



2012 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DATES AND CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINES FOR BALLOT ACCESS

(Data as of 2/1/12)

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Establishing the date for a Presidential primary, and determining the type of Presidential primary held, varies from state to state. This is due to differences in state statutes, party constitutions, party rules and regulations, party by-laws, and delegate selection plans. In some states, a caucus and/or convention may be held instead of a Presidential primary election. Other states may use a combination of both caucuses and primaries for delegate selection. This state-by-state variation should be kept in mind when examining this listing of dates for the 2012 Presidential primaries. Questions concerning a state's primary election procedure should be addressed to the state's Election Director.

STATE	PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DATE	PRESIDENTIAL CAUCUS DATE	FILING DEADLINE FOR PRIMARY BALLOT ACCESS	INDEPENDENT ¹ FILING DEADLINE FOR GENERAL ELECTION
Alabama	3/13		1/13	9/6 (Independent) 3/13 (Third/Minor)
Alaska		3/6 (Republicans) 4/15 (Democrats)	n/a	8/8
American Samoa		3/6 (Democrats) 3/13 (Republicans)	n/a	n/a
Arizona	2/28		1/9 5pm	5/30 5pm (Third/Minor) 9/7 5pm (Independent)
Arkansas	5/22		3/1 Noon	8/6 Noon (Independent)
California	6/5		3/29 (Democrats) 3/23 (All Others)	8/10 (Independent)
Colorado		2/7 (Republicans) 3/6 (Democrats)	n/a	4/2 (Third/Minor) 6/4 3pm (Independent)
Connecticut	4/24		3/2	8/8
Delaware	4/24		2/24 4:30pm	9/4
D.C.	4/3		1/4	8/8
Florida	1/31		10/31	7/15
Georgia	3/6		n/a	8/6 Noon
Guam		5/5 (Democrats) Pending (Republicans)	n/a	n/a
Hawaii		3/7 (Democrats) 3/13 (Republicans)	n/a	8/8 4:30pm
Idaho		3/6 (Republicans) 4/14 (Democrats)	n/a	8/24
Illinois	3/20		1/6	6/25
Indiana	5/8		2/10 Noon	7/16 Noon
Iowa		1/3	n/a	8/17
Kansas		3/10 (Republicans) 4/14 (Democrats)	n/a	8/6 Noon (Independent) 6/1 or 6/11 ⁴ (Third/Minor)
Kentucky	5/22		1/31	9/7
Louisiana	3/24		12/9	9/7 5pm
Maine		2/4-2/11 (Republicans) 3/11 (Democrats)	n/a	8/15 5pm (Independent)
Maryland	4/3		1/11	8/6
Massachusetts	3/6		1/6	7/31
Michigan	2/28		12/9	7/19 (Independent)
Minnesota		2/7	n/a	8/21
Mississippi	3/13		1/14	9/7



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Missouri	2/7	3/17 (Republicans)	11/22	7/30
Montana	6/5		3/12	8/15
Nebraska	5/15		3/7	9/1 (Independent)
Nevada		1/21 (Democrats) 2/4 (Republicans)	n/a	7/6 (Independent)
New Hampshire	1/10		10/28	9/5
New Jersey	6/5		4/2	7/30
New Mexico	6/5		3/16	6/26
New York	4/24		2/9	8/21 Independent
North Carolina	5/8		n/a	6/1 Third/Minor 6/29 Independent
North Dakota		3/6 (Republicans) 6/5 (Democrats)	n/a	9/7 4pm
Ohio	3/6		12/30 4pm	8/8 4pm
Oklahoma	3/6		12/7	7/15
Oregon	5/15		3/6	8/28
Pennsylvania	4/24		2/14	8/1
Puerto Rico		3/18 (Republicans) Pending (Democrats)	1/18	n/a
Rhode Island	4/24		1/21	9/7
South Carolina	1/21 (Republicans) 1/28 (Democrats)		11/1	7/16 Noon (Independent)
South Dakota	6/5		3/27	8/7 (Independent)
Tennessee	3/6		12/6 Noon	8/16 Noon (Independent)
Texas	4/3		12/19 ²	5/14 (Independent)
Utah	6/26	3/13 (Democrats)	3/15	8/15
Vermont	3/6		1/9	6/14
Virginia	3/6		12/22 5pm	8/24 Noon
Virgin Islands		3/10 (Republicans) 6/3 (Democrats)	n/a	n/a
Washington		3/3 (Republicans) 4/15 (Democrats)	n/a	8/4
West Virginia	5/8		1/28	8/1
Wisconsin	4/3		1/31 5pm	8/7 5pm (Independent)
Wyoming		3/6-3/10 (Republicans) 4/14 (Democrats)	n/a	8/27 (Independent)

