



## 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DATES AND CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINES FOR BALLOT ACCESS

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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 2016 Presidential primaries. Questions concerning a state's primary election procedure should be addressed to the state's Election Director. **The dates listed are subject to change.**

STATE	PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DATE	PRESIDENTIAL CAUCUS DATE	FILING DEADLINE FOR PRIMARY BALLOT ACCESS	INDEPENDENT <sup>1</sup> FILING DEADLINE FOR GENERAL ELECTION
Alabama	3/1		11/6	8/18
Alaska		3/1 (Republicans) 3/26 (Democrats)	n/a	8/10
American Samoa		3/1 (Democrats) 3/22 (Republicans)	n/a	n/a
Arizona	3/22		12/14	9/9
Arkansas	3/1		11/9	11/9 (Third/Minor) 8/1 (Independent)
California	6/7		3/26 (Democrats) 3/25 (All Others)	8/12 (Independent)
Colorado		3/1	n/a	7/14 (Independent)
Connecticut	4/26		3/4	8/10
Delaware	4/26		2/26	7/15
D.C.	6/14	3/12 (Republican Convention)	3/16	8/10
Florida	3/15		11/30	7/15
Georgia	3/1		n/a	7/12
Guam		3/12 (Republican Convention) 5/7 (Democrats)	n/a	n/a
Hawaii		3/8 (Republicans) 3/26 (Democrats)	n/a	8/10
Idaho	3/8	3/22 (Democrats)	12/9	8/25 (Independent)
Illinois	3/15		1/6	6/27
Indiana	5/3		2/5	7/15
Iowa		2/1	n/a	8/19
Kansas		3/5	n/a	6/1 Noon (Third/Minor) 8/1 Noon (Independent)
Kentucky	5/17 (Democrats)	3/5 (Republicans)	1/26 4pm	9/9
Louisiana	3/5		12/4	8/19
Maine		3/5 (Republicans) 3/6 (Democrats)	n/a	8/1 (Independent)
Maryland	4/26		2/3	8/1
Massachusetts	3/1		1/4	8/30
Michigan	3/8		12/11 4pm	7/21 4pm (Independent)
Minnesota		3/1	n/a	8/23
Mississippi	3/8		1/15	9/9 (Independent)
Missouri	3/15		12/29	8/1



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Montana	6/7		3/14	8/17
Nebraska	5/10	3/5 (Democrats)	n/a	8/1
Nevada		2/20 (Democrats) 2/23 (Republicans)	n/a	7/18 (Independent)
New Hampshire	2/9		11/20	9/7
New Jersey	6/7		4/4	8/1
New Mexico	6/7		3/16	6/30
New York	4/19		2/16	8/2
North Carolina	3/15		12/28	6/9
North Dakota		4/2 (Republican Convention) 6/7 (Democrats)	n/a	9/6 4pm
N. Mariana Islands		3/12 (Democrats) 3/15 (Republicans)	n/a	n/a
Ohio	3/15		12/16	3/14 (Independent) 7/21 (Third/Minor)
Oklahoma	3/1		12/9	7/15
Oregon	5/17		3/8	8/30
Pennsylvania	4/26		2/16	8/1
Puerto Rico	3/6 (Republicans) 6/5 (Democrats)		1/7 (Republicans) n/a (Democrats)	n/a
Rhode Island	4/26		1/23	9/9 (Independent)
South Carolina	2/20 (Republicans) 2/27 (Democrats)		9/30 (Republicans) 12/4 (Democrats)	7/16 Noon
South Dakota	6/7		3/29	3/29 (Third/Minor) 8/2 (Independent)
Tennessee	3/1		12/1	12/1 Noon (Third/Minor) 8/18 Noon (Independent)
Texas	3/1		12/14	12/14 (Third/Minor) 6/23 (Independent)
Utah		3/22	n/a	8/15 (Independent)
Vermont	3/1		1/11	5/26 (Third/Minor) 8/1 (Independent)
Virginia	3/1		12/10	8/26 (Independent)
Virgin Islands		3/19 (Republicans) 6/4 (Democrats)	n/a	n/a
Washington	5/24	3/26 (Democrats) 2/20 (Republicans)	3/10	8/5
West Virginia	5/10		1/30	8/1
Wisconsin	4/5		1/26	4/1 (Third/Minor) 8/2 (Independent)
Wyoming		4/16 (Republican Convention) 5/28 (Democratic Convention)	n/a	8/15 (Third/Minor) 8/29 (Independent)



