

## PRE-EVENT

### VOTERS



Register to vote and decide party affiliation

## STATE EVENTS

### CAUCUS OR CONVENTION

Attend a gathering at a specific time and place and states their candidate preference (process differs by party and state)

**PRIMARY**  
Vote at polls over course of one day

# Race to the nomination

Voters choose their party's presidential nominee through a delegate allocation system that culminates at the national conventions.

### CANDIDATE



Campaigns across country – typically focusing on early states; adds name to state ballots



A candidate with disappointing results usually withdraws after early events

### NATIONAL CONVENTION



Once nominated, announces choice for vice presidential running mate

### DELEGATES



Political parties allot number and type of delegates to each state; formula and process differ between parties



Pledged delegates are allocated to candidates; distribution varies by party and state



Delegates pledged to a candidate no longer in race may be pledged to another or change to “uncommitted” status



Vote to officially decide party nominee

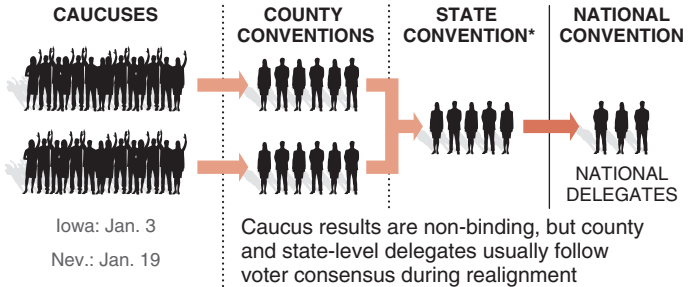
**Pledged** – Candidate choice bound by event results

**Unpledged (includes superdelegates)** – Free to vote for candidate of one's choice at national convention

# Caucus or primary – same outcome

States with the first presidential nomination events exemplify the range of how voter preference can be translated into national delegate allocation.

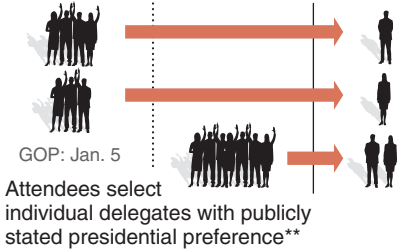
## Iowa, Nevada – multitiered process



Voters arrive at specific time; express presidential preference – may be by show of hands, dividing into groups or paper ballot

For Dems, supporters for candidates with less than 15 percent of the vote can choose again

## Wyoming\*\* – multiple events



## New Hampshire, South Carolina, others – single event



\* Iowa also holds congressional district conventions

\*\* Wyoming GOP profiled; Dems have different process based on party rules with first event March 8

Date of first event labeled

# Primer for the presidential primaries

The series of preliminary presidential events in each state, generally referred to as the primaries, will decide the Democratic and Republican nominees for president. While the complex process varies by party and state, the ultimate outcome of events remains the same. Voters express their presidential preference which is then translated to the number of national delegates pledged to

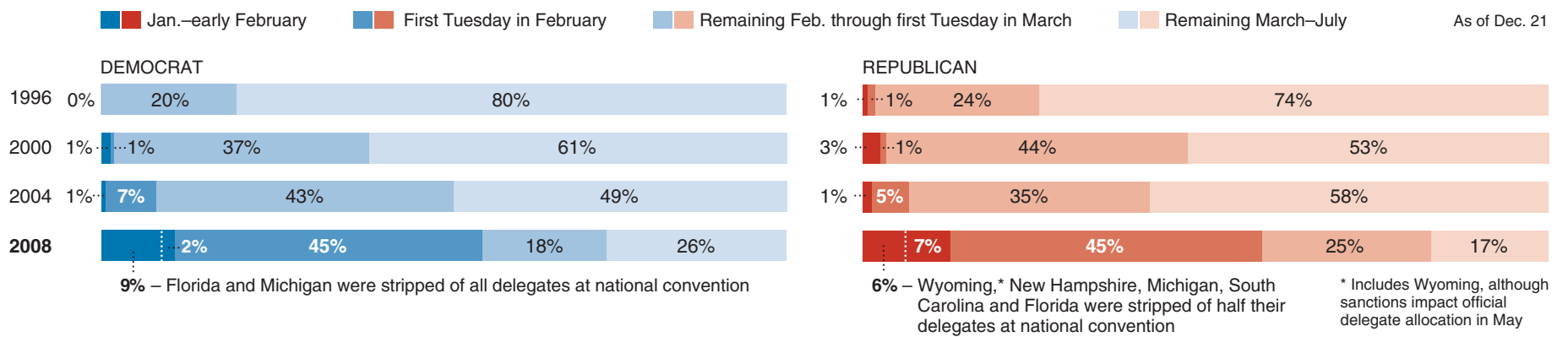
specific candidates. The delegates, a predetermined number of people assigned to each state, in turn vote for the candidate at the parties' national conventions. The candidate who receives the majority of the total delegate votes for each party wins the nomination.

