

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/>>.