Notes:

- The column Independent Filing Deadline shows the date for the filing of petitions by independent or third/minor party candidates. This is a general reference date for use by the public and voters. Candidates and others seeking specific information should contact the states for other deadlines that may need to be met. For example, the petitions may have to be checked by officials prior to this date. A declaration of candidacy may be due before the petitions are due. New parties may have different deadlines.
- By federal court order of December 16, 2011, the primary election filing period in Texas is to re-open at a date to be determined by the court and close on February 1, 2012, 6pm.



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Alabama		3/13	4/24	1/13	9/6 (Independent) 3/13 (Third/Minor)
Alaska		8/28		6/1	8/28 5pm
American Samoa		n/a		n/a	9/1 4:30pm
Arizona	S	8/28		5/30 5pm	5/30 5pm (Third/Minor) 9/7 5pm (Independent)
Arkansas		5/22	6/12	3/1 Noon	5/1 Noon
California	S	6/5		3/9	n/a
Colorado		6/26		4/2	4/2 (Third/Minor) 6/4 3pm (Independent)
Connecticut	S	8/14 ²		6/12 ²	8/8
Delaware	S	9/11		7/10 Noon	9/4
D.C.		4/3		1/4	8/8
Florida	S	8/14		6/8	5/7
Georgia		7/31	8/21	5/25 Noon	8/6 Noon
Guam		9/1		7/3	7/3
Hawaii	S	8/11		6/5 4:30pm	6/5 4:30pm
Idaho		5/15		3/9	3/9
Illinois		3/20		12/27	6/25
Indiana	S	5/8 ³		2/10 Noon	7/16 Noon
Iowa		6/5		3/16	8/17
Kansas		8/7 ⁴		6/1 or 6/11 ⁴	8/6 Noon (Independent) 6/1 or 6/11 ⁴ (Third/Minor)
Kentucky		5/22		1/31	8/14
Louisiana		n/a ⁵		8/17 5pm	8/17 5pm
Maine	S	6/12		3/15 5pm	6/1 5pm (Independent)
Maryland	S	4/3 ⁶		1/11	8/6
Massachusetts	S	9/6		6/5	7/31
Michigan	S	8/7 ⁷		5/15	7/19 (Independent)
Minnesota	S	8/14		6/5	6/5
Mississippi	S	3/13	4/3	1/13	1/13
Missouri	S	8/7		3/27	7/30
Montana	S	6/5		3/12	3/5
Nebraska	S	5/15		2/15 (Incumbents) 3/1 (All Others)	9/1 (Independent)
Nevada	S	6/12		3/16	2/9 (Independent)
New Hampshire		9/11		6/15	9/5
New Jersey	S	6/5		4/2	6/5
New Mexico	S	6/5		3/20	6/26
New York	S	9/11 (Likely to Change)		7/12	8/21 (Independent)



