

2020 Primary and General Elections Data Publication Schedule

Our dedicated editorial staff spends many months gathering, cleaning and updating elections data as the states release their official results. All 2020 primary and general elections should be up by August 2021 – see editorial details and a full schedule below (detailed schedule can be found on page 2).

In order to profile an individual candidate’s election record over time, we have to ensure that they are properly tracked from election to election. For example, we need to verify whether John Smith from a 2008 election is the same as one who ran in 2020. This means hand-selecting candidates for each race and verifying past election records to reduce the likelihood of mistakes.

We only begin to collect data when each state has certified their results. This could take days or weeks (or longer) after the general election. Each state has its own way of displaying data, from advanced online portals to exportable PDF files. Because of the significant variability of formatting for each state, we have to enter all returns by hand. Sometimes this means performing our own calculations because of the way a state has organized their returns. As we publish data at the county level for most races, you can imagine how long it would take to collect and verify data for states such as New York. After entering all of the returns into the database, every race is checked against the source material for accuracy.

Returns Publication Schedule	
State Primary Elections	CQ Press Publication Dates (End of Month)
February - March 2020	May 2020
April - May 2020	June 2020
June 2020	July 2020
July - September 2020	September 2020
November - December 2020	As available

State General Elections	CQ Press Publication Dates
30% of content	April 1, 2021
70% of content	July 1, 2021
100% of content	August 1, 2021

State	Presidential Primary	State Primary	State Primary Runoff
Alabama	March 3, 2020	March 3, 2020	March 31, 2020
Alaska	April 10, 2020	August 18, 2020	—
Arizona	March 17, 2020	August 4, 2020	—
Arkansas	March 3, 2020	March 3, 2020	March 31, 2020
California	March 3, 2020	March 3, 2020	—
Colorado	March 3, 2020	June 30, 2020	—
Connecticut	August 11, 2020	August 11, 2020	—
Delaware	June 2, 2020	September 15, 2020	—
Florida	March 17, 2020	August 18, 2020	—
Georgia	May 19, 2020	May 19, 2020	July 21, 2020
Hawaii	April 4, 2020	August 8, 2020	—
Idaho	March 10, 2020	May 19, 2020	—
Illinois	March 17, 2020	March 17, 2020	—
Indiana	June 2, 2020	June 2, 2020	—
Iowa	February 3, 2020	June 2, 2020	—
Kansas	May 2, 2020	August 4, 2020	—
Kentucky	June 23, 2020	June 23, 2020	—
Louisiana	July 11, 2020	November 3, 2020	December 5, 2020
Maine	March 3, 2020	June 9, 2020	—
Maryland	June 2, 2020	June 2, 2020	—
Massachusetts	March 3, 2020	September 15, 2020	—
Michigan	March 10, 2020	August 4, 2020	—
Minnesota	March 3, 2020	August 11, 2020	—
Mississippi	March 10, 2020	March 10, 2020	March 31, 2020
Missouri	March 10, 2020	August 4, 2020	—
Montana	June 2, 2020	June 2, 2020	—
Nebraska	May 12, 2020	May 12, 2020	—
Nevada	February 22, 2020	June 9, 2020	—
New Hampshire	February 11, 2020	September 8, 2020	—
New Jersey	July 7, 2020	July 7, 2020	—
New Mexico	June 2, 2020	June 2, 2020	—
New York	June 23, 2020	June 23, 2020	—
North Carolina	March 3, 2020	March 3, 2020	—
North Dakota	March 10, 2020	June 9, 2020	—
Ohio	June 2, 2020	June 2, 2020	—
Oklahoma	March 3, 2020	June 30, 2020	August 25, 2020
Oregon	May 19, 2020	May 19, 2020	—
Pennsylvania	April 28, 2020	April 28, 2020	—
Rhode Island	June 2, 2020	September 8, 2020	—
South Carolina	February 29, 2020	June 9, 2020	June 23, 2020
South Dakota	June 2, 2020	June 2, 2020	August 11, 2020
Tennessee	March 3, 2020	August 6, 2020	—
Texas	March 3, 2020	March 3, 2020	May 6, 2020
Utah	March 3, 2020	June 30, 2020	—
Vermont	March 3, 2020	August 11, 2020	—
Virginia	March 3, 2020	June 9, 2020	—
Washington	March 10, 2020	August 4, 2020	—
West Virginia	May 12, 2020	May 12, 2020	—
Wisconsin	April 7, 2020	August 11, 2020	—
Wyoming	April 4, 2020	August 18, 2020	—

CQ Press Publication Dates (End of Month)



May



June



July



September



As Available