



**2004 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DATES  
AND CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINES FOR BALLOT ACCESS**

(Data as of 5/26/04)

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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 2004 Presidential primaries. Questions concerning a state's primary election procedure should be addressed to the state's Election Director.

STATE	PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DATE	PRESIDENTIAL CAUCUS DATE	FILING DEADLINE FOR PRIMARY BALLOT ACCESS	INDEPENDENT <sup>1</sup> FILING DEADLINE FOR GENERAL ELECTION
Alabama	6/1		4/2	6/1
Alaska		3/20 (D) 5/21-5/22 (R) Convention	n/a	8/4
American Samoa		3/8 (D) 2/28 (R)	n/a	n/a <sup>3</sup>
Arizona	2/3 (D)	5/8 (R)	12/24/03	6/9 5pm
Arkansas	5/18		3/31	9/15
California	3/2		12/30/03 (D) 12/19/03 (Others)	8/6
Colorado		4/13	n/a	7/5 3pm
Connecticut	3/2		1/16	8/4
Delaware	2/3 (D)	5/14-5/15 (R) Convention	12/23/03	9/1 4:30pm
D.C.	1/13		11/14/03	8/25
D.C.		2/10 (R) 2/14 (D)	n/a	
Florida	3/9		n/a	7/15
Georgia	3/2		12/31/03	7/2
Guam		3/20 (D) 2/21 (R) Convention	n/a	n/a <sup>3</sup>
Hawaii		2/24 (D) 6/4-6/6 (R) Convention	n/a	9/3
Idaho	5/25	2/24 (D)	4/26	8/24 Independent 9/1 Third/Minor
Illinois	3/16		1/14	6/21
Indiana	5/4		2/20 Noon	6/30 Noon
Iowa		1/19	n/a	8/13
Kansas		3/13 (D) 4/24 (R) Convention	n/a	8/2 Noon Independent
Kentucky	5/18		1/27 4pm	8/10 4pm
Louisiana	3/9		1/30	8/6 Independent



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Maine		2/8 (D) 5/15 (R)	n/a	8/16 5pm Independent
Maryland	3/2		12/23/03 (R) 1/9 (D)	8/2
Massachusetts	3/2		1/2	8/31
Michigan		2/7 (D) 5/21-5/22 (R)	n/a	7/15 4pm Independent
Minnesota		3/2	n/a	9/14
Mississippi	3/9		1/15	9/3
Missouri	2/3		11/18/03	7/26
Montana	6/8		3/18	5/28
Nebraska	5/11		3/12	9/1
Nevada		2/14 (D) 4/29-5/1 (R) Convention	n/a	4/9 Third/Minor 5/14 Independent
New Hampshire	1/27		11/21/03	9/8
New Jersey	6/8		4/12 4pm	6/8 4pm
New Mexico	6/1	2/3 (D)	3/15	9/7 Independent 7/13 Third/Minor
New York	3/2		1/2	8/17 Independent 7/8 Third/Minor
North Carolina		4/17 (D) 5/21-5/23 (R) Convention	n/a	6/25 Independent 6/1 Third/Minor
North Dakota		2/3	n/a	9/3 4pm
Ohio	3/2		1/2	3/1 Independent
Oklahoma	2/3		12/3/03	7/15
Oregon	5/18		3/9	8/24
Pennsylvania	4/27		2/17	8/2
Puerto Rico		6/6 (D)	n/a	n/a <sup>3</sup>
Rhode Island	3/2		11/30/03	6/30
South Carolina	2/3 (D)	3/27 (R) Convention	1/2 5pm	7/15
South Dakota	6/1		4/6	8/3 Independent
Tennessee	2/10		12/2/03	8/19 Independent
Texas	3/9		1/2	5/10 Independent 5/24 Third/Minor
Utah	2/24 (D) <sup>2</sup>	5/8 (R) Convention	1/8	9/2 Independent 2/15 Third/Minor
Vermont	3/2		1/19	9/17



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Virginia	2/10 (D)	6/5 (R) Convention	12/12/03 5pm	8/20 Noon
Virgin Islands		4/17 (D) 2/28 (R)	n/a	n/a <sup>3</sup>
Washington		2/7 (D) 3/9 (R)	n/a	8/25
West Virginia	5/11		1/31	8/1
Wisconsin	2/17		1/6	9/7
Wyoming		3/20 (D) 5/8 (R) Convention	n/a	8/23 Independent

**Notes:**

1. The Independent Filing Deadline column shows the date for the filing of petitions by independent and/or third and 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.
2. In Utah, the holding of a state Presidential primary election is dependent upon funding by the legislature, which did not occur for 2004. Consequently, the Utah State Democratic Party scheduled a party-run Presidential preference primary for 2/24/04.
3. Presidential general elections are not held in American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.



