

**What to Look for Election Night**

The early vote numbers in the battleground states have been encouraging thus far, as turnout has been historic, and all polls suggest that Obama is in the lead. As the table below indicates, we may have an idea of how the election will turn out at an early hour, because many of the most important battleground states will be done voting by 8:30 EST. Should Obama carry Virginia and Ohio from these early contests, the celebration is likely to begin. Other early states that could be strong indicators are Georgia and Indiana, which are both close, if Obama wins there, a landslide election is in progress.

<b>Poll Closing Times (EST)</b>	<b>What to Look For</b>	<b>Obama States (291 Elect Votes)</b>	<b>McCain States (160 Elect Votes)</b>	<b>Toss-up States (87 Elect Votes)</b>
7-7:30 PM (EST) Obama: 16 McCain: 36 Toss-up: 31	Indiana, Ohio and Virginia: Likely Obama win if he carries two of three	Vermont (3) <b>Virginia (13)</b>	<b>Georgia (15)</b> Kentucky (8)* South Carolina (8) <b>West Virginia (5)</b>	<b>Indiana (11)*</b> <b>Ohio (20)</b>
8-8:30 PM (EST) Obama: 100 McCain: 39 Toss-up: 53	Big win and early network call if Obama carries Florida, Missouri or North Carolina	Connecticut (7) Delaware (3) D.C. (3) Illinois (21) Maine (4)** Maryland (10) Massachusetts (12) New Hampshire (4)* New Jersey (15) <b>Pennsylvania (21)</b>	Alabama (9)* Arkansas (6) Mississippi (6) Oklahoma (7) Tennessee (11)	<b>Florida (27)*</b> <b>Missouri (11)</b> <b>North Carolina (15)*</b>
9-9:30 PM (EST) Obama: 86 McCain: 73 Toss-up: 0	Obama needs to carry Colorado and New Mexico in a close election. Arizona win would be the Wednesday headline.	<b>Colorado (9)</b> Michigan (17)* Minnesota (10) <b>New Mexico (5)</b> New York (31) Rhode Island (4) Wisconsin (10)	<b>Arizona (10)</b> Kansas (6)* Louisiana (9) Nebraska (5)*/** North Dakota (3)* South Dakota (3)* Texas (34)* Wyoming (3)	
10-10:30 PM (EST) Obama: 12 McCain: 5 Toss-up: 3		Iowa (7) <b>Nevada (5)</b>	Utah (5)	<b>Montana (3)</b>
Obama: 77 McCain: 7 Toss-up: 0		California (55) Hawaii (4) Oregon (7)* Washington (11)	Alaska (3)* Idaho (4)*	

*Poll closing times are Eastern Time. Several states have more than one poll closing time. We used the latest time. Note that many states allow extensions of times. 270 Electoral Votes out of 538 are needed to win.*

*\* Polls in some counties may close earlier. Polls in Alaska close at 12 midnight and 1am Eastern Time.*

*\*\* Maine and Nebraska allocate Electoral Votes by Congressional District. Democrats have a chance of winning one of Nebraska's CD Electoral Votes.*

*Fourteen Battleground States in **Bold**.*

*Poll closing times from The Green Papers ([www.thegreenpapers.com](http://www.thegreenpapers.com)) and state boards of elections.*

**US Senate Races**

**Battleground Senate Races (13)**

AK Begich (D) vs. STEVENS (R) - Toss-up  
 CO Mark Udall (D) vs. SCHAFFER (R) - Leans Dem/pickup  
 GA Martin (D) vs. CHAMBLISS (R) - Leans Rep  
 KY Lundsford (D) vs. MCCONNELL (R) - Leans Rep  
 LA LANDRIEU (D) vs. Kennedy (R) - Leans Dem  
 ME Allen (D) vs. COLLINS (R) - Likely Rep  
 MN Franken (D) vs. COLEMAN (R) - Toss-up  
 MS Musgrove (D) vs. WICKER (R) - Leans Rep/Special  
 NC Hagan (D) vs. DOLE (R) - Toss-up  
 NH Shaheen (D) vs. SUNUNU (R) - Leans Dem/pickup  
 NJ LAUTENBERG (D) vs. Zimmer (R) - Likely Dem  
 NM Tom Udall (D) vs. Pearce (R) - Likely Dem/pickup  
 OR Merkley (D) vs. SMITH (R) - Toss-up

**Safe Democratic Races (11)**

AR PRYOR (D) - no GOP opponent  
 DE BIDEN (D) vs. O'Connell (R)  
 IA HARKIN (D) vs. Reed (R)  
 IL DURBIN (D) vs. Sauerberg (R)  
 MA KERRY (D) vs. Beatty (R)  
 MI LEVIN (D) vs. Hoogendyk (R)  
 MT BAUCUS (D) vs. Kelleher (R)  
 RI REED (D) vs. Tingle (R)  
 SD JOHNSON (D) vs. Dykstra (R)  
 VA Warner (D) vs. Gilmore (R) - pickup  
 WV ROCKEFELLER (D) vs. Wolfe (R)