## Jockeying for position

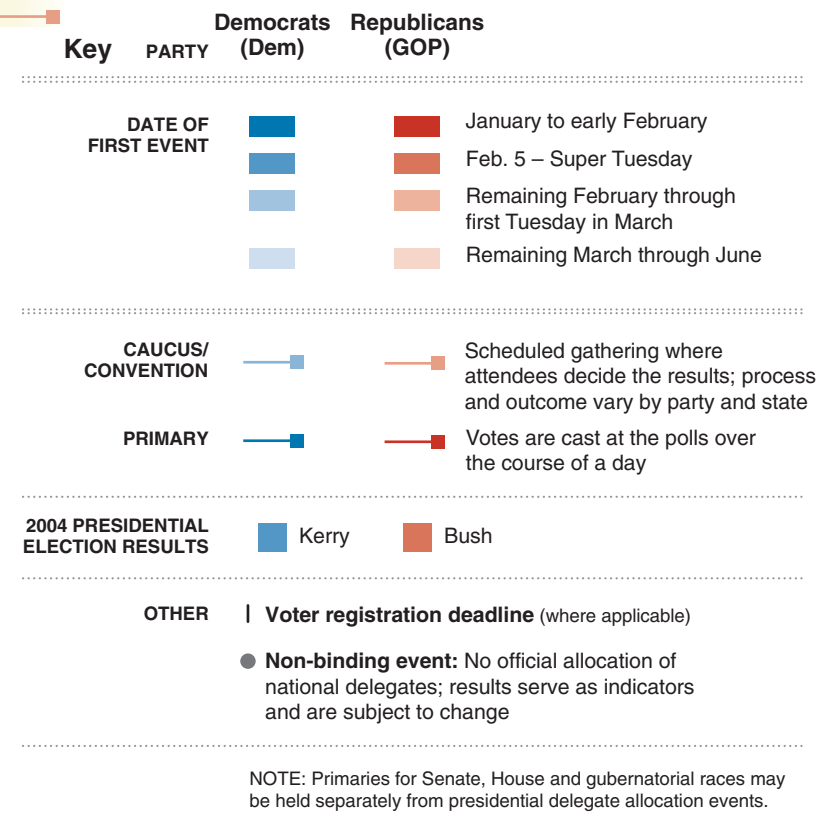
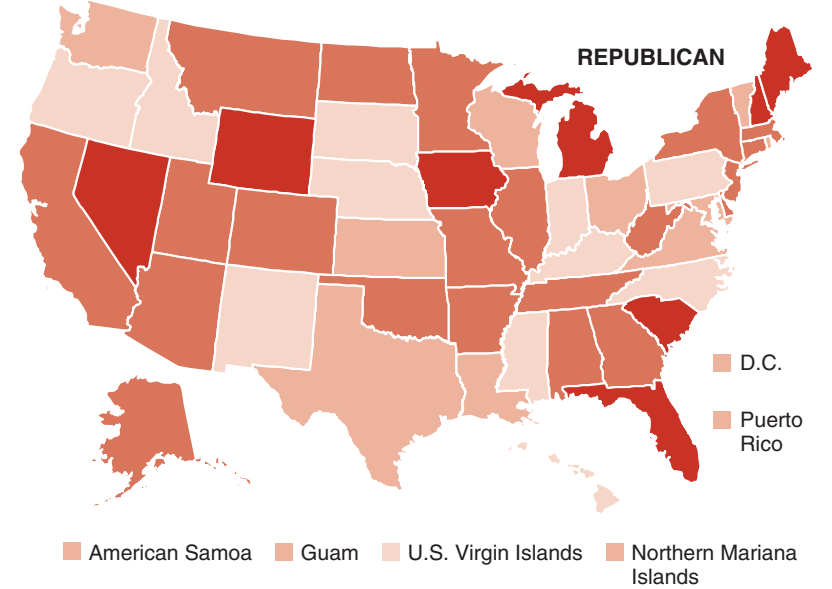
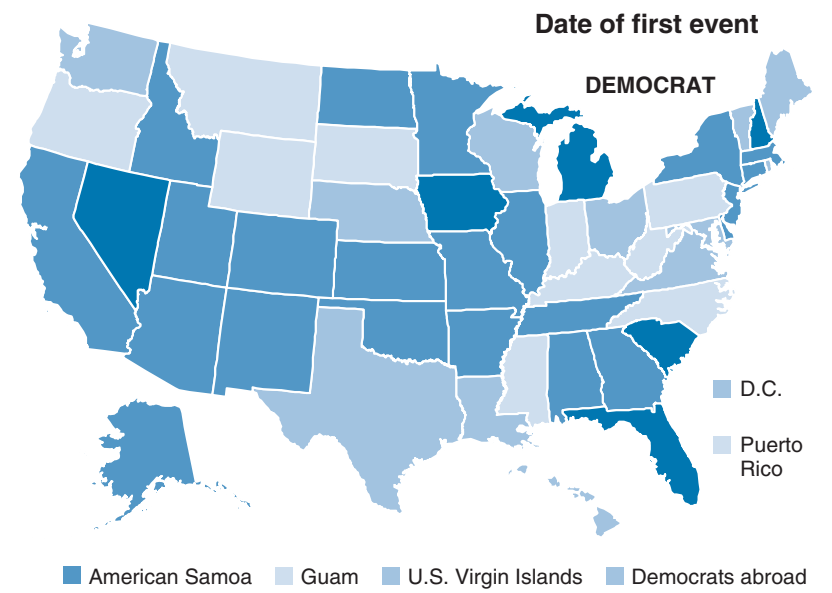
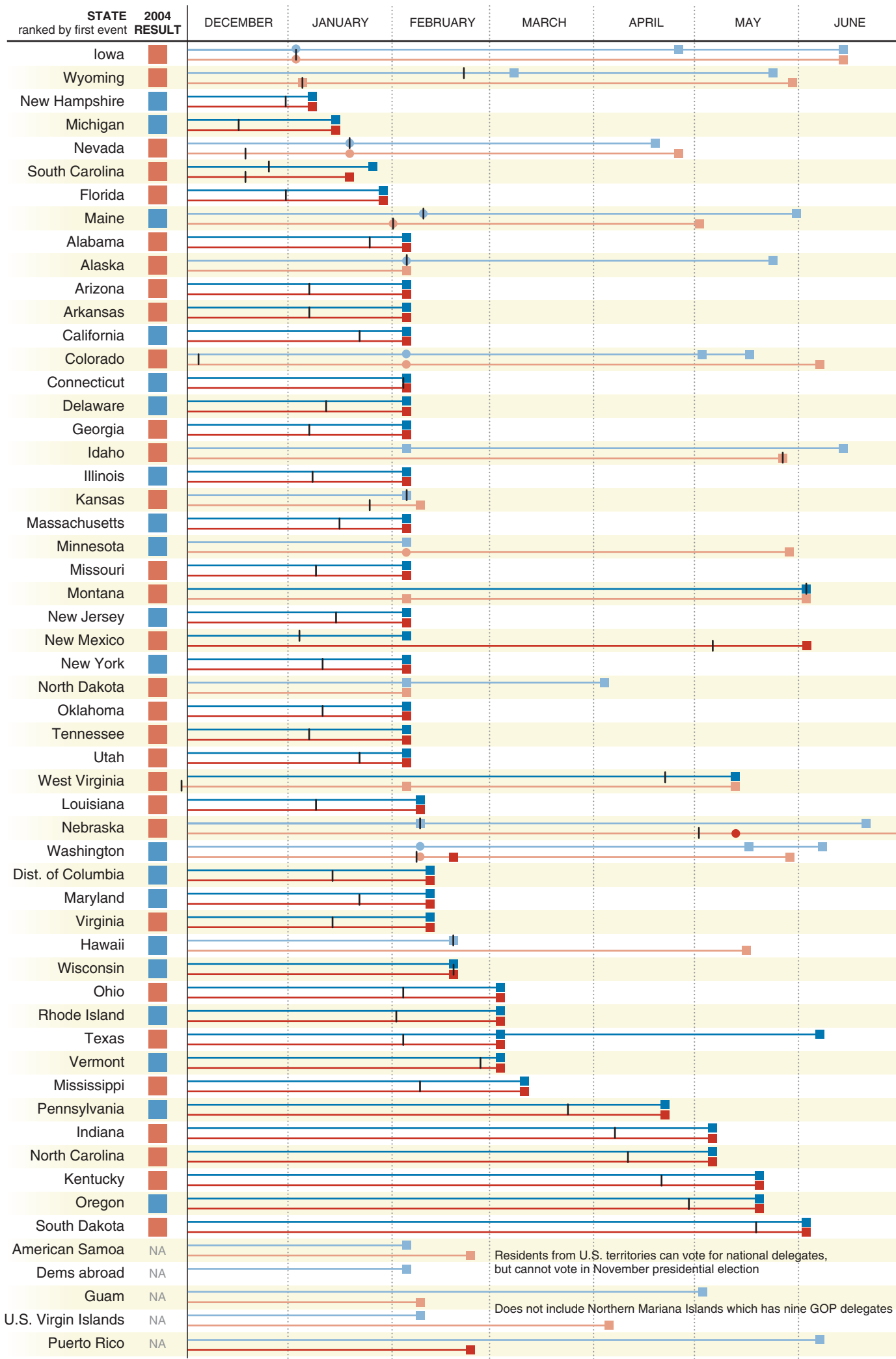
In the first presidential race with no incumbent or obvious heir apparent since 1928, many states have scheduled their events much earlier than in the past because the first events have the power to set the tone for the entire election process.

