

# The Race for President

## THE CANDIDATES & THE OFFICE

### PRESIDENT



#### Kamala D. Harris, Democrat

**Born:** Oct. 20, 1964 ■ **Home state:** California

**Family:** Husband, Douglas Emhoff (married 2014); stepchildren, Cole and Ella

**Career:** Vice president, 2020-current; former California attorney general and U.S. senator

**Education:** Howard University; The University of California College of the Law, San Francisco

**Historic first:** The first woman of color to be a major party presidential nominee



#### Donald J. Trump, Republican

**Born:** June 14, 1946 ■ **Home state:** New York

**Family:** Wife, Melania (married 2005); children, Donald, Ivanka, Eric, Tiffany, Barron

**Career:** 45th president, real estate mogul, TV personality

**Education:** Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania

**Historic first:** The oldest presidential nominee

### THIRD PARTIES



#### GREEN PARTY

**Jill Stein**, a physician and presidential nominee in 2012 and 2016 from Massachusetts

**VP: Butch Ware**, academic from California



#### LIBERTARIAN PARTY

**Chase Oliver**, nominee for U.S. Senator from Georgia in 2022 and sales executive

**VP: Mike ter Maat**, former economist at the Office of Management and Budget



**Note:** Green Party candidates are not on the ballot in some states

### VICE PRESIDENT



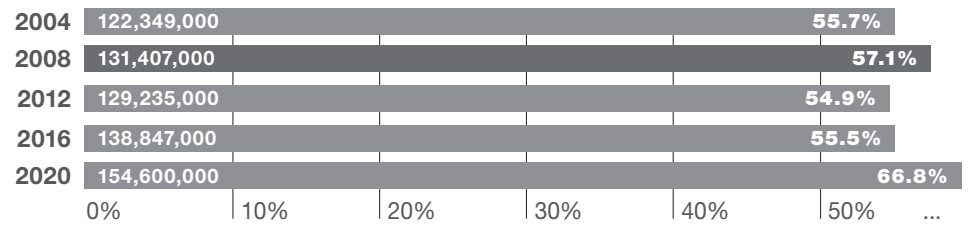
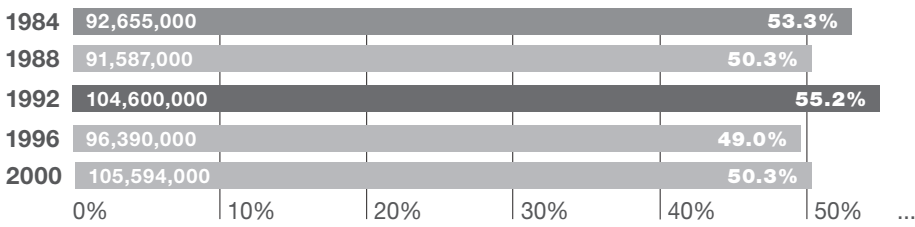
**Tim Walz** is the governor of Minnesota and served as a U.S. representative from the state 2007-2019. He joined the Army National Guard after high school and worked in a factory. Before serving in Congress, Walz was a high school social studies teacher and football coach.

**JD Vance** was elected in 2022 as a U.S. Senator from Ohio. He enrolled in the Marines after high school and gained national fame for his 2016 memoir, "Hillbilly Elegy." Vance practiced briefly as a corporate lawyer before becoming a tech industry venture capitalist.



### VOTE TOTALS

The 2020 presidential election had the highest voter turnout of the century, with nearly 67% of citizens 18 years and older voting:

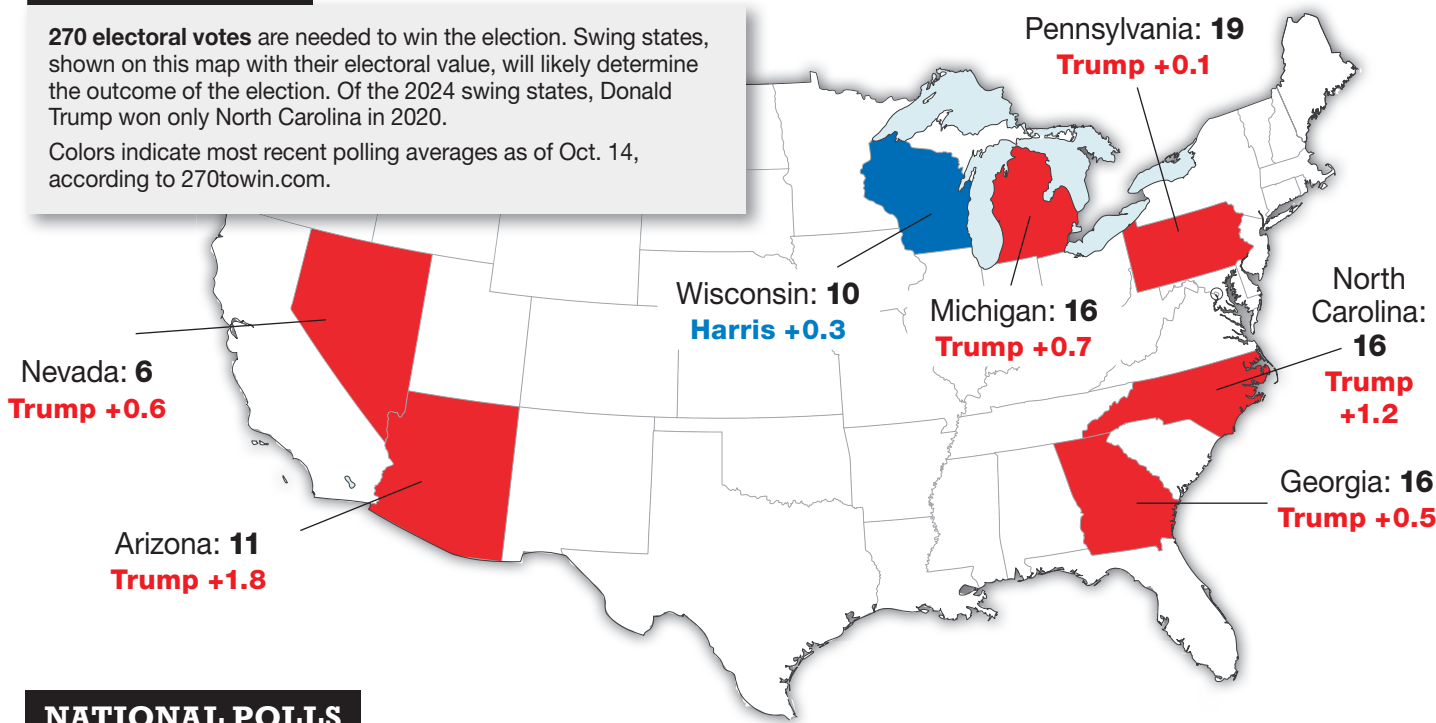


Sources: U.S. Census Bureau and University of California, Santa Barbara

### SWING STATES

270 electoral votes are needed to win the election. Swing states, shown on this map with their electoral value, will likely determine the outcome of the election. Of the 2024 swing states, Donald Trump won only North Carolina in 2020.

Colors indicate most recent polling averages as of Oct. 14, according to 270twin.com.



### WHAT POTUS DOES

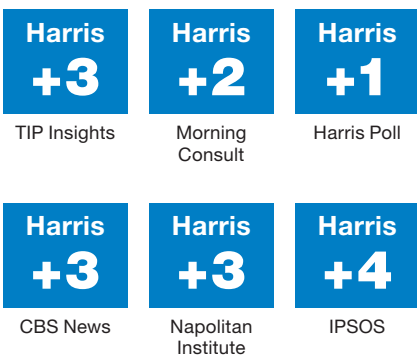
Articles of the Constitution lay out the responsibilities of the U.S. president:

- Head of state, and commander-in-chief of armed forces
- Execution and enforcement of laws
- Appoints heads of 50-plus federal commissions
- Appoints federal judges and ambassadors
- Signs legislation into law or vetoes it
- Conducts diplomacy with other nations
- Negotiates and signs treaties
- Issues executive orders
- Extends pardons and clemency for federal crimes
- Recommends measures to Congress
- Gives annual State of the Union addresses

Citizens born in the United States age 35 or older having lived in the U.S. for at least 14 years are eligible for the office.

