

Texas Vote in Presidential Elections, Primaries: 1848–2008

Until the election of 1948, Texas ballots did not list the presidential candidates by name but instead listed the electors for each party. Since the individual electors' vote totals varied slightly, given here is the highest vote received by any elector for a candidate.

An asterisk (*) designates the winner of the national election.

In the 1860 vote that elected Lincoln president, electors for neither Lincoln nor Stephen Douglas were on the Texas ballot. Texas did not take part in the 1864 and 1868 elections because of the Civil War and Reconstruction.

Presidential primaries, which began in Texas in 1976, follow at the end.

Election, 1848

Lewis Cass (Democrat)	8,801
*Zachary Taylor (Whig)	3,777
Total Vote	12,578

Election, 1852

*Franklin Pierce (Democrat)	11,519
Winfield Scott (Whig)	4,187
Total Vote	15,706

Election, 1856

*James C. Buchanan (Democrat)	32,460
Millard Fillmore (Whig)	15,472
Total Vote	47,932

Election, 1860

John C. Breckinridge (Democrat)	47,887
John Bell (Constitutional Union)	15,527
Total Vote	63,414

CIVIL WAR and RECONSTRUCTION

Election, 1872

Horace Greeley (Democrat)	66,435
*Ulysses S. Grant (Republican)	47,426
Charles O'Connor (Labor-Reform)	2,580
Total Vote	116,441

Election, 1876

Samuel J. Tilden (Democrat)	104,755
*Rutherford B. Hayes (Republican)	44,800
Total Vote	149,555

Election, 1880

Winfield S. Hancock (Democrat)	156,428
*James A. Garfield (Republican)	57,893
James B. Weaver (Greenback)	27,405
Total Vote	241,726

Election, 1884

*Grover Cleveland (Democrat)	225,309
James G. Blaine (Republican)	93,141
John P. St. John (Prohibitionist)	3,534
Benjamin F. Butler (Greenback)	3,321
Total Vote	325,305

Election, 1888

Grover Cleveland (Democrat)..... 234,883
*Benjamin Harrison (Republican) 88,422
Alson J. Streeter (Union Labor) 29,459
Clinton B. Fisk (Prohibitionist) 4,749
Total Vote357,513

Election, 1892

*Grover Cleveland (Democrat) 239,148
James B. Weaver (Populist) 99,688
Benjamin Harrison (Republican)..... 77,478
John Bidwell (Prohibitionist) 2,165
Unknown..... 3,968
Total Vote422,447

Election, 1896

William J. Bryan (Democrat)..... 284,298
William J. Bryan (Populist)..... 76,926
*William McKinley (Republican)..... 158,894
John McA. Palmer (National Democrat) 4,853
Joshua Levering (Prohibitionist) 1,722
Total Vote526,693

Election, 1900

William J. Bryan (Democrat)..... 267,432
*William McKinley (Republican)..... 130,641
Wharton Barker (Populist) 20,981
John G. Woolley (Prohibitionist) 2,644
Eugene V. Debs (Socialist) 1,846
Joseph F. Malloney (Socialist Labor)..... 162
Total Vote423,706**

****POLL TAX instituted as requirement for voting,
December 1902**

Election, 1904

Alton B. Parker (Democrat) 199,799
*Theodore Roosevelt (Republican) 65,823
Thomas E. Watson (Populist) 8,062
Silas C. Swallow (Prohibitionist) 4,292
Eugene V. Debs (Socialist) 2,791
Charles H. Corregan (Socialist Labor)..... 421
Total Vote281,188**

Election, 1908

William J. Bryan (Democrat)..... 224,110
*William H. Taft (Republican)..... 70,458
Eugene V. Debs (Socialist) 7,870
Eugene W. Chafin (Prohibitionist)..... 1,634
Thomas E. Watson (Populist) 994
August Gillhaus (Socialist Labor) 176
Thomas L. Hisgen (Independence League)
115
Total Vote305,357

Election, 1912

*Woodrow Wilson (Democrat) 219,489
William H. Taft (Republican) 28,530
Theodore Roosevelt (Progressive)..... 26,745
Eugene V. Debs (Socialist) 24,896
Eugene W. Chafin (Prohibitionist)..... 1,698
Arthur E. Reimer (Socialist Labor)..... 420
Total Vote301,778

