

APPENDICES:
COMPARATIVE PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL
ELECTION STATISTICS, 1996-2008

Note: The historical data on the following tables was excerpted from previous editions of the Commission's Federal Elections series:
Federal Elections 96, Federal Elections 2000 and Federal Elections 2004.

**Appendix A: 1996-2008 Presidential General Election
Percentage of Popular Vote Received by State
(Democratic/Republican Nominees)**

STATE	2008		2004		2000		1996	
	OBAMA (D)	MCCAIN (R)	KERRY (D)	BUSH (R)	GORE (D)	BUSH (R)	CLINTON (D)	BUSH (R)
Alabama	38.74%	60.32%	36.84%	62.46%	41.57	56.48	43.16	50.12
Alaska	37.89%	59.42%	35.52%	61.07%	27.67	58.62	33.27	50.80
Arizona	45.12%	53.64%	44.40%	54.87%	44.73	51.02	46.52	44.29
Arkansas	38.86%	58.72%	44.55%	54.31%	45.86	51.31	53.74	36.80
California	61.01%	36.95%	54.30%	44.36%	53.45	41.65	51.10	38.21
Colorado	53.66%	44.71%	47.02%	51.69%	42.39	50.75	44.43	45.80
Connecticut	60.59%	38.22%	54.31%	43.95%	55.91	38.44	52.83	34.69
Delaware	61.94%	36.95%	53.35%	45.75%	54.96	41.90	51.82	36.58
D.C.	92.46%	6.53%	89.18%	9.34%	85.16	8.95	85.19	9.34
Florida	51.03%	48.22%	47.09%	52.10%	48.84	48.85	48.02	42.32
Georgia	46.99%	52.20%	41.37%	57.97%	42.98	54.67	45.84	47.01
Hawaii	71.85%	26.58%	54.01%	45.26%	55.79	37.46	56.93	31.64
Idaho	36.10%	61.53%	30.26%	68.38%	27.64	67.17	33.64	52.18
Illinois	61.92%	36.78%	54.82%	44.48%	54.60	42.58	54.31	36.81
Indiana	49.95%	48.91%	39.26%	59.94%	41.01	56.65	41.55	47.13
Iowa	53.93%	44.39%	49.23%	49.90%	48.54	48.22	50.26	39.92
Kansas	41.65%	56.61%	36.62%	62.00%	37.24	58.04	36.08	54.29
Kentucky	41.17%	57.40%	39.69%	59.55%	41.37	56.50	45.84	44.88
Louisiana	39.93%	58.56%	42.22%	56.72%	44.88	52.55	52.01	39.94
Maine	57.71%	40.38%	53.57%	44.58%	49.09	43.97	51.62	30.76
Maryland	61.92%	36.47%	55.91%	42.93%	56.57	40.18	54.25	38.27
Massachusetts	61.80%	35.99%	61.94%	36.78%	59.80	32.50	61.47	28.08
Michigan	57.43%	40.96%	51.23%	47.81%	51.28	46.15	51.69	38.48
Minnesota	54.06%	43.82%	51.09%	47.61%	47.90	45.50	51.10	34.96
Mississippi	43.00%	56.18%	39.76%	59.45%	40.70	57.62	44.08	49.21
Missouri	49.29%	49.43%	46.10%	53.30%	47.08	50.42	47.54	41.24
Montana	47.25%	49.51%	38.57%	59.07%	33.36	58.44	41.23	44.11
Nebraska	41.60%	56.53%	32.68%	65.90%	33.25	62.24	34.95	53.66
Nevada	55.15%	42.65%	47.88%	50.47%	45.98	49.52	43.93	42.91
New Hampshire	54.13%	44.52%	50.24%	48.87%	46.80	48.07	49.32	39.37
New Jersey	57.27%	41.70%	52.92%	46.24%	56.12	40.29	53.72	35.86
New Mexico	56.91%	41.78%	49.05%	49.84%	47.91	47.85	49.18	41.86
New York	62.88%	36.03%	58.37%	40.08%	60.21	35.23	59.47	30.61
North Carolina	49.70%	49.38%	43.58%	56.02%	43.20	56.03	44.04	48.73
North Dakota	44.62%	53.25%	35.50%	62.86%	33.06	60.66	40.13	46.94
Ohio	51.50%	46.91%	48.71%	50.81%	46.46	49.97	47.38	41.02
Oklahoma	34.35%	65.65%	34.43%	65.57%	38.43	60.31	40.45	48.26
Oregon	56.75%	40.40%	51.35%	47.19%	46.96	46.52	47.15	39.06
Pennsylvania	54.49%	44.17%	50.92%	48.42%	50.60	46.43	49.17	39.97
Rhode Island	62.86%	35.06%	59.42%	38.67%	60.99	31.91	59.71	26.82
South Carolina	44.90%	53.87%	40.90%	57.98%	40.90	56.84	43.96	49.79
South Dakota	44.75%	53.16%	38.44%	59.91%	37.56	60.30	43.03	46.49
Tennessee	41.83%	56.90%	42.53%	56.80%	47.28	51.15	48.00	45.59
Texas	43.68%	55.45%	38.22%	61.09%	37.98	59.30	43.83	48.76
Utah	34.41%	62.58%	26.00%	71.54%	26.34	66.83	33.30	54.37
Vermont	67.46%	30.45%	58.94%	38.80%	50.63	40.70	53.35	31.09
Virginia	52.63%	46.33%	45.48%	53.68%	44.44	52.47	45.15	47.10
Washington	57.65%	40.48%	52.82%	45.64%	50.16	44.58	49.84	37.30
West Virginia	42.59%	55.71%	43.20%	56.06%	45.59	51.92	51.50	36.76
Wisconsin	56.22%	42.31%	49.70%	49.32%	47.83	47.61	48.81	38.48
Wyoming	32.54%	64.78%	29.07%	68.86%	27.70	67.76	36.84	49.81
Total Percentage of Popular Vote:	52.93%	45.65%	48.27%	50.73%	48.38%	47.87%	49.24%	40.71%

