

APPENDICES:
COMPARATIVE PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL
ELECTION STATISTICS, 2000-2012

Note: The historical data on the following tables was excerpted from previous editions of the Commission's Federal Elections series: Federal Elections 2000, Federal Elections 2004 and Federal Elections 2008.

**Appendix A: 2000-2012 Presidential General Election
Percentage of Popular Vote Received by State
(Democratic/Republican Nominees)**

STATE	2012		2008		2004		2000	
	OBAMA (D)	ROMNEY (R)	OBAMA (D)	MCCAIN (R)	KERRY (D)	BUSH (R)	GORE (D)	BUSH (R)
Alabama	38.36	<i>60.55</i>	38.74	<i>60.32</i>	36.84	<i>62.46</i>	41.57	<i>56.48</i>
Alaska	40.81	<i>54.80</i>	37.89	<i>59.42</i>	35.52	<i>61.07</i>	27.67	<i>58.62</i>
Arizona	44.59	<i>53.65</i>	45.12	<i>53.64</i>	44.40	<i>54.87</i>	44.73	<i>51.02</i>
Arkansas	36.88	<i>60.57</i>	38.86	<i>58.72</i>	44.55	<i>54.31</i>	45.86	<i>51.31</i>
California	<i>60.24</i>	37.12	<i>61.01</i>	36.95	<i>54.30</i>	44.36	<i>53.45</i>	41.65
Colorado	<i>51.49</i>	46.13	<i>53.66</i>	44.71	47.02	<i>51.69</i>	42.39	<i>50.75</i>
Connecticut	<i>58.06</i>	40.73	<i>60.59</i>	38.22	<i>54.31</i>	43.95	<i>55.91</i>	38.44
Delaware	<i>58.61</i>	39.98	<i>61.94</i>	36.95	<i>53.35</i>	45.75	<i>54.96</i>	41.90
D.C.	<i>90.91</i>	7.28	<i>92.46</i>	6.53	<i>89.18</i>	9.34	<i>85.16</i>	8.95
Florida	<i>50.01</i>	49.13	<i>51.03</i>	48.22	47.09	<i>52.10</i>	48.84	<i>48.85</i>
Georgia	45.48	<i>53.30</i>	46.99	<i>52.20</i>	41.37	<i>57.97</i>	42.98	<i>54.67</i>
Hawaii	<i>70.55</i>	27.84	<i>71.85</i>	26.58	<i>54.01</i>	45.26	<i>55.79</i>	37.46
Idaho	32.62	<i>64.53</i>	36.10	<i>61.53</i>	30.26	<i>68.38</i>	27.64	<i>67.17</i>
Illinois	<i>57.60</i>	40.73	<i>61.92</i>	36.78	<i>54.82</i>	44.48	<i>54.60</i>	42.58
Indiana	43.93	<i>54.13</i>	<i>49.95</i>	48.91	39.26	<i>59.94</i>	41.01	<i>56.65</i>
Iowa	<i>51.99</i>	46.18	<i>53.93</i>	44.39	49.23	<i>49.90</i>	<i>48.54</i>	48.22
Kansas	37.99	<i>59.71</i>	41.65	<i>56.61</i>	36.62	<i>62.00</i>	37.24	<i>58.04</i>
Kentucky	37.80	<i>60.49</i>	41.17	<i>57.40</i>	39.69	<i>59.55</i>	41.37	<i>56.50</i>
Louisiana	40.58	<i>57.78</i>	39.93	<i>58.56</i>	42.22	<i>56.72</i>	44.88	<i>52.55</i>
Maine	<i>56.27</i>	40.98	<i>57.71</i>	40.38	<i>53.57</i>	44.58	<i>49.09</i>	43.97
Maryland	<i>61.97</i>	35.90	<i>61.92</i>	36.47	<i>55.91</i>	42.93	<i>56.57</i>	40.18
Massachusetts	<i>60.65</i>	37.51	<i>61.80</i>	35.99	<i>61.94</i>	36.78	<i>59.80</i>	32.50
Michigan	<i>54.21</i>	44.71	<i>57.43</i>	40.96	<i>51.23</i>	47.81	<i>51.28</i>	46.15