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Alabama	S	6/1	6/29	4/2	6/1
Alaska	S	8/24		6/1	8/24
American Samoa		11/2	11/16	9/1	9/1
Arizona	S	9/7		6/9	n/a
Arkansas	S	5/18	6/8	3/31	9/15
California	S	3/2		12/5/03	8/6
Colorado	S	8/10		6/1	6/16 3pm
Connecticut	S	8/10 <sup>2</sup>		6/8	8/4
Delaware		9/11		7/30 Noon	9/1 4:30pm
D.C.		9/14		7/7	8/25
Florida	S	8/31		5/7	4/12
Georgia	S	7/20	8/10	4/30	6/28
Guam		9/4		7/6	7/6
Hawaii	S	9/18		7/20	7/20
Idaho	S	5/25		3/19	3/19
Illinois	S	3/16		12/15/03	12/15/03 Independent 6/21 Third/Minor
Indiana	S	5/4 <sup>3</sup>		2/20 Noon	6/30 Noon
Iowa	S	6/8		3/19	8/13
Kansas	S	8/3 <sup>4</sup>		6/10 Noon	8/2 Noon Independent
Kentucky	S	5/18		1/27 4pm	8/10 4pm
Louisiana	S	n/a <sup>5</sup>		8/6	7/7 Independent
Maine		6/8		3/15	6/1 Independent 3/15 Third/Minor
Maryland	S	3/2		12/22/03	8/2
Massachusetts		9/14		6/1	8/31
Michigan		8/3 <sup>6</sup>		5/11 4pm	7/15 4pm
Minnesota		9/14		7/20	7/20
Mississippi		3/9	3/30	1/9	1/9
Missouri	S	8/3		3/30	7/26
Montana		6/8		3/25	5/28
Nebraska		5/11		2/17 Incumbents 3/1 All Others	9/1
Nevada	S	9/7		5/14	4/9 Independent 5/14 Third/Minor
New Hampshire	S	9/14		6/11	9/8
New Jersey		6/8		4/12 4pm	6/8 4pm
New Mexico		6/1		2/10	9/7 Independent 7/13 Third/Minor



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New York	S	9/14		7/8	8/17 Independent 7/8 Third/Minor
North Carolina	S	7/20	8/17	5/7	6/25 Independent 6/1 Third/Minor
North Dakota	S	6/8		4/12 4pm	9/3 4pm
Ohio	S	3/2		1/2	3/1 Independent
Oklahoma	S	7/27	8/24	6/23	6/23 Independent
Oregon	S	5/18		3/9	8/24
Pennsylvania	S	4/27		2/17	8/2
Puerto Rico		11/9/03		8/1/03	8/1/03
Rhode Island		9/14		6/30	6/30
South Carolina	S	6/8 <sup>7</sup>	6/22	3/30	7/15
South Dakota	S	6/1	6/15	4/6	6/15 Independent
Tennessee		8/5		4/1	4/1 Independent
Texas		3/9 <sup>8</sup>	4/13	1/16	5/13 Independent 5/24 Third/Minor
Utah	S	6/22 <sup>9</sup>		3/17	9/2 Independent
Vermont	S	9/14		7/19	9/17
Virginia		6/8 <sup>10</sup>		4/9 5pm	6/8 7pm Independent
Virgin Islands		9/11	9/25	8/10	8/10
Washington	S	9/14		7/30	7/9
West Virginia		5/11 <sup>11</sup>		1/31	8/1
Wisconsin	S	9/14		7/13	7/13
Wyoming		8/17		5/28	8/23 Independent

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- In Connecticut, conventions are held by the political parties prior to the primary. Democratic conventions: 5/8/04 for U.S. Senate and 5/10/04 for U.S. House. Republican conventions: 5/8/04 for U.S. Senate, 5/24/04 for Congressional District 1, 5/15/04 for Congressional Districts 2 and 3, 5/10/04 for Congressional District 4, and 5/22/04 for Congressional District 5.
- In Indiana, the Libertarian party convention date is 4/24/04.
- In Kansas, the Reform party convention date is 5/15/04.
- In Louisiana, a Congressional primary election is not held. The election for candidates seeking federal office is the General Election scheduled for 11/2/04. If necessary, a Runoff Election will be held on 12/4/04.
- In Michigan, the Libertarian party convention date is 4/17/04, the Green party convention date is 5/23/04, and the US Taxpayers party convention date is 6/5/04.
- In South Carolina, the Green party convention date is 4/24/04, the Libertarian party convention date is 5/2/04, and the Constitution party convention date is 5/6/04. Nominating conventions may also be held by the Independence and United Citizens parties.
- In Texas, the Green and Libertarian party convention dates are 3/13/04 for Congressional Districts 7, 16, 18, 20, 29, 30 and 32. The convention date is 3/20/04 for all other Congressional Districts.
- In Utah, nominating conventions are held by the parties prior to the primary. Democratic and Republican conventions: 5/8/04; Constitution and Personal Choice conventions: 5/22/04; Green convention: 3/14/04; Libertarian convention: 4/17/04.
- In Virginia, parties may choose to nominate candidates by convention rather than by primary and the deadline to notify the State Board of Elections is 3/10/04. Democrats: Conventions will be held on 5/8/04 for Congressional District 5, on 5/15/04 for Congressional Districts 1, 6, 7, 9, and 10, and on 5/22 for Congressional District 4. Republicans: Conventions will be held on 5/15/04 for Congressional Districts 3 and 8, and on 5/22/04 for Congressional District 9. All other Congressional Districts will nominate by primary election.
- In West Virginia, the Mountain Party convention date is 5/1/04.



