2026 U.S. ELECTION STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Current returns compared with 2006-2024

SNAPSHOT

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SCOPE

House, Senate, governors, turnout, demographics, states and counties

HOUSE

413 / 435

called - median reporting 98.6%

SENATE

33 / 35

called - median reporting 98.9%

GOVERNORS

34 / 36

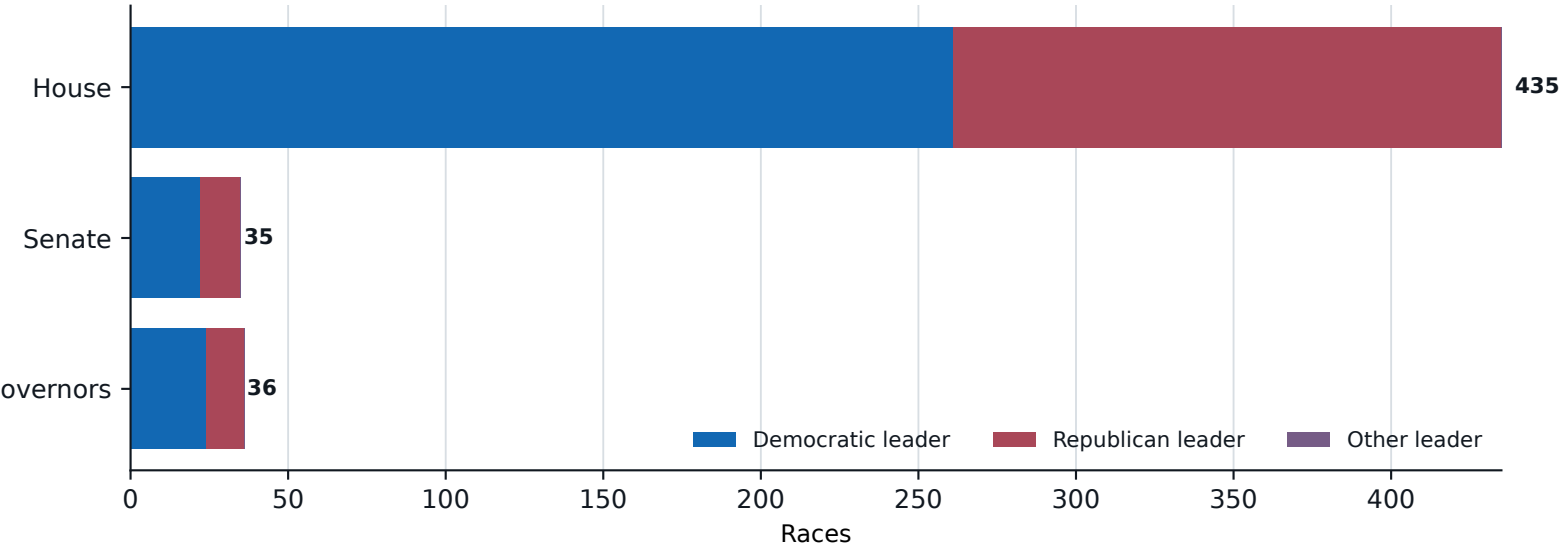
called - median reporting 98.8%

READING RULES

- 2026 figures are unofficial and incomplete. They change as ballots are counted.
- Reported vote totals are feed totals, not certified national popular-vote totals.
- Historical House and Senate returns are certified MEDSL records.
- Turnout uses voting-eligible population (VEP); demographic turnout is survey-derived.
- Early-vote county counts are ballot volumes, not candidate votes or candidate leads.
- The report is descriptive. It makes no causal claims and contains no forecast.

2026 race returns - current snapshot

Race leaders in the live feed



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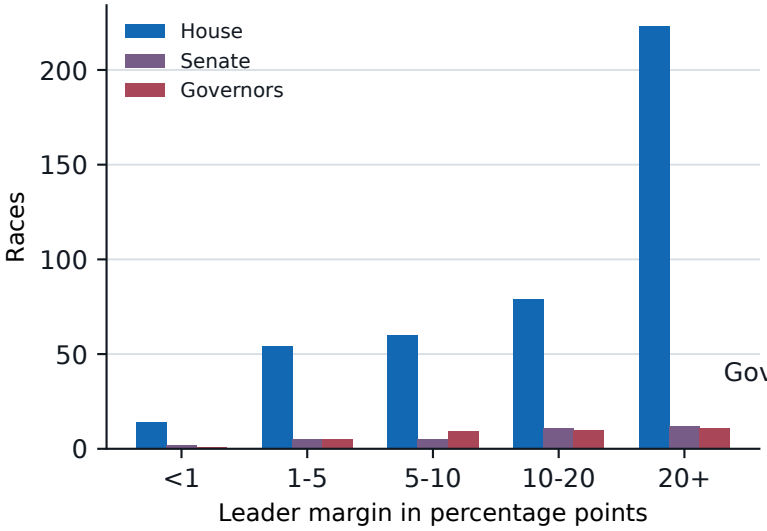
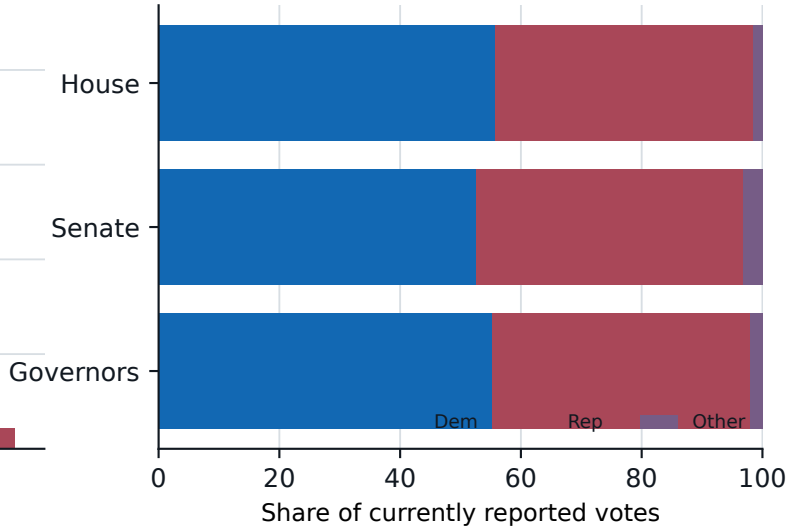


Reported vote share



Office	Races	Called	Uncalled	Flips	Median reporting	Reported votes	Under 5 pts
House	435	413	22	46	98.6%	114.8M	68
Senate	35	33	2	7	98.9%	76.4M	7
Governors	36	34	2	5	98.8%	92.4M	6

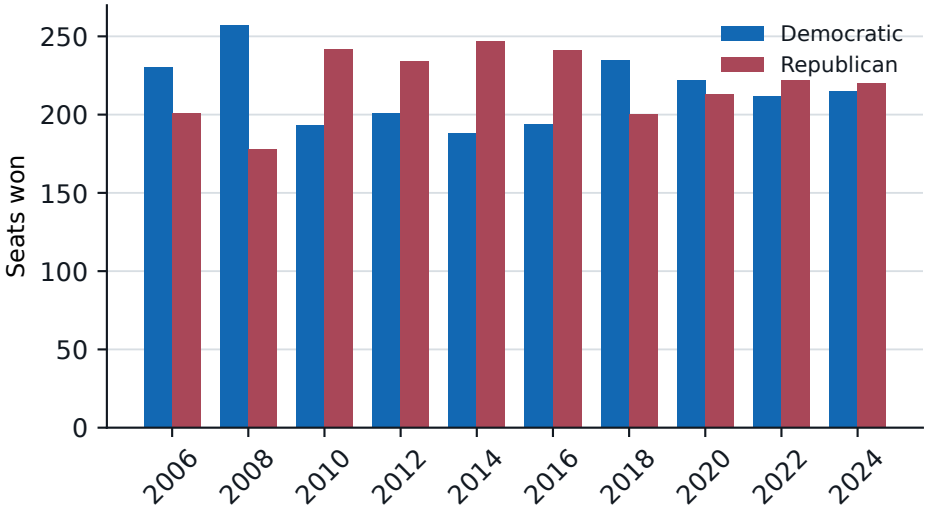
Source: Associated Press election data distributed by NPR, current snapshot. Race leaders, vote shares and margins are provisional. A flip is the feed's comparison with the previous party, not a chamber-control calculation.

