



**2010 CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY DATES
AND CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINES FOR BALLOT ACCESS**

(Data as of 8/3/10)

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STATE		CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY DATE	CONGRESSIONAL RUNOFF DATE	FILING DEADLINE FOR PRIMARY BALLOT ACCESS	INDEPENDENT ¹ FILING DEADLINE FOR GENERAL ELECTION
Alabama	S	6/1	7/13	4/2	6/1
Alaska	S	8/24		6/1	6/1
American Samoa		n/a		n/a	9/1
Arizona	S	8/24		5/26	5/26
Arkansas	S	5/18	6/8	3/8 Noon	5/1 Noon (Independent)
California	S	6/8		3/12	8/6
Colorado	S	8/10		5/27	5/27 (Third/Minor) 6/15 (Independent)
Connecticut	S	8/10 ²		5/25 (or 14th Day After Convention) ²	8/4
Delaware	S	9/14 ³		7/30	9/1
D.C.		9/14		7/7	8/25
Florida	S	8/24		4/30	3/29 Noon
Georgia	S	7/20	8/10	4/30	7/13
Guam		9/4		7/6	7/6
Hawaii	S	9/18		7/20	7/20
Idaho	S	5/25		3/19	3/19
Illinois	S	2/2		11/2	6/21
Indiana	S	5/4 ⁴		2/19 Noon	7/15 Noon
Iowa	S	6/8		3/19	8/13
Kansas	S	8/3 ⁵		6/10 Noon	8/2 Noon (Independent)
Kentucky	S	5/18		1/26 4pm	8/10 4pm
Louisiana	S	8/28	10/2	7/9	7/9
Maine		6/8		3/15 5pm	5/25 5pm
Maryland	S	9/14 ⁶		7/6	8/2
Massachusetts		9/14		6/1	8/31
Michigan		8/3 ⁷		5/11 4pm	7/15 4pm (Independent)
Minnesota		8/10		6/1	6/1
Mississippi		6/1	6/22	3/1	3/1
Missouri	S	8/3		3/30	7/26
Montana		6/8		3/15	3/8
Nebraska		5/11		3/1	9/1
Nevada	S	6/8		3/12	2/4
New Hampshire	S	9/14		6/11	9/1
New Jersey		6/8		4/12	6/8
New Mexico		6/1		2/9	6/2 (Independent) 6/22 (Third/Minor)
New York	S	9/14 ⁸		7/15	8/17
North Carolina	S	5/4	6/22	2/26	6/25 Independent 8/1 Third/Minor
North Dakota	S	6/8		4/9 4pm	9/3 4pm



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Northern Mariana Islands		n/a		n/a	8/4
Ohio	S	5/4		2/18	2/18 (Third/Minor) 5/3 (Independent)
Oklahoma	S	7/27	8/24	6/9	6/9 (Independent)
Oregon	S	5/18 ⁹		3/9	8/24
Pennsylvania	S	5/18		3/9	8/2
Puerto Rico		n/a ¹⁰			
Rhode Island		9/14		6/30	6/30 (Independent)
South Carolina	S	6/8 ¹¹	6/22	3/30 Noon	7/15 Noon (Independent)
South Dakota	S	6/8	6/29	3/30	6/8 (Independent)
Tennessee		8/5		4/1	4/1 (Independent)
Texas		3/2 ¹²	4/13	1/4	5/13 (Independent) 5/23 (Third/Minor)
Utah	S	6/22 ¹³		3/19 5pm	3/19 5pm
Vermont	S	8/24		6/17	6/17
Virginia		6/8 ¹⁴		4/9 5pm	6/8 7pm (Independent) 6/14 5pm (Third/Minor)
Virgin Islands		9/11		8/10	8/10
Washington	S	8/17		6/11	6/11
West Virginia		5/11		1/30	7/30
Wisconsin	S	9/14		7/13	7/13
Wyoming		8/17 ¹⁵		5/28	8/23 (Independent)

Notes:

