

ELECTION TIMELINE							
YEAR	CURRENT PRESIDENT & VP	MAJOR CANDIDATES RUNNING <small>(winner is underlined)</small>	ELECTORATE	# of STATES	# of ELIGIBLE VOTERS	# VOTED	% PARTI-CIPATION
1789		<u>George Washington</u> , John Adams	Adult White Males <i>(other requirements varied by state - most included owning property and/or paying taxes; this changed gradually as new states came into being and existing states changed their constitutions)</i>	13	N/A <i>(in most states the electors were picked by the state legislatures, so there was no popular vote)</i>		
1792	George Washington (P) John Adams (VP)*	<u>George Washington</u> , John Adams		15			
1796	George Washington (P) John Adams (VP)*	<u>John Adams</u> (F), <u>Thomas Jefferson</u> (D-R), Thomas Pinckney (F), Aaron Burr (D-R)		16			
1800	John Adams (P) Thomas Jefferson (VP)*	<u>Thomas Jefferson</u> (D-R), Aaron Burr (D-R), John Adams (F), C.C. Pinckney (F)		16			
1804	Thomas Jefferson (P) Aaron Burr (VP)*	<u>Thomas Jefferson</u> (D-R), C.C. Pinckney (F)		17			
1808	Thomas Jefferson (P) George Clinton (VP)	<u>James Madison</u> (D-R), C.C. Pinckney (F)		17			
1812	James Madison (P) George Clinton (VP)	<u>James Madison</u> (D-R), DeWitt Clinton (F)		18			
1816	James Madison (P) Elbridge Gerry (VP)	<u>James Monroe</u> (D-R), Rufus King (F)		19			
1820	James Monroe (P) Daniel Tompkins (VP)	<u>James Monroe</u> (D-R), John Quincy Adams (D-R)		23			
1824	James Monroe (P) Daniel Tompkins (VP)	<u>John Q. Adams</u> (D-R), Andrew Jackson (D-R), William Crawford (D-R), Henry Clay (D-R)	Adult White Males	24	1,324,886	356,394	26.9
1828	John Q. Adams (P) John C. Calhoun (VP)	<u>Andrew Jackson</u> (D), John Quincy Adams (Nat. R)	Adult White Males	24	2,005,816	1,155,350	57.6
1832	Andrew Jackson (P) John C. Calhoun (VP)	<u>Andrew Jackson</u> (D), Henry Clay (Nat. R), John Floyd (I), William Wirt (O)	Adult White Males	24	2,257,760	1,250,799	55.4
1836	Andrew Jackson (P) Martin Van Buren (VP)	<u>Martin Van Buren</u> (D), William H. Harrison (W), Hugh White (W), Daniel Webster (W)	Adult White Males	25	2,604,287	1,505,278	57.8
1840	Martin Van Buren (P) Richard M. Johnson (VP)	<u>William H. Harrison</u> (W), Martin Van Buren (D)	Adult White Males	26	3,004,332	2,409,474	80.2
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1844	John Tyler (P) <small>[after Harrison's death, 1841]</small>	<u>James K. Polk</u> (D), Henry Clay (W)	Adult White Males	26	3,431,844	2,700,861	78.7
1848	James K. Polk (P) George M. Dallas (VP)	<u>Zachary Taylor</u> (W), Lewis Cass (D)	Adult White Males	30	3,954,019	2,874,572	72.7
1852	Millard Fillmore <small>[after Taylor's death, 1850]</small>	<u>Franklin Pierce</u> (D), Winfield Scott (W)	Adult White Males	31	4,514,935	3,142,395	69.6
1856	Franklin Pierce (P) William R. King (VP)	<u>James Buchanan</u> (D), John C. Fremont (R), Millard Fillmore (O)	Adult White Males	31	5,126,259	4,044,618	78.9
1860	James Buchanan (P) John Breckenridge (VP)	<u>Abraham Lincoln</u> (R), Stephen Douglas (D), John Breckenridge (D), John Bell (O)	Adult White Males	33	5,775,330	4,689,568	81.2
1864	Abraham Lincoln (P) Hannibal Hamlin (VP)	<u>Abraham Lincoln</u> (R), George B. McClellan (D)	Adult White Males	36**	5,445,653**	4,018,892**	73.8**
1868	Andrew Johnson (P) <small>[after Lincoln's death, 1865]</small>	<u>Ulysses S. Grant</u> (R), Horatio Seymour (D)	Adult White Males	37	7,318,927	5,716,082	78.1
1872	Ulysses S. Grant (P) Schuyler Colfax (VP)	<u>Ulysses S. Grant</u> (R), Horace Greeley (D & Liberal R)	Adult Males***	37	9,065,322	6,463,575	71.3
1876	Ulysses S. Grant (P) Henry Wilson (VP)	<u>Rutherford B. Hayes</u> (R), Samuel J. Tilden (D)	Adult Males***	38	10,294,742	8,421,098	81.8
1880	Rutherford B. Hayes (P) William Wheeler (VP)	<u>James A. Garfield</u> (R), Winfield Hancock (D)	Adult Males***	38	11,602,766	9,212,598	79.4
1884	Chester A. Arthur (P) <small>[after Garfield's death, 1881]</small>	<u>Grover Cleveland</u> (D), James Blaine (R)	Adult Males***	38	12,979,240	10,058,911	77.5
1888	Grover Cleveland (P) Thomas Hendricks (VP)	<u>Benjamin Harrison</u> (R), Grover Cleveland (D)	Adult Males***	38	14,348,518	11,378,375	79.3
1892	Benjamin Harrison (P) Levi P. Morton (VP)	<u>Grover Cleveland</u> (D), Benjamin Harrison (R), James Weaver (O)	Adult Males***	44	16,149,370	12,063,579	74.7

