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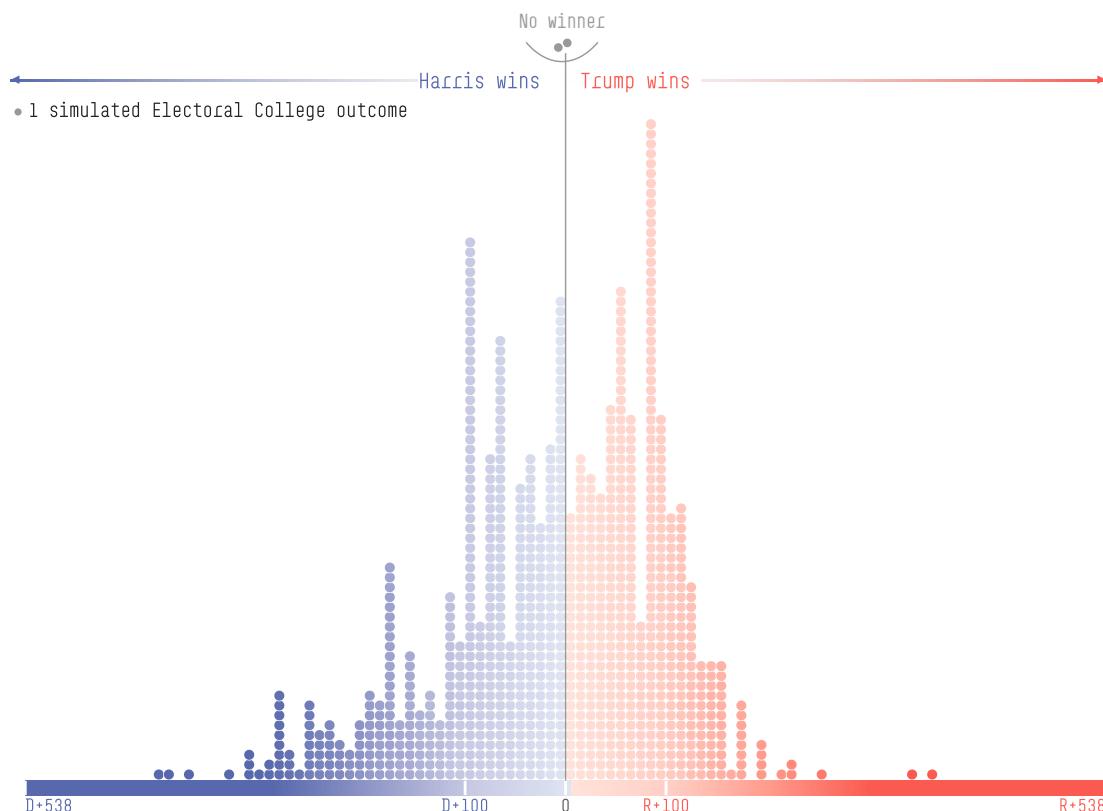
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Who Is Favored To Win The 2024 Presidential Election?

538 uses polling, economic and demographic data to explore likely election outcomes.

Harris wins 50 times out of 100
in our simulations of the 2024 presidential election.
Trump wins 49 times out of 100.

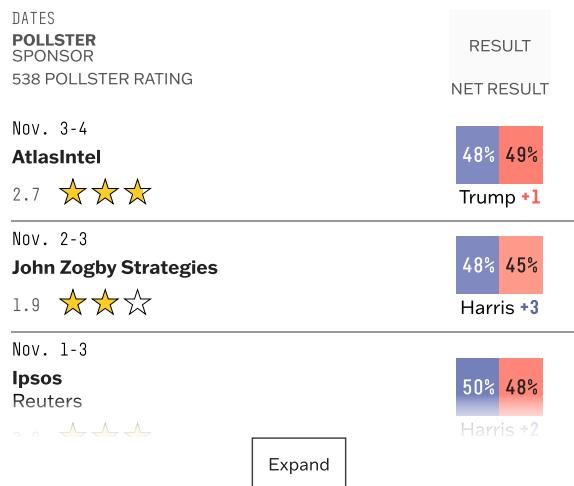
There is a less than 1-in-100 chance of no Electoral College winner.



ELECTORAL VOTE MARGIN

What are the latest national polls influencing the forecast?

We adjust polls for house effects, mode, partisanship, voter likelihood and third parties and weight them based on their firm's [538 pollster rating](#) and how often it polls.



Latest updates

LAST UPDATED NOV. 5

538's final forecast for the presidential race between Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump is officially out, and it's a real nail-biter. Our model gives Harris a **50 out of 100** chance of winning the majority of Electoral College votes. Our model gives Trump a **49 out of 100** chance.

The model shifted toward Harris slightly on Monday, Nov. 4, after high-quality polls released over the weekend showed her tied or ahead in the key northern battlegrounds of Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Polls from more frequently polled, but less well-regarded, firms had shown a more Trump-leaning race but also moved in Harris's direction Monday.

A close race in the polls, though, does not necessarily mean the outcome will be close. All seven swing states are still [within a normal polling error](#) of going to the candidate who is currently "losing" in each. While the polls have identified a close race, our model shows what you should expect if those polls are off.

538's forecast is based on a combination of polls and campaign "fundamentals," such as economic conditions, state partisanship and incumbency. It's not meant to "call" a winner, but rather to give you a sense of how likely each candidate is to win. Check out [our methodology](#) to learn exactly how we calculate these probabilities.