Note: The winning candidate percentage in each state is indicated by *bold italics*.

**Appendix B: 1996-2008 Presidential General Election
Ranking by State of Popular Vote Percentages
(Democratic Nominee)**

	OBAMA 2008			KERRY 2004			GORE 2000			CLINTON 1996		
	STATE	EV	%	STATE	EV	%	STATE	EV	%	STATE	EV	%
1	D.C.	W 3	92.46	DC	W 3	89.18	D.C.*	W 3	85.16	D.C.	W 3	85.19
2	Hawaii	W 4	71.85	Massachusetts	W 12	61.94	Rhode Island	W 4	60.99	Massachusetts	W 12	61.47
3	Vermont	W 3	67.46	Rhode Island	W 4	59.42	New York	W 33	60.21	Rhode Island	W 4	59.71
4	New York	W 31	62.88	Vermont	W 3	58.94	Massachusetts	W 12	59.80	New York	W 33	59.47
5	Rhode Island	W 4	62.86	New York	W 31	58.37	Maryland	W 10	56.57	Hawaii	W 4	56.93
6	Delaware	W 3	61.94	Maryland	W 10	55.91	New Jersey	W 15	56.12	Illinois	W 22	54.31
7	Maryland	W 10	61.92	Illinois	W 21	54.82	Connecticut	W 8	55.91	Maryland	W 10	54.25
8	Illinois	W 21	61.92	Connecticut	W 7	54.31	Hawaii	W 4	55.79	Arkansas	W 6	53.74
9	Massachusetts	W 12	61.80	California	W 55	54.30	Delaware	W 3	54.96	New Jersey	W 15	53.72
10	California	W 55	61.01	Hawaii	W 4	54.01	Illinois	W 22	54.60	Vermont	W 3	53.35
11	Connecticut	W 7	60.59	Maine	W 4	53.57	California	W 54	53.45	Connecticut	W 8	52.83
12	Maine	W 4	57.71	Delaware	W 3	53.35	Michigan	W 18	51.28	Louisiana	W 9	52.01
13	Washington	W 11	57.65	New Jersey	W 15	52.92	Vermont	W 3	50.63	Delaware	W 3	51.82
14	Michigan	W 17	57.43	Washington	W 11	52.82	Pennsylvania	W 23	50.60	Michigan	W 18	51.69
15	New Jersey	W 15	57.27	Oregon	W 7	51.35	Washington	W 11	50.16	Maine	W 4	51.62
16	New Mexico	W 5	56.91	Michigan	W 17	51.23	Maine	W 4	49.09	West Virginia	W 5	51.50
17	Oregon	W 7	56.75	Minnesota**	W 10	51.09	Florida	25	48.84	California	W 54	51.10
18	Wisconsin	W 10	56.22	Pennsylvania	W 21	50.92	Iowa	W 7	48.54	Minnesota	W 10	51.10
19	Nevada	W 5	55.15	New Hampshire	W 4	50.24	New Mexico	W 5	47.91	Iowa	W 7	50.26
20	Pennsylvania	W 21	54.49	Wisconsin	W 10	49.70	Minnesota	W 10	47.90	Washington	W 11	49.84
21	New Hampshire	W 4	54.13	Iowa	7	49.23	Wisconsin	W 11	47.83	New Hampshire	W 4	49.32
22	Minnesota	W 10	54.06	New Mexico	5	49.05	Tennessee	11	47.28	New Mexico	W 5	49.18
23	Iowa	W 7	53.93	Ohio	20	48.71	Missouri	11	47.08	Pennsylvania	W 23	49.17