House - ten-election comparison

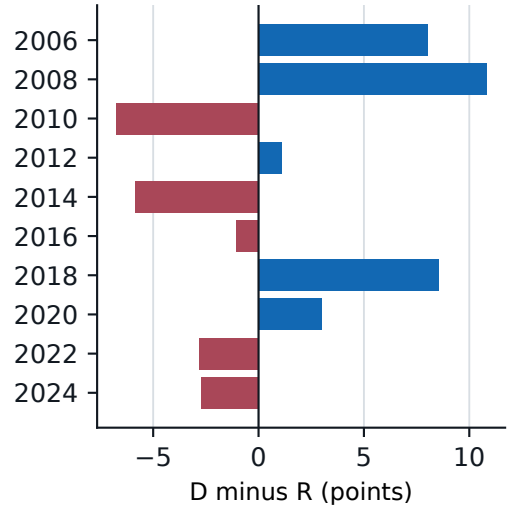
National vote share



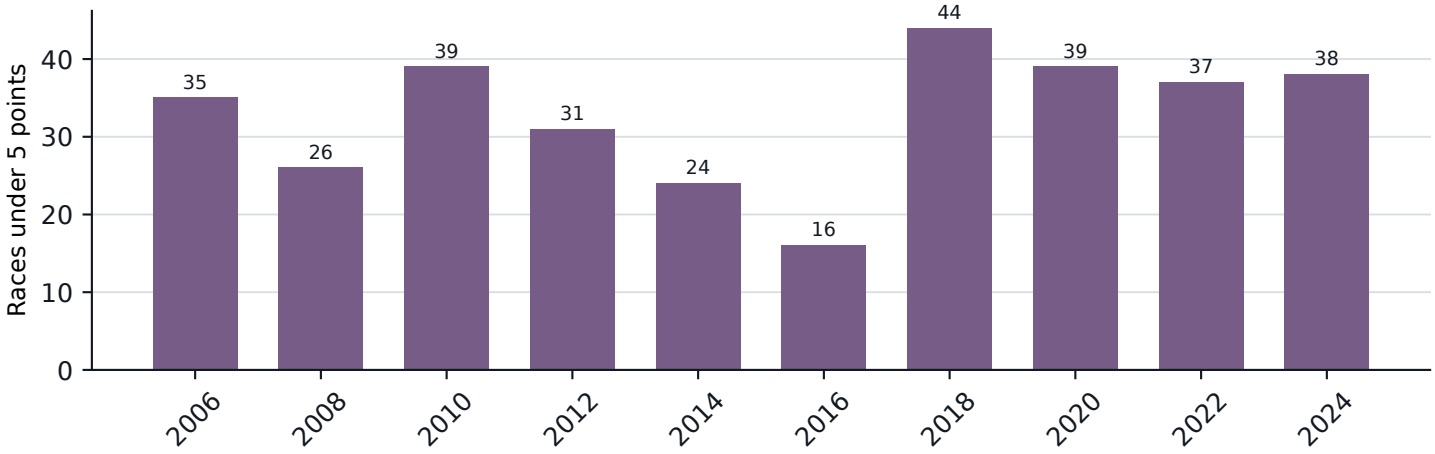
Seats won in races held



Popular-vote margin



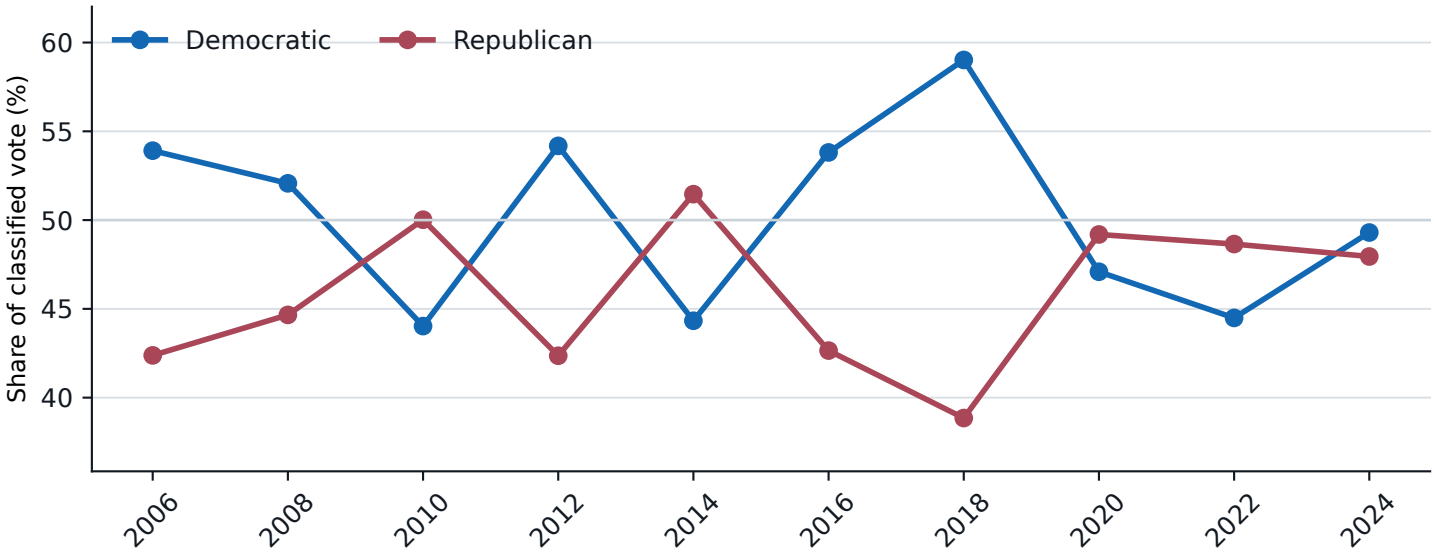
Close races



Source: MIT Election Data and Science Lab, U.S. House and U.S. Senate election results, 1976-2024, through electiondata.dev. Special elections and D.C./territorial delegates are excluded; final runoffs replace first rounds.

Senate races - ten-election comparison

National vote share



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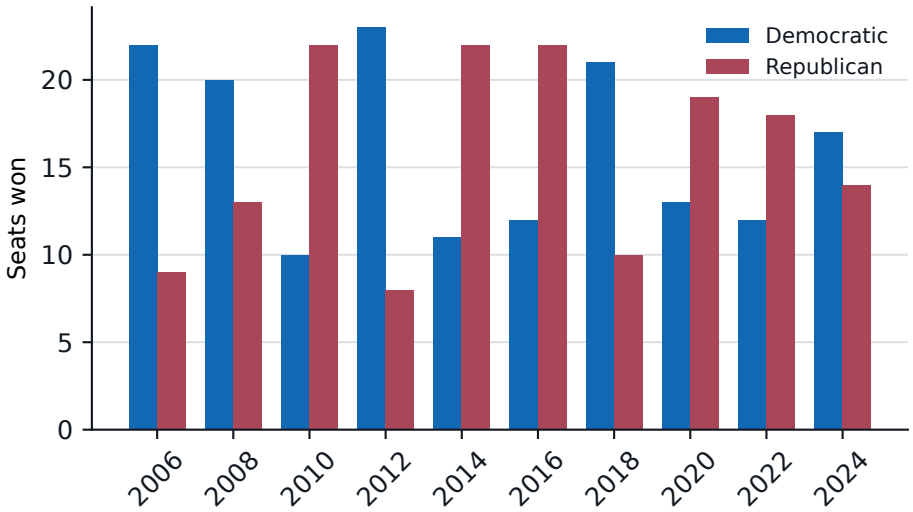

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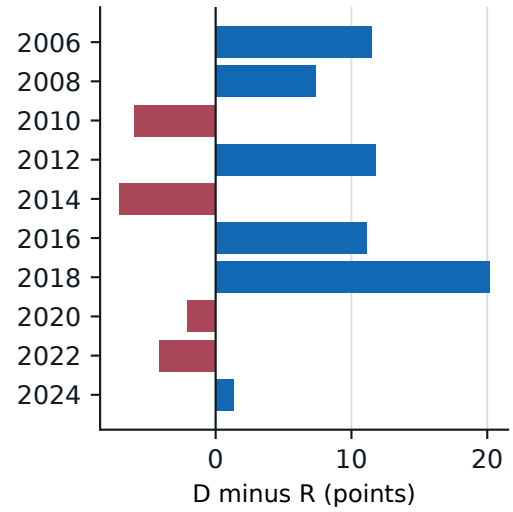

