

APPENDICES:  
COMPARATIVE PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL  
ELECTION STATISTICS, 1996-2008

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

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			
	<b>Total Electoral Votes:</b>	<b>173</b>		<b>286</b>			<b>271</b>			<b>159</b>					
	<b>Total Popular Vote %:</b>	<b>45.65%</b>		<b>50.73%</b>			<b>47.87%</b>			<b>40.71%</b>					

**Notes:**

1. W = Winning Candidate (For That State).
2. 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.)
3. 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).