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1896	Grover Cleveland (P) Adlai E. Stevenson (VP)	<u>William McKinley</u> (R), William Jennings Bryan (D-People's)	Adult Males***	45	17,368,196	13,772,979	79.3
1900	William McKinley (P) Garret Hobart (VP)	<u>William McKinley</u> (R), William Jennings Bryan (D-Populist)	Adult Males***	45	19,066,732	13,956,847	73.2
1904	Theodore Roosevelt <small>(after McKinley's death, 1901)</small>	<u>Theodore Roosevelt</u> (R), Alton Barker (D), Eugene V. Debs (S)	Adult Males***	45	20,403,725	13,303,228	65.2
1908	Theodore Roosevelt (P) Charles Fairbanks (VP)	<u>William H. Taft</u> (R), William Jennings Bryan (D), Eugene V. Debs (S)	Adult Males***	46	22,752,286	14,879,995	65.4
1912	William H. Taft (P) James Sherman (VP)	<u>Woodrow Wilson</u> (D), Theodore Roosevelt (P), William H. Taft (R), Eugene V. Debs (S)	Adult Males***	48	25,551,027	15,024,004	58.8
1916	Woodrow Wilson (P) Thomas Marshall (VP)	<u>Woodrow Wilson</u> (D), Charles Hughes (R), A.L. Benson (S)	Adult Males***	48	29,991,291	18,474,636	61.6
1920	Woodrow Wilson (P) Thomas Marshall (VP)	<u>Warren G. Harding</u> (R), James Cox (D), Eugene V. Debs (S)	Adults (21+)***	48	54,378,945	26,754,440	49.2
1924	Calvin Coolidge (P) <small>(after Harding's death, 1923)</small>	<u>Calvin Coolidge</u> (R), John Davis (D), Robert LaFollette (P)	Adults (21+)	48	59,527,667	29,109,029	48.9
1928	Calvin Coolidge (P) Charles Dawes (VP)	<u>Herbert Hoover</u> (R), Alfred E. Smith (D), Norman Thomas (S)	Adults (21+)	48	64,585,514	36,749,157	56.9
1932	Herbert Hoover (P) Charles Curtis (VP)	<u>Franklin D. Roosevelt</u> (D), Herbert Hoover (R), Norman Thomas (S)	Adults (21+)	48	69,848,604	39,743,856	56.9
1936	Franklin D. Roosevelt (P) John Nance Garner (VP)	<u>Franklin D. Roosevelt</u> (D), Alfred M. Landon (R), William Lemke (O)	Adults (21+)	48	74,883,756	45,679,092	61.0
1940	Franklin D. Roosevelt (P) John Nance Garner (VP)	<u>Franklin D. Roosevelt</u> (D), Wendell Willkie (R)	Adults (21+)	48	79,597,362	49,748,351	62.5
1944	Franklin D. Roosevelt (P) Henry A. Wallace (VP)	<u>Franklin D. Roosevelt</u> (D), Thomas E. Dewey (R)	Adults (21+)	48	85,595,759	47,848,029	55.9

