



2020 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DATES AND CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINES FOR BALLOT ACCESS

Note: Dates Subject to Change / General Election Date 11/03/2020

Sources: State Election Offices, Statutes and State Parties

(Data as of 7/17/2020)

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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 2020 Presidential primaries.

Questions concerning a state's primary election procedure should be addressed to the state's Election Director. The dates listed are tentative and subject to change.

STATE	PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DATE	PRESIDENTIAL CAUCUS DATE	FILING DEADLINE FOR PRIMARY BALLOT ACCESS	INDEPENDENT ¹ FILING DEADLINE FOR GENERAL ELECTION
Alabama	3/03		11/08	3/3
Alaska	4/10 Democrats (Party-Run Primary)		1/24	8/05
American Samoa		3/03 (Democrats)	n/a	n/a
Arizona	3/17		12/09	9/04
Arkansas	3/03		11/12	11/12
California	3/03		12/13	8/07
Colorado	3/03		12/09	7/09 3pm
Connecticut	8/11		3/06	8/05
Delaware	7/07		2/28	9/01 (Independent)
D.C.	6/02		3/04	9/01
Florida	3/17		11/30	7/15 Noon
Georgia	6/09		n/a	7/14
Guam		3/14 (Republican Convention) 6/06 (Democrats)	n/a	n/a
Hawaii		3/10 (Republicans) 5/22 (Democrats)	n/a	8/05
Idaho	3/10		12/11	8/25
Illinois	3/17		1/03	6/22
Indiana	6/02		2/07 Noon	7/15 Noon
Iowa		2/03	n/a	8/14
Kansas	5/02 Democrats (Party-Run Primary)		2/17	8/03
Kentucky	6/23		1/10	9/4
Louisiana	7/11		1/10	8/21
Maine	3/03		12/23	8/03
Maryland	6/02		1/24	8/03
Massachusetts	3/03		1/03	8/25
Michigan	3/10		12/13 4pm	4/21 4pm (Third/Minor) 7/16 4pm (Independent)
Minnesota	3/03		n/a	8/18
Mississippi	3/10		1/15	9/04
Missouri	3/10		12/24	7/27



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Montana	6/02		3/02	5/25
Nebraska	5/12		3/12	8/03
Nevada		2/22 (Democrats)	n/a	6/19
New Hampshire	2/11		11/15	6/12
New Jersey	7/07		3/30 4pm	7/27 4pm
New Mexico	6/02		3/10	6/25
New York	6/23		2/6	7/30
North Carolina	3/03		1/06 5pm	3/03 Noon
North Dakota		3/10	n/a	8/31 4pm
N. Mariana Islands		3/14 (Democrats) 3/15 (Republicans)	n/a	n/a
Ohio	4/28		12/18	7/16 (Third/Minor) 8/05 (Independent)
Oklahoma	3/03		12/04	7/15
Oregon	5/19		3/10	8/25
Pennsylvania	6/02		2/18	8/03
Puerto Rico	7/12 (Democrats)		n/a	n/a
Rhode Island	6/02		1/25	9/04
South Carolina	2/29 (Democrats)		12/04 Noon	7/15 Noon
South Dakota	6/02		3/31	8/04
Tennessee	3/03		12/03	8/20
Texas	3/03		12/09	8/13 (Independent)
Utah	3/03		12/02	8/17 (Independent)
Vermont	3/03		12/16	8/03 (Independent) 8/06 (Third/Minor)
Virginia	3/03 (Democrats)	8/15 (Republican Convention)	12/12	8/14 5pm
Virgin Islands		6/06 (Democrats)	n/a	n/a
Washington	3/10		1/03 5pm (Democrats)	8/07
West Virginia	6/09		1/25	7/31
Wisconsin	4/07		1/28	8/04
Wyoming		4/17 (Democrats) 5/09 (Republican Convention)	n/a	8/17 (Third/Minor) 8/25 (Independent)

Notes:

1. 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.



