

Table 6.4
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State or other jurisdiction	Type of primary	National (a)			State (b)		
		Primary	Runoff	General	Primary	Runoff	General
Alabama.....	O	Feb., 1st T Feb. 7, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	June, 1st T June 1, 2010	July, 1st T after 2nd M (even yrs.) July 13, 2010	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Alaska.....	C	Aug., 4th T Aug. 28, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	Aug., 4th T Aug. 24, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Arizona.....	C	Feb., 1st T Feb. 7, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	8th T Prior Aug. 31, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Arkansas.....	O	Feb., 1st T Feb. 7, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	T 3 wks. prior to runoff May 18, 2010	June, 2nd T June 8, 2010	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
California.....	SO	Feb., 1st T Feb. 7, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	June ★ June 8, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Colorado.....	C	Caucus Feb. 7, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	Aug., 2nd T Aug. 10, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Connecticut.....	C	Feb., 1st T Feb. 7, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	Aug. 2nd T Aug. 10, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Delaware.....	C	Feb., 1st T Feb. 7, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	Sept., 1st S after 1st M Sept. 14, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Florida.....	C	(d) Jan. 31, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	9th T prior to General August 24, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Georgia.....	O	Feb., 1st T Feb. 7, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	(d) July 20, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Hawaii.....	O	Caucus (c)	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	Sept., 2nd Last S Sept. 18, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Idaho.....	O	May, 4th T May 22, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	May, 4th T May 25, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Illinois.....	O	Feb., 1st T Feb. 7, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	Feb., 1st T Feb. 9, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Indiana.....	O	May, ★ May 1, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	May, ★ May 5, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Iowa.....	C	Caucus (e) Jan. 16, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	June, ★ June 1, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Kansas.....	C	Feb., 1st T Feb. 7, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	Aug. 1st T Aug. 3, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Kentucky.....	C	May, 1st T after 3rd M May 22, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	May, 1st T after 3rd M May 18, 2010	35 days AP June 22, 2010	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Louisiana.....	O (f)	(d) Feb. 11, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	(f) Aug. 28 and Oct. 2	(f) None scheduled	(f) Nov. 2, 2010
Maine.....	C	Caucus (c)	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	June, 2nd T June 8, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Maryland.....	C	Feb., 2nd T Feb. 14, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	2nd T after 1st M in Sept. Sept. 14, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Massachusetts.....	SO	(d) Mar. 6, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	7th T Prior Sept. 14, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010

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Michigan.....	O	(d) Feb. 28, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	Aug., ★ Aug. 3, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Minnesota.....	O	(g) Mar. 6, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	(g) Sept. 14, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Mississippi.....	O	Mar., 2nd T (g) Mar. 13, 2012	3 wks. after 1st Primary Apr. 3, 2012	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	(d) August 2, 2011	3rd T AP August 23, 2011	Nov., ★ Nov. 8, 2011
Missouri.....	O	Feb., ★ Feb. 7, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	Aug., ★ Aug. 3, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Montana.....	O	June, ★ June 5, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	June, ★ June 8, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Nebraska.....	C	May, 1st T After 2nd M May 15, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	May, 1st T After 2nd M May 11, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Nevada.....	C	Caucus Jan. 28, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	3rd T Aug. Aug. 17, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
New Hampshire.....	SO	Set by SS Jan. 24, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	(d) Sept. 14, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
New Jersey.....	SO	Feb., ★ Feb. 7, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	June, ★ June 4, 2013	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 5, 2013
New Mexico.....	C	Feb., ★ Feb. 7, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	June, 1st T June 1, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
New York.....	C	Feb., ★ Feb. 7, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	Sept., ★ Sept. 7, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
North Carolina.....	C (h)	May, ★ May 8, 2012	7 wks. AP June 26, 2012	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	May, ★ May 4, 2010	7 wks. AP June 22, 2010	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
North Dakota.....	O	(i) Caucus—Feb. 7, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	June, 2nd T June 8, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Ohio.....	SO	Mar., ★ Mar. 6, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	Mar., ★ Mar. 2, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Oklahoma.....	C	Feb., ★ Feb. 7, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	July, last T July 27, 2010	Aug., 4th T Aug. 24, 2010	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Oregon.....	C	May, 3rd T May 15, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	May, 3rd T May 18, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Pennsylvania.....	C	Apr., 4th T Apr. 24, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	Apr., 4th T Apr. 27, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Rhode Island.....	O	(d) (c)	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	Sept., 2nd T after 1st M Sept. 14, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
South Carolina.....	O	(d) (c)	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	June, 2nd T June 8, 2010	2nd T AP June 22, 2010	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
South Dakota.....	C	June, ★ June 5, 2012	2nd T AP June 19, 2012	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	June, ★ June 1, 2010	2nd T AP June 15, 2010	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Tennessee.....	O	Feb., ★ Feb. 7, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	Aug., 1st TH Aug. 5, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010

