

Nevada (NV) (6 votes)

Capital: **Carson City**
 Area: **110,577 sq mi. / 286,382 sq km**
 Population: **3,194,176**
 Nickname: **"The Silver State"**
 State motto: **"All for Our Country"**
 Governor: **Joe Lombardo (R)**
 U.S. Senators: **Catherine Cortez Masto (D),
Jacky Rosen (D)**



How will your state vote?

Predicting a vote is a challenging task. Political researchers have different opinions on how to predict an election outcome. Different formulas and methods are used, however none is perfect. Each prediction is a snapshot of the voters' opinion at a certain point in time. But with election issues and current events changing so fast, it is quite a challenge to have an accurate prediction of how the election will turn out. In the 2020 election, most political pundits and polls before Election Day accurately estimated that Democratic candidate Joe Biden would receive more votes than the Republican candidate and former President Donald J. Trump. However, Biden's victory in the Electoral College was narrower than predicted because the polls overstated Biden's support relative to Trump.

What are the most common predictors to determine how citizens will vote? Socio-economic factors are among the most important ones. They include, but are not limited to, citizens' education, income, and ethnicity. While these are often mentioned as decisive, others are important to consider as well. For example, many Americans cast their vote based on a single issue like health care, women's reproductive rights, the economy, or the environment. These voters choose their preferred candidate based on the issue most important to their identity, their social network, or personal biography, for example religious affiliation, ideology, or health. Americans also often cast their vote in a local context and are influenced by political and social issues affecting their own state. Finally, calculating voter turnout is key to an accurate prediction.

Some key variables for predicting the election outcome



Voting history

How have people in the state voted in the past? Is the state solidly red, blue, or purple? What is the expected turnout?



Ethnicity

What ethnic group does a citizen belong to? What is the ethnic make-up of the state?



Religion

How important is religion to the citizens? How often do they pray or attend worship service?



Economy

What's the current economic situation in the state? How many citizens live in poverty? How many are without a job?



Income inequality

How wide is the gap between wealthy and poor people? How much income does the top 1% in the state take home?



Education

How many people graduate from high school in your state? How many have a college degree?

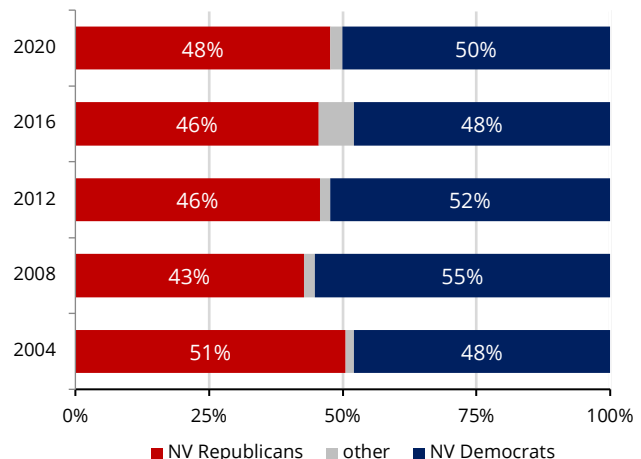


Voting history ^[2]

Called the Silver State because of its large silver mine industries, Nevada's most famous landmark is Las Vegas.

Nevada gained statehood in October 1864, one of two states to join the Union during the Civil War. The population of the Silver State has more than tripled since 1980, including 35% growth between 2000 and 2010, bringing its number of electoral votes to six. Although Republicans were dominant from the late 60s to late 80s, this influx of population has put Nevada squarely into the battleground state category. In 2016, Hillary Clinton beat Donald Trump by a margin of 48% to 46%. That year and 1976 were the only times since 1912 that Nevadans had sided with the candidate that did not win the presidency. In 2020, Joe Biden won by about 2.5% over Trump.

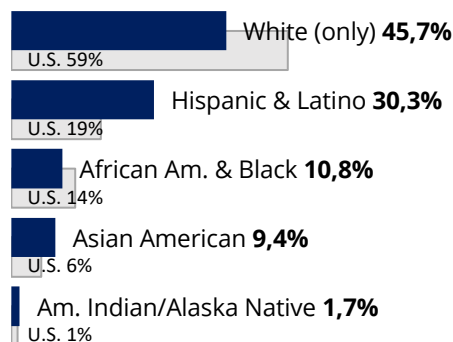
Election results in Nevada (2004–2020): ^[2]



Voter turnout 2020:



Ethnicity ^[3]



(U.S. average in grey)



Religion ^[4]

NV is tied for 35th most religious state overall

49% of adults in NV are "highly religious," based on an overall index

Religious profile of Nevada

44% (41st) say religion is very important in their lives

31% (35th) say they attend worship at least weekly

48% (40th) say they pray daily

59% (37th) say they believe in God w/ absolute certainty



Economy ^[5]

12.5% (22nd highest) poverty rate

5.4% (50th lowest) unemployment rate



Income inequality ^[6]

The **top 1%** take home **25% of all the income in NV.**

(U.S. average: 21%)

1% of the families



25% of the income

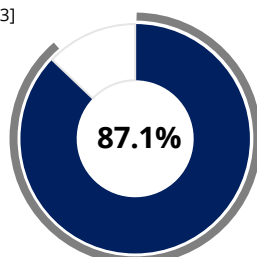


Education ^[3]

High school degree or higher

persons 25+ yrs. old

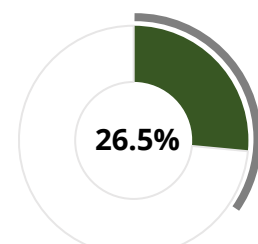
U.S. average (grey): 89.1%



Bachelor's degree or higher

persons 25+ yrs. old

U.S. average (grey): 34.3%





More information on Nevada*



State information

Official state website: [nv.gov](https://www.nv.gov)



Media



Nevada Political News

<https://www.politico.com/news/nevada>



Nevada Politics Podcasts:

<https://player.fm/podcasts/Nevada-Politics>



Democrats and Republicans in the state

Democratic Party



<http://www.nvdems.com/>



www.youtube.com/@NVDemocraticParty



<https://twitter.com/nvdems>



<https://www.instagram.com/nvdems/>



<https://www.tiktok.com/@nvdems>

Republican Party

<http://www.nevadagop.org/>

no official site

<https://twitter.com/nvgop>

https://www.instagram.com/nevada_gop/

no official site

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5. Poverty and unemployment rate: [Poverty Rates by State & Unemployment Statistics Map](#)
6. Wealth and income inequality data: [Economic Policy Institute – The Unequal States of America](#)