

Table 395. Vote Cast for President by Major Political Party: 1952 to 2008

[In thousands (61,552 represents 61,552,000), except percent and electoral vote. Prior to 1960, excludes Alaska and Hawaii; prior to 1964, excludes DC. Vote cast for major party candidates includes the votes of minor parties cast for those candidates]

Year	Candidates for President		Total popular vote ¹ (1,000)	Vote cast for President					
	Democratic	Republican		Democratic			Republican		
				Popular vote		Electoral vote	Popular vote		Electoral vote
				Number (1,000)	Percent		Number (1,000)	Percent	
1952	Stevenson	Eisenhower	61,552	27,315	44.4	89	33,779	54.9	442
1956	Stevenson	Eisenhower	62,027	26,739	43.1	73	35,581	57.4	457
1960	Kennedy	Nixon	68,836	34,227	49.7	303	34,108	49.5	219
1964	Johnson	Goldwater	70,098	42,825	61.1	486	27,147	38.7	52
1968	Humphrey	Nixon	73,027	30,989	42.4	191	31,710	43.4	301
1972	McGovern	Nixon	77,625	28,902	37.2	17	46,740	60.2	520
1976	Carter	Ford	81,603	40,826	50.0	297	39,148	48.0	240
1980	Carter	Reagan	86,497	35,481	41.0	49	43,643	50.5	489
1984	Mondale	Reagan	92,655	37,450	40.4	13	54,167	58.5	525
1988	Dukakis	Bush	91,587	41,717	45.5	111	48,643	53.1	426
1992	Clinton	Bush	104,600	44,858	42.9	370	38,799	37.1	168
1996	Clinton	Dole	96,390	47,402	49.2	379	39,198	40.7	159
2000	Gore	Bush	105,594	50,996	48.3	266	50,465	47.8	271
2004	Kerry	Bush	122,349	58,895	48.1	251	61,873	50.6	286
2008	Obama	McCain	131,407	69,498	52.9	365	59,948	45.6	173

¹ Includes votes for minor party candidates, independents, unpledged electors, and scattered write-in votes.

Source: U.S. House of Representatives, Office of the Clerk, *Statistics of the Presidential and Congressional Election, 2009*, biennial. See also <http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/election.html>.

Table 396. Vote Cast for Leading Minority Party Candidates for President: 1952 to 2008

[In thousands (135 represents 135,000)]. See headnote, Table 395. Data do not include write-ins, scatterings, or votes for candidates who ran on party tickets not shown]

Year	Candidate	Party	Popular vote (1,000)	Candidate	Party	Popular vote (1,000)
1952	Vincent Hallinan	Progressive	135	Stuart Hamblen	Prohibition	73
1956	T. Coleman Andrews	States' Rights	91	Eric Hass	Socialist Labor	41
1960	Eric Hass	Socialist Labor	46	Rutherford Decker	Prohibition	46
1964	Eric Hass	Socialist Labor	43	Clifton DeBerry	Socialist Workers	22
1968	George Wallace	American Independent	9,446	Henning Blomen	Socialist Labor	52
1972	John Schmitz	American	993	Benjamin Spock	People's	9
1976	Eugene McCarthy	Independent	680	Roger McBride	Libertarian	172
1980	John Anderson	Independent	5,251	Ed Clark	Libertarian	920
1984	David Bergland	Libertarian	227	Lyndon H. LaRouche	Independent	79
1988	Ron Paul	Libertarian	410	Lenora B. Fulani	New Alliance	129
1992	H. Ross Perot	Independent	19,722	Andre Marrou	Libertarian	281
1996	H. Ross Perot	Reform	7,137	Ralph Nader	Green	527
2000	Ralph Nader	Green	2,530	Pat Buchanan	Reform	324
2004	Ralph Nader	Independent	156	Michael Badnarik	Libertarian	369
2008	Ralph Nader	Independent	739	Bob Barr	Libertarian	515

¹ Data include write-ins, scatterings, and/or votes for candidates who ran on party tickets not shown.

Source: U.S. House of Representatives, Office of the Clerk, *Statistics of the Presidential and Congressional Election, 2009*, biennial. See also <http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/election.html>.

Table 397. Democratic and Republican Percentages of Two-Party Presidential Vote by Selected Characteristics of Voters: 2004 and 2008

[In percent. Covers citizens of voting age living in private housing units in the contiguous United States. Percentages for Democratic Presidential vote are computed by subtracting the percentage Republican vote from 100 percent; third-party or independent votes are not included as valid data. Data are from the National Election Studies and are based on a sample and subject to sampling variability; for details, see source]

Characteristic	2004		2008		Characteristic	2004		2008	
	Demo- cratic	Republi- can	Demo- cratic	Republi- can		Demo- cratic	Republi- can	Demo- cratic	Republi- can
Total ¹	50	50	55	45	Race:				
					White	42	58	44	56
					Black	90	10	99	1
Year of birth:					Education:				
1975 or later	66	34	65	35	Less than high school...	69	31	72	28
1959 to 1974	45	55	56	44	High school diploma/				
1943 to 1958	44	56	54	46	equivalent	46	54	57	43
1927 to 1942	51	49	41	59	Some college,				
1911 to 1926	52	48	52	48	no degree	47	53	53	47
1895 to 1910	-	-	-	-	College	50	50	51	49
Sex:					Union household	64	36	60	40
Male	46	54	52	48	Nonunion household	46	54	54	46
Female	53	47	57	43					

- Represents zero. ¹ Includes other characteristics, not shown separately.

Source: American National Election Studies, <<http://www.electionstudies.org/>>.