24	Colorado	W 9	53.66	Nevada	5	47.88	Oregon	W 7	46.96	Wisconsin	W 11	48.81
25	Virginia	W 13	52.63	Florida	27	47.09	New Hampshire	4	46.80	Florida	W 25	48.02
26	Ohio	W 20	51.50	Colorado	9	47.02	Ohio	21	46.46	Tennessee	W 11	48.00
27	Florida	W 27	51.03	Missouri	11	46.10	Nevada	4	45.98	Missouri	W 11	47.54
28	Indiana	W 11	49.95	Virginia	13	45.48	Arkansas	6	45.86	Ohio	W 21	47.38
29	North Carolina	W 15	49.70	Arkansas	6	44.55	West Virginia	5	45.59	Oregon	W 7	47.15
30	Missouri	11	49.29	Arizona	10	44.40	Louisiana	9	44.88	Arizona	W 8	46.52
31	Montana	3	47.25	North Carolina	15	43.58	Arizona	8	44.73	Georgia	13	45.84
32	Georgia	15	46.99	West Virginia	5	43.20	Virginia	13	44.44	Kentucky	W 8	45.84
33	Arizona	10	45.12	Tennessee	11	42.53	North Carolina	14	43.20	Virginia	13	45.15
34	South Carolina	8	44.90	Louisiana	9	42.22	Georgia	13	42.98	Colorado	8	44.43
35	South Dakota	3	44.75	Georgia	15	41.37	Colorado	8	42.39	Mississippi	7	44.08
36	North Dakota	3	44.62	South Carolina	8	40.90	Alabama	9	41.57	North Carolina	14	44.04
37	Texas	34	43.68	Mississippi	6	39.76	Kentucky	8	41.37	South Carolina	8	43.96
38	Mississippi	6	43.00	Kentucky	8	39.69	Indiana	12	41.01	Nevada	W 4	43.93
39	West Virginia	5	42.59	Indiana	11	39.26	South Carolina	8	40.90	Texas	32	43.83
40	Tennessee	11	41.83	Montana	3	38.57	Mississippi	7	40.70	Alabama	9	43.16
41	Kansas	6	41.65	South Dakota	3	38.44	Oklahoma	8	38.43	South Dakota	3	43.03
42	Nebraska***	1	41.60	Texas	34	38.22	Texas	32	37.98	Indiana	12	41.55
43	Kentucky	8	41.17	Alabama	9	36.84	South Dakota	3	37.56	Montana	3	41.23
44	Louisiana	9	39.93	Kansas	6	36.62	Kansas	6	37.24	Oklahoma	8	40.45
45	Arkansas	6	38.86	Alaska	3	35.52	Montana	3	33.36	North Dakota	3	40.13
46	Alabama	9	38.74	North Dakota	3	35.50	Nebraska	5	33.25	Wyoming	3	36.84
47	Alaska	3	37.89	Oklahoma	7	34.43	North Dakota	3	33.06	Kansas	6	36.08
48	Idaho	4	36.10	Nebraska	5	32.68	Wyoming	3	27.70	Nebraska	5	34.95
49	Utah	5	34.41	Idaho	4	30.26	Alaska	3	27.67	Idaho	4	33.64
50	Oklahoma	7	34.35	Wyoming	3	29.07	Idaho	4	27.64	Utah	5	33.30
51	Wyoming	3	32.54	Utah	5	26.00	Utah	5	26.34	Alaska	3	33.27
	Total Electoral Votes:	365		251		266		379				
	Total Popular Vote %:	52.93%		48.27%		48.38%		49.24%				