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Alabama	S	3/1	4/12	11/6	3/1
Alaska	S	8/16		6/1	8/16
American Samoa		n/a		n/a	9/1
Arizona	S	8/30		6/1	6/1
Arkansas	S	3/1	3/22	11/9	11/9
California	S	6/7		3/11	n/a
Colorado	S	6/28		4/20	4/4 (Third/Minor) 7/14 (Independent)
Connecticut	S	8/9 <sup>2</sup>		6/7	9/7
Delaware		9/13		7/12 Noon	9/1 4:30pm
D.C.		6/14		3/16	8/10
Florida	S	8/30		6/24 Noon	5/23
Georgia	S	5/24	7/26	3/11	7/12
Guam		8/27		6/28	6/28
Hawaii	S	8/13		6/7	6/7
Idaho	S	5/17		3/11	3/11
Illinois	S	3/15		11/30	6/27
Indiana	S	5/3 <sup>3</sup>		2/5	7/15
Iowa	S	6/7		3/18	8/19
Kansas	S	8/2 <sup>4</sup>		6/1 Noon	6/1 Noon (Third/Minor) 8/1 Noon (Independent)
Kentucky	S	5/17		1/26 4pm	8/9 4pm
Louisiana	S	n/a <sup>5</sup>		n/a <sup>5</sup>	7/22 <sup>5</sup>
Maine		6/14		3/15	6/1 (Independent)
Maryland	S	4/26 <sup>6</sup>		2/3	8/1
Massachusetts		9/8		6/7	8/30
Michigan		8/2 <sup>7</sup>		4/19 4pm	7/21 4pm (Independent)
Minnesota		8/9		5/31	5/31
Mississippi		3/8	3/29	1/8	1/8
Missouri	S	8/2		3/29	8/1
Montana		6/7		3/14	5/31
Nebraska		5/10		2/16 (Incumbents) 3/1 (All Others)	9/1
Nevada	S	6/14		3/18	6/3
New Hampshire	S	9/13		6/10	9/7
New Jersey		6/7		4/4	6/7
New Mexico		6/7		3/8	6/30
New York	S	6/28		4/14	4/14 (Third/Minor) 8/2 (Independent)
North Carolina	S	3/15 (U.S. Senate) 6/7 (U.S. House)		12/21 3/25 Noon	6/9 6/9
North Dakota	S	6/14		4/11 4pm	9/6 4pm
N. Mariana Islands		n/a		n/a	8/10



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Ohio	S	3/15		12/16	3/14 (Independent) 7/21 (Third/Minor)
Oklahoma	S	6/28	8/23	4/15	4/15
Oregon	S	5/17 <sup>8</sup>		3/8	8/30
Pennsylvania	S	4/26		2/16	8/1
Puerto Rico		6/5		12/30	12/30
Rhode Island		9/13		6/29	7/15 (Independent)
South Carolina	S	6/14 <sup>9</sup>	6/28	3/30	7/16 (Independent)
South Dakota	S	6/7	8/16	3/29	3/29 (Third/Minor) 4/26 (Independent)
Tennessee		8/4		4/7 Noon	4/7 Noon
Texas		3/1 <sup>10</sup>	5/24	12/14	12/14 (Third/Minor) 6/23 (Independent)
Utah	S	6/28 <sup>11</sup>		3/17	3/17 (Independent)
Vermont	S	8/9		5/26	5/26 (Third/Minor) 8/4 (Independent)
Virginia		6/14 <sup>12</sup>		3/31	6/14 7pm (Independent)
Virgin Islands		8/6	8/27	5/10	5/20
Washington	S	8/2		5/20	n/a
West Virginia		5/10 <sup>13</sup>		1/30	8/1
Wisconsin	S	8/9		6/1	6/1
Wyoming		8/16		5/27	8/15 (Third/Minor) 8/29 (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.
2. In Connecticut, conventions are held by the Democratic and Republican Parties prior to the primary. The Democratic convention date for U.S. Senate is 5/7/16, and the Democratic convention date for U.S. House districts is 5/9/16. The Republican convention date for U.S. Senate and U.S. House districts is 5/9/16.
3. In Indiana, the Libertarian Party convention date is 4/23/16.
4. In Kansas, the Libertarian Party convention date is 4/30/16.
5. In Louisiana, a Congressional primary election is not held. The election for candidates seeking Federal office is the General Election scheduled for 11/8/16. If necessary, a Runoff Election will be held on 12/10/16. The filing deadline for ballot access is 7/22/2016.
6. In Maryland, the Libertarian Party convention date is 3/12/16, and the Green Party's party-organized primary date is 5/1/16.
7. In Michigan, the Green Party convention date is 7/30/16, the Libertarian Party convention date is 5/14/16, and the U.S. Taxpayers Party convention date is 6/25/16. The convention date for the Natural Law Party is pending.
8. In Oregon, the Libertarian Party convention date is 5/27/16, and the Pacific Green Party convention date is 5/21/16. The convention dates for the Constitution, Progressive and Working Families Parties are pending.
9. In South Carolina, the convention date for the American and Constitution Parties is 5/14/16, the Green Party convention date is 4/30/16, and the Libertarian Party convention date is 5/7/16.
10. In Texas, the Green and Libertarian Parties may nominate by convention. The convention dates are 3/12/16 for single county U.S. House Districts 2, 3, 7, 16, 18, 20, 29 and 30; 3/19/16 for multi-county U.S. House Districts 1, 4-6, 8-15, 17, 19, 21-28, 31-36.
11. In Utah, conventions are held by the Democratic, Republican, Constitution, Independent American and Libertarian Parties prior to the primary. The Constitution Party convention date is 4/9/16. The Democratic, Republican, Independent American and Libertarian Party convention dates are 4/23/16.
12. In Virginia, the Democratic and Republican parties may choose to nominate by convention rather than by primary election. The Democratic Party has scheduled conventions on 5/7/16 (Districts 5 & 7), 5/21/16 (Districts 1, 6 & 9) and a caucus on 6/13/16 (District 10). The Republican Party has scheduled conventions on 5/7/16 (Districts 3 & 8), 5/14/16 (Districts 5 & 11) and 5/21/16 (District 7).
13. In West Virginia, the Libertarian Party convention date is 5/7/16. The Mountain Party convention date is pending.