Minnesota	<i>52.65</i>	44.96	<i>54.06</i>	43.82	<i>51.09</i>	47.61	<i>47.90</i>	45.50
Mississippi	43.79	<i>55.29</i>	43.00	<i>56.18</i>	39.76	<i>59.45</i>	40.70	<i>57.62</i>
Missouri	44.38	<i>53.76</i>	49.29	<i>49.43</i>	46.10	<i>53.30</i>	47.08	<i>50.42</i>
Montana	41.70	<i>55.35</i>	47.25	<i>49.51</i>	38.57	<i>59.07</i>	33.36	<i>58.44</i>
Nebraska	38.03	<i>59.80</i>	41.60	<i>56.53</i>	32.68	<i>65.90</i>	33.25	<i>62.24</i>
Nevada	<i>52.36</i>	45.68	<i>55.15</i>	42.65	47.88	<i>50.47</i>	45.98	<i>49.52</i>
New Hampshire	<i>51.98</i>	46.40	<i>54.13</i>	44.52	<i>50.24</i>	48.87	46.80	<i>48.07</i>
New Jersey	<i>58.38</i>	40.59	<i>57.27</i>	41.70	<i>52.92</i>	46.24	<i>56.12</i>	40.29
New Mexico	<i>52.99</i>	42.84	<i>56.91</i>	41.78	49.05	<i>49.84</i>	<i>47.91</i>	47.85
New York	<i>63.35</i>	35.17	<i>62.88</i>	36.03	<i>58.37</i>	40.08	<i>60.21</i>	35.23
North Carolina	48.35	<i>50.39</i>	<i>49.70</i>	49.38	43.58	<i>56.02</i>	43.20	<i>56.03</i>
North Dakota	38.69	<i>58.32</i>	44.62	<i>53.25</i>	35.50	<i>62.86</i>	33.06	<i>60.66</i>
Ohio	<i>50.67</i>	47.69	<i>51.50</i>	46.91	48.71	<i>50.81</i>	46.46	<i>49.97</i>
Oklahoma	33.23	<i>66.77</i>	34.35	<i>65.65</i>	34.43	<i>65.57</i>	38.43	<i>60.31</i>
Oregon	<i>54.24</i>	42.15	<i>56.75</i>	40.40	<i>51.35</i>	47.19	<i>46.96</i>	46.52
Pennsylvania	<i>51.97</i>	46.59	<i>54.49</i>	44.17	<i>50.92</i>	48.42	<i>50.60</i>	46.43
Rhode Island	<i>62.70</i>	35.24	<i>62.86</i>	35.06	<i>59.42</i>	38.67	<i>60.99</i>	31.91
South Carolina	44.09	<i>54.56</i>	44.90	<i>53.87</i>	40.90	<i>57.98</i>	40.90	<i>56.84</i>
South Dakota	39.87	<i>57.89</i>	44.75	<i>53.16</i>	38.44	<i>59.91</i>	37.56	<i>60.30</i>
Tennessee	39.08	<i>59.48</i>	41.83	<i>56.90</i>	42.53	<i>56.80</i>	47.28	<i>51.15</i>
Texas	41.38	<i>57.17</i>	43.68	<i>55.45</i>	38.22	<i>61.09</i>	37.98	<i>59.30</i>
Utah	24.75	<i>72.79</i>	34.41	<i>62.58</i>	26.00	<i>71.54</i>	26.34	<i>66.83</i>
Vermont	<i>66.57</i>	30.97	<i>67.46</i>	30.45	<i>58.94</i>	38.80	<i>50.63</i>	40.70
Virginia	<i>51.16</i>	47.28	<i>52.63</i>	46.33	45.48	<i>53.68</i>	44.44	<i>52.47</i>
Washington	<i>56.16</i>	41.29	<i>57.65</i>	40.48	<i>52.82</i>	45.64	<i>50.16</i>	44.58
West Virginia	35.54	<i>62.30</i>	42.59	<i>55.71</i>	43.20	<i>56.06</i>	45.59	<i>51.92</i>
Wisconsin	<i>52.83</i>	45.89	<i>56.22</i>	42.31	<i>49.70</i>	49.32	<i>47.83</i>	47.61
Wyoming	27.82	<i>68.64</i>	32.54	<i>64.78</i>	29.07	<i>68.86</i>	27.70	<i>67.76</i>
Total Percentage of Popular Vote:	51.06%	47.20%	52.93%	45.65%	48.27%	50.73%	48.38%	47.87%

