

State caucuses and primaries

They are held to decide which presidential candidates state delegates will support at the national party conventions. The candidate with a majority of the delegates wins his/her party's nomination.

Caucus



A multilevel system of meetings that begins at the neighborhood level; can take several weeks

- **Who participates** Mainly party activists, but any registered voter can attend; voter turnout is lower than in primaries
- **Delegates** Selection rules vary from state to state

Primary

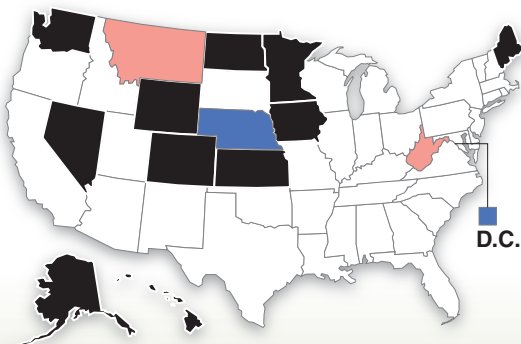


Registered voters cast ballots at polls for candidates

- **Who participates** Voters can cross party lines in an open primary or vote for only for the candidates in his/her party in a closed primary
- **Delegates** Candidate gets a proportion based on his/her share of the vote, or, in some states, winner takes all

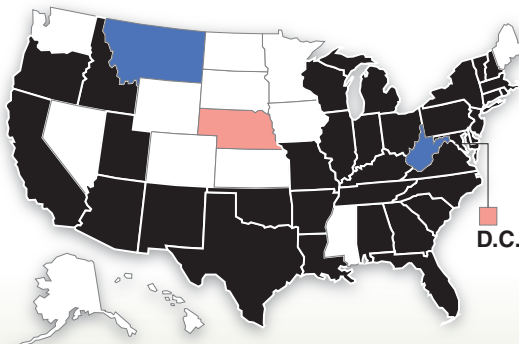
Caucus states

■ Both parties ■ Dems only ■ GOP only



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Primary and caucus calendar

January

- 3 Iowa
- 5 Wyo. (R)
- 8 N.H.
- 15 Mich.
- 19 Nev., S.C. (R), Hawaii (D)
- 25 Hawaii (R)
- 26 S.C. (D)
- 29 Fla.

February

- 1 Maine (R)
- 5 Ala., Alaska, Ariz., Ark., Calif., Colo., Conn., Del., Ga., Idaho (D), Ill., Kan. (D), Mass., Minn., Mo., N.J., N.M. (D), N.Y., N.D., Okla., Tenn., Utah

- 9 La., Kan. (R), Wash., Neb. (D)
- 10 Maine (D)
- 12 District of Columbia, Md., Va.
- 19 Hawaii (D), Wash., Wisc.

March

- 4 Ohio, R.I., Texas, Vt.
- 8 Wyo. (D)
- 11 Miss.

April

- 22 Pa.

May

- 6 Ind., N.C.
- 13 Neb. (R), Va.
- 20 Ky., Ore.
- 27 Idaho (R)

June

- 3 Mont., N.M., (D), S.D.