

## Election Day 2024

Civics is all around us. There is a lot to know about the government and how "We the People" interact with the government and each other. Let's help each other expand our civic literacy.



Remember, all 50 states contribute to the election of a president. Some states traditionally and consistently vote Democrat ('blue states') or Republican ('red states'). Other states are considered 'purple states' because the parties have an equal chance at winning.

These states are called battleground states or 'swing states', and they play a huge role in presidential campaigns. On this election night, let's look closer at a few of these battleground states. Keep in mind that when people vote in a presidential election, they are actually telling their state electors who they should vote for in the Electoral College. In order to win the presidency, a candidate must gain a majority of Electoral College votes, which would be 270 of those 538 votes.

To Think and To Do: While you watch the election results, keep an eye out for updates from the four battleground states below. For each state, read the background information and answer the questions.

## **Questions to Consider**

- What are the 2024 presidential results for each state?
- If the race has not been called, what information do you know? Are there any trends across the four states?
- Is the result different from the latest polling data?
- Was the voter turnout higher or lower than expected?
- · Are there any notable voting or ballot issues?
- Does anything stand out to you?



Quick Facts: 3,262,000 registered voters, 11 Electoral College Votes

Recent Elections: 2020- Biden (D) with 65.9% Voter Turnout

2016- Trump (R) with 56.35% Voter Turnout

Latest Poll: Average 2024 Presidential Polls as of October 31 from 270toWin: Harris 46.6% Trump 48.4% Voting information: In Arizona, mail-in and in-person voting begins 27 days before Election Day. Arizona law requires voters to have approved identification in order to vote. Mail-in ballots received before October 27th are tabulated before Election Day.



Quick Facts: 13,845,913 registered voters, 30 Electoral College Votes

Recent Elections: 2020- Trump (R) with 71.7% Voter Turnout

2016 - Trump (R) with 65.61% Voter Turnout

Latest Poll: Average 2024 Presidential Polls as of October 31 from 270toWin: Harris 42.2% Trump 51.4% Voting information: By law in Florida early voting must be held for at least 8 days before the election with county supervisors of elections having the option for two additional early voting days. Florida law also requires voters to have approved identification in order to vote. Mail-in ballots must be received by 7:00 pm on Election Day in order to be counted for the election.



Quick Facts: 9,161,978 registered voters, 19 Electoral College Votes

Recent Elections: 2020- Biden (D) with 71% Voter Turnout

2016 - Trump (R) with 61.26% Voter Turnout

Latest Poll: Average 2024 Presidential Polls as of October 31 from 270toWin: Harris 47.9% Trump 48.4% Voting information: Due to a recent Supreme Court ruling, mail-in ballots will be counted that are received three days after Election Day. This is an extension of the previous rules that mail-in ballots must be returned by 8:00pm on Election Day. Ballots begin to be processed at 7am on Election Day.



Quick Facts: 3,555,545 registered voters, 10 Electoral College Votes

Recent Elections: 2020- Biden (D) with 75.8% Voter Turnout

2016 - Trump (R) with 68.33% Voter Turnout

Latest Poll: Average 2024 Presidential Polls as of October 31 from 270toWin: Harris 48.7% Trump 48%

Voting information: Mail-in ballots must be received by 8:00pm on Election Day. Ballots begin to be processed at 7am on Election Day. Wisconsin has same-day registration, new voters may register and vote at their polling place on

Election Day.



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