Note: The winning candidate percentage in each state is indicated by *bold italics*.

**Appendix B: 2000-2012 Presidential General Election
Ranking by State of Popular Vote Percentages
(Democratic Nominee)**

	OBAMA 2012			OBAMA 2008			KERRY 2004			GORE 2000		
	STATE	EV	%	STATE	EV	%	STATE	EV	%	STATE	EV	%
1	D.C.	W 3	90.91	D.C.	W 3	92.46	DC	W 3	89.18	D.C.*	W 3	85.16
2	Hawaii	W 4	70.55	Hawaii	W 4	71.85	Massachusetts	W 12	61.94	Rhode Island	W 4	60.99
3	Vermont	W 3	66.57	Vermont	W 3	67.46	Rhode Island	W 4	59.42	New York	W 33	60.21
4	New York	W 29	63.35	New York	W 31	62.88	Vermont	W 3	58.94	Massachusetts	W 12	59.80
5	Rhode Island	W 4	62.70	Rhode Island	W 4	62.86	New York	W 31	58.37	Maryland	W 10	56.57
6	Maryland	W 10	61.97	Delaware	W 3	61.94	Maryland	W 10	55.91	New Jersey	W 15	56.12
7	Massachusetts	W 11	60.65	Maryland	W 10	61.92	Illinois	W 21	54.82	Connecticut	W 8	55.91
8	California	W 55	60.24	Illinois	W 21	61.92	Connecticut	W 7	54.31	Hawaii	W 4	55.79
9	Delaware	W 3	58.61	Massachusetts	W 12	61.80	California	W 55	54.30	Delaware	W 3	54.96
10	New Jersey	W 14	58.38	California	W 55	61.01	Hawaii	W 4	54.01	Illinois	W 22	54.60
11	Connecticut	W 7	58.06	Connecticut	W 7	60.59	Maine	W 4	53.57	California	W 54	53.45
12	Illinois	W 20	57.60	Maine	W 4	57.71	Delaware	W 3	53.35	Michigan	W 18	51.28
13	Maine	W 4	56.27	Washington	W 11	57.65	New Jersey	W 15	52.92	Vermont	W 3	50.63
14	Washington	W 12	56.16	Michigan	W 17	57.43	Washington	W 11	52.82	Pennsylvania	W 23	50.60
15	Oregon	W 7	54.24	New Jersey	W 15	57.27	Oregon	W 7	51.35	Washington	W 11	50.16
16	Michigan	W 16	54.21	New Mexico	W 5	56.91	Michigan	W 17	51.23	Maine	W 4	49.09
17	New Mexico	W 5	52.99	Oregon	W 7	56.75	Minnesota**	W 10	51.09	Florida		25 48.84
18	Wisconsin	W 10	52.83	Wisconsin	W 10	56.22	Pennsylvania	W 21	50.92	Iowa	W 7	48.54
19	Minnesota	W 10	52.65	Nevada	W 5	55.15	New Hampshire	W 4	50.24	New Mexico	W 5	47.91
20	Nevada	W 6	52.36	Pennsylvania	W 21	54.49	Wisconsin	W 10	49.70	Minnesota	W 10	47.90
21	Iowa	W 6	51.99	New Hampshire	W 4	54.13	Iowa		7 49.23	Wisconsin	W 11	47.83
22	New Hampshire	W 4	51.98	Minnesota	W 10	54.06	New Mexico		5 49.05	Tennessee		11 47.28
23	Pennsylvania	W 20	51.97	Iowa	W 7	53.93	Ohio		20 48.71	Missouri		11 47.08
24	Colorado	W 9	51.49	Colorado	W 9	53.66	Nevada		5 47.88	Oregon	W 7	46.96
25	Virginia	W 13	51.16	Virginia	W 13	52.63	Florida		27 47.09	New Hampshire		4 46.80
26	Ohio	W 18	50.67	Ohio	W 20	51.50	Colorado		9 47.02	Ohio		21 46.46
27	Florida	W 29	50.01	Florida	W 27	51.03	Missouri		11 46.10	Nevada		4 45.98
28	North Carolina		48.35	Indiana	W 11	49.95	Virginia		13 45.48	Arkansas		6 45.86
29	Georgia		45.48	North Carolina	W 15	49.70	Arkansas		6 44.55	West Virginia		5 45.59
30	Arizona		44.59	Missouri		11 49.29	Arizona		10 44.40	Louisiana		9 44.88
31	Missouri		44.38	Montana		3 47.25	North Carolina		15 43.58	Arizona		8 44.73
32	South Carolina		44.09	Georgia		15 46.99	West Virginia		5 43.20	Virginia		13 44.44
33	Indiana		43.93	Arizona		10 45.12	Tennessee		11 42.53	North Carolina		14 43.20
34	Mississippi		43.79	South Carolina		8 44.90	Louisiana		9 42.22	Georgia		13 42.98
35	Montana		41.70	South Dakota		3 44.75	Georgia		15 41.37	Colorado		8 42.39
36	Texas		41.38	North Dakota		3 44.62	South Carolina		8 40.90	Alabama		9 41.57
37	Alaska		40.81	Texas		34 43.68	Mississippi		6 39.76	Kentucky		8 41.37
38	Louisiana		40.58	Mississippi		6 43.00	Kentucky		8 39.69	Indiana		12 41.01
39	South Dakota		39.87	West Virginia		5 42.59	Indiana		11 39.26	South Carolina		8 40.90
40	Tennessee		39.08	Tennessee		11 41.83	Montana		3 38.57	Mississippi		7 40.70
41	North Dakota		38.69	Kansas		6 41.65	South Dakota		3 38.44	Oklahoma		8 38.43
42	Alabama		38.36	Nebraska***		1 41.60	Texas		34 38.22	Texas		32 37.98
43	Nebraska		38.03	Kentucky		8 41.17	Alabama		9 36.84	South Dakota		3 37.56
44	Kansas		37.99	Louisiana		9 39.93	Kansas		6 36.62	Kansas		6 37.24
45	Kentucky		37.80	Arkansas		6 38.86	Alaska		3 35.52	Montana		3 33.36
46	Arkansas		36.88	Alabama		9 38.74	North Dakota		3 35.50	Nebraska		5 33.25
47	West Virginia		35.54	Alaska		3 37.89	Oklahoma		7 34.43	North Dakota		3 33.06
48	Oklahoma		33.23	Idaho		4 36.10	Nebraska		5 32.68	Wyoming		3 27.70
49	Idaho		32.62	Utah		5 34.41	Idaho		4 30.26	Alaska		3 27.67
50	Wyoming		27.82	Oklahoma		7 34.35	Wyoming		3 29.07	Idaho		4 27.64
51	Utah		24.75	Wyoming		3 32.54	Utah		5 26.00	Utah		5 26.34
	Total Electoral Votes:		332			365			251			266
	Total Popular Vote %:		51.06%			52.93%			48.27%			48.38%