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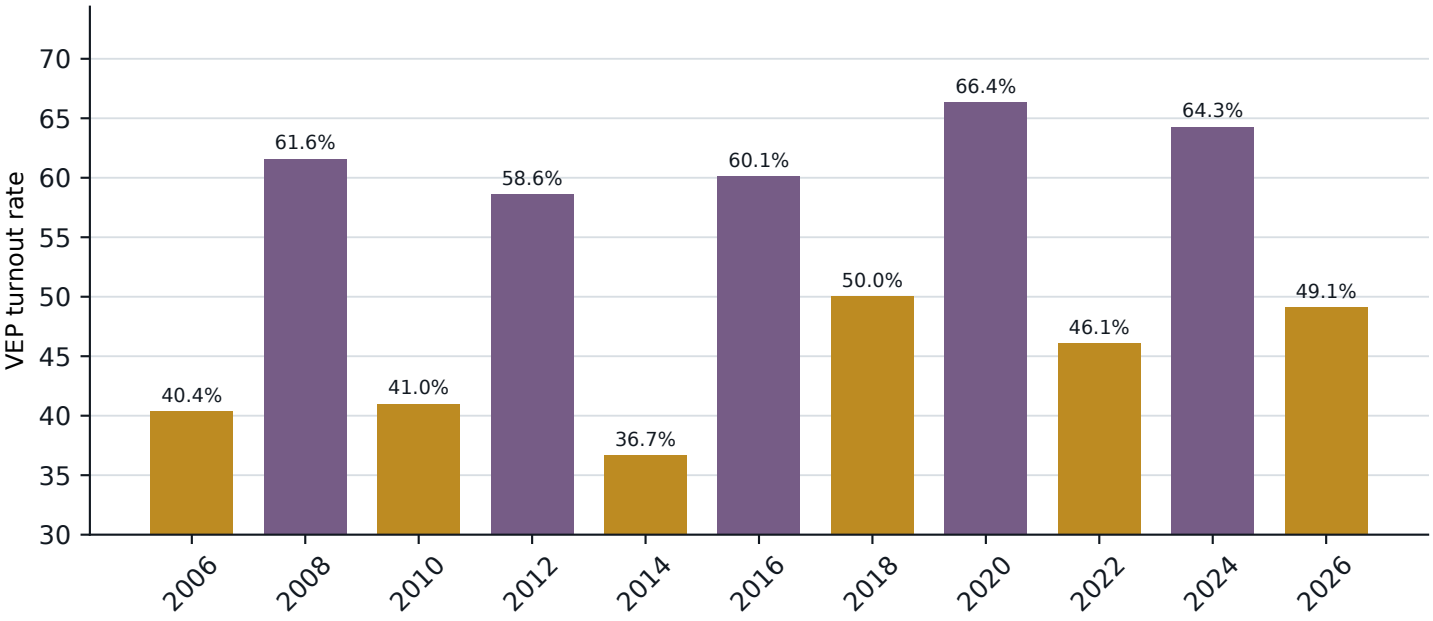
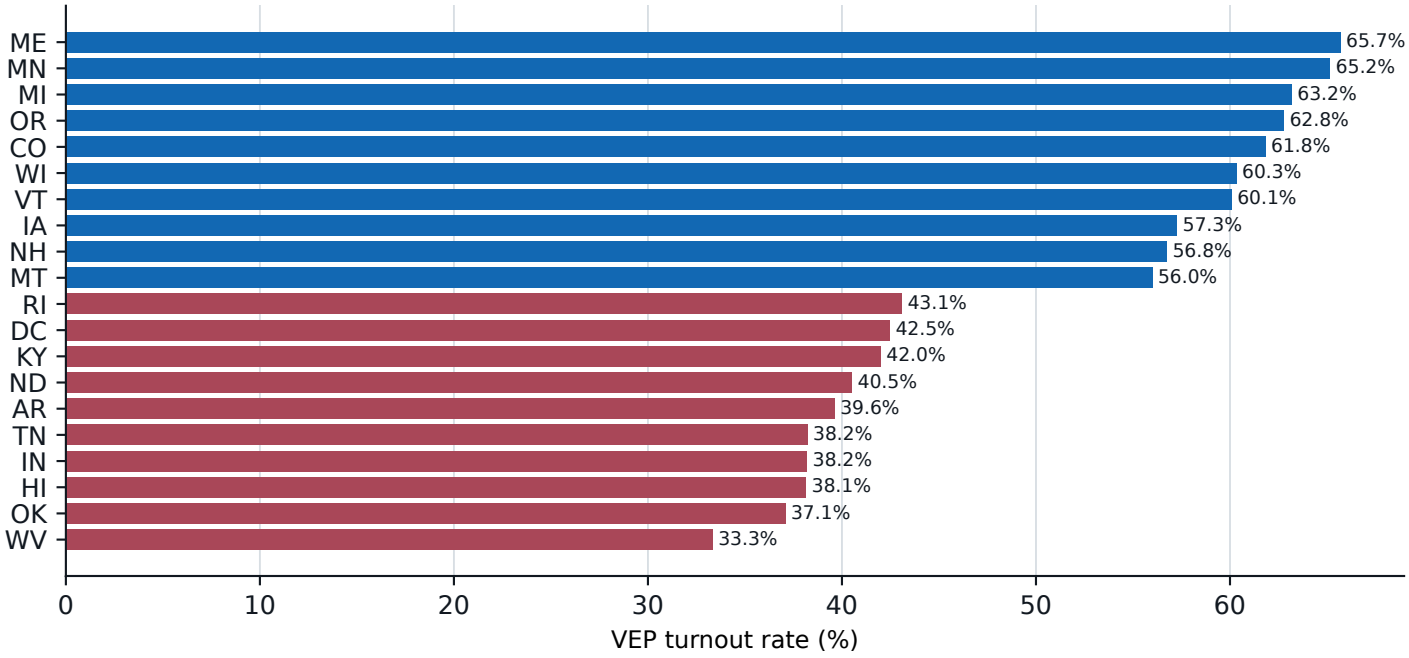
Voting-eligible population turnout

National VEP turnout - presidential cycles in purple, midterms in g



2026 - ten lowest and ten highest state estimates



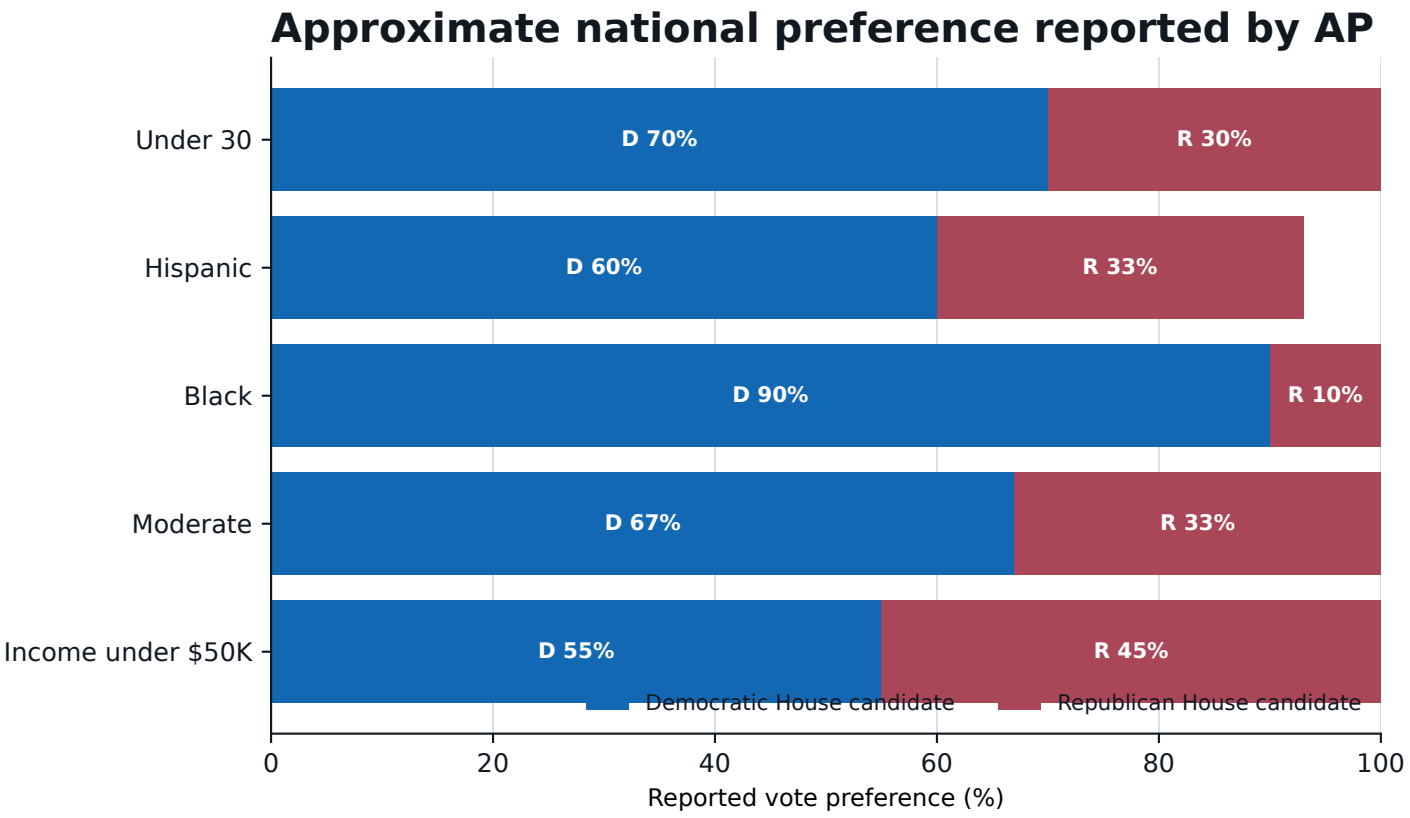
2026 NATIONAL ESTIMATE

123,540,000 ballots 49.10% of VEP

The 2026 numerator is an initial estimate and will change as states finish counting and certify.