- The column Independent Filing Deadline shows the date for the filing of petitions by independent or third/minor party candidates. This is a general reference date for use by the public and voters. Candidates and others seeking specific information should contact the states for other deadlines that may need to be met. For example, the petitions may have to be checked by officials prior to this date. A declaration of candidacy may be due before the petitions are due. New parties may have different deadlines.
- In Connecticut, conventions are held by the Democratic and Republican parties prior to the primary. The Democratic convention date for U.S. House districts is 5/10/10, and the Democratic U.S. Senate convention date is 5/21/10. The Republican convention date for U.S. Senate and U.S. House is 5/21/10.
- In Delaware, the U.S. Senate election is for an Unexpired Term.
- In Indiana, the Libertarian Party convention date is 4/24/10. The caucus date for the Indiana Democratic Party to select its U.S. Senate nominee is 5/15/10.
- In Kansas, the Libertarian Party convention date is 4/24/10, and the Reform Party convention date is 5/29/10.
- In Maryland, the Libertarian Party convention date is 3/13/10, and the Green Party convention date is 5/22/10. The caucus date for the Constitution Party of Maryland is 7/17/10.
- In Michigan, the Libertarian Party convention date is 5/22/10, the U.S. Taxpayers Party convention date is 6/26/10, and the Green Party convention date is 8/1/10.
- New York has two U.S. Senate seats up in 2010. One is for an Unexpired Term.
- In Oregon, the Pacific Green Party convention date is 6/5/10, the Libertarian Party convention date is 6/12/10, the Constitution Party convention date is 6/26/10, and the Independent Party convention date is 7/30/10.
- In Puerto Rico, the general election for Resident Commissioner to the U.S. House of Representatives is held every four years, coinciding with the U.S. Presidential election.
- In South Carolina, the United Citizens Party convention date is 3/20/10, the Libertarian Party convention date is 4/17/10, the Green Party convention date is 5/1/10, and the convention date for the Constitution, Independence and Working Families parties is 5/15/10.
- In Texas, the Libertarian Party convention date is 3/13/10 for Single County U.S. Congressional Districts 7, 16, 18, 20, 29, 30 and 32. The convention date is 3/20/10 for Multi-County U.S. Congressional 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 convention date for the Democratic, Republican and Constitution parties is 5/8/10. The Libertarian Party convention date is 5/15/10.
- In Virginia, parties may choose to nominate by convention rather than by primary election. Democrats: Conventions will be held on 5/8/10 for U.S. House Districts 1 and 2 (caucus), 5/15/10 for Districts 7 and 9, and on 6/5/10 for District 5. The convention for District 6 was canceled. Republicans: Conventions will be held on 5/22/10 for U.S. House Districts 3 and 9. All other Congressional districts will nominate by primary election on 6/8/10.
- In Wyoming, the Libertarian Party convention date is 4/24/10.



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Illinois	S	2/2	
Texas		3/2 ¹	4/13
Indiana	S	5/4 ¹	
Ohio	S	5/4	
North Carolina	S	5/4	6/22
Nebraska		5/11	
West Virginia		5/11	
Kentucky	S	5/18	
Oregon	S	5/18 ¹	
Pennsylvania	S	5/18	
Arkansas	S	5/18	6/8
Idaho	S	5/25	
New Mexico		6/1	
Mississippi		6/1	6/22
Alabama	S	6/1	7/13
California	S	6/8	
Iowa	S	6/8	
Maine		6/8	
Montana		6/8	
Nevada	S	6/8	
New Jersey		6/8	
North Dakota	S	6/8	
Virginia		6/8 ¹	
South Carolina	S	6/8 ¹	6/22
South Dakota	S	6/8	6/29
Utah	S	6/22 ¹	
Georgia	S	7/20	8/10
Oklahoma	S	7/27	8/24
Kansas	S	8/3 ¹	
Michigan		8/3 ¹	
Missouri	S	8/3	
Tennessee		8/5	
Colorado	S	8/10	
Connecticut	S	8/10 ¹	
Minnesota		8/10	
Washington	S	8/17	
Wyoming		8/17 ¹	
Alaska	S	8/24	
Arizona	S	8/24	
Florida	S	8/24	
Vermont	S	8/24	
Louisiana	S	8/28	10/2
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Virgin Islands		9/11	
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Maryland	S	9/14 ¹	
Massachusetts		9/14	
New Hampshire	S	9/14	
New York	S	9/14	
Rhode Island		9/14	
Wisconsin	S	9/14	
Hawaii	S	9/18	

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1. In Connecticut and Utah, conventions are held by the political parties prior to the primary. In Virginia, parties may choose to nominate by convention rather than by primary election. In other states, such as Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas and Wyoming, minor parties may hold conventions to nominate candidates.

Sources: State Election Offices and State Statutes

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