Both parties have penalized states that broke rules for holding delegate-binding events before Feb. 5.

## Rollout of pledged delegates compared to previous years



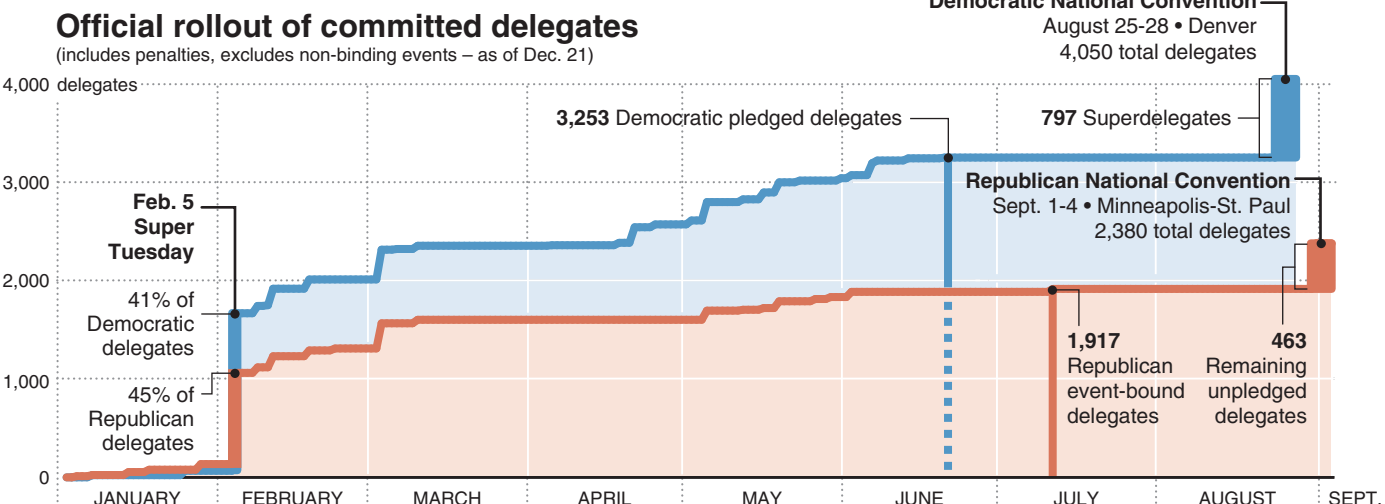
## State-level presidential delegate events