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Iowa		2/1		S Arkansas	3/1	3/22
New Hampshire	2/9			S Alabama	3/1	4/12
Nevada		2/20 (Democrats)		Texas	3/1	5/24
South Carolina	2/20 (Republicans)			Mississippi	3/8	3/29
Washington		2/20 (Republicans)		S Illinois	3/15	
Nevada		2/23 (Republicans)		S North Carolina	3/15 (U.S. Senate)	
South Carolina	2/27 (Democrats)			S Ohio	3/15	
Alabama	3/1			S Maryland	4/26	
Alaska		3/1 (Republicans)		S Pennsylvania	4/26	
American Samoa		3/1 (Democrats)		S Indiana	5/3	
Arkansas	3/1			Nebraska	5/10	
Colorado		3/1		West Virginia	5/10	
Georgia	3/1			S Idaho	5/17	
Massachusetts	3/1			S Kentucky	5/17	
Minnesota		3/1		S Oregon	5/17	
Oklahoma	3/1			S Georgia	5/24	7/26
Tennessee	3/1			Puerto Rico	6/5	
Texas	3/1			S California	6/7	
Vermont	3/1			S Iowa	6/7	
Virginia	3/1			Montana	6/7	
Kansas		3/5		New Jersey	6/7	
Kentucky		3/5 (Republicans)		New Mexico	6/7	
Louisiana	3/5			North Carolina	6/7 (U.S. House)	
Maine		3/5 (Republicans)		S South Dakota	6/7	8/16
Nebraska		3/5 (Democrats)		D.C.	6/14	
Maine		3/6 (Democrats)		Maine	6/14	
Puerto Rico	3/6 (Republicans)			S Nevada	6/14	
Hawaii		3/8 (Republicans)		S North Dakota	6/14	
Idaho	3/8			S South Carolina	6/14	6/28
Michigan	3/8			Virginia	6/14	
Mississippi	3/8			S Colorado	6/28	
D.C.		3/12 (Republican Convention)		S New York	6/28	
Guam		3/12 (Republican Convention)		S Oklahoma	6/28	8/23
N. Mariana Islands		3/12 (Democrats)		S Utah	6/28	
Florida	3/15			S Kansas	8/2	
Illinois	3/15			Michigan	8/2	
Missouri	3/15			S Missouri	8/2	
North Carolina	3/15			S Washington	8/2	
N. Mariana Islands		3/15 (Republicans)		Tennessee	8/4	



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Ohio	3/15			Virgin Islands	8/6	8/27
Virgin Islands		3/19 (Republicans)	S	Connecticut	8/9	
American Samoa		3/22 (Republicans)		Minnesota	8/9	
Arizona	3/22		S	Vermont	8/9	
Idaho		3/22 (Democrats)	S	Wisconsin	8/9	
Utah		3/22	S	Hawaii	8/13	
Alaska		3/26 (Democrats)	S	Alaska	8/16	
Hawaii		3/26 (Democrats)		Wyoming	8/16	
Washington		3/26 (Democrats)		Guam	8/27	
North Dakota		4/2 (Republican Convention)	S	Arizona	8/30	
Wisconsin	4/5		S	Florida	8/30	
Wyoming		4/16 (Republican Convention)		Massachusetts	9/8	
New York	4/19			Delaware	9/13	
Connecticut	4/26		S	New Hampshire	9/13	
Delaware	4/26			Rhode Island	9/13	
Maryland	4/26					
Pennsylvania	4/26					
Rhode Island	4/26					
Indiana	5/3					
Guam		5/7 (Democrats)				
Nebraska	5/10					
West Virginia	5/10					
Kentucky	5/17					
Oregon	5/17					
Washington	5/24					
Wyoming		5/28 (Democratic Convention)				
Virgin Islands		6/4 (Democrats)				
Puerto Rico	6/5 (Democrats)					
California	6/7					
Montana	6/7					
New Jersey	6/7					
New Mexico	6/7					
North Dakota		6/7 (Democrats)				
South Dakota	6/7					
D.C.	6/14					

**Sources:** State Election Offices, Statutes and State Parties

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