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Alabama	S	3/03	7/14	11/08	3/03
Alaska	S	8/18		6/01	8/18
American Samoa		n/a		n/a	9/01
Arizona	S	8/04 ²		4/06	9/04
Arkansas	S	3/03	3/31	11/12	11/12
California		3/03		12/06 (Extended to 12/13 if Incumbent does not file)	n/a
Colorado	S	6/30		3/17	7/09 3pm
Connecticut		8/11 ³		6/09	8/05
Delaware	S	9/15		7/14	9/01 (Independent)
D.C.		6/02		3/04	8/05
Florida		8/18		4/24 Noon	3/23 Noon
Georgia	S	6/09	8/11	3/6 Noon	7/14
Guam		8/29		6/30	6/30
Hawaii		8/08		6/02	6/02
Idaho	S	6/02 ⁴		3/13	3/13
Illinois	S	3/17		12/02	6/22
Indiana		6/02 ⁵		2/07 Noon	7/15 Noon
Iowa	S	6/02		3/13	3/13
Kansas	S	8/04 ⁶		6/01	8/03
Kentucky	S	6/23		1/10	6/02
Louisiana	S	11/03 ⁷	12/05 ⁷	n/a ⁷	7/24 ⁷
Maine	S	7/14		3/16	7/01
Maryland		6/02 ⁸		1/24	8/03
Massachusetts	S	9/01		6/02	8/25
Michigan	S	8/04 ⁹		4/21 4pm	7/16 4pm (Independent)
Minnesota	S	8/11		6/02	6/02
Mississippi	S	3/10	6/23	1/10	1/10
Missouri		8/04		3/31	7/27
Montana	S	6/02		3/09	5/25
Nebraska	S	5/12		2/18 (Incumbents) 3/02 (All Others)	9/01
Nevada		6/09		3/13	6/19
New Hampshire	S	9/08		6/12	6/12
New Jersey	S	7/07		3/30 4pm	6/02 4pm
New Mexico	S	6/02		3/10	6/25
New York		6/23		4/02	7/30
North Carolina	S	3/03	6/23	12/20 Noon	3/03
North Dakota		6/09		4/06 4pm	8/31 4pm
N. Mariana Islands		n/a		n/a	8/05
Ohio		4/28		12/18	12/18 (Third/Minor) 3/16 (Independent)



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Oklahoma	S	6/30	8/25	4/10	4/10
Oregon	S	5/19 ¹⁰		3/10	8/25
Pennsylvania		6/02		2/18	8/03
Puerto Rico		8/09		12/30	12/30
Rhode Island	S	9/08		6/24	7/10
South Carolina	S	6/09 ¹¹	6/23	3/30 Noon	3/30 Noon (Third/Minor) 7/15 Noon (Independent)
South Dakota	S	6/02 ¹²	8/11	3/31	4/28
Tennessee	S	8/06		4/02 Noon	4/02 Noon
Texas	S	3/03 ¹³	7/14	12/09	8/13 (Independent)
Utah		6/30 ¹⁴		3/19	3/19
Vermont		8/11		5/28	8/06
Virginia	S	6/23 ¹⁵		3/26 5pm	6/09 7pm
Virgin Islands		8/01		5/12	5/12
Washington		8/04		5/15	n/a
West Virginia	S	6/09 ¹⁶		1/25	7/31
Wisconsin		8/11		6/01	6/01
Wyoming	S	8/18 ¹⁷		5/29	8/17 (Third/Minor) 8/25 (Independent)

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- In Arizona, the U.S. Senate election is for an Unexpired Term.
- 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 5/11/2020. The Republican convention dates for U.S. House Districts are: 5/07/2020 (District 1), 5/11/2020 (District 2), 5/12/2020 (District 3), 5/13/2020 (District 4) and 5/14/2020 (District 5).
- In Idaho, the Governor effectively changed the date of the 5/19/2020 primary election by setting 6/02/2020 as the receipt date for absentee ballots. The election was conducted as all absentee; no polls were opened on 5/19/2020.
- In Indiana, the Libertarian Party convention date is 3/07/2020.
- In Kansas, the Libertarian Party convention date is 4/18/2020.
- In Louisiana, a Congressional primary election is not held. The election for candidates seeking Federal office is the General election scheduled for 11/03/2020. If necessary, a Runoff Election will be held on 12/05/2020. The filing deadline for ballot access is 7/24/2020.
- In Maryland, the Bread and Roses and Working Class Parties may nominate by convention. Convention dates are pending.
- In Michigan, the Green Party convention date is 6/20/2020, the Libertarian convention dates is 7/18/2020, and the U.S. Taxpayers Party convention date is 7/25/2020. The convention dates for the Natural Law and Working Class Parties are pending.
- In Oregon, the Pacific Green Party convention date is 6/06/2020, and the Libertarian Party's party-organized primary date is 7/06/2020. Convention dates for the Constitution, Independent, Progressive and Working Families Parties are pending.
- In South Carolina, the convention date for the Alliance and Constitution Parties is April 18, 2020, and the Libertarian Party convention date is June 13, 2020.
- In South Dakota, the Libertarian Party convention date is 5/09/2020.
- In Texas, the Green and Libertarian Parties may nominate by convention. The convention dates are 3/14/2020 for single county U.S. House Districts 2, 3, 7, 16, 18, 20, 29 and 30; 3/21/2020 for multi-county U.S. House Districts 1, 4-6, 8-15, 17, 19, 21-28, 31-36. For U.S. Senate nominations, the date of the Green Party convention is 4/18/2020, and the Libertarian Party convention date is 8/01/2020.
- In Utah, conventions are held by the political parties prior to the primary. The Constitution Party convention date is 4/15/2020, and the United Utah Party convention date is 4/18/2020. The convention date for the Democratic, Republican and Libertarian Parties is 4/25/2020.
- In Virginia, the Democratic and Republican Parties may choose to nominate by convention rather than by primary election. The Democratic convention date for U.S. House District 9 is 5/02/2020. The Republican convention dates for U.S. House Districts are: 5/30/2020 (District 8), 6/13/2020 (District 5), 6/20/2020 (Districts 10 and 11), 6/27/2020 (District 4) and 7/18/2020 (District 7).
- In West Virginia, the Libertarian Party convention date is 4/04/2020, and the Mountain Party convention date is 6/06/2020.
- In Wyoming, the Constitution Party convention date is 3/20/2020. The Libertarian Party convention date is pending.