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1948	Harry S Truman (P) <small>(after Roosevelt's death, 1945)</small>	<u>Harry S Truman</u> (D), Thomas E. Dewey (R), J. Strom Thurmond (O), Henry A. Wallace (P)	Adults (21+)	48	91,871,966	48,692,142	53.0
1952	Harry S Truman (P) Alben Barkley (VP)	<u>Dwight D. Eisenhower</u> (R), Adlai Stevenson (D)	Adults (21+)	48	97,249,666	61,559,039	63.3
1956	Dwight D. Eisenhower (P) Richard M. Nixon (VP)	<u>Dwight D. Eisenhower</u> (R), Adlai Stevenson (D)	Adults (21+)	48	101,970,078	61,793,868	60.6
1960	Dwight D. Eisenhower (P) Richard M. Nixon (VP)	<u>John F. Kennedy</u> (D), Richard M. Nixon (R)	Adults (21+)	50	109,361,524	68,679,037	62.8
1964	Lyndon B. Johnson (P) <small>(after Kennedy's death, 1963)</small>	<u>Lyndon B. Johnson</u> (D), Barry Goldwater (R)	Adults (21+)	50****	114,401,374	70,505,647	61.7
1968	Lyndon B. Johnson (P) Hubert Humphrey (VP)	<u>Richard M. Nixon</u> (R), Hubert Humphrey (D), George Wallace (O)	Adults (21+)	50****	120,857,871	73,239,870	60.6
1972	Richard M. Nixon (P) Spiro T. Agnew (VP)	<u>Richard M. Nixon</u> (R), George McGovern (D)	18+	50****	140,832,621	77,739,606	55.2
1976	Gerald Ford (P) <small>(after Nixon's resignation, 1974)</small> Nelson B. Rockefeller (VP)	<u>Jimmy Carter</u> (D), Gerald Ford (R)	18+	50****	152,433,007	81,551,659	53.5
1980	Jimmy Carter (P) Walter Mondale (VP)	<u>Ronald Reagan</u> (R), Jimmy Carter (D), John B. Anderson (I)	18+	50****	164,535,774	86,545,817	52.6
1984	Ronald Reagan (P) George H.W. Bush (VP)	<u>Ronald Reagan</u> (R), Walter Mondale (D)	18+	50****	172,668,405	92,032,260	53.3
1988	Ronald Reagan (P) George H.W. Bush (VP)	<u>George H.W. Bush</u> (R), Michael Dukakis (D)	18+	50****	177,216,834	88,962,851	50.2
1992	George H.W. Bush (P) Dan Quayle (VP)	<u>Bill Clinton</u> (D), George H.W. Bush (R), Ross Perot (O)	18+	50****	187,920,196	103,731,948	55.2

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1996	Bill Clinton (P) Al Gore (VP)	<u>Bill Clinton</u> (D), Bob Dole (R), Ross Perot (O)	18+	50****	196,374,539	96,223,524	49.0
2000	Bill Clinton (P) Al Gore (VP)	<u>George W. Bush</u> (R), Al Gore (D), Ralph Nader (O)	18+	50****	206,591,506	105,361,668	51.0
2004	George W. Bush (P) Dick Cheney (VP)	<u>George W. Bush</u> (R), John Kerry (D)	18+	50****	202,674,771	112,294,978	60.3

\* until the passage of the 12th Amendment in 1804, the VP was the individual with the second highest number of electoral votes;

\*\* in the election of 1864, election figures refer only to voting in the Union (northern) States

\*\*\* the 15th Amendment, passed in 1870, granted the right to vote to "all citizens...[regardless of] race, color, or condition of previous servitude"; Native Americans, however, were not considered "citizens" until the Indian Citizenship Act in 1924, and even after that some states prohibited them from voting until the 1940s.

\*\*\*\*beginning in 1963, the District of Columbia was also granted the right to vote for U.S. President and Vice President with the passage of the 23rd amendment; it has 3 electoral votes

Source: Alan Brinkley, *American History: A Survey* (11th Ed.), Boston: McGraw-Hill, 2004.  
Voting figures from Federal Election Commission.

Source of Voting Figures for the 2004 election: United States Elections Project, George Mason University, [http://elections.gmu.edu/Voter\\_Turnout\\_2004.htm](http://elections.gmu.edu/Voter_Turnout_2004.htm)

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