Election, 1916

*Woodrow Wilson (Democrat) 286,514
Charles E. Hughes (Republican) 64,999
Allan L. Benson (Socialist)..... 18,969
J. Frank Hanly (Prohibitionist) 1,985
Total Vote372,467

Election, 1920

James M. Cox (Democrat)..... 288,767
*Warren G. Harding (Republican)..... 114,538
James E. Ferguson (American)..... 47,968
(Black and Tan Republican)..... 27,247
Eugene V. Debs (Socialist) 8,121
Total Vote486,641

Election, 1924

John W. Davis (Democrat)..... 486,777
*Calvin Coolidge (Republican)..... 130,794
Robert M. LaFollette (Progressive)..... 42,882
Total Vote660,453

Election, 1928

*Herbert C. Hoover (Republican)..... 367,036
Alfred E. Smith (Democrat)..... 341,032
Norman M. Thomas (Socialist) 722
William Z. Foster (Communist) 209
Total Vote708,999

Election, 1932

*Franklin D. Roosevelt (Democrat) 760,348
Herbert C. Hoover (Republican) 97,959
Norman M. Thomas (Socialist) 4,450
W.H. Harvey (Liberty) 324
William Z. Foster (Communist) 207
(Jacksonian) 104
Total Vote863,392

Election, 1936

*Franklin D. Roosevelt (Democrat) 734,485
Alfred M. Landon (Republican) 103,874
William Lemke (Union) 3,281
Norman M. Thomas (Socialist) 1,075
D. Leigh Colvin (Prohibitionist) 514
Earl R. Browder (Communist)..... 253
Total Vote843,482

Election, 1940

*Franklin D. Roosevelt (Democrat) 840,151
Wendell L. Willkie (Republican) 199,152
Roger W. Babson (Prohibitionist) 925
Norman M. Thomas (Socialist) 728
Earl R. Browder (Communist)..... 212
Total Vote1,041,168

Election, 1944

*Franklin D. Roosevelt (Democrat) 821,605
Thomas E. Dewey (Republican) 191,425
‡(Texas Regulars) 135,439
Claude A. Watson (Prohibitionist) 1,017
Norman M. Thomas (Socialist) 594
Gerald L.K. Smith (America First)..... 251
Total Vote1,150,331

‡ *Uninstructed electors.*

Election, 1948

*Harry S Truman (Democrat)	750,700
Thomas E. Dewey (Republican)	282,240
J. Strom Thurmond (States Rights)	106,909
Henry A. Wallace (Progressive)	3,764
Claude A. Watson (Prohibitionist)	2,758
Norman M. Thomas (Socialist)	874
Total Vote	1,147,245*

**Figures above represent the official tabulation.
Thirty-seven counties did not report on the presidential race within the time prescribed by law.*

Election, 1952

*Dwight D. Eisenhower (Republican)	1,102,878
Adlai E. Stevenson (Democrat)	969,228
Stuart Hamblen (Prohibitionist)	1,983
Douglas MacArthur (Christian National)	833
Douglas MacArthur (Constitution)	730
Vincent Hallinan (Progressive)	294
Total Vote	2,075,946

Election, 1956

*Dwight D. Eisenhower (Republican)	1,080,619
Adlai E. Stevenson (Democrat)	859,958
T. Coleman Andrews (Constitution)	14,591
Total Vote	1,955,168

Election, 1960

*John F. Kennedy (Democrat)	1,167,932
Richard M. Nixon (Republican)	1,121,699
Charles L. Sullivan (Constitution)	18,169
Rutherford L. Decker (Prohibitionist)	3,870
Total Vote	2,311,670

Election, 1964

*Lyndon B. Johnson (Democrat)	1,663,185
Barry Goldwater (Republican)	958,566
Joseph B. Lightburn (Conservative)	5,060
Total Vote	2,626,811

Election, 1968

Hubert H. Humphrey (Democrat)	1,266,804
*Richard M. Nixon (Republican)	1,227,844
George C. Wallace (American)	584,269
Write-in	489
Total Vote	3,079,406

