

Your Guide to the Election Night 2012 US Presidential Campaign

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Thinking of staying up late this Tuesday as the votes for US Presidential Election are counted? Look no further – here’s a (hopefully) handy guide that I’ve put together for you to keep track as the results come in.

A Presidential candidate needs 270 Electoral Votes to win, which is the majority of the 538 Electoral Votes up for grabs (538 is the sum of one electoral vote for each of the Senators (100) and Congressmen (435) in the country, and 3 for Washington DC’s representatives).

Polls closing at Midnight UK / 7PM Eastern US

State	Electoral Votes	Expected Winner
Georgia	16	Romney
Indiana	11	Romney
Kentucky	8	Romney
South Carolina	9	Romney
Vermont	3	Obama
Virginia	13	Toss-up [Currently: Obama (50.8) / Romney (48.6)]

The South Carolina result is expected before 01.00 AM UK / 08.00 PM Eastern US. If the result in Virginia is too close to call, we could see legal challenges draw the Presidential Election result out until Friday. In Indiana, a Romney win by a margin over 11% will indicate that this is a good night for the Republican Party.

Electoral Votes: (excl Virginia)

Obama 3 / Romney 44

Polls closing at 12.30 AM UK / 7.30pm Eastern US

State	Electoral Votes	Expected Winner
North Carolina	15	Romney
Ohio	18	Obama
West Virginia	5	Romney

Electoral Votes: (excl Virginia)

Obama 21 / Romney 64

If Obama wins both North Carolina and Ohio, the game is over for Romney (Romney is expected to carry NC). Obama is still the favourite even if he loses Ohio. The Ohio result isn't expected until after 1.00AM UK.

Polls closing at 1 AM UK / 8PM Eastern US

State	Electoral Votes	Expected Winner
Alabama	9	Romney
Connecticut	7	Obama
Delaware	3	Obama
Washington DC	3	Obama
Florida	29	Toss-up [Currently: Obama 49.6 / Romney 49.9]
Illinois	20	Obama
Maine	4	Obama
Maryland	10	Obama
Massachusetts	11	Obama
Mississippi	6	Romney
Missouri	10	Romney
New Hampshire	4	Toss-up [Currently: Obama 51.2 / Romney 48.0]
New Jersey	14	Obama
Oklahoma	7	Romney
Pennsylvania	20	Obama
Rhode Island	4	Obama
Tennessee	11	Romney

Electoral Votes: excluding Virginia (13), Florida (29), New Hampshire (4)

Obama 117 / Romney 107

The Romney campaign are secretly hoping for a surprise in Pennsylvania.

Polls closing at 1.30 AM UK / 8.30 PM Eastern US

State	Electoral Votes	Expected Winner
Arkansas	6	Romney

Electoral Votes: excluding Virginia (13), Florida (29), New Hampshire (4)

Obama 117 / Romney 113

Polls closing at 2.00 AM UK / 9 PM Eastern US

State	Electoral Votes	Expected Winner
Arizona	11	Romney
Colorado	9	Romney
Kansas	6	Romney
Louisiana	8	Romney
Michigan	16	Obama
Minnesota	10	Obama
Nebraska	5	Romney
New Mexico	5	Obama
New York	29	Obama
South Dakota	3	Romney
Texas	38	Romney
Wisconsin	10	Tossup [Currently Obama(52.1) / Romney(47.2)]
Wyoming	3	Romney

Electoral Votes: excluding Virginia (13), Florida (29), New Hampshire (4), Wisconsin (10)

Obama 177 / Romney 196

Virginia should definitely have been called by now, as should Florida and Ohio. If Ohio is still 'too close to call' at this point, this spells trouble for Obama.

The first Arizona election results should be due around 3.00 AM UK / 10 PM Eastern US

If Romney wins Ohio, North Carolina and Virginia – Obama must win Florida or else he's out.

Polls closing at 3.00 AM UK / 10PM Eastern US

State	Electoral Votes	Expected Winner
Iowa	6	Toss-up [Currently: Obama 50.9 / Romney 48.0]
Montana	3	Romney
Nevada	6	Toss-up [Currently: Obama 51.5 / Romney 47.5]
Utah	6	Romney

Obama can afford to lose Iowa and Nevada, provided he hasn't lost Florida AND either Virginia/Wisconsin

Polls closing at 4.00 AM UK / 11.00 PM Eastern US

State	Electoral Votes	Expected Winner
California	55	Obama
Hawaii	4	Obama
Idaho	4	Romney

North Dakota	3	Romney
Oregon	7	Obama
Washington	12	Obama

Iowa and Nevada will have been called by now, and the TV networks should be able to project polls (based on exit polls) at this time.

Polls closing at 5.00 AM UK / Midnight Eastern US

State	Electoral Votes	Expected Winner
Alaska	4	Romney

Assuming the legal challenges aren't piling up in Florida and Ohio, the losing candidate will have conceded in a private phone call to the winning candidate. Victory/concession speeches should be imminent at this point, if all goes to plan.

Swing State Watchlist

State	Voting Ends At	Current polling
Virginia (13)	Midnight UK / 07.00 pm Eastern US	Obama 50.8 / Romney 48.6
Ohio (18)	12.30 AM UK / 07.30 PM Eastern US	Obama 51.1 / Romney 47.9
North Carolina (15)	12.30 AM UK / 07.30 PM Eastern US	Obama 48.7 / Romney 50.7
Florida (29)	01.00 AM UK / 08.00 PM Eastern US	Obama 49.6 / Romney 49.9
New Hampshire (4)	01.00 AM UK / 08.00 PM Eastern US	Obama 51.2 / Romney 48.0
Pennsylvania (20)	01.00 AM UK / 08.00 PM Eastern US	Obama 52.4 / Romney 46.7
Colorado (9)	02.00 AM UK / 09.00 PM Eastern US	Obama 50.4 / Romney 48.7
Wisconsin (10)	02.00 AM UK / 9.00 PM Eastern US	Obama 52.1 / Romney 47.2
Iowa (6)	03.00 AM UK / 10.00 PM Eastern US	Obama 50.9 / Romney 48.0
Nevada (6)	03.00 AM UK / 10.00 PM Eastern US	Obama 51.5 / Romney 47.5