### Democratic delegates

Standardized process (same for all states)

- 80% pledged**  
Bound by event results, they are proportionately allocated between candidates who receive at least 15 percent of the vote.
- 20% unpledged**  
These "superdelegates" are free to vote for the candidate of their choice at the national convention.

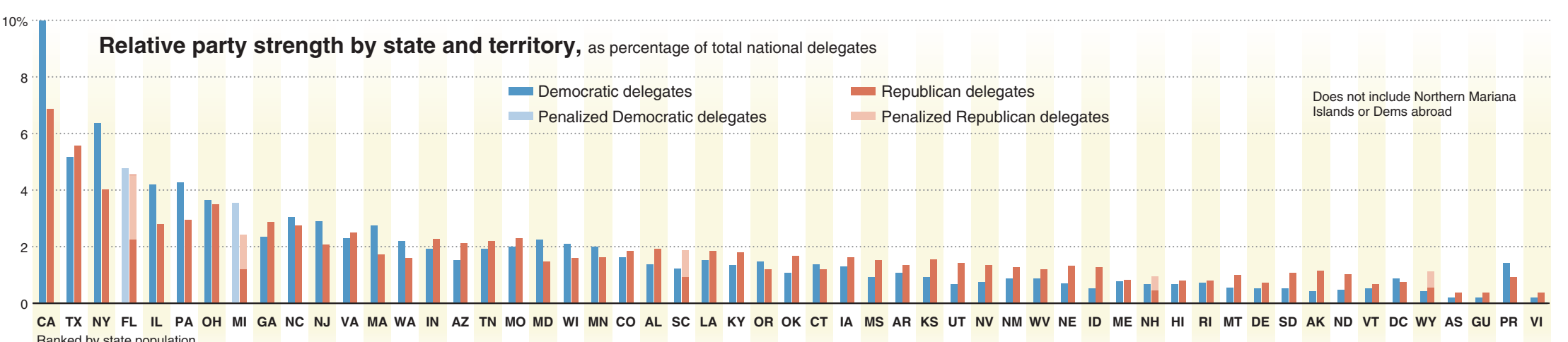


### Republican delegates

Decentralized process, (varies by state)

- 81% pledged**  
Bound by event results
- 19% unpledged**  
Distinction varies by state (where applicable)

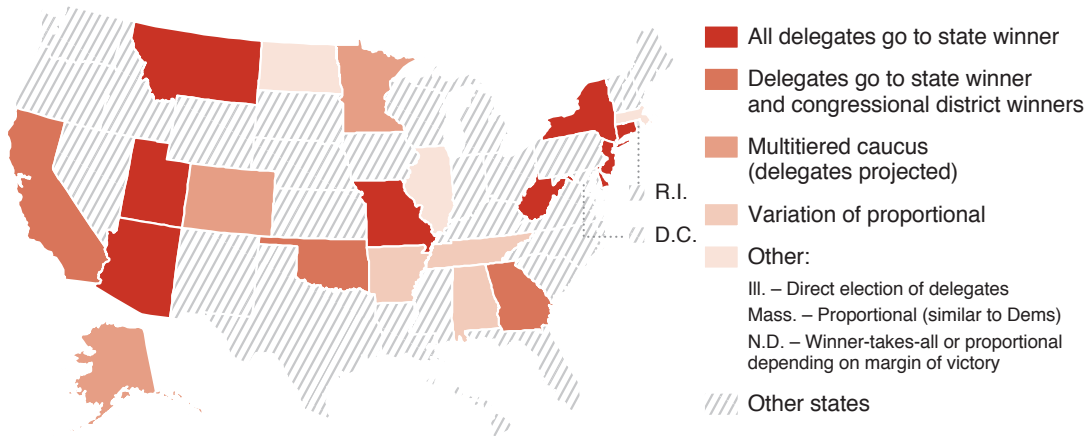
**GOP allocation**  
Majority of states have winner-takes-all allocation for state and/or congressional district level delegates; others distribute delegates in a more complex manner that varies by state



# Delegate allocation more complex than Electoral College

Democrats use a standardized delegate allocation process where event-bound delegates are proportionally distributed to candidates who receive at least 15 percent of the vote by state and congressional district. Republican delegate allocation rules vary by state.