Sources: University of Florida Election Lab, National VEP Turnout Rates v1.4 and 2026 General Election Turnout Rates v0.2 (last data update Nov. 4, 2026). VEP excludes ineligible noncitizens and felons as defined by state law and adds eligible overseas voters nationally.

2026 voter preference by selected groups



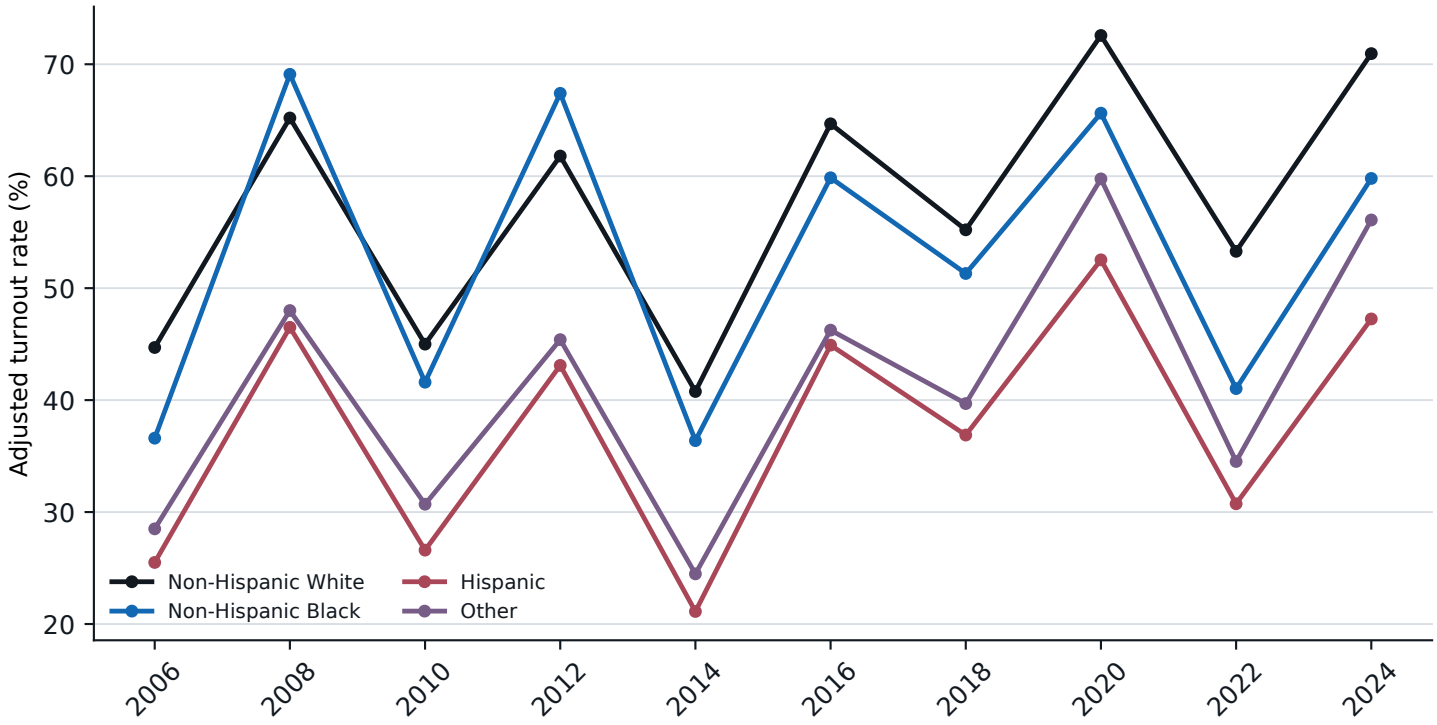
Group	Electorate share	2026 House vote	2024 comparison
Under 30	about 1 in 10 voters	about 7 in 10 D / 3 in 10 R	2024: roughly split Trump-Harris
Hispanic	not stated in article	about 6 in 10 D / 1 in 3 R	2024: about 4 in 10 Trump
Black	not stated in article	about 9 in 10 D	2024: about 8 in 10 Harris
Moderate	not stated in article	about 2 in 3 D	2024: about 6 in 10 Harris
Income under $50K	about 3 in 10 voters	more than half D	2024: roughly even

MEASUREMENT NOTE
These are survey-based vote-preference estimates, not administrative vote counts and not turnout rates. AP describes the figures with rounded language such as 'about' and 'roughly'; the chart preserves that precision. The AP Voter Poll surveyed more than 100,000 voters in all 50 states.

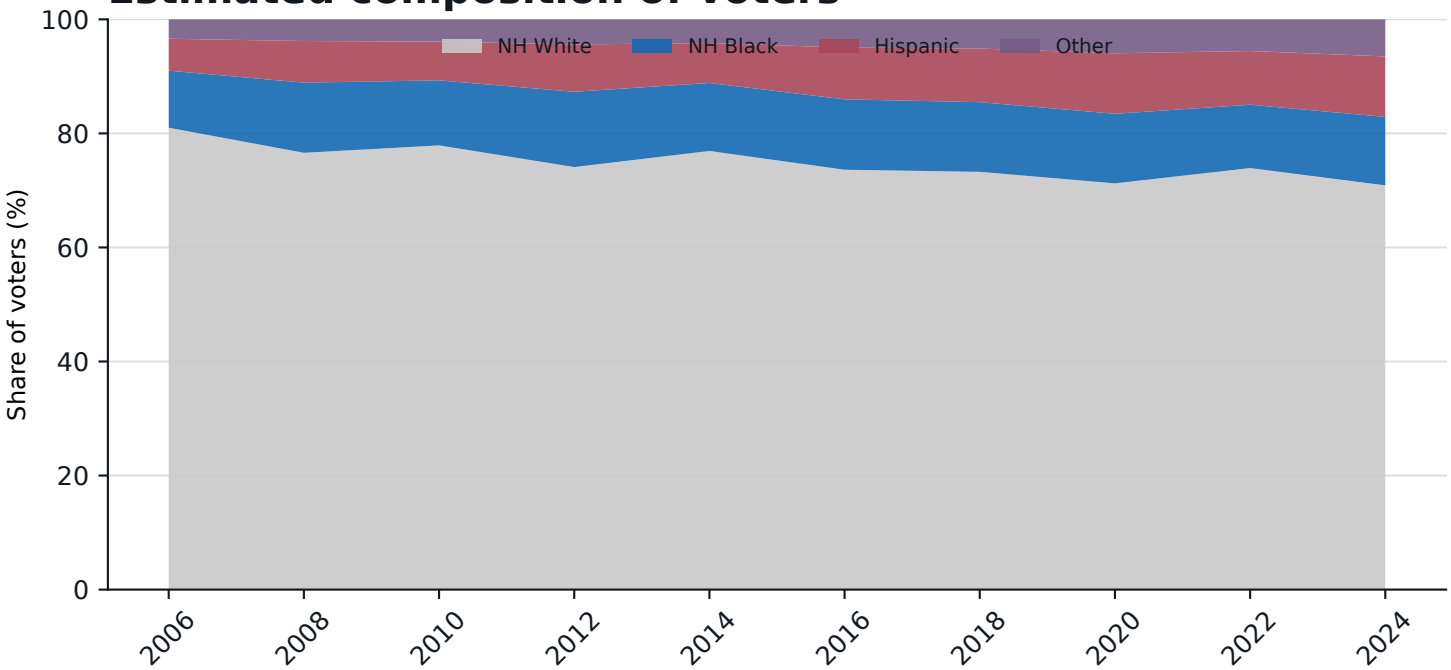
Source: The Associated Press, 'Young voters led a sharp shift toward Democrats in the 2026 midterms, The AP Voter Poll finds,' Nov. 4, 2026. https://www.ap.org/news-highlights/elections/2026/young-voters-led-a-sharp-shift-toward-democrats-in-the-2026-midterms-the-ap-voter-poll-finds/

