Did you know?

Thirty-two states plus the District of Columbia now have laws in place to require electors to vote as pledged. Of those, 15 states have laws to penalize or remove faithless electors. In 2020, the Supreme Court upheld states' authority to punish or replace electors who failed to cast their vote for the candidate chosen by the state's voters.
2016

Donald Trump
Republican
Votes
Electoral: 304
Popular: 62,984,828

Hillary Clinton
Democrat
Votes
Electoral: 227
Popular: 64,833,514

Did you know?
In 2016, seven electors — including three in Washington state — violated their pledges. It was the highest number of faithless electors since 1912.
2012

**Barack Obama**
Democrat

**Votes**
Electoral: 332
Popular: 65,446,032

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**Mitt Romney**
Republican

**Votes**
Electoral: 206
Popular: 60,589,684

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**Did you know?**
Even though electors are expected to cast their votes to reflect the popular vote in their state, there is no federal law requiring them to do so.
2008

Barack Obama
Democrat
Votes
Electoral: 365
Popular: 69,297,997

John McCain
Republican
Votes
Electoral: 173
Popular: 59,597,520

Did you know?
In the 2008 election, for the first time in history, Nebraska split their electoral votes. Sen. Barack Obama, who was elected president, won one of the state’s five electoral votes and Sen. John McCain won four.
2004

Did you know?

If neither presidential candidate receives 270 electoral votes (the majority), the decision goes to the House of Representatives, where each state delegation has one vote.
Did you know?
There have been five presidential elections where the winner of the popular vote did not become president: 1824: John Quincy Adams (113,122) over Andrew Jackson (151,271); 1876: Rutherford B. Hayes (4,034,311) over Samuel J. Tilden (4,288,546); 1888: Benjamin Harrison (5,443,892) over Grover Cleveland (5,534,488); 2000: George W. Bush (50,456,062) over Albert Gore (50,996,582); 2016: Donald J. Trump (62,984,828) over Hillary Clinton (65,853,514).
1996

William J. Clinton
Democrat

Votes
Electoral: 379
Popular: 45,590,703

Bob Dole
Republican

Votes
Electoral: 159
Popular: 37,816,307

Did you know?
Today there are 538 members of the Electoral College, based on 435 members of the House of Representatives and 100 members of the Senate, plus 3 electoral votes for the District of Columbia.
1992

William J. Clinton
Democrat
Votes
Electoral: 370
Popular: 44,908,254

George Bush
Republican
Votes
Electoral: 168
Popular: 39,102,343

Did you know?
The term “electoral college” does not appear in the Constitution.
1988

George Bush
Republican
Votes
Electoral: 426
Popular: 48,886,097

Michael S. Dukakis
Democrat
Votes
Electoral: 111
Popular: 41,809,074

Lloyd Bentsen
Democrat (II)
Votes
Electoral: 1
Popular: 0

Did you know?
The Electoral College was created by the Founding Fathers as a compromise between electing the president by Congress and by popular vote. U.S. citizens vote for the electors who then vote for the president.
Ronald Reagan
Republican
Votes
Electoral: 525
Popular: 54,455,075

Walter F. Mondale
Democrat
Votes
Electoral: 13
Popular: 37,577,185

Did you know?
Ronald Reagan won the largest electoral vote total in history with 525 votes in the 1984 election. His opponent, Walter Mondale, won electoral votes in Minnesota (10) and the District of Columbia (3).
1980

Ronald Reagan
Republican

Voters
Electoral: 489
Popular: 43,604,453

Jimmy Carter
Democrat

Voters
Electoral: 49
Popular: 35,483,883

Did you know?
In 1800, Thomas Jefferson was the presidential candidate and Aaron Burr his running mate for the Democratic-Republicans. However, at this time, electors only voted for the president and both Jefferson and Burr received the same number of electoral votes. The decision was sent to the House of Representatives to decide who would be president. Jefferson was elected after receiving 36 votes.
1976

Jimmy Carter
Democrat
Votes
Electoral: 297
Popular: 40,830,763

Gerald R. Ford
Republican
Votes
Electoral: 240
Popular: 39,147,793

Ronald Reagan
Republican (I)
Votes
Electoral: 1
Popular: 0

Did you know?
George Washington was the only president to be unanimously elected by the Electoral College. He accomplished this twice—once in the election of 1789 and again in the election of 1792. (Other candidates received votes because each elector voted twice. However, Washington was on every elector’s ballot.)
Richard M. Nixon
Republican
VOTES
Electoral: 520
Popular: 47,169,911

George S. McGovern
Democrat
VOTES
Electoral: 17
Popular: 29,170,383

John Hospers
Libertarian
VOTES
Electoral: 1
Popular: 0

Did you know?
The 1972 election was the last where a third-party candidate received an electoral college vote. John Hospers, the first presidential candidate for the Libertarian Party, won the vote of a "faithless elector" from Virginia who was pledged to the Republican Party.
Richard M. Nixon
Republican
Votes
Electoral: 301
Popular: 31,785,480