## Republican delegate allocation rules for Super Tuesday



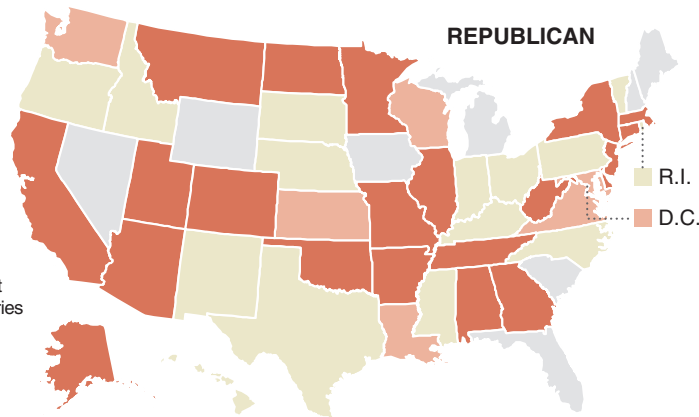
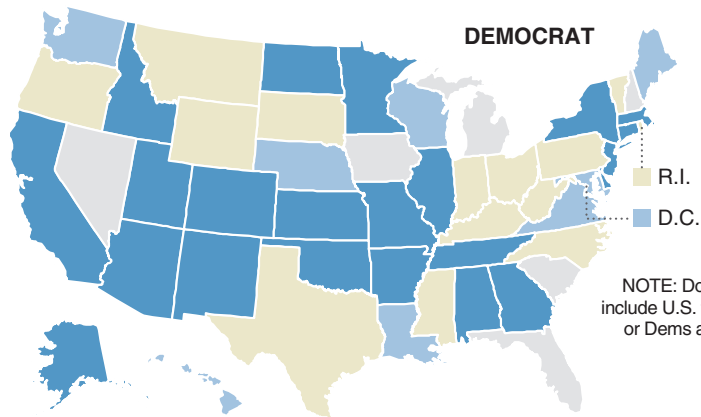
NOTE: W.Va. GOP does not allocate all event-bound delegates at first event; N.J. Dems allocate district level delegates by pairs of state legislative districts, not congressional districts.

# Super Tuesday to decide more than 40 percent of delegates

The 24 states holding presidential nominating contests on Feb. 5 will determine the allocation of 42 percent of the national Democratic delegation and 43 percent of the Republican delegation.

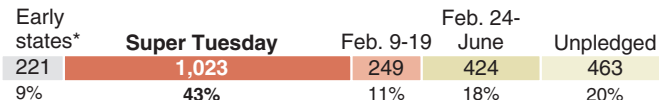
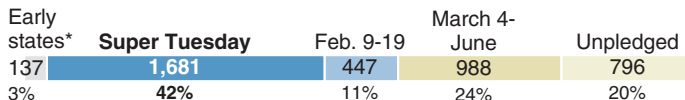
## First events in each state

■ Super Tuesday (Feb. 5)   
 ■ Feb. 9-19   
 ■ Late states   
 ■ Early states



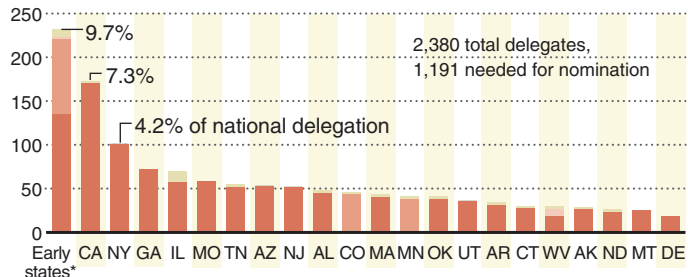
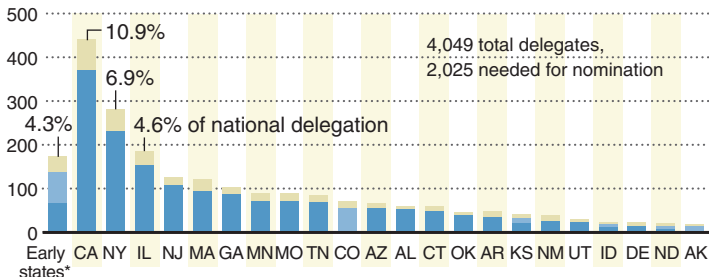
NOTE: Does not include U.S. territories or Dems abroad

## Delegate rollout (Includes projections from non-binding events)



## Total delegates for Super Tuesday states

■ Bound by event results   
 ■ Projected from results   
 ■ Decided at later event   
 ■ Unpledged



NOTE: American Samoa will allocate three of nine Democratic delegates Super Tuesday

\*Includes sanctions

# McCain takes the lead, Dems in tight race

John McCain won key GOP delegate-rich states to take a substantial lead in the Republican race. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are running neck-in-neck, having closely divided Super Tuesday's event-bound delegates.