**Safe Republican Races (11)**

AL Figures (D) vs. SESSIONS (R)  
 ID LaRocco (D) vs. Risch (R)  
 KS Slattery (D) vs. ROBERTS (R)  
 MS Fleming (D) vs. COCHRAN (R)  
 NE Kleeb (D) vs. Johanns (R)  
 OK Rice (D) vs. INHOFE (R)  
 SC Conley (D) vs. GRAHAM (R)  
 TN Tuke (D) vs. ALEXANDER (R)  
 TX Noriega (D) vs. CORNYN (R)  
 WY Rothfuss (D) vs. ENZI (R)  
 WY Carter (D) vs. BARRASSO (R) - Special Election

**Congressional Outlook**

Democrats have an historic opportunity to make significant gains in both houses of Congress. To reach the 60-seat "supermajority" and potentially eliminate the threat of GOP filibusters Democrats must add nine seats. Democrats are almost certain to capture CO, NH, NM, and VA. AK, MN, NC, and OR are toss-up races and GOP incumbents in GA, KY and MS are slightly favored.

In the House 43 of the 50 battleground districts are held by Republicans and 33 of those are toss-up or lean Democratic.

Incumbents in CAPS, Dem seats in blue, GOP seats in red

**Top 50 Battleground US House Races**

AL-2 Bright (D) vs. Love (R) - Leans Rep  
 AL-5 Griffith (D) vs. Parker (R) - Toss-up  
 AK-1 Berkowitz (D) vs. YOUNG (R) - Leans Dem  
 AZ-1 Kirkpatrick (D) vs. Hay (R) - Leans Dem  
 AZ-3 Lord (D) vs. SHADEGG (R) - Leans Rep  
 CA-4 Brown (D) vs. McClintock (R) - Toss-up  
 CO-4 Markey (D) vs. MUSGRAVE (R) - Leans Dem  
 CT-4 Himes (D) vs. SHAYS (R) - Toss-up  
 FL-8 Grayson (D) vs. KELLER (R) - Leans Dem  
 FL-16 MAHONEY (D) vs. Rooney (R) - Leans Rep  
 FL-21 Martinez (D) vs. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART - Toss-up  
 FL-25 Garcia (D) vs. MARIO DIAZ-BALART - Toss-up  
 GA-8 MARSHALL (D) vs. Goddard (R) - Leans Dem  
 ID-1 Minnick (D) vs. SALI (R) - Toss-up  
 IL-10 Seals (D) vs. KIRK (R) - Toss-up  
 IN-3 Montagano (D) vs. SOUDER (R) - Leans Rep  
 KS-2 BOYDA (D) vs. Jenkins (R) - Leans Dem  
 KY-2 Boswell (D) vs. Guthrie (R) - Toss-up  
 LA-4 Banks/Carmouche (D) vs. Fleming/Gorman (R) - Toss-up  
 LA-6 CAZAYOUX (D) vs. Cassidy (R) - Toss-up  
 MD-1 Kratovil (D) vs. Harris (R) - Toss-up  
 MI-7 Schauer (D) vs. WALBERG (R) - Toss-up  
 MI-9 Peters (D) vs. KNOLLENBERG (R) - Leans Dem  
 MN-3 Madia (D) vs. Paulsen (R) - Toss-up  
 MN-6 Tinklenberg (D) vs. BACHMANN (R) - Toss-up  
 MO-9 Baker (D) vs. Luetkemeyer (R) - Leans Rep  
 NE-2 Esch (D) vs. TERRY (R) - Toss-up  
 NV-3 Titus (D) vs. PORTER (R) - Leans Dem  
 NH-1 SHEA-PORTER (D) vs. Bradley (R) - Toss-up  
 NJ-3 Alder (D) vs. Myers (R) - Toss-up  
 NJ-7 Stender (D) vs. Lance (R) - Toss-up  
 NM-1 Heinrich (D) vs. White (R) - Leans Dem  
 NM-2 Teague (D) vs. Tinsley (R) - Leans Dem  
 NY-13 McMahan (D) vs. Straniere (R) - Likely Dem  
 NY-25 Maeffi (D) vs. Sweetland (R) - Leans Rep  
 NY-26 Kryzan (D) vs. Lee (R) - Toss-up  
 NY-29 Massa (D) vs. KUHL (R) - Toss-up  
 NC-8 Kissel (D) vs. HAYES (R) - Leans Dem  
 OH-1 Driehaus (D) vs. CHABOT (R) - Toss-up  
 OH-2 Wulsin (D) vs. SCHMIDT (R) - Leans Rep  
 OH-15 Kilroy (D) vs. Stivers (R) - Leans Dem  
 OH-16 Bocchieri (D) vs. Schuring (R) - Leans Dem  
 PA-3 Dahlkemper (D) vs. ENGLISH (R) - Toss-up  
 PA-11 KANJORSKI (D) vs. Barletta (R) - Toss-up  
 SC-1 Ketner (D) vs. BROWN (R) - Leans Rep  
 TX-10 Doherty (D) vs. MCCAUL (R) - Leans Rep  
 VA-2 Nye (D) vs. DRAKE (R) - Toss-up  
 VA-5 Perriello (D) vs. Goode (R) - Leans Rep  
 WA-8 Burner (D) vs. REICHERT (R) - Toss-up  
 WY-1 Trauner (D) vs. Lummis (R) - Leans Rep