Notes:

- W = Winning Candidate (For That State).
- EV = Total Possible Electoral Votes Per State. (Note that the number of electoral votes in several states changed as a result of the U.S. Censuses conducted in 1990 and 2000.)
- Total Electoral Vote = 538; Total Electoral Vote Needed to Elect = 270.

* In the District of Columbia, one of the three electoral votes was an abstention (2000).

** In Minnesota, one of the ten electoral votes was cast for John Edwards (2004).

*** Nebraska has 5 Electoral Votes. Four were cast for McCain; one was cast for Obama (2008).

**Appendix C: 1996-2008 Presidential General Election
Ranking by State of Popular Vote Percentages
(Republican Nominee)**

MCCAIN 2008				BUSH 2004				BUSH 2000				DOLE 1996			
	STATE	EV	%	STATE	EV	%	STATE	EV	%	STATE	EV	%	STATE	EV	%
1	Oklahoma	W 7	65.65	Utah	W 5	71.54	Wyoming	W 3	67.76	Utah	W 5	54.37			
2	Wyoming	W 3	64.78	Wyoming	W 3	68.86	Idaho	W 4	67.17	Kansas	W 6	54.29			
3	Utah	W 5	62.58	Idaho	W 4	68.38	Utah	W 5	66.83	Nebraska	W 5	53.66			
4	Idaho	W 4	61.53	Nebraska	W 5	65.90	Nebraska	W 5	62.24	Idaho	W 4	52.18			
5	Alabama	W 9	60.32	Oklahoma	W 7	65.57	North Dakota	W 3	60.66	Alaska	W 3	50.80			
6	Alaska	W 3	59.42	North Dakota	W 3	62.86	Oklahoma	W 8	60.31	Alabama	W 9	50.12			
7	Arkansas	W 6	58.72	Alabama	W 9	62.46	South Dakota	W 3	60.30	Wyoming	W 3	49.81			
8	Louisiana	W 9	58.56	Kansas	W 6	62.00	Texas	W 32	59.30	South Carolina	W 8	49.79			
9	Kentucky	W 8	57.40	Texas	W 34	61.09	Alaska	W 3	58.62	Mississippi	W 7	49.21			
10	Tennessee	W 11	56.90	Alaska	W 3	61.07	Montana	W 3	58.44	Texas	W 32	48.76			
11	Kansas	W 6	56.61	Indiana	W 11	59.94	Kansas	W 6	58.04	North Carolina	W 14	48.73			
12	Nebraska***	W 4	56.53	South Dakota	W 3	59.91	Mississippi	W 7	57.62	Oklahoma	W 8	48.26			
13	Mississippi	W 6	56.18	Kentucky	W 8	59.55	South Carolina	W 8	56.84	Indiana	W 12	47.13			
14	West Virginia	W 5	55.71	Mississippi	W 6	59.45	Indiana	W 12	56.65	Virginia	W 13	47.10			
15	Texas	W 34	55.45	Montana	W 3	59.07	Kentucky	W 8	56.50	Georgia	W 13	47.01			
16	South Carolina	W 8	53.87	South Carolina	W 8	57.98	Alabama	W 9	56.48	North Dakota	W 3	46.94			
17	Arizona	W 10	53.64	Georgia	W 15	57.97	North Carolina	W 14	56.03	South Dakota	W 3	46.49			
18	North Dakota	W 3	53.25	Tennessee	W 11	56.80	Georgia	W 13	54.67	Colorado	W 8	45.80			
19	South Dakota	W 3	53.16	Louisiana	W 9	56.72	Louisiana	W 9	52.55	Tennessee	11	45.59			
20	Georgia	W 15	52.20	West Virginia	W 5	56.06	Virginia	W 13	52.47	Kentucky	8	44.88			
21	Montana	W 3	49.51	North Carolina	W 15	56.02	West Virginia	W 5	51.92	Arizona	8	44.29			