Demographic turnout rates

Turnout rate by race and Hispanic origin



Estimated composition of voters

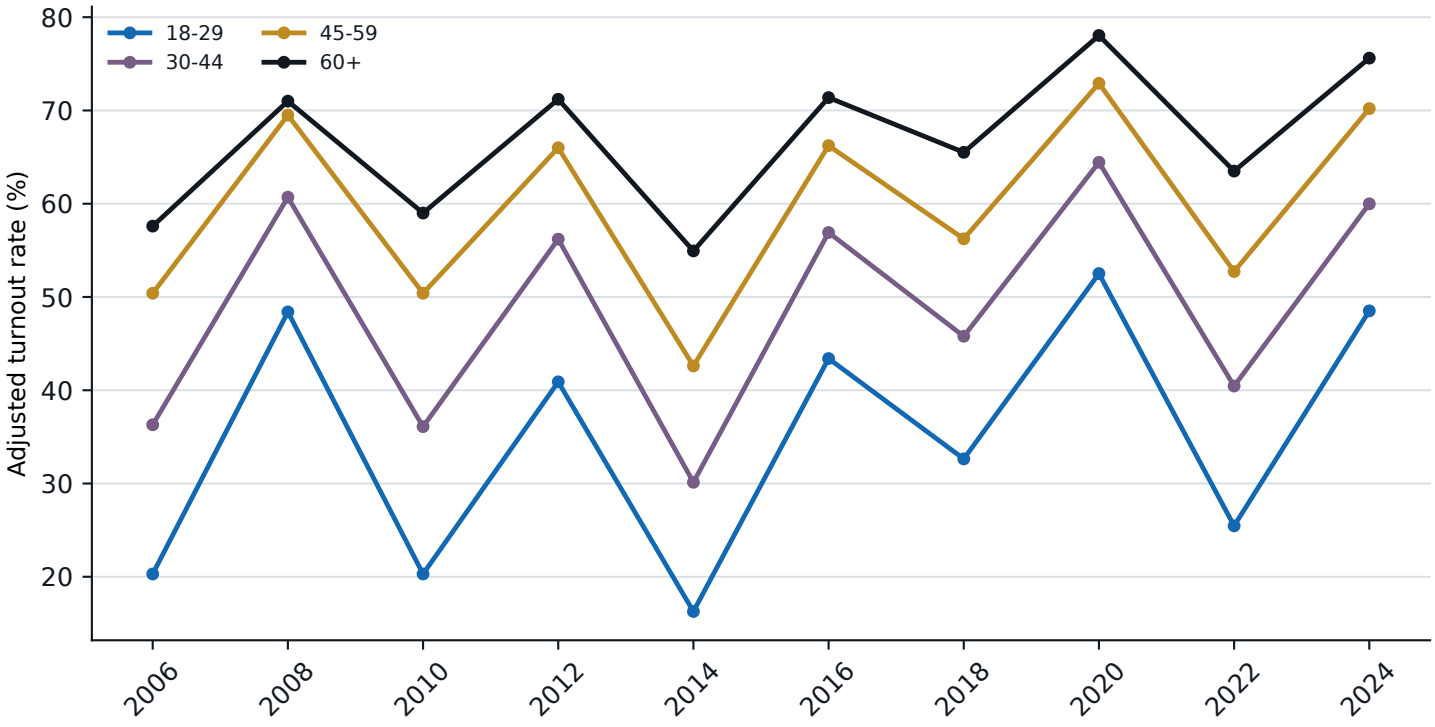


The adjusted series reweights CPS state turnout to match voting-eligible population turnout. It is comparable across the ten historical cycles shown here, but it is not the same instrument as the 2026 AP Voter Poll.

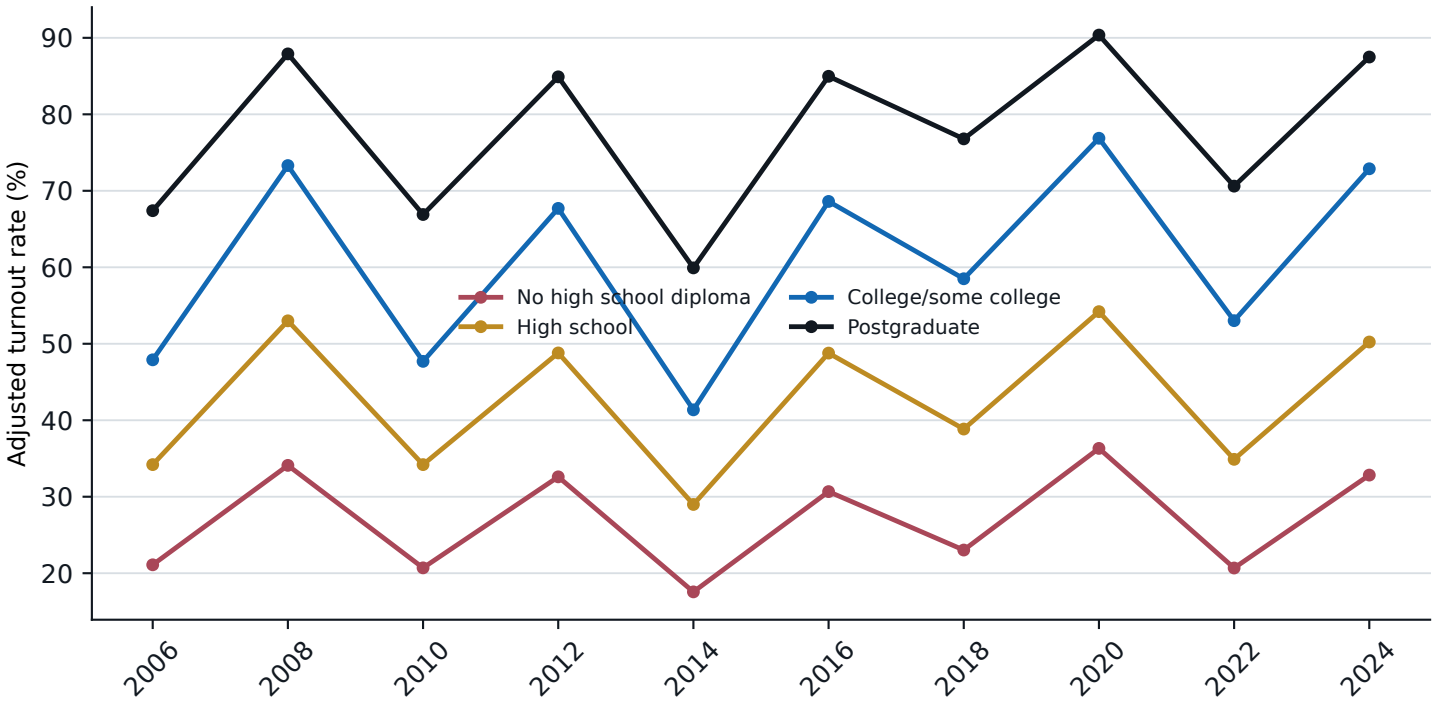
Source: Michael McDonald, University of Florida Election Lab, Current Population Survey Demographic Turnout Statistics, Reweighted v2.1, May 27, 2025. Original survey: U.S. Census Bureau CPS Voting and Registration Supplement.