## State results

(Delegates allocated)

As of 7 p.m. EST Feb. 6

**Alabama\*** 542,511 votes  
**Obama** 55.8% (20)  
 Clinton 41.7% (21)  
 Other 2.5%  
 2,821 of 2,827 precincts – 99 percent

**Alaska** 406 votes  
**Obama** 74.4% (9)  
 Clinton 25.4% (4)  
 Other 0.2%  
 39 of 40 precincts – 98 percent

**Arizona\*** 460,428 votes  
**Clinton** 50.7% (26)  
 Obama 41.9% (21)  
 Other 7.5%  
 894 of 957 precincts – 97 percent

**Arkansas\*** 290,615 votes  
**Clinton** 69.5% (23)  
 Obama 26.8% (6)  
 Other 3.7%  
 2,354 of 2,480 precincts – 94 percent

**California\*** 4,059,896 votes  
**Clinton** 51.9% (191)  
 Obama 42.3% (150)  
 Other 5.8%  
 22,772 of 23,110 precincts – 99 pct.

**Colorado\*** 119,200 votes  
**Obama** 66.6% (13)  
 Clinton 32.4% (6)  
 Other 1.1%  
 3,181 of 3,213 precincts – 99 percent

**Connecticut** 353,515 votes  
**Obama** 50.7% (26)  
 Clinton 46.6% (22)  
 Other 2.6%  
 732 of 732 precincts – 100 percent

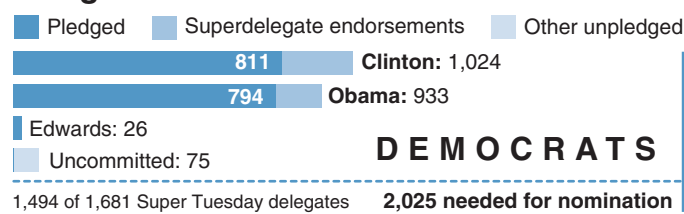
**Delaware** 96,341 votes  
**Obama** 53.1% (9)  
 Clinton 42.3% (6)  
 Other 4.6%  
 312 of 312 precincts – 100 percent

**Georgia\*** 1,054,831 votes  
**Obama** 66.4% (27)  
 Clinton 31.1% (18)  
 Other 2.5%  
 3,153 of 3,157 precincts – 99 percent

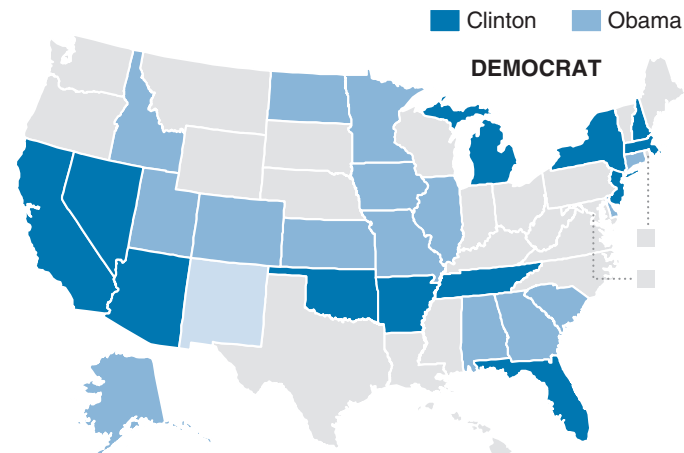
**Idaho** 21,224 votes  
**Obama** 79.5% (15)  
 Clinton 17.2% (3)  
 Other 3.2%  
 45 of 45 precincts – 100 percent

## Delegate totals

As of 6 p.m. EST Feb. 6



## Winning candidates of each state (May not correspond with delegate allocation)



NOTE: N.M. Dems too close to call; does not include U.S. territories or Dems abroad

**Illinois\*** 2,016,316 votes  
**Obama** 64.3% (72)  
 Clinton 32.9% (37)  
 Other 2.8%  
 11,510 of 11,574 precincts – 99 pct.

**Kansas** 36,731 votes  
**Obama** 74.0% (23)  
 Clinton 25.8% (9)  
 Other 0.3%  
 50 of 50 precincts – 100 percent

**Massachusetts\*** 1,254,537 votes  
**Clinton** 56.2% (54)  
 Obama 40.8% (37)  
 Other 3.0%  
 2,167 of 2,167 precincts – 100 percent

**Minnesota** 208,826 votes  
**Obama** 66.6% (48)  
 Clinton 32.0% (24)  
 Other 1.4%  
 3,505 of 4,122 precincts – 85 percent

**Missouri\*** 823,503 votes  
**Obama** 49.2% (30)  
 Clinton 48.0% (30)  
 Other 2.8%  
 3,371 of 3,371 precincts – 100 percent

**New Jersey\*** 1,119,768 votes  
**Clinton** 53.8% (51)  
 Obama 44.0% (37)  
 Other 2.2%  
 6,256 of 6,292 precincts – 99 percent

American Samoa allocated two delegates to Clinton and one to Obama

\* Not all delegates allocated as of 5 p.m. Wednesday

**New Mexico\*** 136,421 votes  
 Clinton 48.5% (13)  
 Obama 48.4% (12)  
 Other 3.1%  
 180 of 184 precincts – 98 percent

**New York\*** 1,748,833 votes  
**Clinton** 57.4% (127)  
 Obama 39.9% (87)  
 Other 2.7%  
 14,585 of 14,670 precincts – 99 pct.