### NATIONAL POLLS

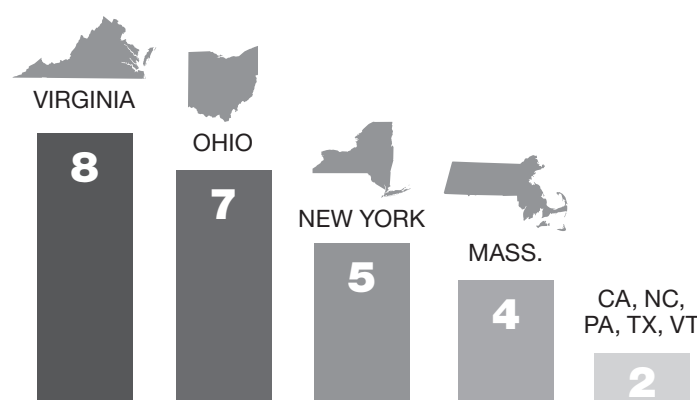
The following numbers are from the most recent polls as of Oct. 15:



### PRESIDENTIAL STATES

Donald Trump is the fifth president born in the state of New York, following Martin Van Buren, Millard Fillmore, Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin Roosevelt. Kamala Harris would be the second president born in California. Richard Nixon was the first.

Presidents were born in 21 different states:



### PRESIDENTS AND AGE

At age **78**, Donald Trump would tie Joe Biden as the oldest U.S. president at inauguration.

Kamala Harris, at age **60**, would be five years older than the median age of presidents at inauguration.

The youngest person to become U.S. president was Theodore Roosevelt, who at age **42** ascended after the assassination of William McKinley.

These states have each had one president: Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, South Carolina

### YEARS IN POWER

Since 1872, the White House has swung back and forth between the **REPUBLICAN** and **DEMOCRATIC** parties. Follow the transitions along this color-coded graph.

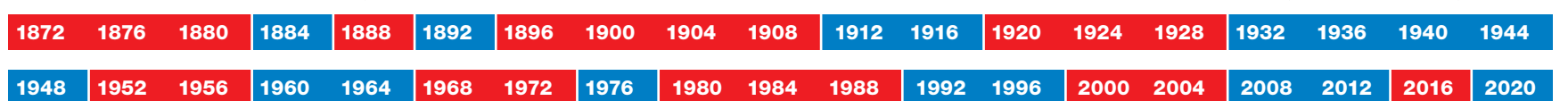


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# Where They Stand

## THE ISSUES

The ballot in the Nov. 5 election offers a stark contrast in presidential candidates. ■ Former President **Donald Trump**, the Republican candidate, focuses on the economy and advocates for tough measures to limit immigration. ■ Vice President **Kamala Harris**, the Democratic nominee, focuses on abortion rights and programs to help Americans in need. ■ **Here's a closer look at the positions of Harris and Trump on key issues:**

Sources: U.S. News & World Report, Associated Press, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Kaiser Family Foundation, States Newsrooms



### Harris

- Raise the corporate income tax rate from 21% to 28%.
- Raise the capital gains tax from 20% to 28% for people who make \$1 million or more annually.
- Make tips exempt from income taxes.
- Provide \$25,000 down payment assistance to qualifying first-time homebuyers and increase the \$5,000 tax deduction for small business startup costs to \$50,000.

- Pass legislation guaranteeing abortion access in federal law.
- Block any potential nationwide ban should one clear a future GOP-led Congress.
- Protect women who travel to access the procedure and limit how law enforcement collects medical records.

- Require asylum seekers to establish a "reasonable possibility" that their asylum application will be approved — a more difficult measure to meet than the current standard.
- Provide U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement with almost \$8 billion in emergency funding, including money to expand the capacity of detention facilities.
- Create 250,000 green card-eligible, employment-based and family visas over the next five years, which would increase employment-based visas by 13% and family-based visas by 7% through 2030.
- Provide about \$20 billion in funding for the border.

- Argues Israel has a right to defend itself against Hamas, which she calls a terrorist organization.
- Supports a proposed deal involving hostages for an extended cease-fire that aims to bring all remaining hostages and Israeli dead home.
- Endorsed a two-state solution, which would have Israel existing alongside an independent Palestinian state.

- Supports Biden administration's pledge of unceasing support for Ukraine against Russia's invasion.
- Maintains that continuing U.S. assistance is critical because Russian leader Vladimir Putin will not stop at invading Ukraine.
- Stated it's foolish to risk global alliances the U.S. has established through NATO and decried Putin's "brutality."

- Proposes to work with states to cancel medical debt for millions of Americans and remove medical debt from credit reports of 15 million Americans.
- Would encourage state and local governments to act to reduce the burden of medical debt.
- The Biden-Harris administration issued an executive order promoting competition, released updated merger guidelines and has challenged anticompetitive behavior in the health care sector.