Turnout by age and education

Turnout rate by age



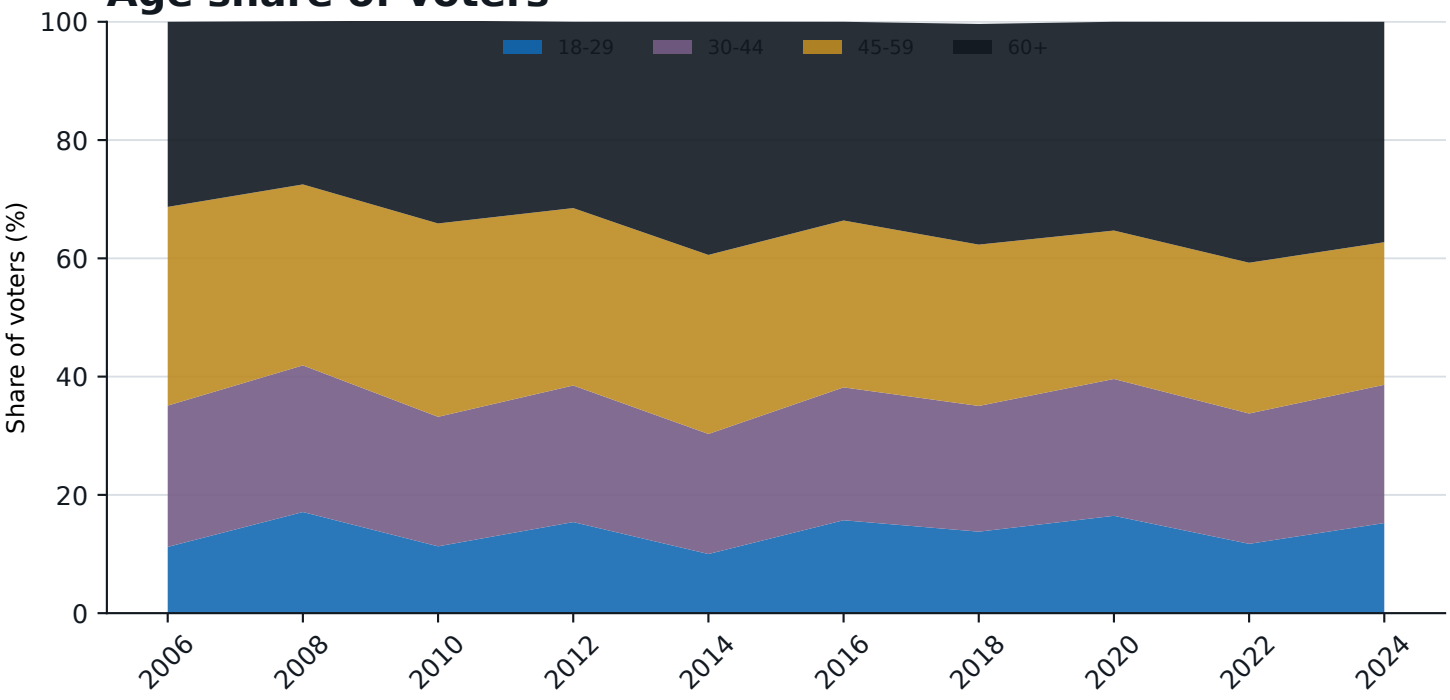
Turnout rate by education



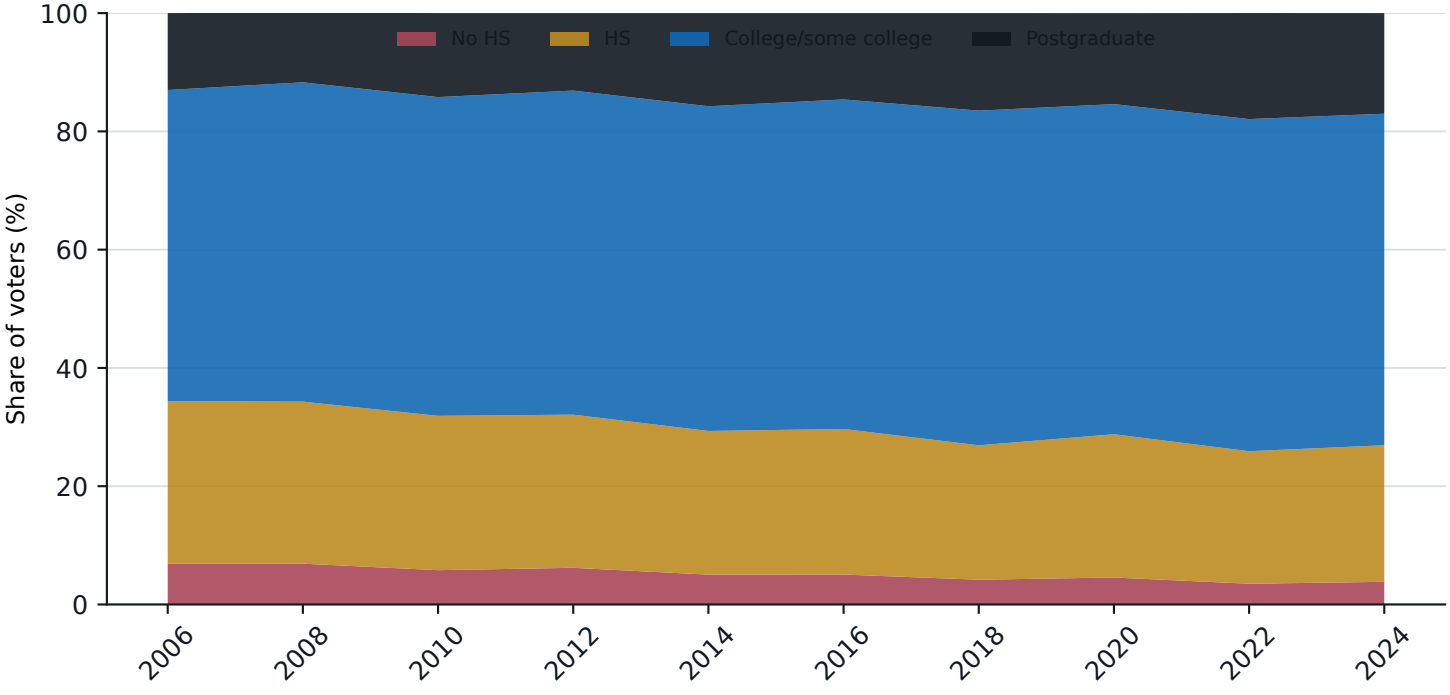
Source: University of Florida Election Lab, CPS Demographic Turnout Statistics, Reweighted v2.1. Rates are estimates for the citizen noninstitutional population adjusted to state VEP turnout; they are not raw election returns.

Composition of the electorate

Age share of voters



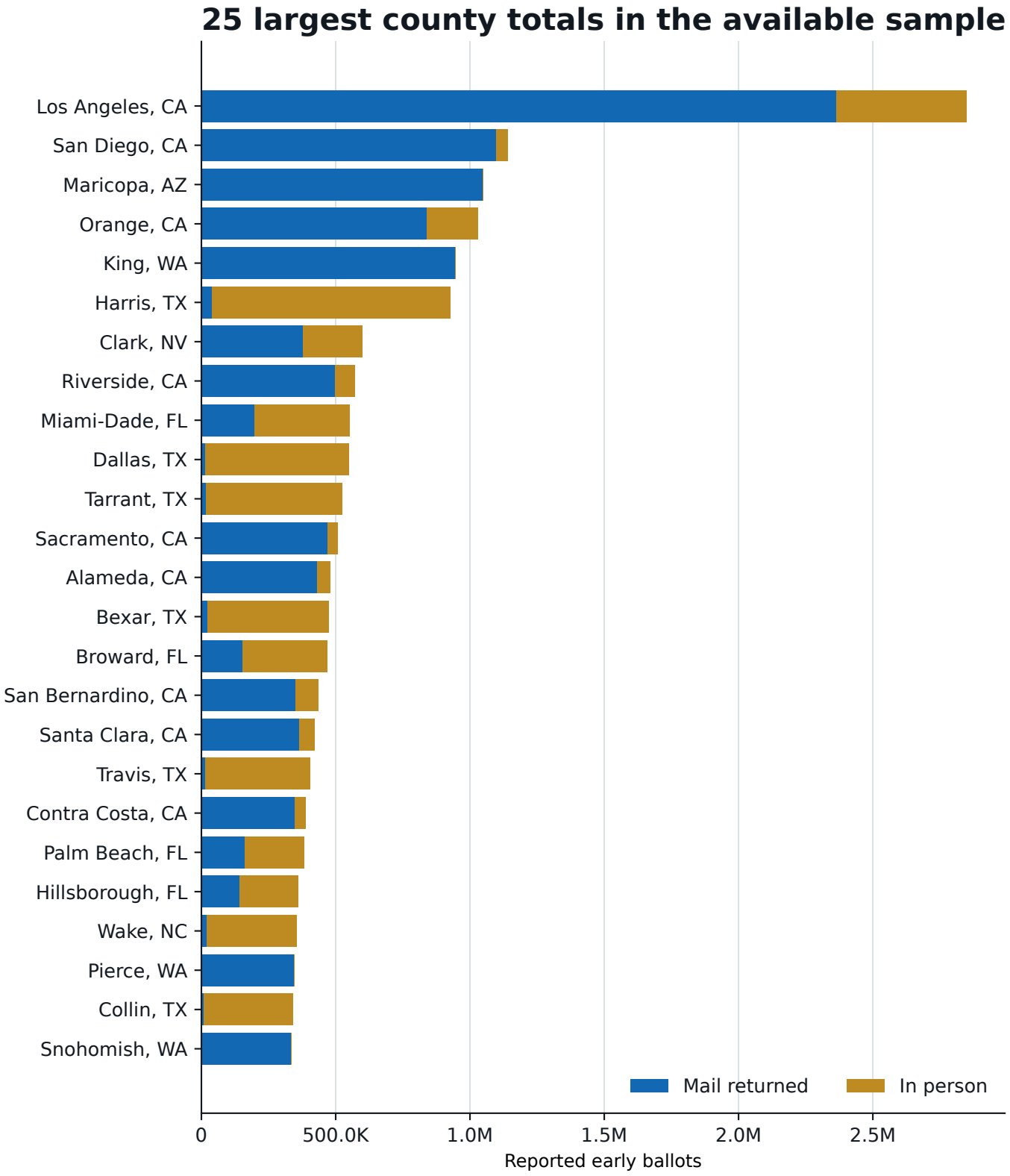
Education share of voters



Composition and turnout rate answer different questions. A group can become a larger share of voters because its population grows, its turnout rises, or both. This page reports composition only.

Source: University of Florida Election Lab, CPS Demographic Turnout Statistics, Reweighted v2.1. Shares sum to approximately 100 percent within each demographic partition; rounding may produce small differences.

