

TABLE 6.7
Voting Statistics for Gubernatorial Elections

State or other jurisdiction	Date of last election	Primary election			Total votes	
		Republican	Democrat	3rd Party		Independent
Alabama	2014	434,525	180,658	0	0	615,183
Alaska	2014	106,648	46,427 (a)	0	0	153,075
Arizona	2014	539,690	271,276 (c)	4,739	0	815,705
Arkansas	2014	179,225	153,343	0	0	332,568
California (d)	2014	1,729,985	2,391,810	119,579	91,654	4,333,028
Colorado	2014	384,749	214,403 (c)	0	0	599,152
Connecticut	2014	79,426	(c)	0	0	79,426
Delaware	2016	30,265	(c)	0	0	30,265
Florida	2014	949,144	837,796	0	0	1,786,940
Georgia	2014	596,218	304,243 (c)	0	0	900,461
Hawaii	2014	43,052	233,179	2,526	0	278,757
Idaho	2014	155,310	25,638	0	0	180,948
Illinois	2014	819,710	447,318	0	0	1,267,028
Indiana	2016	815,699 (c)	547,375 (c)	0	0	1,363,074
Iowa	2014	162,589	72,382	0	0	234,971
Kansas	2014	263,594	66,357 (c)	0	0	329,951
Kentucky	2015	214,193	178,541	0	0	392,734
Louisiana (f)	2015	637,938	463,700	0	12,698	1,114,336
Maine	2014	50,856 (c)	56,286 (c)	0	0	107,142
Maryland	2014	214,935	485,093	0	0	700,028
Massachusetts	2014	156,580	540,733	0	0	697,313
Michigan	2014	617,720 (c)	513,263 (c)	0	0	1,130,983
Minnesota	2014	184,110	191,259	5,822	0	381,191
Mississippi	2015	274,407	299,368	0	0	573,775
Missouri	2016	684,251	325,413	3,515 (c)	0	1,013,179
Montana	2016	145,948	122,419	0	0	268,367
Nebraska	2014	221,020	65,620 (c)	402 (c)	0	287,042
Nevada	2014	117,510 (g)	72,521 (g)	0	0	190,031
New Hampshire	2016	111,271	72,497	0	0	183,768
New Jersey	2017	258,880	527,332	0	0	786,212
New Mexico	2014	64,413 (c)	125,371	0	0	189,784
New York	2014	(c)	574,350	0	0	574,350
North Carolina	2016	1,072,655	1,034,432	0	0	2,107,087
North Dakota	2016	114,415	17,337 (c)	1,095	0	132,847
Ohio	2014	559,671 (c)	440,253	674	0	1,000,598
Oklahoma	2014	264,894	(c)	0	0	264,894
Oregon	2016	304,892	480,852	0	23,332	809,076
Pennsylvania	2014	(c)	1,920,355	0	0	1,920,355
Rhode Island	2014	31,929	128,095	0	0	160,024
South Carolina	2014	(c)	(c)	0	0	0
South Dakota	2014	74,213	27,594	0	0	101,807
Tennessee	2014	651,247	228,025	0	0	879,272
Texas	2014	1,337,875	554,014	0	0	1,891,889
Utah	2016	229,656 (m)	(i)	0	0	229,656
Vermont	2016	46,394	73,160	0	0	119,554
Virginia	2017	365,782	542,816	0	0	908,598
Washington	2016	596,092	756,759	18,989	22,582	1,394,422
West Virginia	2016	161,127 (c)	258,350	0	0	419,477
Wisconsin	2014	240,102 (c)	312,106	141	0	552,349
Wyoming	2014	97,884	15,799 (c)	0	0	113,684
American Samoa	2016			(j)		
Guam	2014	11,034 (c)	7,330 (c)	0	0	18,364
CNMI*	2014	(k)	(k)	(k)	(k)	(k)
Puerto Rico	2016	(c)	462,973	0	0	462,973
U.S. Virgin Islands	2014	N/A	9,962	0	0	9,962