Election, 1972

*Richard M. Nixon (Republican)	2,298,896
George McGovern (Democrat)	1,154,289
Linda Jenness (Socialist)	8,664
John G. Schmitz (American)	6,039
Other	3,393
Total Vote	3,471,281

Election, 1976

*Jimmy Carter (Democrat)	2,082,319
Gerald R. Ford (Republican)	1,953,300
Eugene J. McCarthy (Independent)	20,118
Thomas J. Anderson (American)	11,442
Peter Camejo (Socialst Worker)	1,723
Write-in	2,982
Total Vote	4,071,884

Election, 1980

*Ronald Reagan (Republican)	2,510,705
Jimmy Carter (Democrat)	1,881,147
John Anderson (Independent)	111,613
Ed Clark (Libertarian)	37,643
Write-in	529
Total Vote	4,541,637

Election, 1984

*Ronald Reagan (Republican)..... 3,433,428
Walter Mondale (Democrat)..... 1,949,276
Lyndon Larouche (Independent) 14,613
Other..... 254
Total Vote5,397,571

Election, 1988

*George Bush (Republican)..... 3,036,829
Michael S. Dukakis (Democrat) 2,352,748
Ron Paul (Libertarian) 30,355
Other..... 7,478
Total Vote5,427,410

Election, 1992

George Bush (Republican) 2,496,071
*Bill Clinton (Democrat) 2,281,815
Ross Perot (Independent) 1,354,781
Andre Marrou (Libertarian) 19,699
Other..... 1,652
Total Vote6,154,018

Election, 1996

Bob Dole (Republican) 2,736,167
*Bill Clinton (Democrat) 2,459,683
Ross Perot (Independent) 378,537
Harry Browne (Libertarian) 20,256
Howard Phillips (U.S. Taxpayers) 7,472
Ralph Nader (Write-In) 4,810
John Hagelin (Natural Law) 4,422
Mary Cal Hollis (Write-In) 297
Total Vote5,611,644

Election, 2000

*George W. Bush (Republican) 3,799,639
Al Gore (Democrat) 2,433,746
Ralph Nader (Green) 137,994
Harry Browne (Libertarian) 23,160
Pat Buchanan (Independent)..... 12,394
Howard Phillips (Write-In)..... 567
James (Jim) Wright (Write-In)..... 74
David McReynolds (Write-In)..... 63
Total Vote6,407,637

Election, 2004

*George W. Bush (Republican) 4,526,917
John F. Kerry (Democrat) 2,832,704
Michael Badnarik (Libertarian)..... 38,787
Ralph Nader (Write-In) 9,159
Michael Anthony Peroutka (Write-In)..... 1,636
David Keith Cobb (Write-In)..... 1,014
Andrew J. Falk (Write-In)..... 219
John Joseph Kennedy (Write-In) 126
Walt Brown (Write-In) 111
Deborah Elaine Allen (Write-In) 92
Total Vote7,410,765

Election, 2008

John McCain (Republican) 4,479,328
*Barack Obama (Democrat) 3,528,633
Bob Barr (Libertarian) 56,116
Ralph Nader (Write-In) 5,214
Chuck Baldwin (Write-In)..... 5,052
Brian Moore (Write-In) 910
Alan Keyes (Write-In) 895
Thaddaus Hill (Write-In)..... 876
Cynthia McKinney (Write-In)..... 671
Jonathan Allen (Write-In) 100
Total vote..... 8,077,795

Presidential Primaries in Texas

May 1976

(The first year presidential primaries were held in the state.)

