTINUED

Trump, now 78, has set the record as the oldest person to be elected U.S. president. He will be 82 on January 20th, 2029, when he is expected to leave the White House at the end of his second nonconsecutive term. Thirty-five is the minimum age requirement for the presidency, but there's no upward limit.

Voter Turnout

Voter turnout in this year's presidential election is expected to be close to the record high set in 2020. The University of Florida Election Lab estimates that turnout in 2024 will be about 62.3 percent of the voting-eligible population, down from the high-water mark of the modern era of more than 66.4 percent in 2020 but still above other recent elections. Turnout in 1996 and 2000 was slightly over 50 percent of the voting-eligible population. While turnout in this election will not surpass the record reached in 2020, it will be the second-highest in the past century, above other modern high marks, including in 2008, when Barack Obama defeated John McCain, and 1960, when John F. Kennedy defeated Richard M. Nixon.

Election Integrity

The U.S. election system passed a critical test in 2024 after months of widespread public concern about ballot security, ballot count accuracy, and results timeliness. State election officials nationwide—members of both political parties—have since resoundingly reported no systemic disruptions or signs of widespread fraud emerging in the general election. "Battle-tested," declared Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, who was at the center of the partisan battle over 2020 election results. "That just shows you the resilience of our system and our people."

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), which is responsible for tracking threats to the vote nationwide, said there was "no evidence of malicious activity impacting the security or integrity" of the election and only "minor" disruptions from outside influences. One measure of their success is the absence of lawsuits contesting vote procedures or election results processing and certification.

U.S. Senate Control

100 Total Senate Seats - 51 Needed for Control

Democratic
47

not
decided
1

Republicans
52

Republicans gained control of the Senate in the 2024 elections, flipping seats in West Virginia, Ohio, and Nebraska, giving them at least a 51 majority. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who has led his fellow Republicans since 2007, plans to step down from leadership at the end of the year. Republican Senators John Thune of South Dakota, John Cornyn of Texas, and Rick Scott of Florida are running to succeed him.

U.S. House Control

435 Total House Seats - 218 Needed for Control

Democratic
210

not
decided
10

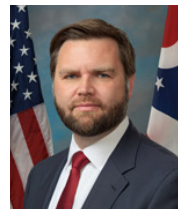
Republicans
215

A party must hold 218 seats to secure the majority. Before the election, Republicans held a narrow majority in the chamber. There are currently 220 Republicans, 212 Democrats, and three vacancies. All 435 U.S. House of Representatives seats were on the ballot in the 2024 election, and whichever party wins control of the House will likely have a slim majority.

Although neither party has reached the threshold, the numbers appear to favor the Republicans, with 10 remaining undecided seats. Current projections show Republicans would keep the House narrowly with a three-seat majority, which is one less than their current margin. Holding the House would secure a Republican "trifecta," as former President Donald Trump defeated Vice President Kamala Harris and Republicans flipped the Senate.

Building the Team

As we know, Trump has selected his running mate and the next vice president-elect. JD Vance, a 40-year-old senator from Ohio, was elected the next vice president of the United States and the third youngest. President-elect Trump's transition team has already started vetting potential candidates to serve in key administration posts once he takes office for a second time in January. Donald Trump carefully considers his cabinet picks following his historic presidential election victory. The president-elect's transition team is already vetting a series of candidates ahead of his return to the White House on January 20th, 2025.



Vice-President
Elect JD Vance

QUESTIONS

TRUE OR FALSE? Write a **T** or **F** in the space provided.

- ___ 1. All 100 U.S. Senate seats were up for reelection in the 2024 general election.
- ___ 2. All 435 U.S. House seats were up for reelection in the 2024 general election.
- ___ 3. The popular vote determines the winner of the 2024 presidential election.
- ___ 4. There are 538 electoral votes.
- ___ 5. President-elect Trump will be eligible to run for reelection in 2028.
- ___ 6. Vice President-elect Vance will make history by becoming the youngest person to hold that post.
- ___ 7. A candidate that loses the Electoral College can still become president.
- ___ 8. Based upon the election, Republicans will also control the Senate.

Answers: 1-F, 2-T, 3-F, 4-T, 5-F, 6-F, 7-F, 8-T