Hubert H. Humphrey
Democrat
Votes
Electoral: 191
Popular: 31,275,166

George C. Wallace
Independent
Votes
Electoral: 46
Popular: 0

Did you know?
If no vice presidential candidate receives a majority of electoral votes, the Senate is to determine the winner. The Senate has only performed this duty once, when it elected Richard M. Johnson in 1836.
Lyndon B. Johnson
Democrat
Votes
Electoral: 486
Popular: 43,129,566

Barry M. Goldwater
Republican
Votes
Electoral: 52
Popular: 27,178,188

Did you know?
A member of the Electoral College who does not vote as they pledged is called a "faithless elector." A faithless elector has never determined the outcome of an election.
1960

**John F. Kennedy**
Democrat

Votes
Electoral: 303
Popular: 34,226,731

**Richard M. Nixon**
Republican

Votes
Electoral: 219
Popular: 34,108,157

**Harry F. Byrd**
Democrat (I)

Votes
Electoral: 15
Popular: 0

**Did you know?**

Even though the District of Columbia does not have senators or a voting member in the House of Representatives, it is awarded three votes in the Electoral College. Residents of the District of Columbia could not vote in presidential elections until 1964. The 23rd Amendment, which gave D.C. three electoral votes, was ratified in 1961.
Did you know?

Based on the current allocation of electoral votes, a candidate could win the presidency with electoral majorities in only 11 states. These states are: California, Texas, New York, Florida, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Georgia, New Jersey and North Carolina, with a total of 270 electoral votes.
1952

Dwight D. Eisenhower
Republican
Votes
Electoral: 442
Popular: 33,936,234

Adlai Stevenson
Democrat
Votes
Electoral: 89
Popular: 27,314,992

Did you know?
Though originally electors voted only for the office of the president, they were able to cast two votes, so that the person receiving the greatest number of votes (as long as it was a majority) would be president and the person who got the second largest number of votes would be vice president. The election of 1800 prompted the passage of the 12th Amendment, which introduced a double ballot, one for president and one for vice president.
1944

Franklin D. Roosevelt
Democrat

Votes
Electoral: 432
Popular: 25,612,610

Thomas E. Dewey
Republican

Votes
Electoral: 99
Popular: 22,117,617

Did you know?
In 48 states, the candidate who receives the majority of the vote takes all of the state’s electoral votes. Two states do not follow the winner-takes-all rule. Nebraska and Maine divide their electoral votes, with two going to the statewide winner and the rest to each of the state’s congressional districts.
1940

Franklin D. Roosevelt
Democrat
Votes
Electoral: 449
Popular: 27,313,041

Wendell L. Wilkie
Republican
Votes
Electoral: 82
Popular: 22,348,480

Did you know?
The delay between the general election and the Electoral College vote dates back to the 1800s, when it took longer to count the popular votes and have the electors travel to the state capitals.
1936

Franklin D. Roosevelt
Democrat

Votes
Electoral: 523
Popular: 27,757,333

Alfred M. Landon
Republican

Votes
Electoral: 8
Popular: 16,684,231

Did you know?

On the Monday following the second Wednesday in December, electors from each state meet to cast their vote for president and vice president. The votes are sealed and sent to the president of the Senate. On January 6 at 1:00 pm, before a joint session of Congress, the votes are opened and read.
Herbert C. Hoover
Republican
Votes
Electoral: 444
Popular: 21,437,277

Alfred E. Smith
Democrat
Votes
Electoral: 87
Popular: 15,007,698

1928

Did you know?
The winner of the lowest electoral vote total was George Washington, with 69 electoral votes in 1789. However, at the time only 10 states had ratified the Constitution and eight votes were not cast.
1924

**Calvin Coolidge**
Republican
Votes:
- Electoral: 382
- Popular: 15,779,921

**John W. Davis**
Democrat
Votes:
- Electoral: 136
- Popular: 8,386,704

**Robert M. La Follette**
Progressive
Votes:
- Electoral: 13
- Popular: 0

**Did you know?**
The president is not chosen by a nationwide popular vote. The total of the electoral vote determines the winner. Electoral votes are awarded based on the popular vote in each state.
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Electoral College Map

1920

Warren G. Harding
Republican
Votes
Electoral: 404
Popular: 16,153,115

James M. Cox
Democrat
Votes
Electoral: 127
Popular: 9,433,092

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**Woodrow Wilson**
Democrat

Votes
- Electoral: 277
- Popular: 9,126,300

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**Charles E. Hughes**
Republican

Votes
- Electoral: 254
- Popular: 8,546,789

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Did you know?
A presidential candidate must get 270 electoral votes to win the presidency.
1908

William H. Taft
Republican
Votes
Electoral: 321
Popular: 7,676,258

William J. Bryan
Democrat
Votes
Electoral: 162
Popular: 6,406,801

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1904

Theodore Roosevelt
Republican
Votes
Electoral: 336
Popular: 7,626,593

Alton B. Parker
Democrat
Votes
Electoral: 140
Popular: 5,082,898

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William McKinley
Republican
Votes
Electoral: 292
Popular: 7,218,039

William J. Bryan
Democrat
Votes
Electoral: 155
Popular: 6,358,345

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