County early-ballot volume



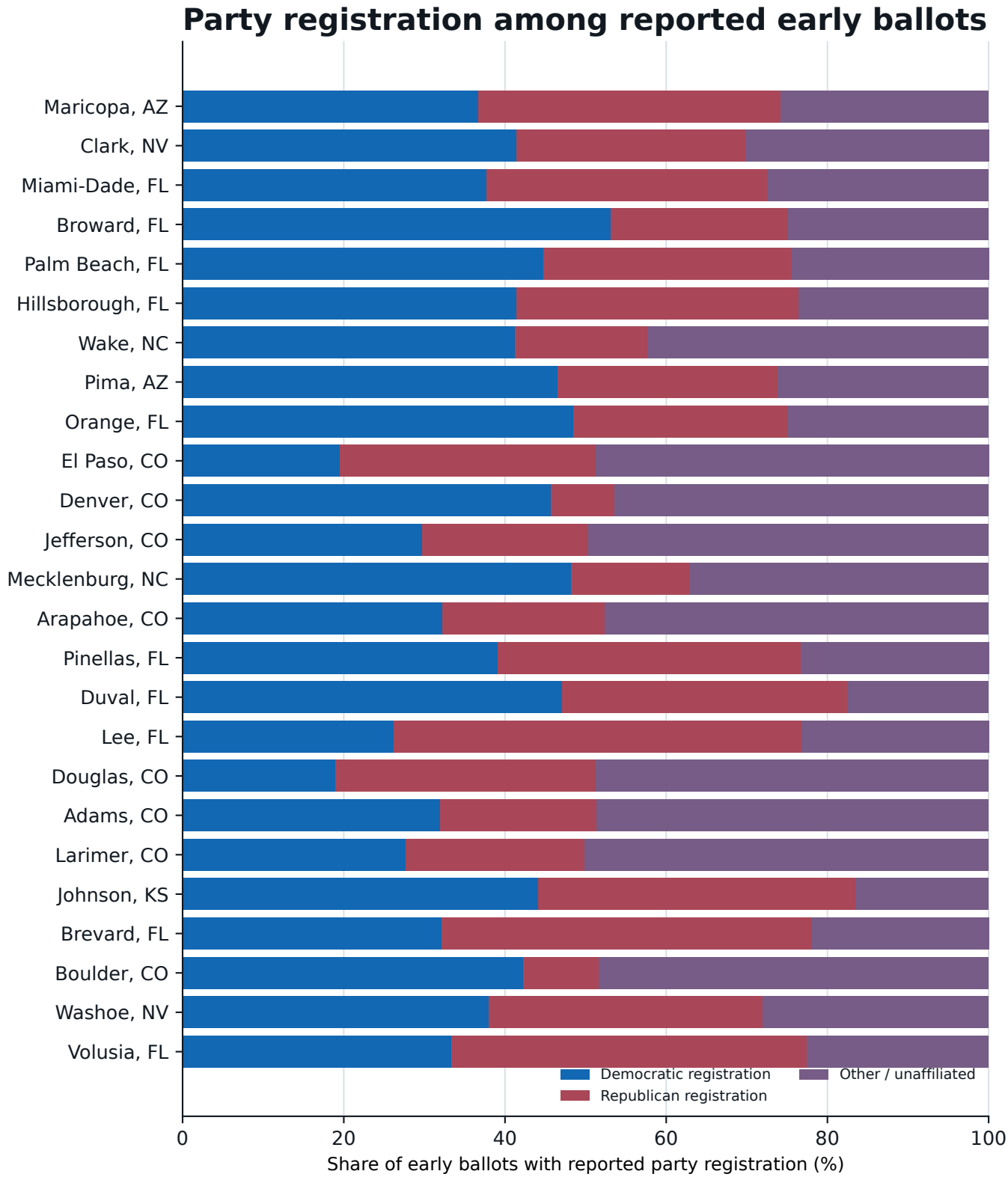
COVERAGE

20 states - 1,683 county/locality records with ballots cast

States: AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, KS, MI, MN, NC, NE, NJ, NV, NY, OH, PA, TX, VA, WA, WI. Reporting definitions vary by state and category. These totals are not votes for a candidate.

Source: civicAPI early-vote feeds through the Election Desk state-detail endpoint, fetched Nov. 8, 2026. Categories combine returned mail ballots and in-person early ballots where the state reports them.

County early-ballot party registration



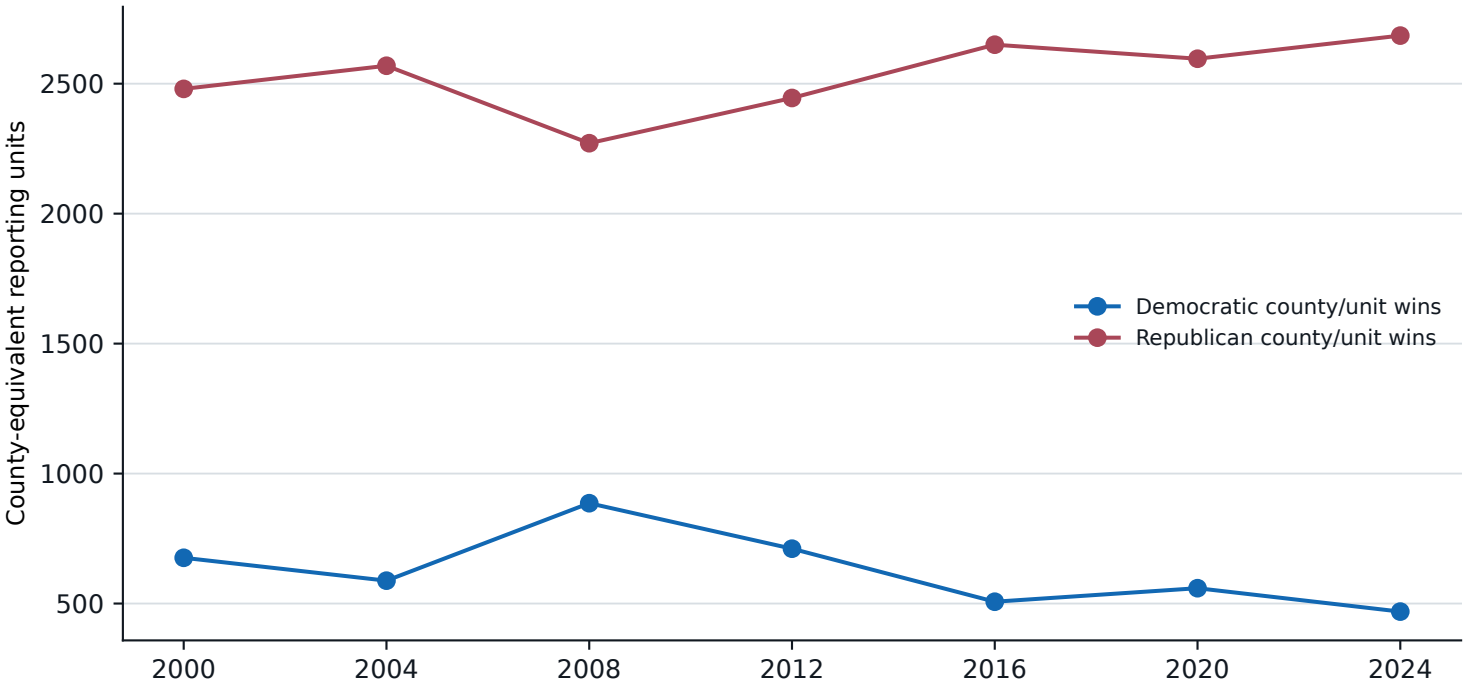
MEASUREMENT NOTE

Party registration is not a vote choice. This chart includes only counties where the feed supplies party categories and excludes unspecified-party records. States without party registration or without this field are absent.

Source: civicAPI early-vote feeds, fetched Nov. 8, 2026. Party labels describe voter-file registration/affiliation categories as supplied by each state, not candidate selection.

