



INTRODUCTION

When should I use the **Voting and Elections Collection**?

You can find information and data on:

- ★ The campaign and election process
- ★ The electorate, including some demographics, voter turnout and voting rights
- ★ Roles of the Democratic, Republican and third parties
- ★ Presidential, gubernatorial, and congressional elections, including people, outcomes, data, primary and general election processes
- ★ Data on election results that you can cite and download

The **Voting and Elections Collection** can quickly give you complete and reliable data you need to begin your research paper or assignment.



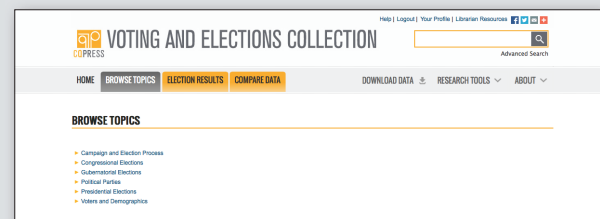
PRODUCT TOUR

Let's take a look at at the different sections of the Collection.

We'll start with Browse Topics.

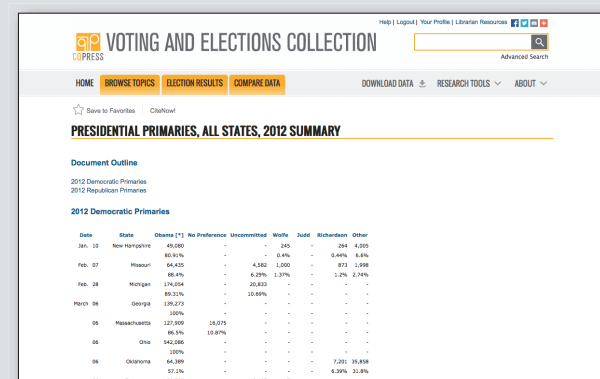
► Browse Topics

Find reference content under this tab, or by using the quick search box.



► Election Results

Find Primary and General election results for Presidential, Gubernatorial, and Congressional elections under the Election Results tab. All data tables can be downloaded for manipulation or cited.



▶ Compare Data

To explore elections data over time, select a tool on the Compare Data Tab and compare different types of data within the Voting and Elections Collection database.

For example, you can . . .

- See how successful Republicans have been in your home county over time.
- Find candidates or Congressional seats that have switched parties.
- Learn what percentage of House incumbents have won or lost in the general election.
- Track the Green Party's strongest candidates.

Let's look at Honolulu County's presidential election results from 1980 to 2012 to see what impact a hometown candidate (Obama in 2008 and 2012) had on voting trends.

- 1 Go to the Compare Data tab then Select "Vote counts by party, office, and area" under Race Trends
- 2 Enter 1980-2012 in the start and end year fields
- 3 Scroll down to select President (office), Hawaii (state), and Honolulu (county)
- 4 You'll see that Obama captured nearly 70% of the vote both times in his home county

The screenshot shows the 'VOTING AND ELECTIONS COLLECTION' website with the 'COMPARE DATA' tab active. Under the 'RACE TRENDS' section, the option 'Vote counts by party, office, and area' is highlighted with a red circle and arrow labeled '1'.

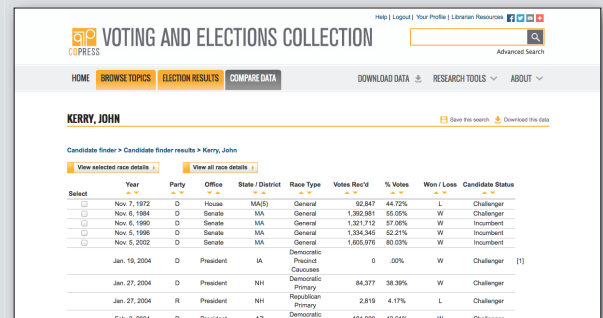
The screenshot shows the search filters for 'VOTE COUNTS BY PARTY, OFFICE, AND AREA'. The search criteria are set to 1980-2012, President, Hawaii, and Honolulu. Red circles and arrows labeled 2, 3, and 3 point to the year range, office, and county selections respectively.

The screenshot shows the 'VOTE COUNTS RESULTS' table. A red circle and arrow labeled '4' points to the table.

