

The Race for the White House UPDATE 10/28/20

Although national polls are important, the elections in each State will determine the outcome of the presidential race. It is fair to say that there is not a “national election” for U.S. President, but rather 51 separate elections (held within each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia). The winner of each State-level contest wins *all of the votes* cast by that State in the “Electoral College,” with 270 votes needed to win. The chart below shows the averages of the current national and battleground state polling.

POLLING LEADER IN BATTLEGROUNDS STATES

U.S.	BIDEN +9
N.H.	BIDEN +11
Minn.	BIDEN +9
Mich.	BIDEN +9
Wis.	BIDEN +7
Nev.	BIDEN +6
Pa.	BIDEN +6
Ariz.	BIDEN +4
Iowa	BIDEN +3
Fla.	BIDEN +3
N.C.	BIDEN +2
Ga.	BIDEN +1
Ohio	TRUMP +2
Texas	TRUMP +3

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The analytical website [538.com](https://www.538.com) (which uses a weighted polling average based on the historic accuracy of the pollster) has BIDEN at 88% to win and [Real Clear Politics](https://www.realcleanpolitics.com) (polling average only) has the electoral race at BIDEN 311 and TRUMP 227.

For President Trump to win, he must win all of the states where he holds a comfortable lead as well as every state where he is within 5 points (Texas, Ohio, Georgia, North Carolina, Florida, Iowa, and Arizona). Then, he must win at least one of the states where he is behind by more than 5 points. While possible, this remains a very unlikely scenario.

Because of the pandemic, there have been more votes cast, almost 70 million so far, before election day than any election in American history. Some states expect over 50% of their ballots will be cast during this early voting period. All of the early votes should slightly favor the candidate ahead in most of the polls in the battleground states, Joe Biden. He should have a built in advantage before election day, which will allow him some cushion against an unexpected event in the next 6 days or the normal tightening at the end of a race.

Current Chances of Winning The White House