Republican

Ronald Reagan.....	278,300
Gerald Ford	139,944
Uncommitted	1,162
Total Vote	419,406

Democratic

Jimmy Carter	736,161
Lloyd Bentsen.....	343,032
George Wallace.....	270,798
Fred Harris.....	31,379
Sargent Shriver.....	28,520
Ellen McCormack	5,700
Uncommitted	129,478
Total Vote	1,545,068

May 1980

Republican

Ronald Reagan.....	268,798
George Bush	249,819
Uncommitted	8,152
Total Vote	526,769

Democratic

Jimmy Carter	770,390
Edward M. Kennedy	314,129
Jerry Brown	35,585
Uncommitted	257,250
Total Vote	1,377,354

March 1984

Republican

Ronald Reagan.....	308,713
Uncommitted	11,126
Total Vote	319,839

Democratic

Democrats held no primary, but voted in precinct caucuses for 169 delegates. With the addition of party leaders, the 200-member delegation to the national convention was divided:

Walter Mondale	119
Gary Hart	41
Jesse L. Jackson	35
Uncommitted	5

March 1988

Republican

George Bush	648,178
Pat Robertson.....	155,449
Bob Dole.....	140,795
Jack Kemp.....	50,586
Pete Du Pont	4,245
Alexander M. Haig Jr.	3,140
Uncommitted	12,563
Total Vote	1,014,956

Democratic

Michael S. Dukakis 579,713
Jesse L. Jackson 433,335
Al Gore 357,764
Dick Gephardt..... 240,158
Gary Hart 82,199
Paul Simon 34,499
Bruce Babbitt 11,618
Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr. 9,013
David E. Duke..... 8,808
W.A. Williams..... 6,238
Norbert G. Dennerll Jr..... 3,700
Total Vote 1,767,045

March 1992

Republican

George Bush 556,280
Patrick J. Buchanan..... 190,572
David Duke 20,255
George A. Zimmermann 1,349
Tennie Rogers 754
Uncommitted 27,936
Total Vote 797,146

Democratic

Bill Clinton..... 972,235
Paul E. Tsongas..... 285,224
Edmund G. Brown Jr. 118,869
Charles Woods 30,097
Bob Kerrey..... 20,298
Tom Harkin 19,618
Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr. 12,220
George W. Bennis 7,876
Rufus Higginbotham 7,677
Tod Howard Hawks..... 4,924
J. Louis McAlpine 4,009
Total Vote 1,483,047

March 1996

Republican

Bob Dole..... 567,164
Patrick J. (Pat) Buchanan..... 217,974
Steve Forbes 130,938
Alan Keyes 41,746
Lamar Alexander 18,745
Phil Gramm..... 18,629
Richard G. Lugar 2,266
Susan Ducey 1,093
Mary (France) LeTulle 650
Charles E. Collins..... 633
Morry Taylor 458
Uncommitted 19,507
Total Vote 1,019,803

Democratic

Bill Clinton..... 796,041
Fred Hudson..... 32,232
Heather Harder..... 28,772
Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr. 28,137
Ted L. Gunderson 15,550
Elvena E. Lloyd-Duffie 10,876
Sal Casamassima..... 9,648
Total Vote 921,256

March 2000

Republican

George W. Bush 986,416
John McCain..... 80,082
Alan Keyes 43,518
Steve Forbes 2,865
Gary Bauer 2,189
Orrin G. Hatch 1,324
Charles Bass Urban 793
Uncommitted 9,570
Total Vote 1,126,757

Democratic

All Gore..... 631,428
Bill Bradley..... 128,564
Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr. 26,898
Total Vote 786,890

March 2004

Republican

George W. Bush 635,948
Uncommitted 51,667
Total Vote 687,615

Democratic

John F. Kerry 563,237
John Edwards..... 120,413
Howard Dean..... 40,035
Al Sharpton..... 31,020
Joe Lieberman..... 25,245
Wesley K. Clark..... 18,437
Dennis J. Kucinich..... 15,475
Dick Gephardt..... 12,160
Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr. 6,871
Randy Crow..... 6,338
Total Vote 839,231

March 2008

Republican

John McCain..... 697,767
Mike Huckabee..... 518,002
Ron Paul..... 66,360
Mitt Romney 27,264
Fred Thompson 11,503
Alan Keyes 8,260
Duncan Hunter 8,222
Rudy Giuliani 6,038
Hugh Cort 728
Hoa Tran..... 604
Uncommitted 17,574
Total vote..... 1,362,322

Democratic

Hillary Clinton 1,462,734
Barack Obama..... 1,362,476
John Edwards..... 29,936
Bill Richardson..... 10,773
Joe Biden..... 5,290
Christopher J. Dodd..... 3,777
Total vote..... 2,874,986