



**2008 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DATES  
AND CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINES FOR BALLOT ACCESS**

(Data as of 8/14/08)

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Establishing the date for a Presidential primary, and determining the type of Presidential primary held, varies from state to state. This is due to differences in state statutes, party constitutions, party rules and regulations, party by-laws, and delegate selection plans. In some states, a caucus and/or convention may be held instead of a Presidential primary election. Other states may use a combination of both caucuses and primaries for delegate selection. This state-by-state variation should be kept in mind when examining this listing of dates for the 2008 Presidential primaries. Questions concerning a state's primary election procedure should be addressed to the state's Election Director.

STATE	PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DATE	PRESIDENTIAL CAUCUS DATE	FILING DEADLINE FOR PRIMARY BALLOT ACCESS	INDEPENDENT <sup>1</sup> FILING DEADLINE FOR GENERAL ELECTION
Alabama	2/5		11/7	9/6
Alaska		2/5	n/a	8/6
American Samoa		2/23 (Republicans) 2/5 (Democrats)	n/a	n/a
Arizona	2/5		12/17 5pm	6/4 5pm
Arkansas	2/5		11/19 Noon	8/4
California	2/5		12/4 (Democrats) 11/23 (Other Parties)	8/8
Colorado		2/5	n/a	6/17 3pm
Connecticut	2/5		12/17 4pm	8/6
Delaware	2/5		12/10	7/25 (Independent) 9/1 (Third/Minor)
D.C.	2/12		12/14 5pm	8/27
Florida	1/29		10/31	7/15
Georgia	2/5		11/1	7/15
Guam		3/8 (Republicans) 5/3 (Democrats)	n/a	n/a
Hawaii		2/19 (Democrats) 1/25-2/7 (Republicans)	n/a	9/5 4:30pm
Idaho	5/27	2/5 (Democrats)	3/21	8/24
Illinois	2/5		11/5 (Democrats, Greens) 12/5 (Republicans)	6/23
Indiana	5/6		2/22 Noon	6/30 Noon
Iowa		1/3	n/a	8/15
Kansas		2/5 (Democrats) 2/9 (Republicans)	n/a	8/4 Noon (Independent)
Kentucky	5/20		1/29 4pm	9/5 4pm
Louisiana	2/9		12/14	9/2
Maine		2/1 (Republicans) 2/10 (Democrats)	n/a	8/15 5pm
Maryland	2/12		12/3	8/4
Massachusetts	2/5		12/6	8/26
Michigan	1/15		10/23 4pm	7/17 (Independent)
Minnesota		2/5	n/a	9/9
Mississippi	3/11		1/14	9/5



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Missouri	2/5		11/20	7/28 5pm
Montana	6/3		3/20	8/13
Nebraska	5/13	2/9 (Democrats)	3/13	9/1 (Independent) 9/4 (Third/Minor)
Nevada		1/19	n/a	4/11
New Hampshire	1/8		11/2	9/3
New Jersey	2/5		12/10	7/28
New Mexico	6/3 (Republicans)	2/5 (Democrats)	3/14	6/4 (Independent) 6/24 (Third/Minor)
New York	2/5		12/6	8/19
North Carolina	5/6		n/a	6/1 Third/Minor 6/27 Independent
North Dakota		2/5	n/a	9/5 4pm
Ohio	3/4		1/4	8/21 (Independent)
Oklahoma	2/5		12/5	7/15
Oregon	5/20		3/11	8/26
Pennsylvania	4/22		2/12	8/1
Puerto Rico	6/1 (Democrats)	2/24 (Republicans)	4/2 (Democrats)	n/a
Rhode Island	3/4		12/7	9/5 4pm
South Carolina	1/19 (Republicans) 1/26 (Democrats)		11/1 Noon	7/15 Noon (Independent)
South Dakota	6/3		3/25	8/5
Tennessee	2/5		12/4	8/21 Noon (Independent)
Texas	3/4		1/2	5/8 (Independent)
Utah	2/5		10/15	3/17
Vermont	3/4		1/21	9/12
Virginia	2/12		12/14 5pm	8/22 Noon
Virgin Islands		2/9 (Democrats) 4/5 (Republicans)	n/a	n/a
Washington	2/19	2/9	12/21	8/2
West Virginia	5/13		1/26	8/1
Wisconsin	2/19		1/2	9/2
Wyoming		1/5 (Republicans) 3/8 (Democrats)	n/a	8/25 (Independent)