**North Dakota** 19,012 votes  
**Obama** 61.1% (8)  
 Clinton 36.5% (5)  
 Other 2.3%  
 47 of 47 precincts – 100 percent

**Oklahoma** 417,096 votes  
**Clinton** 54.8% (24)  
 Obama 31.2% (14)  
 Other 14.0%  
 2,220 of 2,220 precincts – 100 percent

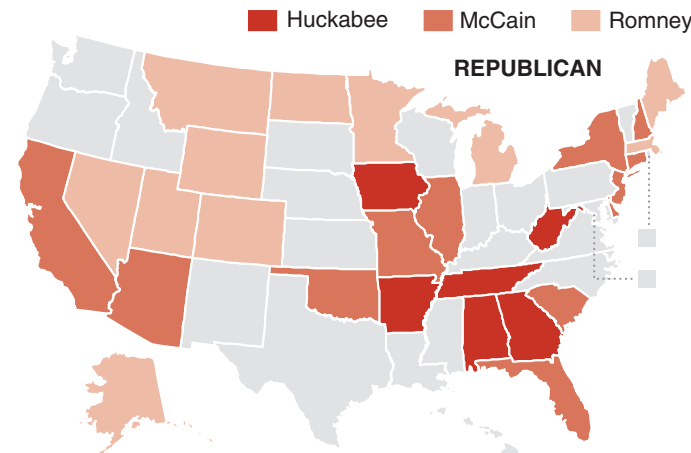
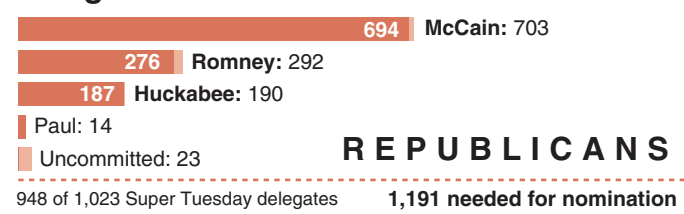
**Tennessee\*** 618,723 votes  
**Clinton** 53.8% (34)  
 Obama 40.5% (21)  
 Other 5.7%  
 2,290 of 2,290 precincts – 100 percent

**Utah** 124,307 votes  
**Obama** 56.6% (14)  
 Clinton 39.2% (9)  
 Other 4.2%  
 2,256 of 2,257 precincts – 99 percent

NOTE: Delegate count based on event results and AP reporting; includes projections from non-binding caucus results

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**Huckabee** 40.7% (20)  
 McCain 37.2% (16)  
 Romney 18.2%  
 Paul 2.7%  
 Other 1.2%  
 2,821 of 2,827 precincts – 99 percent

**Alaska** 11,620 votes  
**Romney** 44.1% (12)  
 Huckabee 21.9% (6)  
 Paul 16.8% (5)  
 McCain 15.5% (3)  
 Other 1.6%  
 39 of 40 precincts – 98 percent

**Arizona** 451,641 votes  
**McCain** 47.2% (53)  
 Romney 34.2%  
 Huckabee 9.0%  
 Other 5.4%  
 Paul 4.2%  
 931 of 957 precincts – 97 percent

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 McCain 20.4% (1)  
 Romney 13.7% (1)  
 Paul 4.8%  
 Other 1.0%  
 2,354 of 2,480 precincts – 94 percent

**California\*** 2,324,007 votes  
**McCain** 42.0% (146)  
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 Huckabee 11.6%  
 Giuliani 5.0%  
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 Other 3.2%  
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**Colorado\*** 56,027 votes  
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 McCain 19.0%  
 Huckabee 13.0%  
 Paul 8.3%  
 Other 0.3%  
 3,067 of 3,213 precincts – 96 percent

**Connecticut** 151,212 votes  
**McCain** 52.1% (27)  
 Romney 33.0%  
 Huckabee 7.0%  
 Paul 4.0%  
 Other 3.9%  
 732 of 732 precincts – 100 percent

**Delaware** 50,237 votes  
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**McCain** 33.0% (58)  
 Huckabee 31.5%  
 Romney 29.3%  
 Paul 4.5%  
 Other 1.8%  
 3,371 of 3,371 precincts – 100 percent

**Montana** 1,630 votes  
**Romney** 38.3% (25)  
 Paul 24.5%  
 McCain 22.0%  
 Huckabee 15.0%  
 Other 0.1%  
 56 of 56 precincts – 100 percent

**New Jersey** 560,006 votes  
**McCain** 55.4% (52)  
 Romney 28.4%  
 Huckabee 8.2%  
 Paul 4.8%  
 Other 3.2%  
 6,256 of 6,292 precincts – 99 percent

**New York** 607,011 votes  
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 Romney 27.8%  
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 Other 0.4%  
 47 of 47 precincts – 100 percent