Year	Area	Total Vote	Votes		% Total Vote		% Major Vote	
			Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.
2012	HI HONOLULU	296,742	88,461	204,349	29.81%	69.86%	30.21%	69.79%
2008	HI HONOLULU	308,813	88,164	214,239	28.74%	69.83%	29.15%	70.85%
2004	HI HONOLULU	298,647	144,157	153,500	48.29%	51.08%	48.59%	51.41%
2000	HI HONOLULU	256,990	101,310	139,618	39.56%	54.54%	42.05%	57.95%
1996	HI HONOLULU	255,181	85,749	143,759	33.60%	56.33%	37.39%	62.64%
1992	HI HONOLULU	269,841	103,937	123,908	38.50%	46.61%	45.62%	54.38%
1988	HI HONOLULU	261,577	120,259	138,971	45.97%	53.13%	46.39%	53.61%
1984	HI HONOLULU	250,133	140,359	107,426	56.07%	42.94%	56.55%	43.37%
1980	HI HONOLULU	224,995	99,696	95,472	44.37%	42.88%	50.60%	49.25%

► Candidates

The Candidate Finder, under Compare Data, will give you the results of all elections in which a particular candidate has run.

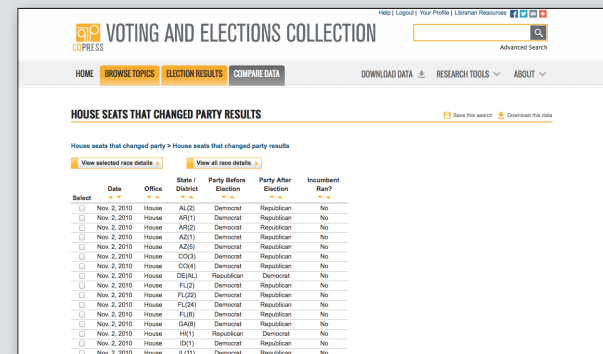


The screenshot shows the 'VOTING AND ELECTIONS COLLECTION' website with the 'COMPARE DATA' tab selected. The search results are for 'KERRY, JOHN'. The table below shows the results for various elections.

Select	Year	Party	Office	State / District	Race Type	Votes Rec'd	% Vote	Won / Loss	Candidate Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov. 7, 1972	D	House	MA(5)	General	92,847	44.72%	L	Challenger
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov. 6, 1984	D	Senate	MA	General	1,302,881	55.55%	W	Challenger
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov. 6, 1990	D	Senate	MA	General	1,321,712	57.06%	W	Incumbent
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov. 5, 1998	D	Senate	MA	General	1,334,340	52.21%	W	Incumbent
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov. 5, 2002	D	Senate	MA	General	1,050,978	82.03%	W	Incumbent
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jan. 19, 2004	D	President	IA	Democratic Presidential Caucuses	0	0.00%	W	Challenger (1)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jan. 27, 2004	D	President	NH	Democratic Primary	84,377	38.39%	W	Challenger
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jan. 27, 2004	R	President	NH	Republican Primary	2,819	4.17%	L	Challenger
<input type="checkbox"/>	Feb. 9, 2004	D	President	IA	Democratic	48,000	43.64%	W	Challenger (1)

► Party Dominance

House Seats That Changed Party under Party Dominance is a great tool for tracking the shift in party dominance in the House. Here, we see part of the list of seats that changed party in the midterm elections following President Obama's first election.



The screenshot shows the 'VOTING AND ELECTIONS COLLECTION' website with the 'COMPARE DATA' tab selected. The search results are for 'HOUSE SEATS THAT CHANGED PARTY RESULTS'. The table below shows the results for various House seats.

Select	Date	Office	State / District	Party Before Election	Party After Election	Incumbent
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov. 2, 2010	House	AL(7)	Democrat	Republican	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov. 2, 2010	House	AR(1)	Democrat	Republican	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov. 2, 2010	House	AR(2)	Democrat	Republican	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov. 2, 2010	House	AR(3)	Democrat	Republican	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov. 2, 2010	House	AR(4)	Democrat	Republican	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov. 2, 2010	House	AR(5)	Democrat	Republican	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov. 2, 2010	House	CO(9)	Democrat	Republican	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov. 2, 2010	House	CO(4)	Democrat	Republican	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov. 2, 2010	House	DE(AL)	Republican	Democrat	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov. 2, 2010	House	FL(2)	Democrat	Republican	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov. 2, 2010	House	FL(22)	Democrat	Republican	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov. 2, 2010	House	FL(4)	Democrat	Republican	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov. 2, 2010	House	FL(8)	Democrat	Republican	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov. 2, 2010	House	GA(8)	Democrat	Republican	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov. 2, 2010	House	IN(1)	Republican	Democrat	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov. 2, 2010	House	ID(1)	Democrat	Republican	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nov. 2, 2010	House	IL(11)	Democrat	Republican	No