- Decries Trump as a threat to the nation's democracy.
- Made a strategic decision to frame the issue of democracy as a matter of freedom.
- Paints a grim picture of rights the conservative-majority Supreme Court could take away during a Trump term.

- Would inject more funding into K-12, especially for increasing teacher pay and breaking down segregated school systems.
- Supports universal preschool.
- Touts the Biden-Harris administration's record on student loan forgiveness, including nearly \$170 billion in student debt relief for almost 5 million borrowers.
- Opposes "the use of private-school vouchers, tuition tax credits, opportunity scholarships, and other schemes that divert taxpayer-funded resources away from public education."

- As a California senator, sponsored the Green New Deal, a sweeping series of proposals meant to swiftly move the U.S. to fully green energy.
- The Biden-Harris Administration's Inflation Reduction Act provided nearly \$375 billion for measures such as financial incentives for electric cars and clean energy projects.
- Promotes more domestic oil drilling.



Tax and economic policy



Abortion



Immigration



Israel/Hamas war



Ukraine/Russia war



Healthcare costs




Democracy and elections



Education



Energy and environment



### Trump

- Lower the corporate income tax rate from 21% to 20% generally and to 15% for companies that make their products domestically.
- Make tips and overtime exempt from income taxes.
- End taxes on Social Security benefits.
- Impose a 10%-20% tariff on most imported goods and a 60% tariff on goods imported from China.

- Decisions on abortion access and cutoffs should be left to the states.
- Pledged to not sign a national abortion ban into law if one landed on his desk and not block access to abortion medication.
- Make in-vitro fertilization free for women.

- Mount the largest domestic deportation in U.S. history, potentially involving detention camps and the National Guard.
- End birthright citizenship for people born in the U.S. whose parents are both in the country illegally.
- Revive and expand the travel ban that originally targeted citizens from seven Muslim-majority countries.
- Start "ideological screening" for immigrants to bar "dangerous lunatics, haters, bigots and maniacs" and deport people who are in the U.S. legally but harbor "jihadist sympathies."

- Expressed support for Israel's efforts to "destroy" Hamas, but he's also been critical of some of Israel's tactics.
- Called for more aggressive responses to pro-Palestinian protests at college campuses and applauded police efforts to clear encampments
- Would revoke the student visas of those who espouse antisemitic or anti-American views and deport those who support Hamas.

- Takes issue with U.S. aid to Ukraine and says he will continue to "fundamentally reevaluate" the mission and purpose of the NATO alliance.
- Claims, without explanation, that he will be able to end the war before his inauguration by bringing both sides to the negotiating table.
- Warns NATO nations that don't hit agreed-upon military spending targets that he would refuse to defend them and "would encourage" Russia "to do whatever the hell they want" to countries that are "delinquent."

- As president, signed the bipartisan No Surprises Act into law, protecting patients from unexpected medical bills when receiving out-of-network care unknowingly.
- Issued an executive order on price transparency, leading to a rule requiring hospitals to post negotiated charges for their services online using authority from the Affordable Care Act.
- Supported past efforts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, but now says he would make the ACA much less expensive

- Refuses to accept his loss to Joe Biden in 2020 and will not commit to accepting the results of the November election.
- Promises to pardon the Jan. 6 defendants jailed for assaulting police officers and other crimes during the attack on the Capitol.
- Vows to overhaul the Justice Department and FBI "from the ground up," aggrieved by the criminal charges the department has brought against him.

- Says he would abolish the U.S. Department of Education.
- Favors cutting federal funding for any school or program that includes "critical race theory, gender ideology, or other inappropriate racial, sexual or political content."
- Calls for creating a "new credentialing body to certify teachers who embrace patriotic values, and understand that their job is not to indoctrinate children, but to educate them."
- Vows to terminate the updated Title IX regulations that extend federal protections for LGBTQ+ students.

- Aims for the U.S. to have the cheapest energy and electricity in the world and has claimed he can cut prices in half within a year of his potential return to office.
- Plans to increase oil drilling on public lands, offer tax breaks to oil, gas and coal producers, speed the approval of natural gas pipelines and open dozens of new power plants, including nuclear facilities.
- Pledged to re-exit the Paris Climate Accords, end wind subsidies and eliminate regulations imposed and proposed by the Biden administration.