County presidential-return structure

Number of county-equivalent units won



Share of presidential votes cast in the 50 largest county-equivale

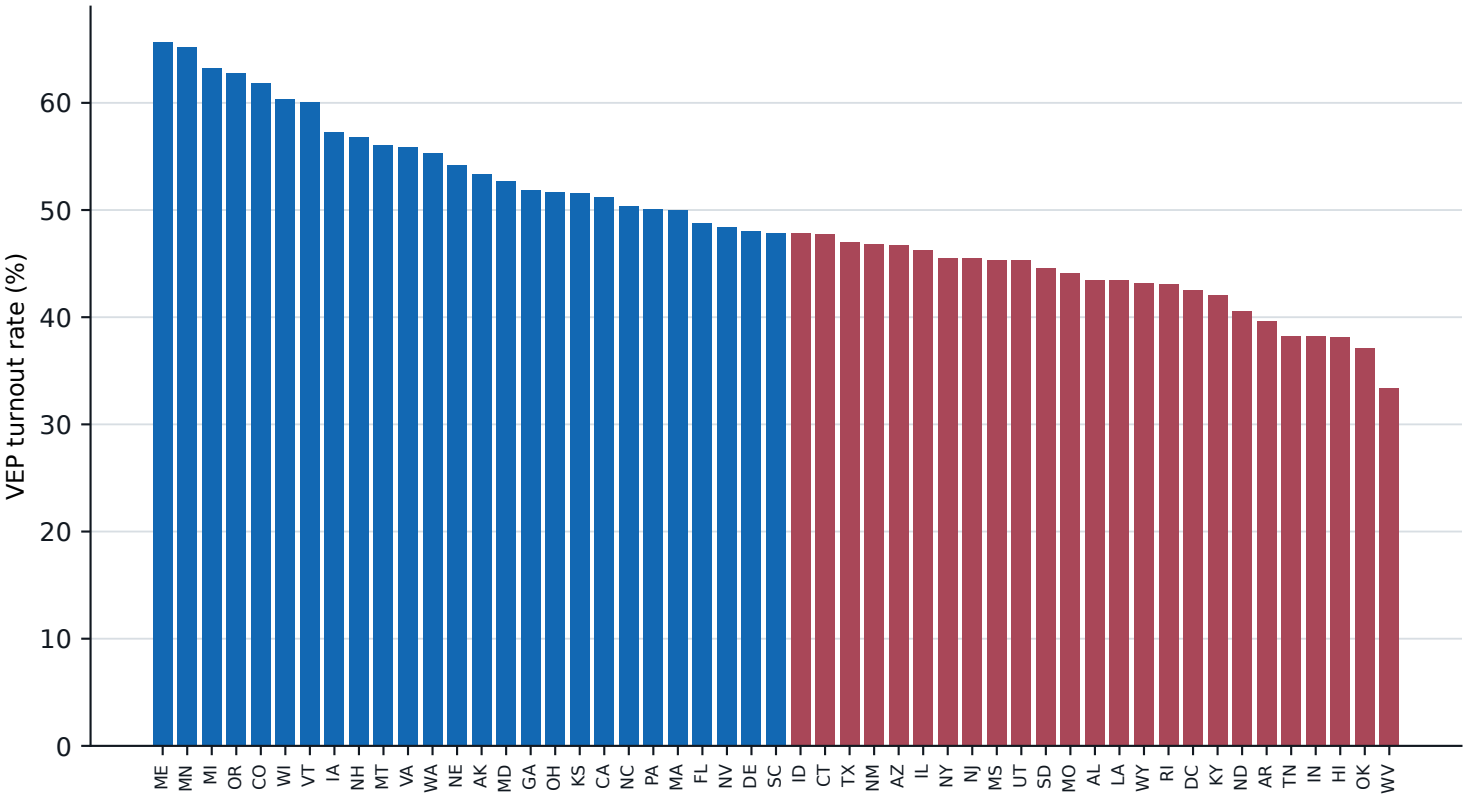


The historical county series is presidential only, so it supplies seven comparable elections rather than ten. Alaska uses election districts and some states use county-equivalent reporting units. The chart is a structural county comparison, not a substitute for 2026 county candidate results.

Source: MIT Election Data and Science Lab, County Presidential Election Returns 2000-2024, through electiondata.dev. Winner count is based on the highest candidate-vote total in each county-equivalent unit.

2026 turnout estimate by state

All states and D.C., sorted by current estimate



State	VEP rate	Ballots	State	VEP rate	Ballots
AK	53.35%	290,000	MT	55.99%	508,000
AL	43.46%	1,721,000	NC	50.32%	4,245,000
AR	39.62%	895,000	ND	40.52%	243,000
AZ	46.66%	2,605,000	NE	54.21%	792,000
CA	51.16%	13,800,000	NH	56.75%	650,000
CO	61.82%	2,800,000	NJ	45.46%	3,054,000
CT	47.75%	1,320,000	NM	46.75%	740,000
DC	42.47%	223,000	NV	48.38%	1,150,000
DE	47.98%	383,000	NY	45.47%	6,565,000
FL	48.73%	8,325,000	OH	51.62%	4,700,000
GA	51.79%	4,200,000	OK	37.08%	1,124,000
HI	38.15%	405,000	OR	62.78%	2,060,000
IA	57.27%	1,376,000	PA	50.06%	5,050,000
ID	47.81%	720,000	RI	43.09%	370,000
IL	46.20%	4,300,000	SC	47.86%	2,063,000
IN	38.20%	1,980,000	SD	44.55%	310,000
KS	51.51%	1,120,000	TN	38.22%	2,092,000
KY	42.00%	1,436,000	TX	46.99%	9,975,000
LA	43.45%	1,475,000	UT	45.26%	1,125,000
MA	49.98%	2,640,000	VA	55.83%	3,670,000
MD	52.64%	2,383,000	VT	60.08%	316,000
ME	65.69%	759,000	WA	55.30%	3,250,000
MI	63.18%	4,925,000	WI	60.33%	2,760,000
MN	65.16%	2,870,000	WV	33.33%	464,000
MO	44.09%	2,120,000	WY	43.20%	195,000
MS	45.32%	998,000			

Source: University of Florida Election Lab, 2026 General Election Turnout Rates v0.2, initial estimate last updated Nov. 4, 2026. Ballots and rates are provisional and may change after full reporting and certification.

Ten-election statistical table

U.S. House

Year	Races	Votes	D%	R%	D-R	D seats	R seats	<1	<5	<10
2006	431	80,447,373	52.8%	44.8%	+8.03	230	201	8	35	61
2008	435	122,586,293	54.0%	43.2%	+10.82	257	178	6	26	52
2010	435	86,795,457	45.0%	51.8%	-6.78	193	242	9	39	84
2012	435	122,345,020	49.2%	48.0%	+1.13	201	234	6	31	63
2014	435	78,812,769	45.6%	51.5%	-5.88	188	247	3	24	47
2016	435	129,833,250	48.0%	49.1%	-1.09	194	241	3	16	34
2018	435	113,694,111	53.4%	44.8%	+8.57	235	200	9	44	89
2020	435	153,717,456	50.8%	47.8%	+2.99	222	213	4	39	78
2022	435	108,443,387	47.6%	50.5%	-2.83	212	222	11	37	73
2024	435	148,690,219	47.8%	50.5%	-2.73	215	220	6	38	69

U.S. Senate races held

Year	Races	Votes	D%	R%	D-R	D seats	R seats	<1	<5	<10
2006	33	62,987,241	53.9%	42.4%	+11.52	22	9	2	4	8
2008	33	64,734,292	52.1%	44.7%	+7.41	20	13	1	3	7
2010	33	62,179,262	44.0%	50.0%	-6.00	10	22	0	5	6
2012	33	93,561,320	54.2%	42.4%	+11.82	23	8	1	4	11
2014	33	45,974,587	44.3%	51.5%	-7.14	11	22	1	6	8
2016	34	96,866,505	53.8%	42.6%	+11.16	12	22	1	5	10
2018	33	85,999,933	59.0%	38.9%	+20.17	21	10	1	5	11
2020	33	80,706,808	47.1%	49.2%	-2.11	13	19	0	3	10
2022	33	79,057,265	44.5%	48.6%	-4.16	12	18	2	7	9
2024	33	113,980,258	49.3%	48.0%	+1.35	17	14	3	6	11

Source: MIT MEDSL House and Senate datasets through electiondata.dev. D-R is the Democratic minus Republican popular-vote margin in percentage points. Close-race columns are contests decided by less than the listed margin.

Sources, definitions and limits

CURRENT RACE RETURNS

- Associated Press race data distributed in NPR's 2026 election-results application.
- Snapshot timestamp: 2026-11-08 03:16:26 EST.
- Reported-vote shares use only votes currently present in the feed; uncalled and late-counting races remain incomplete.
- URL: https://apps.npr.org/2026-election-results/

HISTORICAL RETURNS

- MIT Election Data and Science Lab House 1976-2024 and Senate 1976-2024 datasets, accessed through electiondata.dev.
- This report uses the ten biennial general elections from 2006 through 2024.
- Special elections, D.C. delegate and territories are excluded; final runoffs replace first-round records.
- URLs: https://electiondata.dev/datasets/house-results/ and https://electiondata.dev/datasets/senate-results/

TURNOUT AND DEMOGRAPHICS

- University of Florida Election Lab National VEP Turnout Rates v1.4, 2026 General Election Turnout Rates v0.2, and CPS Demographic Turnout Statistics Reweighted v2.1.
- CPS demographic rates are estimates. They are not administrative ballot totals and include survey error.
- The 2026 AP Voter Poll describes vote preference, not turnout, and uses rounded national estimates.
- URLs: https://election.lab.ufl.edu/voter-turnout/ and https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/voting-and-registration/voting-historical-time-series.html

COUNTIES

- 2026 county early-ballot counts are from civicAPI for 20 selected states and combine returned mail and in-person early ballots where reported.
- Party registration is not vote choice. County early-ballot counts are not county race results.
- Historical county comparisons use certified presidential returns from 2000-2024 because a comparable national 2026 county result file was not available in the desk feed at report time.
- URLs: https://civicapi.org/early-vote and https://electiondata.dev/datasets/county-president/

INTERPRETATION POLICY

- The report is descriptive. It presents counts, shares, margins and changes in measured quantities.
- It does not infer causes, forecast outstanding races or treat registration categories as candidate support.
- Differences between instruments are not blended: certified returns, administrative counts and surveys remain separately labeled.