## **Electoral Vote Tracker**

The presidential election decides who will be the president and vice president for the next four years. The winner of the election is determined by electoral votes. The number of electoral votes each state has is determined by the number of people living in the state. In every state except Maine and Nebraska, if a candidate wins the vote, they win all the electoral votes for that state. A candidate with more than half of the electoral votes wins the presidential election.

The two main political parties, the Democrats and the Republicans, each choose one candidate to run for president. Sometimes there is a third-party candidate in a presidential election, but this person rarely wins a state. Track the votes as they come in throughout the night. If the Democratic candidate wins the state's electoral votes, color the state blue. If the Republican candidate wins the state, color the state red.



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List the number of electoral votes each candidate earns in this chart. To discover the winner, add up all of the electoral votes won by each candidate for all 50 states and Washington, D.C.

	Total Electoral Votes
Candidate #1:	
Candidate #2:	

Who won the election? \_\_\_\_\_