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North Carolina		5/8	7/17	2/29	6/1 (Third/Minor) 6/29 (Independent)
North Dakota	S	6/12		4/13 4pm	9/7 4pm
Northern Mariana Islands		n/a		n/a	8/8
Ohio	S	3/6		12/30 4pm	3/5 4pm (Independent)
Oklahoma		6/26	8/28	4/13	3/1 (Third/Minor) 4/13 (Independent)
Oregon		5/15 ⁸		3/6	8/28
Pennsylvania	S	4/24		2/14	8/1
Puerto Rico		3/18		10/31	10/31
Rhode Island	S	9/11		6/27	7/13
South Carolina		6/12 ⁹	6/26	3/30 Noon	7/16 Noon (Independent)
South Dakota		6/5	6/26	3/27	8/7 (Independent)
Tennessee	S	8/2		4/5 Noon	4/5 Noon
Texas	S	4/3 ¹⁰	6/5	12/19 ¹⁰	5/14 (Independent) 5/28 (Third/Minor)
Utah	S	6/26 ¹¹		3/15	3/15
Vermont	S	8/28		6/14	6/14
Virginia	S	6/12 ¹²		3/29 5pm	6/12 7pm
Virgin Islands		9/8	9/22	8/9	8/2
Washington	S	8/7		5/18	n/a
West Virginia	S	5/8		1/28	8/1
Wisconsin	S	8/14		6/1 5pm	6/1 5pm
Wyoming	S	8/21		6/1	8/27 (Independent)

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- In Connecticut, conventions are held by the Democratic and Republican parties prior to the primary. The Democratic convention date for U.S. Senate is 5/12/12, and the Democratic convention date for U.S. House districts is 5/14/12. The Republican convention date for U.S. Senate and U.S. House is 5/18/12.
- In Indiana, the Libertarian party convention date is 3/24/12.
- In Kansas, the filing deadline is 6/1/12 if redistricting is completed on or before 5/10/12. Otherwise, the filing deadline is 6/11/12. The Libertarian party convention date is 3/24/12. The Americans Elect and Reform party convention dates are pending.
- In Louisiana, a Congressional primary election is not held. The election for candidates seeking Federal office is the General Election scheduled for 11/6/12. If necessary, a Runoff Election will be held on 12/1/12.
- In Maryland, the Libertarian party convention date is 3/3/12. The Green party convention date is pending.
- In Michigan, the Libertarian party convention date is 6/2/12, and the U.S. Taxpayers party convention date is 6/16/12. The Americans Elect, Green and Natural Law party convention dates are pending.
- In Oregon, the Constitution, Independent Party, Libertarian, Oregon Progressive, Pacific Green, and Working Families parties may nominate by convention. Convention dates are pending.
- In South Carolina, the Constitution, Green, Independence, Labor, Libertarian, United Citizens and Working Families parties may nominate by convention. Convention dates are pending.
- In Texas, the Green and Libertarian parties may nominate by convention. The convention dates are 6/9/12 for U.S. Senate, 3/17/12 for single county U.S. House Districts, and 3/24/12 for multi-county U.S. House Districts. Also, by federal court order of 12/16/11, the primary election filing period is to re-open at a date to be determined by the court and close on 2/1/12, 6pm.
- In Utah, conventions are held by the political parties prior to the primary. The convention date for the Democratic and Republican parties is 4/21/12. The Constitution party convention date is 4/7/12. The Libertarian party convention date is pending.
- In Virginia, parties may choose to nominate by convention rather than by primary election. Convention dates are pending.