You can also use the [Voting and Elections Collection](#) to find recent and historical information from reference sources, including:

- The influence of the Tea Party and Occupy Wall Street on the 2012 Presidential Election
- Declining voter turnout
- Voting rights and disenfranchisement
- More topics and contextual information can be found under the [Browse Topics](#) tab

► Pull Election Results

The [Voting and Elections Collection](#) allows users to retrieve and analyze primary and general elections for Presidential, Gubernatorial, and Congressional Elections

- Presidential Election results tables show the popular vote alongside the Electoral College vote, so you can see instances such as the [2000 election](#) where one party won the national popular campaign, while the other took the Electoral College
- Electoral College results date back to 1789, showing [George Washington's first election](#)

- Infographics: [Election Maps](#) are available dating from 1824–2012
- All data tables can be downloaded into Excel and cited

► Dig Deeper

- The [Compare Data](#) tab showcases the strongest features of the [Voting and Elections Collection](#).
- The [Candidate Finder](#) will pull all elections in which a particular candidate has run
- See which candidates have switched political party mid-career under [Party Affiliation Changes](#)
- The section on [Race Trends](#) lets you look more closely at the elections data
 - [Landslide Elections and Close Race Results](#) lets you search things like how many Republican challengers won House seats with more than 60% of the vote

LANDSLIDE ELECTIONS AND CLOSE RACES

FIND RESULTS FOR

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- Enter a date range or session of Congress
- Choose a vote % to find all election results within the vote % range
- Select candidates for more detail
- Years: 1789-present (president); 1968-present (governor, senate, and house). Includes primaries!

SELECT FILTERS TO NARROW YOUR SEARCH

OFFICE

PARTY

CANDIDATE STATUS
 Any Incumbent Challenger

RESULT
 Any Won Lost

Landslide elections and close races > Landslide elections and close races results

Year	Office	Race Type	Number of Candidates
2012	House	General	9
2010	House	General	17
2008	House	General	5

Landslide elections and close races results. Washington: CQ Press. Dynamically generated September 25, 2014, from CQ Press Elec
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SAMPLE COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

Election Results Paper: Report and discuss the findings of your analysis of U.S. election results. Possible questions include:

- Are geographic voting patterns within Michigan and Ohio in Presidential elections consistent over the past 20 years?

Use the [Vote Counts by Party, Office, and Area](#) feature under the [Compare Data](#) tab to pull election results. Here's how Michigan as a state looks over the past 20 years, but you can also search by county.

Vote counts by party, office, and area > Vote counts results									
Year	Area	Office	Total Vote	Votes		% Total Vote		% Major Vote	
				Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.
2012	MI	House	4,574,832	2,086,804	2,327,985	45.82%	50.89%	47.27%	52.73%
2012	MI	President	4,730,961	2,115,258	2,564,559	44.71%	54.21%	45.20%	54.80%
2012	MI	Senate	4,652,918	1,767,386	2,735,826	37.98%	58.80%	39.25%	60.75%
2010	MI	Governor	3,226,088	1,874,834	1,287,320	58.11%	39.90%	59.29%	40.71%
2010	MI	House	3,194,901	1,671,707	1,415,212	52.32%	44.30%	54.15%	45.85%
2008	MI	House	4,810,690	2,114,293	2,516,640	43.95%	52.31%	45.66%	54.34%
2008	MI	President	5,001,766	2,048,639	2,872,579	40.96%	57.43%	41.63%	58.37%
2008	MI	Senate	4,848,620	1,641,070	3,038,386	33.85%	62.66%	35.07%	64.93%

- Are regions with more recent migrants voting differently than other regions?