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).

**Appendix C: 2000-2012 Presidential General Election
Ranking by State of Popular Vote Percentages
(Republican Nominee)**

ROMNEY 2012				MCCAIN 2008				BUSH 2004				BUSH 2000			
	STATE	EV	%	STATE	EV	%		STATE	EV	%		STATE	EV	%	
1	Utah	W 6	72.79	Oklahoma	W 7	65.65		Utah	W 5	71.54		Wyoming	W 3	67.76	
2	Wyoming	W 3	68.64	Wyoming	W 3	64.78		Wyoming	W 3	68.86		Idaho	W 4	67.17	
3	Oklahoma	W 7	66.77	Utah	W 5	62.58		Idaho	W 4	68.38		Utah	W 5	66.83	
4	Idaho	W 4	64.53	Idaho	W 4	61.53		Nebraska	W 5	65.90		Nebraska	W 5	62.24	
5	West Virginia	W 5	62.30	Alabama	W 9	60.32		Oklahoma	W 7	65.57		North Dakota	W 3	60.66	
6	Arkansas	W 6	60.57	Alaska	W 3	59.42		North Dakota	W 3	62.86		Oklahoma	W 8	60.31	
7	Alabama	W 9	60.55	Arkansas	W 6	58.72		Alabama	W 9	62.46		South Dakota	W 3	60.30	
8	Kentucky	W 8	60.49	Louisiana	W 9	58.56		Kansas	W 6	62.00		Texas	W 32	59.30	
9	Nebraska	W 5	59.80	Kentucky	W 8	57.40		Texas	W 34	61.09		Alaska	W 3	58.62	
10	Kansas	W 6	59.71	Tennessee	W 11	56.90		Alaska	W 3	61.07		Montana	W 3	58.44	
11	Tennessee	W 11	59.48	Kansas	W 6	56.61		Indiana	W 11	59.94		Kansas	W 6	58.04	
12	North Dakota	W 3	58.32	Nebraska***	W 4	56.53		South Dakota	W 3	59.91		Mississippi	W 7	57.62	
13	South Dakota	W 3	57.89	Mississippi	W 6	56.18		Kentucky	W 8	59.55		South Carolina	W 8	56.84	
14	Louisiana	W 8	57.78	West Virginia	W 5	55.71		Mississippi	W 6	59.45		Indiana	W 12	56.65	
15	Texas	W 38	57.17	Texas	W 34	55.45		Montana	W 3	59.07		Kentucky	W 8	56.50	
16	Montana	W 3	55.35	South Carolina	W 8	53.87		South Carolina	W 8	57.98		Alabama	W 9	56.48	
17	Mississippi	W 6	55.29	Arizona	W 10	53.64		Georgia	W 15	57.97		North Carolina	W 14	56.03	
18	Alaska	W 3	54.80	North Dakota	W 3	53.25		Tennessee	W 11	56.80		Georgia	W 13	54.67	
19	South Carolina	W 9	54.56	South Dakota	W 3	53.16		Louisiana	W 9	56.72		Louisiana	W 9	52.55	
20	Indiana	W 11	54.13	Georgia	W 15	52.20		West Virginia	W 5	56.06		Virginia	W 13	52.47	
21	Missouri	W 10	53.76	Montana	W 3	49.51		North Carolina	W 15	56.02		West Virginia	W 5	51.92	
22	Arizona	W 11	53.65	Missouri	W 11	49.43		Arizona	W 10	54.87		Arkansas	W 6	51.31	
23	Georgia	W 16	53.30	North Carolina	15	49.38		Arkansas	W 6	54.31		Tennessee	W 11	51.15	
24	North Carolina	W 15	50.39	Indiana	11	48.91		Virginia	W 13	53.68		Arizona	W 8	51.02	