**Notes:**

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Alabama	S	6/3	7/15	4/4	6/3
Alaska	S	8/26		6/2	8/26
American Samoa		11/4		n/a	9/1
Arizona		9/2		6/4 5pm	6/4 5pm
Arkansas	S	5/20	6/10	3/10 Noon	5/1
California		6/3		3/7	8/8
Colorado	S	8/12		5/29	6/17 3pm
Connecticut		8/12 <sup>2</sup>		14th Day After Convention <sup>2</sup>	8/6
Delaware	S	9/9		7/25	7/25 (Independent) 9/1 (Third/Minor)
D.C.		9/9		7/2	8/27
Florida		8/26		5/2	3/31 Noon
Georgia	S	7/15	8/5	5/2	7/15
Guam		9/6		7/8	7/8
Hawaii		9/20		7/22 4:30pm	7/22 4:30pm
Idaho	S	5/27		3/21	3/21
Illinois	S	2/5		11/5	11/5 (Independent) 6/23 (Third/Minor)
Indiana		5/6 <sup>3</sup>		2/22 Noon	6/30 Noon
Iowa	S	6/3		3/14	8/15
Kansas	S	8/5 <sup>4</sup>		6/10 Noon	8/4 Noon (Independent)
Kentucky	S	5/20		1/29 4pm	8/12 4pm
Louisiana	S	9/6	10/4	7/11	6/11
Maine	S	6/10		3/15	6/1 5pm
Maryland		2/12 <sup>5</sup>		12/3	8/4
Massachusetts	S	9/16		6/3	8/26
Michigan	S	8/5 <sup>6</sup>		5/13	7/17 (Independent)
Minnesota	S	9/9		7/15	7/15
Mississippi	S	3/11	4/1	1/11	1/11
Missouri		8/5		3/25	7/28 5pm
Montana	S	6/3		3/20	3/20
Nebraska	S	5/13		3/3	9/1 (Independent) 9/4 (Third/Minor)
Nevada		8/12		5/16	4/11
New Hampshire	S	9/9		6/13	9/3
New Jersey	S	6/3		4/7	6/3
New Mexico	S	6/3		2/12	6/4 (Independent) 6/24 (Third/Minor)
New York		9/9		7/17	8/19



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North Carolina	S	5/6	6/24	2/29	6/1 Third/Minor 6/27 Independent
North Dakota		6/10		4/11 4pm	9/5 4pm
Northern Mariana Islands		n/a		n/a	8/6
Ohio		3/4		1/4	3/3 (Independent)
Oklahoma	S	7/29	8/26	6/4	6/4 (Independent)
Oregon	S	5/20 <sup>7</sup>		3/11	8/26
Pennsylvania		4/22		2/12	8/1
Puerto Rico		3/9		8/1	8/1
Rhode Island	S	9/9		6/25	7/11 4pm
South Carolina	S	6/10 <sup>8</sup>	6/24	3/31 Noon	7/15 Noon (Independent)
South Dakota	S	6/3	6/17	3/25	6/3
Tennessee	S	8/7		4/3 Noon	4/3 Noon
Texas	S	3/4 <sup>9</sup>	4/8	1/2	5/8 (Independent)
Utah		6/24 <sup>10</sup>		3/17	3/17
Vermont		9/9		7/21	9/12
Virginia	S	6/10 <sup>11</sup>		4/11	6/10 7pm (Independent)
Virgin Islands		9/13		8/12	8/12
Washington		8/19		6/6	5/17
West Virginia	S	5/13		1/26	4/13
Wisconsin		9/9		7/8	7/8
Wyoming	S	8/19 <sup>12</sup>		5/30	8/25 (Independent)

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- In Connecticut, conventions are held by the Democratic and Republican parties prior to the primary. The Republican convention date is 5/10/08, and the Democratic convention date is 5/12/08.
- In Indiana, the Libertarian party convention date is 4/26/08.
- In Kansas, the Libertarian party convention date is 4/5/08, and the Reform party convention date is 5/31/08.
- In Maryland, the Libertarian party convention date is 3/1/08, and the Green party convention date is 4/1/08.
- In Michigan, the U.S. Taxpayers convention date is 5/3/08, the Libertarian convention date is 6/7/08, and the Green party convention date is 7/27/08.
- In Oregon, the Libertarian party convention dates are 6/1/08 (U.S. House District 5) and 8/17/08 (U.S. Senate and all other U.S. House Districts), the Constitution party convention dates are 5/17/08 (U.S. House Districts 2 and 4) and 6/7/08 (U.S. Senate and U.S. House Districts 1, 3 and 5), and the Pacific Green party convention date is 6/8/08.
- In South Carolina, the United Citizens party convention date is 3/29/08, the Green party convention date is 5/3/08, and the convention date for the Constitution and Working Families parties is 5/10/08.
- In Texas, the Libertarian party convention dates are 6/14/08 for U.S. Senate, and 3/15/08 for U.S. House Districts 7, 16, 18, 20, 29, 30 and 32. The convention date is 3/22/08 for U.S. House Districts 1-6, 8-15, 17, 19, 21-28 and 31.
- In Utah, conventions are held by the political parties prior to the primary. The Constitution and Libertarian party conventions are scheduled for 4/19/08, and the Democratic and Republican party conventions are scheduled for 5/10/08.
- In Virginia, parties may choose to nominate by convention rather than by primary election. Democrats: Conventions will be held on 5/17/08 for U.S. House Districts 1, 4, 5, and 9, and on 5/24 for U.S. House District 6. Republicans: The U.S. Senate nomination will be made by convention on 5/31/08, and the convention date for U.S. House District 3 is 5/17/08.
- Wyoming has two U.S. Senate seats up in 2008. One is for an unexpired term.