**Oklahoma** 333,602 votes  
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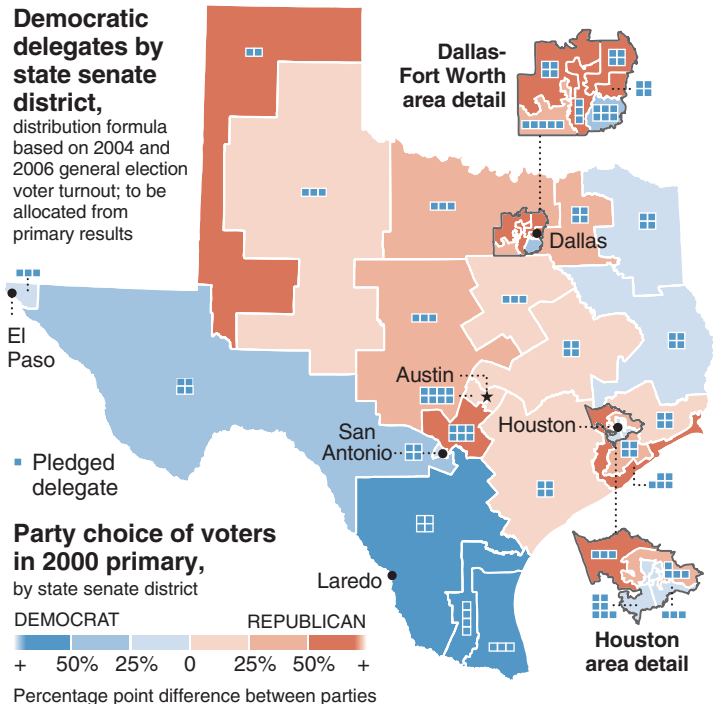
**West Virginia** 1,100 votes  
**Huckabee** 51.5% (18)  
 Romney 47.4%  
 McCain 1.1%  
 Giuliani —  
 Paul —  
 1 of 1 precincts – 100 percent

# Texas Dems hold hybrid primary-caucus

Texas' Democratic primary will determine the allocation of 126 pledged delegates. They will be proportionally distributed based on the total vote of each state senate district. An additional 67 delegates will be allocated from the state's caucus and convention results.

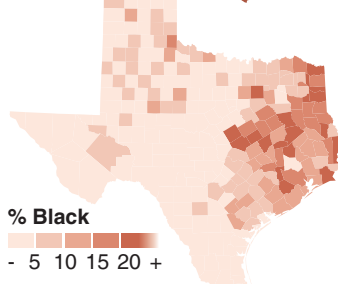
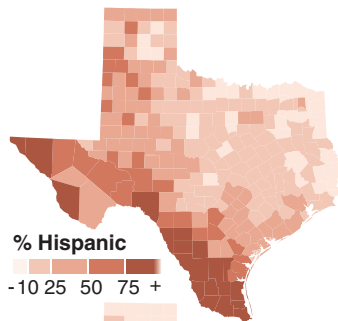
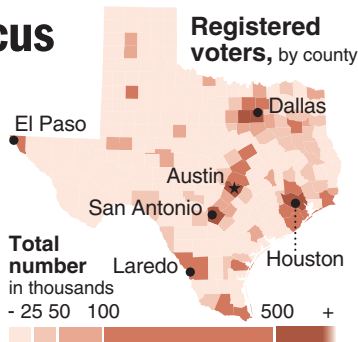
## Democratic delegates by state senate district

distribution formula based on 2004 and 2006 general election voter turnout; to be allocated from primary results



NOTE: Texas holds an open primary; voters pick party ballot upon arrival

## Registered voters, by county



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# Popular vote lead up to interpretation

Both Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama can currently claim a lead in the ambiguous popular vote.

## Trackable popular vote tally\*

■ Including Florida and Michigan



\* Does not include Iowa, Nev., Wash., Maine and Texas caucuses, of which Obama won all but Nevada

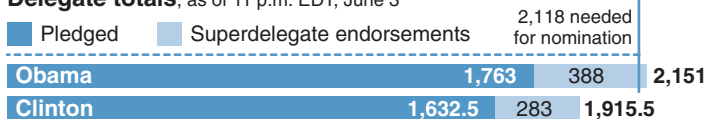
NOTE: Obama received no votes in Mich. from his name being off the ballot



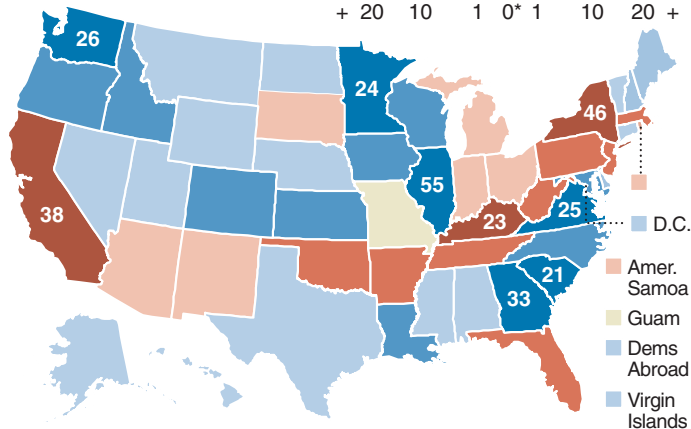
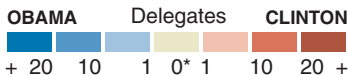
# Obama wins Democratic delegate race

Sen. Barack Obama clinched the Democratic nomination for president Tuesday with the final events in Montana and South Dakota.

**Delegate totals**, as of 11 p.m. EDT, June 3



**Delegates margin of victory**



\* Delegate tie in Missouri, Guam

NOTE: Delegate count based on event results and AP reporting

**Superdelegate endorsements**  
Obama +90

**Puerto Rico**  
+21

# The long race to the nomination

While Hillary Clinton began with an early lead in superdelegate endorsements, Barack Obama jumped ahead with a series of wins in February following Super Tuesday. He held on to his lead through the final contests.

## Cumulative delegates allocated to Obama and Clinton

Oct. 29, 2007 to June 5, 2008