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Iowa		2/03		S Alabama	3/03	7/14
New Hampshire	2/11			S Arkansas	3/03	3/31
Nevada		2/22 (Democrats)		California	3/03	
South Carolina	2/29 (Democrats)			S North Carolina	3/03	6/23
Alabama	3/03			S Texas	3/03 ³	7/14
American Samoa		3/3 (Democrats)		S Mississippi	3/10	6/23
Arkansas	3/03			S Illinois	3/17	
California	3/03			Ohio	4/28	
Colorado	3/03			S Nebraska	5/12	
Maine	3/03			S Oregon	5/19 ³	
Massachusetts	3/03			D.C.	6/02	
Minnesota	3/03			Indiana	6/02 ³	
North Carolina	3/03			S Idaho	6/02	
Oklahoma	3/03			S Iowa	6/02	
Tennessee	3/03			Maryland	6/02 ³	
Texas	3/03			S Montana	6/02	
Utah	3/03			S New Mexico	6/02	
Vermont	3/03			Pennsylvania	6/02	
Virginia	3/03 (Democrats)			S South Dakota	6/02 ³	8/11
Hawaii		3/10 (Republicans)		S Georgia	6/09	8/11
Idaho	3/10			Nevada	6/09	
Michigan	3/10			North Dakota	6/09	
Mississippi	3/10			S South Carolina	6/09 ³	6/23
Missouri	3/10			S West Virginia	6/09 ³	
North Dakota		3/10		S Kentucky	6/23	
Washington	3/10			New York	6/23	
Guam		3/14 (Republican Convention)		S Virginia	6/23 ³	
N. Mariana Islands		3/14 (Democrats) 3/15 (Republicans)		S Colorado	6/30	
Arizona	3/17			S Oklahoma	6/30	8/25
Florida	3/17			Utah	6/30 ³	
Illinois	3/17			S New Jersey	7/07	
Wisconsin	4/07			S Maine	7/14	
Alaska	4/10 Democrats (Party-Run Primary)			Virgin Islands	8/01	
Wyoming		4/17 (Democrats)		S Arizona	8/04 ¹	
Ohio	4/28			S Kansas	8/04 ³	
Kansas	5/02 Democrats (Party-Run Primary)			S Michigan	8/04 ³	



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Wyoming		5/09 (Republican Convention)		Missouri	8/04	
Nebraska	5/12			Washington	8/04	
Oregon	5/19			S Tennessee	8/06	
Hawaii		5/22 (Democrats)		Hawaii	8/08	
D.C.	6/02			Puerto Rico	8/09	
Indiana	6/02			S Minnesota	8/11	
Maryland	6/02			Vermont	8/11	
Montana	6/02			Wisconsin	8/11	
New Mexico	6/02			Connecticut	8/11 ³	
Pennsylvania	6/02			S Alaska	8/18	
Rhode Island	6/02			Florida	8/18	
South Dakota	6/02			S Wyoming	8/18 ³	
Guam		6/06 (Democrats)		Guam	8/29	
Virgin Islands		6/06 (Democrats)		S Massachusetts	9/01	
Georgia	6/09			S New Hampshire	9/08	
West Virginia	6/09			S Rhode Island	9/08	
Kentucky	6/23			S Delaware	9/15	
New York	6/23					
Delaware	7/07					
New Jersey	7/07					
Louisiana	7/11					
Puerto Rico	7/12 (Democrats)					
Connecticut	8/11					
Virginia		8/15 (Republican Convention)				

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2. In Louisiana, a Congressional primary election is not held. The election for candidates seeking Federal office is the General election scheduled for 11/3/2020. If necessary, a Runoff Election will be held on 12/5/2020.
3. In Connecticut and Utah, conventions are held by the political parties prior to the primary. In Virginia, political parties may choose to nominate by convention rather than by primary election. In other states, such as Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, West Virginia and Wyoming, minor parties may hold conventions to nominate candidates.
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