



## THE 2024 ELECTION

Election Day is over. Here is a recap of the election results.

### The House of Representatives

House members serve two-year terms, so every voter had a US representative race on their ballot. Here are results as of Wednesday afternoon.

**Republicans: 202**  
**Democrats: 189**

There are 44 races still being counted. Those races will determine which party has majority control of the House—half the 435 seats rounded up, so 218.

### The Senate

There are two senators per state, and senators serve six-year terms. About one-third of the Senate seats are up for grabs every two years. Here is what has been called so far.

**Republicans: 52**  
**Democrats: 44**

The Democrat total includes Bernie Sanders (VT) who considers himself Independent, but he usually votes the same as Democratic senators.

There are still four more Senate races to be called—Arizona, Maine, Nevada, and Pennsylvania—the Republicans have won majority control of the Senate. They gained three seats in this election.

### The Presidential Race

Former President Donald Trump has surpassed 270 electoral votes—292 electoral votes so far, with a few states still counting votes. The voters have done their part. Now it's time for the states and the electors to make it official.

The states will certify their votes, and the electors will meet and officially vote for president and vice president. On January 6, 2025, the new Congress will meet to count the electoral votes. Then, Vice

President Harris will announce the vote results and the elected president and vice president.

Finally, on January 20, 2025, president-elect Trump and vice president-elect Vance will take their oath and officially become president (again) and vice president of the United States.

Trump becomes the second president to be elected to two nonconsecutive terms in office. Grover Cleveland was elected president in 1884 and again in 1892.

### What's Next?

Trump has made big promises, and he has discussed bringing many different people into his administration that can make big changes to our federal government.

His biggest talking points during the campaign were around securing our southern border, increasing tariffs (We're talking about this in the January issue!), and ending income taxes.

Another big idea that has been discussed is appointing Elon Musk and Ron Paul to help make the government more efficient. This would

mean decreasing the number of people working for the government and decreasing the amount of money they can spend.

Most people have been saying the government needs to significantly decrease the amount they spend, but in reality, spending just keeps increasing, no matter who is elected.

There are not two better people (based on their beliefs and their experience) to do this than Ron Paul and Elon Musk, so if Congress creates that department, we could see real change.

### State and Local Elections

It's important to be aware of what happened in your state and local community. The people elected more local to you can have a big impact on you and your family. And you can more easily make your voice heard to create the community you want to live in by getting involved locally.

So stay up-to-date on what your local and state governments are doing. Communicate with those who are supposed to represent you. Be the change you want to see in your community and beyond!