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State or other jurisdiction	General election									
	Republican	Percent	Democrat	Percent	3rd Party	Percent	Independent and Write-In	Percent	Total votes	
Alabama	750,231	63.6	427,787	36.2	0	0.0	2,395	0.2	1,180,413	
Alaska	128,435	45.9	8,985 (b)	3.2	6,987	2.5	135,551 (b)	48.4	279,958	
Arizona	805,062	53.4	626,921	41.6	72,769	4.8	1,664	0.1	1,506,416	
Arkansas	470,429	55.4	352,115	41.5	26,408	3.1	0	0.0	848,952	
California (d)	2,929,213	40.0	4,388,368	60.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	7,317,581	
Colorado	938,195	46.0	1,006,433	49.3	96,946	4.7	0	0.0	2,041,574	
Connecticut	526,295 (e)	48.2	554,314 (e)	50.7	0	0.0	12,164	1.1	1,092,773	
Delaware	166,852	39.2	248,404	58.3	10,528	2.5	0	0.0	425,784	
Florida	2,865,343	48.1	2,801,198	47.1	223,356	3.8	61,664	1.0	5,951,561	
Georgia	1,345,237	52.7	1,144,794	44.9	60,185	2.4	432	0.0	2,550,648	
Hawaii	135,775	37.1	181,106	49.5	49,329	13.5	0	0.0	366,210	
Idaho	235,378	53.2	169,595	38.3	25,627	5.8	11,668	2.6	442,268	
Illinois	1,833,627	50.4	1,681,343	46.2	121,534	3.3	1,186	0.0	3,637,690	
Indiana	1,397,396	51.4	1,235,503	45.4	87,025	3.2	44	0.0	2,719,968	
Iowa	666,023	59.0	420,778	37.3	41,140	3.6	1,093	0.1	1,129,034	
Kansas	433,196	49.8	401,100	46.1	35,206	4.0	0	0.0	869,502	
Kentucky	511,374	52.5	426,620	43.8	0	0.0	35,698	3.7	973,692	
Louisiana (f)	505,940	43.9	646,924	56.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1,152,864	
Maine	294,519	48.2	265,114	43.4	51,515	8.4	79	0.0	611,227	
Maryland	884,400	51.2	818,890	47.4	25,382	1.5	303	0.0	1,728,975	
Massachusetts	1,044,573	48.4	1,004,408	46.5	71,814	3.3	37,531	1.7	2,158,326	
Michigan	1,607,399	50.9	1,479,057	46.9	70,025	2.2	50	0.0	3,156,531	
Minnesota	879,257	44.5	989,113	50.1	106,241	5.4	795	0.0	1,975,406	
Mississippi	476,697	66.4	231,643	32.3	9,845	0.0	0	0.0	718,185	
Missouri	1,424,730	51.3	1,261,110	45.4	61,503	2.2	30,511	1.1	2,777,854	
Montana	236,115	46.4	255,933	50.2	17,312	3.4	0	0.0	509,360	
Nebraska	308,751	57.2	211,905	39.3	19,001	3.5	0	0.0	539,657	
Nevada	386,340	70.6	130,722	23.9	14,536	2.7	15,751 (g)	2.9	547,349	
New Hampshire	354,040	48.8	337,589	46.6	31,243	4.3	1,991	0.3	724,863	
New Jersey	899,583	41.9	1,203,110	56.0	44,722	2.1	0	0.0	2,147,415	
New Mexico	293,443	57.2	219,362	42.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	512,805	
New York	1,536,879 (h)	40.2	2,069,480 (h)	54.2	206,349	5.4	6,719	0.2	3,819,427	
North Carolina	2,298,880	48.8	2,309,157	49.0	102,977	2.2	0	0.0	4,711,014	
North Dakota	259,863	76.5	65,855	19.4	13,230	3.9	653	0.2	339,601	
Ohio	1,944,848	63.6	1,009,359	33.0	101,706	3.3	0	0.0	3,055,913	
Oklahoma	460,298	55.8	338,239	41.0	0	0.0	26,294	3.2	824,831	
Oregon	684,321	43.8	796,006	51.0	46,446	3.0	35,046	2.2	1,561,819	
Pennsylvania	1,575,511	45.1	1,920,355	54.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	3,495,866	
Rhode Island	117,428	36.2	131,899	40.7	69,278	21.4	5,450	1.7	324,055	
South Carolina	696,645	55.9	516,166	41.4	21,060	1.7	12,432	1.0	1,246,303	
South Dakota	195,477	70.5	70,549	25.4	0	0.0	11,377	4.1	277,403	
Tennessee	951,796	70.3	309,237	22.8	45,150	3.3	47,545	3.5	1,353,728	
Texas	2,796,547	59.3	1,835,596	38.9	85,063	1.8	1,062	0.0	4,718,268	
Utah	750,828	66.7	322,462	28.7	34,687	3.1	16,936	1.5	1,124,913	
Vermont	166,817	53.0	139,253	44.2	8,912	2.8	0	0.0	314,982	
Virginia	1,175,731	45.0	1,409,175	53.9	27,987	6.5	1,389	0.1	2,614,282	
Washington	1,476,346	45.6	1,760,520	54.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	3,236,866	
West Virginia	301,987	42.3	350,408	49.1	61,463	8.6	0	0.0	713,858	
Wisconsin	1,259,706	52.3	1,122,913	46.6	0	0.0	27,695	1.1	2,410,314	
Wyoming	99,700	59.4	45,752	27.3	4,040	2.4	18,385	11.0	167,877	
American Samoa					(j)				12,024	
Guam	22,512	63.9	12,712	36.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	35,224	
CNMI*	541	3.9	6,342	46.0	0	0.0	6,915	50.1	13,798	
Puerto Rico	614,190	38.9	660,510	41.8	39,159	4.4	266,325	16.9	1,580,184	
U.S. Virgin Islands	0	0.0	10,173 (l)	39.2	0	0.0	15,802 (l)	60.8	25,975	