You can use the same **Vote Counts** function to pull election results from counties with higher migrant populations and surrounding counties to note similarities or differences

- Are Presidential primary election results related to general election results?

Find the data under the **Election Results** tab. Here's how 2012 stacked up for ① Primary and ② General

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES, ALL STATES, 2012 SUMMARY

Document Outline

- 2012 Democratic Primaries
- 2012 Republican Primaries

① → 2012 Democratic Primaries

Date	State	Obama (*)	No Preference	Uncommitted	Wolfe	Judd	Richardson	Other
Jan. 10	New Hampshire	49,080	-	-	245	-	264	4,005
		80.91%	-	-	0.4%	-	0.44%	6.6%
Feb. 07	Missouri	84,435	-	4,382	1,000	-	873	1,998
		88.4%	-	6.29%	1.37%	-	1.2%	2.74%
Feb. 28	Michigan	174,054	-	-	20,833	-	-	-
		89.31%	-	10.69%	-	-	-	-
March 06	Georgia	139,273	-	-	-	-	-	-
		100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
06	Massachusetts	127,909	16,075	-	-	-	-	-
		86.5%	10.87%	-	-	-	-	-
06	Ohio	542,086	-	-	-	-	-	-
		100%	-	-	-	-	-	-

PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION, ALL STATES, 2012 SUMMARY

State	Electoral			Total Vote	Presidential				Plurality	Total Vote (%)			Major Party Vote (%)			
	Rep.	Dem.	Other		Republican	Democratic	Libertarian	Other Vote		Rep.	Dem.	Libertarian	Other	Rep.	Dem.	
Alabama	9	0	0	2,678,238	1,255,925	795,996	12,228	16,089	482,228	R	61.55	38.28	0.59	0.5	61.22	38.78
Alaska	3	0	0	305,499	164,676	122,840	7,992	5,787	42,036	R	54.8	40.81	2.46	1.93	57.32	42.68
Arizona	11	0	0	2,399,254	1,233,654	1,025,232	32,100	8,268	208,422	R	51.85	44.59	1.4	0.36	54.61	45.39
Arkansas	6	0	0	1,260,448	847,544	394,409	18,276	11,259	213,255	R	68.57	30.88	1.62	1.83	62.15	37.85
California	0	55	0	13,038,847	4,839,958	7,854,285	143,221	201,580	104,327	D	37.12	60.24	1.1	1.94	38.13	61.87
Colorado	0	9	0	2,569,320	1,195,243	1,323,101	35,945	25,831	137,858	D	46.13	51.49	1.98	1	47.25	52.75
Connecticut	0	7	0	1,536,960	534,862	955,083	12,580	8,465	276,191	D	48.75	50.96	0.81	0.41	41.23	58.77
Delaware	0	3	0	433,922	185,484	243,384	3,882	1,971	77,100	D	39.98	58.61	0.94	0.48	40.93	59.07
District of Columbia	0	3	0	293,764	21,361	267,870	2,083	3,230	245,689	D	7.28	90.91	0.71	1.1	7.41	92.59
Florida	0	29	0	8,474,179	4,155,847	4,237,758	44,726	28,250	74,399	D	49.13	50.81	0.53	0.33	49.58	50.44
Georgia	16	0	0	3,905,050	2,079,688	1,773,827	45,224	2,211	304,881	R	53.3	43.48	1.18	0.06	53.96	46.04
Hawaii	0	4	0	434,221	130,937	306,266	3,838	3,180	185,329	D	27.85	70.53	0.88	0.73	28.31	71.69
Idaho	4	0	0	652,246	405,811	212,787	9,483	9,191	208,124	R	64.52	32.82	1.45	1.41	66.42	33.58
Illinois	0	20	0	5,242,824	2,139,216	3,015,312	96,229	35,957	884,296	D	48.73	57.4	1.07	0.59	49.42	50.58
Indiana	11	0	0	2,624,334	1,420,343	1,152,887	59,111	993	287,656	R	54.13	43.93	1.91	0.04	55.2	44.8
Iowa	0	6	0	1,562,180	739,617	822,544	12,248	18,893	91,937	D	48.18	51.99	0.82	1.02	47.04	52.96
Kansas	6	0	0	1,159,971	692,634	460,728	29,466	6,155	211,908	R	59.71	37.99	1.78	0.33	61.11	38.89
Kentucky	0	4	0	712,180	292,276	401,308	9,352	10,248	109,030	D	40.98	58.27	1.31	1.44	42.14	57.86
Kentucky	0	10	0	2,202,837	971,889	1,227,844	30,350	27,419	705,975	D	39.59	61.97	1.12	1.01	38.68	61.32
Massachusetts	0	11	0	3,167,787	1,188,214	1,923,290	30,900	27,243	722,974	D	37.51	60.65	0.98	0.86	38.21	61.79
Mississippi	0	0	0	1,280,384	710,746	562,249	8,676	5,213	147,797	R	55.29	43.79	0.52	0.41	58.8	41.2
Mississippi	0	0	0	1,797,212	1,087,190	679,378	17,083	13,899	407,820	R	60.49	37.8	0.93	0.76	61.94	38.06
Montana	0	0	0	1,996,068	1,152,662	805,141	18,157	14,500	343,121	R	57.78	40.38	0.91	0.73	58.75	41.25
Michigan	0	16	0	4,730,961	2,115,258	2,564,559	7,774	43,362	499,313	D	44.71	54.21	0.18	0.02	46.2	53.8
Minnesota	0	10	0	2,936,961	1,102,225	1,544,167	30,998	39,071	225,942	D	44.96	52.83	1.2	1.19	46.06	53.94
Missouri	10	0	0	2,626,519	1,424,831	1,115,126	41,759	7,214	334,800	R	55.44	42.67	1.99	0.29	56.11	43.89
Montana	3	0	0	484,048	267,508	201,839	14,165	116	68,089	R	55.35	41.7	2.93	0.02	57.03	42.97
Nebraska	0	0	0	758,232	475,274	302,861	11,020	6,126	122,863	R	62.88	37.12	1.1	0.77	61.13	38.87

