

News From The States

COUNTDOWN '24

Thanks for being here and [supporting our work](#).

By **Robin Opsahl**, [Iowa Capital Dispatch](#)

With last week's primary elections concluded, former President Donald Trump and President Joe Biden have clinched their expected positions as the party nominees for the 2024 presidential election.

- Biden and Trump both won in [Georgia's presidential primaries](#), with the incumbent president securing enough delegates in Georgia and a couple other states hosting primaries to clinch the Democratic Party's nomination at the national convention.
- Both candidates also won in [Washington's presidential primaries](#), though Nikki Haley still walked away Tuesday with 21.7% of the vote even as she dropped out of the race last week.
- To win in November, the candidates [already are focused](#) on a handful of swing states – Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin – that will award 93 of the 270 electoral votes needed to win the White House.

TOP IMPACT *What to read this week*

[Biden returns to Michigan for intimate campaign events in Saginaw](#)



Caption: Credit your images

President Joe Biden returned to Michigan on Thursday, a week after delivering his State of the Union address, for two campaign events in Saginaw.

Michigan is once again expected to be a critical battleground in November in the likely rematch between Biden and former President Donald Trump. While Trump won Michigan against former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in 2016, Biden was the victor four years later against the incumbent. The Saginaw-Midland-Bay tri-county area has become a key swing region, with Republicans gaining ground in recent years. | [Michigan Advance](#)

New laws could stem high turnover among NM election officials



(Photo by Shaun Griswold/Source NM)

New Mexico has seen some of the highest turnover among local election administrators in the country in recent years, according to a new study. But new funding approved in this year's legislative session could help stem the tide.

Over 60% of New Mexico counties have lost at least one county clerk since 2020, with some seeing multiple resignations, according to findings from the Institute for Responsive Government and Center for Tech and Civic Life. Sam Oliker-Friedland, executive director of the Institute for Responsive Government, said several factors have fueled the churn, including the pandemic and unprecedented harassment and threats. | [Source NM](#)

BIG PICTURE *Election coverage across the country*



(Photo by Drew Angerer/Getty Images)

- **AI disinformation, threats to poll workers top U.S. Senate panel list of election worries** | [News from the States](#)
- **Lawmakers close in on online voter registration in New Hampshire** | [New Hampshire Bulletin](#)
- **Push for election hand counts spreads despite rejection in Lawrence County** | [South Dakota Searchlight](#)

- **Deep red Utah wants to keep voting by mail** | [Stateline](#)
- **Conservatives rally against ranked-choice voting in Louisiana** | [Louisiana Illuminator](#)
- **Training days: How officials are using AI to prepare election workers for voting chaos** | [CyberScoop](#)

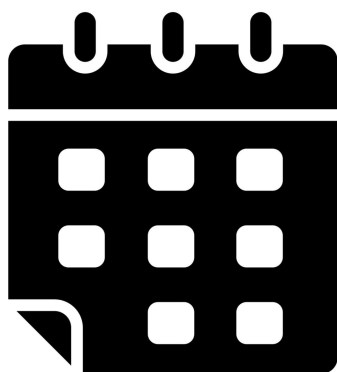
Candidates and surrogates

- **Biden in Milwaukee highlights infrastructure investment to fix ‘divided communities’** | [Wisconsin Examiner](#)
- **Seniors in Pennsylvania are concerned about Social Security following Trump’s comments** | [Pennsylvania Capital-Star](#)
- **Trump predicts the end of U.S. democracy if he loses 2024 election** | [Reuters](#)
- **Kamala Harris visits Denver to tout reelection campaign, forewarn of dangers if Trump wins** | [Colorado Newswire](#)
- **Sanders attempts to soothe progressive angst over Biden** | [Politico](#)
- **‘Their dream in this country is to stay alive,’ Chasten Buttigieg tells students** | [Michigan Advance](#)
- **RFK Jr. campaign set to begin work on getting ballot access in FL soon** | [Florida Phoenix](#)

Ballot initiatives and elections

- **If the presidential slate is set, will Ohio’s GOP voters still show up for the U.S. Senate primary?** | [Ohio Capital Journal](#)
- **Missourians back initiative to restore abortion rights by small margin, new poll finds** | [Missouri Independent](#)
- **‘Against our values’: Teacher union opposes constitutional change to remove education earmark** | [Utah News Dispatch](#)
- **North Dakota voters to decide on congressional age limits** | [North Dakota Monitor](#)
- **New group aims to refer carbon pipeline law to voters** | [South Dakota Searchlight](#)

COMING UP Calendar of events



- **March 19, 2024, MULTIPLE STATES** | Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Kansas and Ohio will hold primary elections.
- **March 23, 2024, MULTIPLE STATES** | Louisiana will hold its primary elections, and Missouri will hold its Democratic primary.
- **March 25, 2024, NEW YORK** | Though the Trump criminal trial on charges related to hush money payments to Stormy Daniels, was delayed until mid-April, [there will be a hearing on March 25](#) to discuss a document production dispute for the case.

Follow state-level coverage of Election 2024 anytime at [News From The States](#). Send tips and thoughts to ropsahl@iowacapitaldispatch.com, and follow them on Twitter [@robinlopsahl](#)

©News From The States, all rights reserved.

www.newsfromthestates.com | info@newsfromthestates.com

Manage your donation and subscription preferences [here](#).

Add info@newsfromthestates.com to your [address book](#) to ensure delivery.

Did someone forward you this newsletter? [Click here](#) to get it delivered to your inbox.

News From The States is a part of [States Newsroom](#), the nation's largest nonprofit news organization dedicated to state coverage, with reporting from every state capital.

States Newsroom – News From The States

1414 Raleigh Rd #127

Chapel Hill, NC 27517

United States

You are receiving this email because you opted in via our website or States Newsroom. If you believe you received this message in error or wish to change your subscription, please (Unsubscribing is not supported in previews).