25	Florida		49.13	Florida	27	48.22		Missouri	W 11	53.30		Colorado	W 8	50.75	
26	Ohio		47.69	Ohio	20	46.91		Florida	W 27	52.10		Missouri	W 11	50.42	
27	Virginia		47.28	Virginia	13	46.33		Colorado	W 9	51.69		Ohio	W 21	49.97	
28	Pennsylvania		46.59	Colorado	9	44.71		Ohio	W 20	50.81		Nevada	W 4	49.52	
29	New Hampshire		46.40	New Hampshire	4	44.52		Nevada	W 5	50.47		Florida	W 25	48.85	
30	Iowa		46.18	Iowa	7	44.39		Iowa	W 7	49.90		Iowa	W 7	48.22	
31	Colorado		46.13	Pennsylvania	21	44.17		New Mexico	W 5	49.84		New Hampshire	W 4	48.07	
32	Wisconsin		45.89	Minnesota	10	43.82		Wisconsin	10	49.32		New Mexico	W 5	47.85	
33	Nevada		45.68	Nevada	5	42.65		New Hampshire	4	48.87		Wisconsin	11	47.61	
34	Minnesota		44.96	Wisconsin	10	42.31		Pennsylvania	21	48.42		Oregon	W 7	46.52	
35	Michigan		44.71	New Mexico	5	41.78		Michigan	17	47.81		Pennsylvania	23	46.43	
36	New Mexico		42.84	New Jersey	15	41.70		Minnesota**	10	47.61		Michigan	18	46.15	
37	Oregon		42.15	Michigan	17	40.96		Oregon	7	47.19		Minnesota	10	45.50	
38	Washington		41.29	Washington	11	40.48		New Jersey	15	46.24		Washington	11	44.58	
39	Maine		40.98	Oregon	7	40.40		Delaware	3	45.75		Maine	4	43.97	
40	Connecticut		40.73	Maine	4	40.38		Washington	11	45.64		Illinois	22	42.58	
41	Illinois		40.73	Connecticut	7	38.22		Hawaii	4	45.26		Delaware	3	41.90	
42	New Jersey		40.59	California	55	36.95		Maine	4	44.58		California	54	41.65	
43	Delaware		39.98	Delaware	3	36.95		Illinois	21	44.48		Vermont	3	40.70	
44	Massachusetts		37.51	Illinois	21	36.78		California	55	44.36		New Jersey	15	40.29	
45	California		37.12	Maryland	10	36.47		Connecticut	7	43.95		Maryland	10	40.18	
46	Maryland		35.90	New York	31	36.03		Maryland	10	42.93		Connecticut	8	38.44	
47	Rhode Island		35.24	Massachusetts	12	35.99		New York	31	40.08		Hawaii	4	37.46	
48	New York		35.17	Rhode Island	4	35.06		Vermont	3	38.80		New York	33	35.23	
49	Vermont		30.97	Vermont	3	30.45		Rhode Island	4	38.67		Massachusetts	12	32.50	
50	Hawaii		27.84	Hawaii	4	26.58		Massachusetts	12	36.78		Rhode Island	4	31.91	
51	D.C.		7.28	D.C.	3	6.53		DC	3	9.34		D.C.*	3	8.95	
	Total Electoral Votes:	206			173				286				271		
	Total Popular Vote %:	47.20%			45.65%				50.73%				47.87%		

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