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SAMPLE SEARCHES



"Tea Party"

- One of the top five terms searched for on the Voting and Elections Collection, Tea Party brings up an encyclopedia entry explaining the party itself, a *CQ Researcher* report on the changing U.S. Electorate, and, further down, an article on Party Endorsement of Candidates and how they've affected recent elections

SEARCH RESULTS Save this search Search content from CQ Press

1 - 30 of 179 results for "tea party"

Any Source Type Sort By: Relevance | Newest | Oldest

★ [Tea Party, Encyclopedia Entry](#)
Electors A to Z, 4th ed., Bob Benenson, David Terr

... [Tea Party Document Outline](#) Features The **Tea Party**, a loosely organized movement dedicated to ... actively. The movement that became known as the **Tea Party** was not a political party in the ... who came to the fore as leading **Tea Party** spokespersons described it as an organic and ...

Topics: 2010, Electing Congress: General, Gubernatorial Elections: General, Interest Groups, Partnership in Specific Elections, Partnership: General, Republican Party

★ [Changing U.S. Electorate, CQ Researcher](#)
CQ Researcher

... 2010, www.gallup.com/poll/127181/Tea-Parties-Fairly-Mainstream-Demographics.aspx?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=syndication&utm_content=morelink&utm_term=All+Gallup+Headlines+-+Politics# [5] Anthony Man, "November or Beyond? Tea Party Faces Choices; As Grassroots Movement Grows, So . . . p. 19. [5] Adam Nagourney and Carl Hulse, "Tea Party Pick Causes Uproar on Civil Rights," The . . . loosely knit political movement known as the **Tea Party**. Even before the 2008 election, apparently unorganized conservatives . . .

Topics: Voters and Demographics: General



“voter turnout”

- Another top 5 search term, this search will also reveal several *CQ Researcher* reports on turnout, as well as encyclopedia entries and election analysis of specific years



House Seats That Changed Party, under **Party Dominance** on the **Compare** tab, shows seats in the House of Representatives that changed party after an election. Let’s look at how many switched in the midterm elections during Obama’s first term

- Enter 2008 and 2012 in the start and end dates
- You’ll see a list of districts where party control shifted in the 2010 and 2012 congressional elections
- This can be exported to Excel for further analysis



Candidate Finder, under Candidates on the **Compare** tab, will pull up returns for all elections in which a candidate ran

- Search **Obama**, and you’ll see his first election in 2004 and last in 2012. Click his name and you’ll get a table of all elections, including primaries