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D.C.	1/13	
Iowa		1/19
New Hampshire	1/27	
Arizona	2/3 (D)	
Delaware	2/3 (D)	
Missouri	2/3	
New Mexico		2/3 (D)
North Dakota		2/3
Oklahoma	2/3	
South Carolina	2/3 (D)	
Michigan		2/7 (D)
Washington		2/7 (D)
Maine		2/8 (D)
D.C.		2/10 (R)
Tennessee	2/10	
Virginia	2/10 (D)	
D.C.		2/14 (D)
Nevada		2/14 (D)
Wisconsin	2/17	
Guam		2/21 (R) Convention
Hawaii		2/24 (D)
Idaho		2/24 (D)
Utah	2/24 (D)	
American Samoa		2/28 (R)
Virgin Islands		2/28 (R)
California	3/2	
Connecticut	3/2	
Georgia	3/2	
Maryland	3/2	
Massachusetts	3/2	
Minnesota		3/2
New York	3/2	
Ohio	3/2	
Rhode Island	3/2	
Vermont	3/2	
American Samoa		3/8 (D)
Florida	3/9	
Louisiana	3/9	
Mississippi	3/9	

STATE		CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY DATE	CONGRESSIONAL RUNOFF DATE
Puerto Rico		11/9/03	
California	S	3/2	
Maryland	S	3/2	
Ohio	S	3/2	
Mississippi		3/9	3/30
Texas		3/9	4/13
Illinois	S	3/16	
Pennsylvania	S	4/27	
Indiana	S	5/4	
Nebraska		5/11	
West Virginia		5/11	
Arkansas	S	5/18	6/8
Kentucky	S	5/18	
Oregon	S	5/18	
Idaho	S	5/25	
Alabama	S	6/1	6/29
New Mexico		6/1	
South Dakota	S	6/1	6/15
Iowa	S	6/8	
Maine		6/8	
Montana		6/8	
New Jersey		6/8	
North Dakota	S	6/8	
South Carolina	S	6/8	6/22
Virginia		6/8 <sup>1</sup>	
Utah	S	6/22 <sup>1</sup>	
Georgia	S	7/20	8/10
North Carolina	S	7/20	8/17
Oklahoma	S	7/27	8/24
Kansas	S	8/3	
Michigan		8/3	
Missouri	S	8/3	
Tennessee		8/5	
Colorado	S	8/10	
Connecticut	S	8/10 <sup>1</sup>	
Wyoming		8/17	
Alaska	S	8/24	
Florida	S	8/31	
Guam		9/4	



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Texas	3/9	
Washington		3/9 (R)
Kansas		3/13 (D)
Illinois	3/16	
Alaska		3/20 (D)
Guam		3/20 (D)
Wyoming		3/20 (D)
South Carolina		3/27 (R) Convention
Colorado		4/13
North Carolina		4/17 (D)
Virgin Islands		4/17 (D)
Kansas		4/24 (R) Convention
Pennsylvania	4/27	
Nevada		4/29-5/1 (R) Convention
Indiana	5/4	
Arizona		5/8 (R)
Utah		5/8 (R) Convention
Wyoming		5/8 (R) Convention
Nebraska	5/11	
West Virginia	5/11	
Delaware		5/14-5/15 (R) Convention
Maine		5/15 (R)
Arkansas	5/18	
Kentucky	5/18	
Oregon	5/18	
Alaska		5/21-5/22 (R) Convention
Michigan		5/21-5/22 (R)
North Carolina		5/21-5/23 (R) Convention
Idaho	5/25	
Alabama	6/1	
New Mexico	6/1	
South Dakota	6/1	
Hawaii		6/4-6/6 (R) Convention
Virginia		6/5 (R) Convention
Puerto Rico		6/6 (D)
Montana	6/8	
New Jersey	6/8	

STATE		CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY DATE	CONGRESSIONAL RUNOFF DATE
Arizona	S	9/7	
Nevada	S	9/7	
Delaware		9/11	
Virgin Islands		9/11	9/25
D.C.		9/14	
Massachusetts		9/14	
Minnesota		9/14	
New Hampshire	S	9/14	
New York	S	9/14	
Rhode Island		9/14	
Vermont	S	9/14	
Washington	S	9/14	
Wisconsin	S	9/14	
Hawaii	S	9/18	
American Samoa		11/2	11/16
Louisiana	S	n/a <sup>2</sup>	

Notes:

1. In Connecticut and Utah, conventions are held by the political parties prior to the primary. In Virginia, parties may choose to nominate by convention rather than by primary election. (In other states, such as Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, South Carolina, Texas and West Virginia, it is possible that minor parties may schedule conventions to nominate candidates.)

2. In Louisiana, a Congressional primary election is not held. The election for candidates seeking federal office is the General Election scheduled for 11/2/04. If necessary, a Runoff Election will be held on 12/4/04.

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