

each elect one nonvoting delegate, and Puerto Rico elects a nonvoting resident commissioner.

The Senate is composed of 100 members, two from each state, who are elected to serve for a term of 6 years. One-third of the Senate is elected every 2 years. Senators were originally chosen by the state legislatures. The 17th Amendment to the Constitution, adopted in 1913, prescribed that senators be elected by popular vote.

Voter eligibility and participation—The Census Bureau publishes estimates of the population of voting age and the percent casting votes in each state for presidential and congressional election years. These voting-age estimates include

a number of persons who meet the age requirement but are not eligible to vote, (e.g. aliens and some institutionalized persons). In addition, since 1964, voter participation and voter characteristics data have been collected during November of election years as part of the CPS. These survey data include noncitizens in the voting-age population estimates, but exclude members of the Armed Forces and the institutional population.

Statistical reliability—For a discussion of statistical collection and estimation, sampling procedures, and measures of statistical reliability applicable to Census Bureau data, see Appendix III.

Table 397. Participation in Elections for President and U.S. Representatives: 1932 to 2010

[75,768 represents 75,768,000. As of November, except as noted. Estimated resident population 21 years old and over, 1932–70, except as noted, and 18 years old and over thereafter; includes Armed Forces stationed in the U.S. Prior to 1958, excludes Alaska and prior to 1960, excludes Hawaii. District of Columbia is included in votes cast for President beginning 1964]

Year	Resident population (includes aliens) of voting age ¹ (1,000)	Votes cast				Year	Resident population (includes aliens) of voting age ¹ (1,000)	Votes cast			
		For President (1,000)	Percent of voting-age population	For U.S. Representatives (1,000)	Percent of voting-age population			For President (1,000)	Percent of voting-age population	For U.S. Representatives (1,000)	Percent of voting-age population
1932..	75,768	39,817	52.6	(NA)	(NA)	1972..	140,777	77,625	55.1	71,188	50.6
1934..	77,997	(X)	(X)	32,804	42.1	1974..	146,338	(X)	(X)	52,313	35.7
1936..	80,174	45,647	56.9	(NA)	(NA)	1976..	152,308	81,603	53.6	74,259	48.8
1938..	82,354	(X)	(X)	(NA)	(NA)	1978..	158,369	(X)	(X)	54,584	34.5
1940..	84,728	49,815	58.8	(NA)	(NA)	1980..	163,945	86,497	52.8	77,874	47.5
1942..	86,465	(X)	(X)	28,074	32.5	1982..	169,643	(X)	(X)	63,881	37.7
1944..	85,654	48,026	56.1	45,110	52.7	1984..	173,995	92,655	53.3	82,422	47.4
1946..	92,659	(X)	(X)	34,410	37.1	1986..	177,922	(X)	(X)	59,758	33.6
1948..	95,573	48,834	51.1	46,220	48.4	1988..	181,956	91,587	50.3	81,682	44.9
1950..	98,134	(X)	(X)	40,430	41.2	1990..	185,812	(X)	(X)	62,355	33.6
1952..	99,929	61,552	61.6	57,571	57.6	1992..	189,493	104,600	55.2	97,198	51.3
1954..	102,075	(X)	(X)	42,583	41.7	1994..	193,010	(X)	(X)	70,494	36.5
1956..	104,515	62,027	59.3	58,886	56.3	1996..	196,789	96,390	49.0	90,233	45.9
1958..	106,447	(X)	(X)	45,719	43.0	1998..	201,270	(X)	(X)	66,605	33.1
1960..	109,672	68,836	62.8	64,124	58.5	2000..	² 209,787	105,594	50.3	98,800	47.1
1962..	112,952	(X)	(X)	51,242	45.4	2002..	² 214,755	(X)	(X)	74,707	34.8
1964..	114,090	70,098	61.4	65,879	57.7	2004..	² 219,553	122,349	55.7	113,192	51.6
1966..	116,638	(X)	(X)	52,902	45.4	2006..	² 224,583	(X)	(X)	80,976	36.1
1968..	120,285	73,027	60.7	66,109	55.0	2008..	² 229,545	131,407	57.1	122,586	53.3
1970..	124,498	(X)	(X)	54,259	43.6	2010..	³ 234,564	(X)	(X)	86,785	37.0

NA Not available. X Not applicable. ¹ Population 18 and over in Georgia, 1944–70, and in Kentucky, 1956–70; 20 and over in Alaska and 20 and over in Hawaii, 1960–70. Source: Through 1990, U.S. Census Bureau, "Table 4. Participation in Elections for President and U.S. Representatives: 1930 to 1992." May 1994, <<http://www.census.gov/population/socdemo/voting/p25-1117/tab03-04.pdf>>. For 1992–1998, "Estimates and Projections of the Voting-Age Population, 1992 to 2000, and Percent Casting Votes for President, by State: November 1992 and 1996." July 2000, <<http://www.census.gov/population/socdemo/voting/proj00/tab03.txt>>. Starting 2000, "Annual Estimates of the Resident Population by Sex and Selected Age Groups for the United States: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2009" (NC-EST2009-02), June 2010, <<http://www.census.gov/popest/national/asrh/NC-EST2009/NC-EST2009-02.xls>>. ² As of July 1. Based on results of the 2000 Census. ³ As of April 1, 2010, from 2010 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File.

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