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Texas.....	O	Mar., 1st T Mar. 6, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	Mar., 1st T Mar. 2, 2010	Apr., 2nd T Apr. 13, 2010	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Utah.....	C	Feb., ★ Feb. 7, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	June, 4th T June 22, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Vermont.....	O	Mar., 1st T Mar. 6, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	Sept., 2nd T Sept. 14, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Virginia.....	O	Feb., 2nd T Feb. 14, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	June, 2nd T June 11, 2013	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 5, 2013
Washington.....	PC	(d) (c)	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	Aug., 3rd T Aug. 17, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
West Virginia.....	C	May, 2nd T May 8, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	May, 2nd T May 11, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Wisconsin	O	(d) Feb. 21, 2012	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	Sept., 2nd T Sept. 14, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Wyoming	C	Caucus (c)	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	Aug., 1st T After 3rd M Aug. 17, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
Dist. of Columbia	C	(d) (c)	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 6, 2012	(d) Sept. 14, 2010	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
American Samoa	N.A.	(j) Nov. 6, 2012	14 days after general	Nov., ★ Nov. 16, 2010	(j) Nov. 2, 2010	14 days after general	Nov., ★
Puerto Rico.....	N.A.	...	...	...	(d) (c)	...	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010
U.S. Virgin Islands	N.A.	...	...	...	Sept., 2nd S Sept. 11, 2010	14 day AP Sept. 25, 2010	Nov., ★ Nov. 2, 2010

Sources: The Council of State Governments, March 2010.
 Note: This table describes the basic formulas for determining when national and state will be held. For specific information on a particular state, the reader is advised to contact the state election administration office. All dates provided are based on the state election formula and dates are subject to change.

Key:
 ★ — First Tuesday after first Monday.
 ... — No provision.
 M — Monday.
 T — Tuesday.
 TH — Thursday.
 S — Saturday.
 Nat. — Same date as national elections.
 State — Same date as state elections.
 Prior — Prior to general election.
 (a) National refers to presidential elections.
 (b) State refers to election in which a state executive official or U.S. senator is to be elected. See Table 6.2, State Officials to be Elected.
 (c) Date not available at press time.
 (d) Formula not available at press time.
 (e) Iowa does not have a presidential primary. The Iowa Caucuses mark the beginning of the presidential candidate selection process by choosing delegates to the next level of political party conventions.

(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, that candidate 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. For national elections, the first vote is held on the first Saturday in October of even-numbered years with the general election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. For state elections, the election is held on the second to last Saturday in October with the runoff being held on the fourth Saturday after first election. Local elections vary depending on the location and the year.
 (g) Parties must notify the Secretary of State's Office in writing prior to Dec. 1st the year preceding the date of the election of their intentions to hold a preference primary election.
 (h) Unaffiliated voters, by state statute and with permission of a party, may vote in a party primary. Currently both the Democratic and Republican parties allow this.
 (i) On one designated day, following presidential nominating contests in the states of Iowa and New Hampshire and prior to the first Wednesday in March in every presidential election year, every political party entitled to a separate column may conduct a presidential preference caucus. Before August 15 of the odd-numbered year immediately preceding the presidential election year, the secretary of state shall designate the day after consulting with and taking recommendations from the two political parties casting the greatest vote for president of the United States at the most recent general elections when the office of president appeared on the ballot.
 (j) American Samoa does not conduct primary elections (In addition, elections are conducted for territory-wide offices. There are no local elections).