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Voting Statistics for Gubernatorial Elections (continued)

Sources: The Council of State Governments' survey of state elections websites, December 2017.

*Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Key:

N/A—Not Applicable

- (a) In 2014, the Democratic Primary featured candidates from the Democratic Party and the Libertarian Party.
- (b) In a move endorsed by the Alaska Democratic Party, independent gubernatorial candidate Bill Walker and Democratic candidate Byron Mallott joined forces in a self-proclaimed "unity" ticket to challenge—and ultimately defeat—incumbent Republican Gov. Sean Parnell. Walker, a Republican who petitioned onto the ballot as an Independent, headed the ticket, while the Democratic candidate Mallott ran as the lieutenant governor. This move required Hollis French, the Democratic lieutenant governor candidate, and Craig Fleener, Walker's former running mate, to resign from their respective ballots. As a result, there were no Democratic candidates for governor for the first time in state history. The unity ticket received 134,658 votes. Write-in votes totaled 893.
- (c) Candidate ran unopposed.
- (d) California became an open primary state after passage of Proposition 14 in the June 2010 election. The top two vote-getters in primary races for congressional, state legislative and statewide offices, regardless of political party, will be in a face-off in the general election.
- (e) Republican vote total includes 22,297 votes from the Independent party. Democratic vote total includes 24,762 from the Working Families Party.
- (f) Louisiana has an open primary which requires all candidates, regardless of party affiliation, to appear on a single ballot. If a candidate receives over 50 percent of the vote in the primary, he is elected to the office. If no candidate receives a majority vote, then a single election is held between the two candidates receiving the most votes.

- (g) Nevada voters have the option to select "None of These Candidates." If the "None of These Candidates" option receives the most votes in an election, the actual candidate who receives the most votes wins the election. In the Democratic primary, the "None of These Candidates" option received the most votes (21,725 or 30%). The winner of the primary—Robert Goodman—received 17,691 votes (25%). In the Republican primary, 3,509 voters selected that option. The "None of These Candidates" option received 15,751 votes in the general election.
- (h) Democratic vote includes 73,266 from the Independence Party, 51,052 from the Women's Equality Party, and 120,446 from the Working Families Party. The Republican vote includes 239,266 from the Conservative Party and 50,242 from the Stop Common Core Party.
- (i) Candidate nominated by convention.
- (j) There are no primaries. Instead, the law provides for a runoff when none of the candidates receives more than 50% of the vote. All elections and candidates are nonpartisan, but candidates do identify with specific parties. The vote total in the general election was 12,024. Incumbent Lolo Matalasi Moliga won with 7,235 votes, Faoa Aitofele Sunia was next with 4,305 and Tuika Tuika received 484 votes.
- (k) There are no primaries. Instead, the law provides for a runoff when none of the candidates receives more than 50% of the vote.
- (l) In the general election in the U.S. Virgin Islands, a runoff was held because no candidate received more than 50% of the vote. The vote total in the runoff election was 25,396, with the Independent candidate Kenneth Mapp winning with 62.7% of the vote.
- (m) Incumbent Republican Governor of Utah, Gary Herbert, lost the GOP primary convention vote to challenger Jonathan Johnson. Under the "Count My Vote" law, Herbert was still guaranteed a spot on the ballot despite losing the convention vote (forcing an official primary).