

US Republican Presidential Nom: Towards March 5

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March 5, 2024: Dearborn, Michigan, USA: Trump expects to win nomination on March 5, after winning Michigan's primary on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 with **68.2%** of the vote compared with the former South Carolina Governor, Haley's **26.5%**, and, winning Missouri and Idaho. He won 39 delegates in Michigan, 54 in Missouri, and 32 in Idaho. Trump has as many as 247 delegates, with a commanding lead.

In Idaho, the Republican **caucuses** were organized after GOP **Governor Mike Parson** signed a 2022 law, passed by Idaho lawmakers, for moving all the state's primaries to the same date in May. It is a **cost-cutting legislation**. But the bill inadvertently eliminated the presidential primaries entirely. The Republican-led Legislature considered holding a special session to reinstate the presidential primaries but failed to agree on a proposal in time, **leaving both parties with presidential caucuses as the only option**. (Democrats will hold a party-run primary on March 23.)



Donald John Trump, 78, President of USA (January 20, 2017 – January 20, 2021)

In the Michigan caucus, Trump achieved a significant win by securing all 13 districts. Michigan, a key battleground state, holds strategic importance for any candidate aiming for the White House.

2024 REPUBLICAN PARTY PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES: The race for the Republican nomination in the 2024 United States presidential election has been a captivating and closely watched contest, because most of the media is vehemently against Trump.

Trump's consistent lead in polls earned the Republican primary the moniker of a **"race for second."** **DeSantis**, the Republican Governor of Florida and **Vivek Ramaswamy**, a tech entrepreneur, with a platform 'E Pluribus Unum—America as the many becoming one' have both dropped out and **endorsed Trump**, leaving **Trump and Haley as the major contenders.**

METHODS for allocating DEMOCRATIC DELEGATES: In 2024, there are 4,672 delegates: 3,933 pledged delegates and 739 superdelegates.

To win the Democratic nomination, a presidential candidate needs to receive support from 1,968 pledged delegates on the first ballot.

If the convention is contested and goes to a second ballot, the superdelegates are able to vote and a candidate must receive majority support from all delegates—2,258 votes.

OPINION POLLS: TRUMP vs BIDEN: Biden now trails Trump in seven of the past eight polls in the pivotal swing state of Michigan – by as many as 10 points in the recent CNN poll. The Biden team desperately needs a wake-up call.

Upcoming Events:

- The 2024 Republican National Convention is scheduled for July 15-18, when 2,429 delegates will gather, at the Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- The remaining primaries and caucuses will take place across all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories between January and June 2024.
- An Illinois state judge on Wednesday barred Donald Trump from appearing on the Illinois' Republican presidential primary ballot because of his role in

the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, but she delayed her ruling from taking effect in light of an expected appeal by the former U.S. president.

- Cook County Circuit Judge Tracie Porter sided with Illinois voters who argued that the former president should be disqualified from the state's March 19 primary ballot.
- The Democratic Party has a uniform approach to delegate allocation across states, where candidates who meet a 15% threshold are awarded delegates proportionally.

The Democrats are likely to formally nominate President Joe Biden at the national convention in August in Chicago, where Biden will need to gain support from 1,969 of the 3,936 Democratic delegates, with minimal opposition from author **Marianne Williamson** and Rep. **Dean Phillips**.

If **Nikki Haley** continues to remain in the fray and if **Trump** is stopped from standing in the Presidential election of 2024 by the courts, she may win the Republican nomination by default.

If **Trump** wins the Republican nomination, her continued campaign may vitiate her relationships with Local Republican Leaders all over the USA. This may damage her chances of getting a nomination in 2028!

Nikki Haley is now modulating her stand, by terming a **second term for Joe Biden as a disaster for USA**. She said that she would **prefer a Trump presidency over the second term for Biden**.

----A BACKGROUNDER on US PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES----

Caucuses vs. Primaries: Caucuses and primaries are the mechanisms through which political parties and states select their presidential nominees.

Caucuses involve meetings where attendees vote on their preferred candidate. Primaries, on the other hand, allow voters to cast secret ballots at polling stations. Michigan, for instance, held both a Republican primary and a caucus, both of which Trump won.

METHODS for allocating REPUBLICAN DELEGATES: There are three primary methods used to bind delegates to vote for a certain candidate on at least the first ballot at the national convention):

- **Proportional:** States using this method either
 - allocate all their delegates proportionally to the candidates based on the statewide vote or
 - allocate at-large delegates proportionally based on the statewide vote or
 - allocate delegates proportionally based on the vote at the congressional district level.
- **Winner-take-all:** States using this method allocate all their delegates to the candidate who receives a plurality of votes in the primary election or caucus.
- **Hybrid:** The Republican National Committee describes hybrid allocation methods as those that combine other methods.
 - Some states award at-large delegates on a winner-take-all basis according to the vote in the congressional district delegates.
 - Some states directly elect delegates, who are usually bound to a particular candidate on the ballot.

The Republican delegate allocation rules are set by state parties and state laws, by ensuring that the State Rules comply with the Regulations of the Republican National Committee:

- Delegates bound by primaries or caucuses held before March 15 must be allocated proportionally to candidates, either based on the statewide vote or the vote at the congressional district level.
- States using proportional allocation are, however, allowed to establish a **minimum threshold, up to 20 percent**, below which a candidate does not qualify for any proportionally allocated delegates. States may also set a **threshold of at least 50 percent** above which a candidate receives **all delegates**.

PLEGGED or BOUND DELEGATES: These delegates are bound to vote on at least the first ballot at the national convention based on the results of their States' Primary or Caucus.

There are four types of pledged Republican delegates:

- Pledged district delegates are distributed and elected at the congressional district level. *(The Republican Party assigns three district-level delegates to each congressional district.)*

- Pledged at-large delegates are distributed and elected statewide. (*The Republican Party assigns 10 at-large delegates to each state.*)
- Pledged party leaders: The Republican Party gives delegate status to three party leaders from each state and territory—its national committeeman, national committeewoman, and state party chair.
- Pledged bonus delegates: Bonus delegates are assigned to states whose electoral votes went to the Republican nominee in the last presidential election and to states in which Republicans hold:
 - the Governorship,
 - at least half of U.S. representative seats,
 - a majority of a state legislative chamber,
 - a majority of seats in both legislative chambers, or
 - a U.S. Senate seat (*elected within the past six years*).

UNPLEDGED OR UNBOUND DELEGATES: These delegates are not bound by the results of State Primaries or Caucuses. They vote according to their conscience. Some State and Territory party rules dictate that some or all of their Republican delegates are unbound: (*as of March 2023*):

- Pennsylvania's 51 district-level delegates are not bound to support any particular presidential candidate.
- All 29 of North Dakota's Republican delegates are unpledged.
- Wyoming's three party leader delegates are unpledged.
- All 18 delegates from American Samoa (9) and Guam (9) are unpledged.
- The Virgin Islands' three party leader delegates are also unpledged.

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Note: Please read “*USA: Republican Presidential Nomination: Trump leads*” dated February 7, 2024 at <https://diginews360.com/usa-republican-presidential-nomination-trump-leads/> . www.DiGiNews360.com always brings to you a complete picture of all important news from all over the world.