22	Missouri	W 11	49.43	Arizona	W 10	54.87	Arkansas	W 6	51.31	Montana	W 3	44.11			
23	North Carolina	15	49.38	Arkansas	W 6	54.31	Tennessee	W 11	51.15	Nevada	4	42.91			
24	Indiana	11	48.91	Virginia	W 13	53.68	Arizona	W 8	51.02	Florida	25	42.32			
25	Florida	27	48.22	Missouri	W 11	53.30	Colorado	W 8	50.75	New Mexico	5	41.86			
26	Ohio	20	46.91	Florida	W 27	52.10	Missouri	W 11	50.42	Missouri	11	41.24			
27	Virginia	13	46.33	Colorado	W 9	51.69	Ohio	W 21	49.97	Ohio	21	41.02			
28	Colorado	9	44.71	Ohio	W 20	50.81	Nevada	W 4	49.52	Pennsylvania	23	39.97			
29	New Hampshire	4	44.52	Nevada	W 5	50.47	Florida	W 25	48.85	Louisiana	9	39.94			
30	Iowa	7	44.39	Iowa	W 7	49.90	Iowa	7	48.22	Iowa	7	39.92			
31	Pennsylvania	21	44.17	New Mexico	W 5	49.84	New Hampshire	W 4	48.07	New Hampshire	4	39.37			
32	Minnesota	10	43.82	Wisconsin	10	49.32	New Mexico	5	47.85	Oregon	7	39.06			
33	Nevada	5	42.65	New Hampshire	4	48.87	Wisconsin	11	47.61	Michigan	18	38.48			
34	Wisconsin	10	42.31	Pennsylvania	21	48.42	Oregon	7	46.52	Wisconsin	11	38.48			
35	New Mexico	5	41.78	Michigan	17	47.81	Pennsylvania	23	46.43	Maryland	10	38.27			
36	New Jersey	15	41.70	Minnesota**	10	47.61	Michigan	18	46.15	California	54	38.21			
37	Michigan	17	40.96	Oregon	7	47.19	Minnesota	10	45.50	Washington	11	37.30			
38	Washington	11	40.48	New Jersey	15	46.24	Washington	11	44.58	Illinois	22	36.81			
39	Oregon	7	40.40	Delaware	3	45.75	Maine	4	43.97	Arkansas	6	36.80			
40	Maine	4	40.38	Washington	11	45.64	Illinois	22	42.58	West Virginia	5	36.76			
41	Connecticut	7	38.22	Hawaii	4	45.26	Delaware	3	41.90	Delaware	3	36.58			
42	California	55	36.95	Maine	4	44.58	California	54	41.65	New Jersey	15	35.86			
43	Delaware	3	36.95	Illinois	21	44.48	Vermont	3	40.70	Minnesota	10	34.96			
44	Illinois	21	36.78	California	55	44.36	New Jersey	15	40.29	Connecticut	8	34.69			
45	Maryland	10	36.47	Connecticut	7	43.95	Maryland	10	40.18	Hawaii	4	31.64			
46	New York	31	36.03	Maryland	10	42.93	Connecticut	8	38.44	Vermont	3	31.09			
47	Massachusetts	12	35.99	New York	31	40.08	Hawaii	4	37.46	Maine	4	30.76			
48	Rhode Island	4	35.06	Vermont	3	38.80	New York	33	35.23	New York	33	30.61			
49	Vermont	3	30.45	Rhode Island	4	38.67	Massachusetts	12	32.50	Massachusetts	12	28.08			
50	Hawaii	4	26.58	Massachusetts	12	36.78	Rhode Island	4	31.91	Rhode Island	4	26.82			
51	D.C.	3	6.53	DC	3	9.34	D.C.*	3	8.95	D.C.	3	9.34			
	Total Electoral Votes:	173		286			271			159					
	Total Popular Vote %:	45.65%		50.73%			47.87%			40.71%					

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