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Iowa		1/3		S Illinois	2/5	
Wyoming		1/5 (Republicans)		Maryland	2/12	
New Hampshire	1/8			Ohio	3/4	
Michigan	1/15			S Texas	3/4	4/8
Nevada		1/19		Puerto Rico	3/9	
South Carolina	1/19 (Republicans)			S Mississippi	3/11	4/1
South Carolina	1/26 (Democrats)			Pennsylvania	4/22	
Florida	1/29			Indiana	5/6	
Maine		2/1 (Republicans)		S North Carolina	5/6	6/24
Alabama	2/5			S Nebraska	5/13	
Alaska		2/5		S West Virginia	5/13	
American Samoa		2/5 (Democrats)		S Kentucky	5/20	
Arizona	2/5			S Oregon	5/20	
Arkansas	2/5			S Arkansas	5/20	6/10
California	2/5			S Idaho	5/27	
Colorado		2/5		California	6/3	
Connecticut	2/5			S Iowa	6/3	
Delaware	2/5			S Montana	6/3	
Georgia	2/5			S New Jersey	6/3	
Idaho		2/5 (Democrats)		S New Mexico	6/3	
Illinois	2/5			S South Dakota	6/3	6/17
Kansas		2/5 (Democrats)		S Alabama	6/3	7/15
Massachusetts	2/5			S Maine	6/10	
Minnesota		2/5		North Dakota	6/10	
Missouri	2/5			S Virginia	6/10	
New Jersey	2/5			S South Carolina	6/10	6/24
New Mexico		2/5 (Democrats)		Utah	6/24	
New York	2/5			S Georgia	7/15	8/5
North Dakota		2/5		S Oklahoma	7/29	8/26
Oklahoma	2/5			S Kansas	8/5	
Tennessee	2/5			S Michigan	8/5	
Utah	2/5			Missouri	8/5	
Hawaii		1/25-2/7 (Republicans)		S Tennessee	8/7	
Kansas		2/9 (Republicans)		S Colorado	8/12	
Louisiana	2/9			Connecticut	8/12	
Nebraska		2/9 (Democrats)		Nevada	8/12	
Virgin Islands		2/9 (Democrats)		Washington	8/19	
Washington		2/9		S Wyoming	8/19	
Maine		2/10 (Democrats)		S Alaska	8/26	



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D.C.	2/12			Florida	8/26	
Maryland	2/12			Arizona	9/2	
Virginia	2/12			Guam	9/6	
Hawaii		2/19 (Democrats)	S	Louisiana	9/6	10/4
Washington	2/19		S	Delaware	9/9	
Wisconsin	2/19			D.C.	9/9	
American Samoa		2/23 (Republicans)	S	Minnesota	9/9	
Puerto Rico		2/24 (Republicans)	S	New Hampshire	9/9	
Ohio	3/4			New York	9/9	
Rhode Island	3/4		S	Rhode Island	9/9	
Texas	3/4			Vermont	9/9	
Vermont	3/4			Wisconsin	9/9	
Guam		3/8 (Republicans)		Virgin Islands	9/13	
Wyoming		3/8 (Democrats)				
Mississippi	3/11		S	Massachusetts	9/16	
Virgin Islands		4/5 (Republicans)		Hawaii	9/20	
Pennsylvania	4/22			American Samoa	11/4	
Guam		5/3 (Democrats)				
Indiana	5/6					
North Carolina	5/6					
Nebraska	5/13					
West Virginia	5/13					
Kentucky	5/20					
Oregon	5/20					
Idaho	5/27					
Puerto Rico	6/1 (Democrats)					
Montana	6/3					
South Dakota	6/3					
New Mexico	6/3 (Republicans)					

**Sources:** State Election Offices, Statutes, State Parties, and News Articles

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