

AmCham's U.S. Election Update

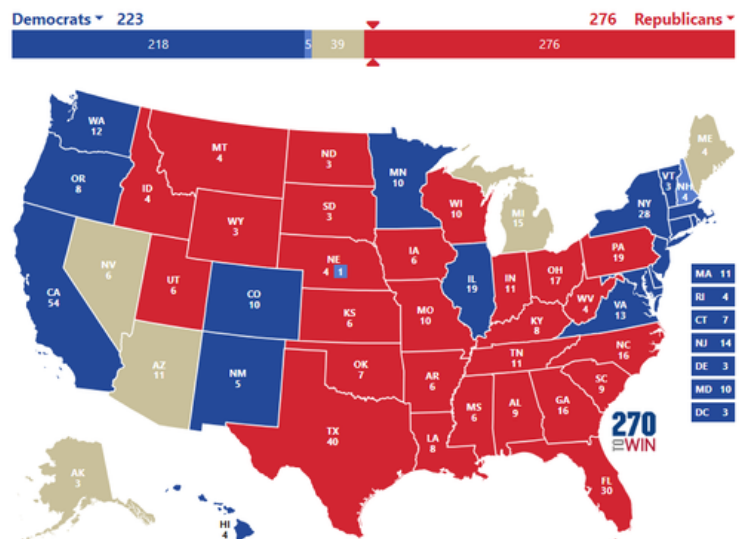
Donald Trump is President-Elect of the United States



Former President, Donald Trump is President-Elect of the United States.

The threshold for victory in the electoral college is 270 votes. Donald Trump currently has 276 votes, and is currently leading in the states of Alaska, Arizona, Michigan, and Nevada, with these states yet to be called. Donald Trump also won the swing states of Georgia, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Wisconsin.

AmCham has worked with both the previous Trump administration and the Biden-Harris administration, to strengthen the two-way US-Ireland transatlantic relationship. President-Elect Trump will now take office on 20 January 2025. AmCham will work with the incoming US administration and the Irish Government to ensure the US-Ireland relationship continues to grow. AmCham will also work with our colleagues and counterparts in the US Chamber of Commerce to ensure the needs of member companies are heard.



7 States, including the swing states of Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, were required to wait until election day before starting to process mail-in ballots.

Congressional Elections

US Senate

Voters in 33 States were electing a Senator to represent them in the US Senate, with one special election also taking place in the state of Nebraska. This means 34 of the 100 Senate seats were being decided. The outgoing Senate was comprised of 49 Democrats, 49 Republicans, and 2 Independents.

In these elections, Republicans have won Senate elections in Ohio and West Virginia, which were seats held by Democrats, giving the Republican Party control of the Senate. The Republican candidate has also won in the Senate race in Montana, which was held by the Democratic Party prior to this election. The Senate races in Michigan, Nevada and Pennsylvania are too close to call. In Arizona, the Democratic candidate is leading in the Senate race, while an independent candidate is currently ahead in Maine.

Following this election, the balance of power now in the US Senate will lie with the Republican Party. With a tight balance of power, it can be the case that members of one party vote with the other on key legislation, and this can have a moderating effect on legislative files.

Current state of play - US Senate, with races yet to be called:



House of Representatives

In addition to this, across the US, people were voting for the 435 members of the House of Representatives to represent them in Congress, alongside 6 non-voting members who represent the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and 4 other territories,

Not all of the results for election to the House of Representatives are yet known. This is not unusual. In 2022, it took more than three weeks for the final races for Congress to be called. However, of the races called so far, Republicans have won 204 seats, with Democrats winning 182 seats. Of the outstanding races, the Democratic candidate is currently leading in 32 and the Republican candidate is leading in 17, with vote counts at varying stages. In order to have control of the House of Representatives, a party must win 218 seats, and should the Republican Party win the House, they will have control of both chambers of Congress and the White House.



What Next?



11
December

State Safe Harbour Deadline

Soft deadline for States to resolve disputes and choose electors to be accepted by Congress.

17
December

Meeting of Electoral College

Disputes must be resolved and results certified before this meeting.

25
December

Receipt of Certificate of Electoral Votes Deadline

If it has not received a State's certificate of electoral, it must be requested from that State's Secretary of State.

6
January

Certification of Electoral Votes

A joint session of Congress counts and certifies the votes of the Electoral College.

20
January

Inauguration Day

The outgoing President's term comes to an end and the incoming President takes office.