

Table 396. Political Party Control of State Legislatures by Party: 1983 to 2008

[As of beginning of year. Nebraska has a nonpartisan legislature]

Year	Legislatures under—			Year	Legislatures under—			Year	Legislatures under—		
	Democratic control	Split control or tie	Republican control		Democratic control	Split control or tie	Republican control		Democratic control	Split control or tie	Republican control
1983 ¹ . . .	34	4	11	1994	24	17	8	2002	17	15	17
1985	27	11	11	1995	18	12	19	2003	16	12	21
1987	28	12	9	1996	16	15	18	2004	17	11	21
1989 ² . . .	28	13	8	1997	20	11	18	2005	19	10	20
1990	29	11	9	1999	20	12	17	2006	19	10	20
1992	29	14	6	2000	16	15	18	2007	22	12	15
1993	25	16	8	2001	16	15	18	2008	23	14	12

¹ Two 1984 midterm recall elections resulted in a change in control of the Michigan State Senate. At the time of the 1984 election, therefore, Democrats controlled 33 legislatures. ² A party change during the year by a Democratic representative broke the tie in the Indiana House of Representatives, giving the Republicans control of both chambers.

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, Denver, CO, *State Legislatures*, periodic.