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Iowa		1/3	S	Ohio	3/6	
New Hampshire	1/10			Alabama	3/13	4/24
Nevada		1/21 (Democrats)	S	Mississippi	3/13	4/3
South Carolina	1/21 (Republicans)			Puerto Rico	3/18	
South Carolina	1/28 (Democrats)			Illinois	3/20	
Florida	1/31			D.C.	4/3	
Maine		2/4-2/11 (Republicans)	S	Maryland	4/3 ¹	
Nevada		2/4 (Republicans)	S	Texas	4/3 ¹	6/5
Minnesota		2/7	S	Pennsylvania	4/24	
Colorado		2/7 (Republicans)	S	Indiana	5/8 ¹	
Missouri	2/7			North Carolina	5/8	7/17
Arizona	2/28		S	West Virginia	5/8	
Michigan	2/28			Idaho	5/15	
Washington		3/3 (Republicans)	S	Nebraska	5/15	
Alaska		3/6 (Republicans)		Oregon	5/15 ¹	
American Samoa		3/6 (Democrats)		Arkansas	5/22	6/12
Colorado		3/6 (Democrats)		Kentucky	5/22	
Georgia	3/6		S	California	6/5	
Idaho		3/6 (Republicans)		Iowa	6/5	
Massachusetts	3/6		S	Montana	6/5	
North Dakota		3/6 (Republicans)	S	New Jersey	6/5	
Ohio	3/6		S	New Mexico	6/5	
Oklahoma	3/6			South Dakota	6/5	6/26
Tennessee	3/6		S	Maine	6/12	
Vermont	3/6		S	Nevada	6/12	
Virginia	3/6		S	North Dakota	6/12	
Wyoming		3/6-3/10 (Republicans)		South Carolina	6/12 ¹	6/26
Hawaii		3/7 (Democrats)	S	Virginia	6/12 ¹	
Kansas		3/10 (Republicans)		Colorado	6/26	
Virgin Islands		3/10 (Republicans)		Oklahoma	6/26	8/28
Maine		3/11 (Democrats)	S	Utah	6/26 ¹	
Alabama	3/13			Georgia	7/31	8/21
American Samoa		3/13 (Republicans)	S	Tennessee	8/2	
Hawaii		3/13 (Republicans)		Kansas	8/7 ¹	
Mississippi	3/13		S	Michigan	8/7 ¹	
Utah		3/13 (Democrats)	S	Missouri	8/7	
Missouri		3/17 (Republicans)	S	Washington	8/7	
Puerto Rico		3/18 (Republicans)	S	Hawaii	8/11	
Illinois	3/20		S	Connecticut	8/14 ¹	
Louisiana	3/24		S	Florida	8/14	
D.C.	4/3		S	Minnesota	8/14	



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Maryland	4/3		S	Wisconsin	8/14	
Texas	4/3		S	Wyoming	8/21	
Wisconsin	4/3			Alaska	8/28	
Idaho		4/14 (Democrats)	S	Arizona	8/28	
Kansas		4/14 (Democrats)	S	Vermont	8/28	
Wyoming		4/14 (Democrats)		Guam	9/1	
Alaska		4/15 (Democrats)	S	Massachusetts	9/6	
Washington		4/15 (Democrats)		Virgin Islands	9/8	9/22
Connecticut	4/24		S	Delaware	9/11	
Delaware	4/24			New Hampshire	9/11	
New York	4/24		S	New York	9/11 <i>(Likely to Change)</i>	
Pennsylvania	4/24		S	Rhode Island	9/11	
Rhode Island	4/24					
Guam		5/5 (Democrats)				
Indiana	5/8					
North Carolina	5/8					
West Virginia	5/8					
Nebraska	5/15					
Oregon	5/15					
Arkansas	5/22					
Kentucky	5/22					
Virgin Islands		6/3 (Democrats)				
California	6/5					
Montana	6/5					
New Jersey	6/5					
New Mexico	6/5					
North Dakota		6/5 (Democrats)				
South Dakota	6/5					
Utah	6/26					
Guam		Pending (Republicans)				
Puerto Rico		Pending (Democrats)				

Notes:

1. In Connecticut and Utah, conventions are held by the political parties prior to the primary. In Virginia, parties may choose to nominate by convention rather than by primary election. In other states, such as Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Oregon, South Carolina, and Texas, minor parties may hold conventions to nominate candidates.

Sources: State Election Offices, Statutes, State Parties and News Articles

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