

# Democracy North Carolina

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## Voter Turnout in North Carolina, 1980 to 2012

The chart below shows how North Carolina ranked among the 50 states for the percent of voting-eligible citizens who voted in presidential elections from 1980 to 2012. North Carolina ranked among the bottom 12 states through the Twentieth Century – the presidential elections from 1900 to 1996 – and only began to climb higher with the addition of Early Voting in 2000, then Out-of-Precinct voting on Election Day in 2004, and Same-Day Registration during Early Voting in 2008.

**North Carolina ranked #10 out of the 50 states in 2012 – finally moving from bottom 12 to be among the top 12 state for the percent of citizens who voted.**

The percent of voting-eligible citizens who vote is lower than percent of registered voters who vote because many voting-eligible citizens do not register to vote. “Voting-eligible citizens” excludes non-citizens and citizens serving a felony sentence.

<b>North Carolina: Turnout Rates for Presidential Elections</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>% Voting-Age Citizens Voting for President</b>	<b>Turnout Rate Among 50 States 1 = Best</b>	<b>Number of Voting-Age Citizens</b>	<b>Number Who Voted for Pres.</b>
2012	64.8%	10	6,947,954	4,505,372
2008	65.5%	22	6,584,302	4,310,789
2004	57.8%	38	6,055,771	3,501,007
2000	50.7%	37	5,744,241	2,911,262
1996	46.3%	43	5,435,970	2,515,807
1992	51.4%	46	5,077,494	2,611,850
1988	44.5%	48	4,794,041	2,134,370
1984	48.2%	46	4,512,013	2,175,361
1980	44.1%	47	4,203,817	1,855,833

Data from United States Elections Project, 1980-2012

<http://www.electproject.org/home/voter-turnout/voter-turnout-data>