—G. Elliott Morris

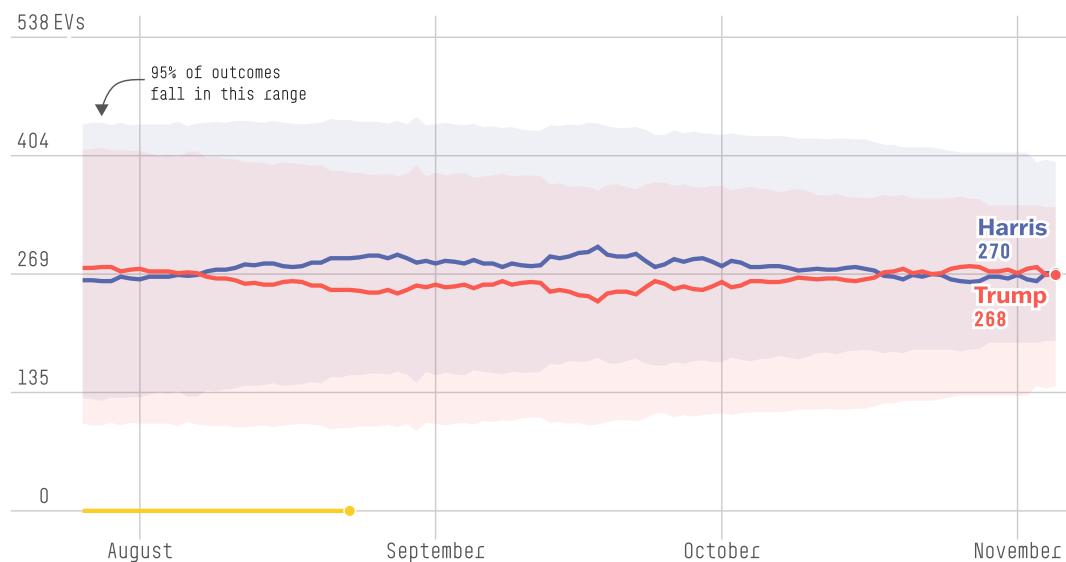
that Harris wins the Electoral College with <350 electoral votes

See a new scenario

How has the forecast changed over time?

The forecast updates at least once a day and whenever we get new data. Uncertainty will decrease as we get closer to Election Day.

Electoral votes Popular vote Win probability



Who's favored to win each state?

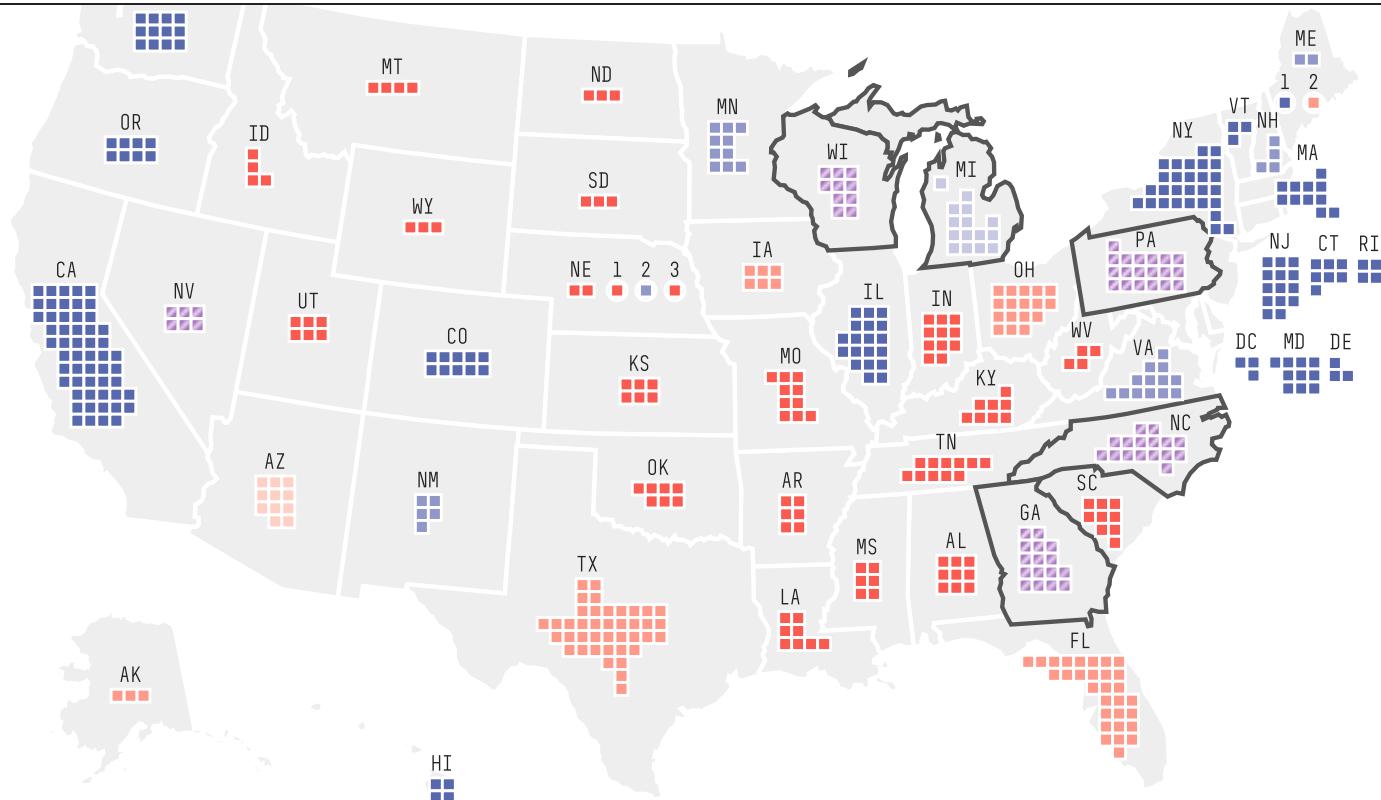
Number of electoral votes and the probability of a Democratic or Republican win in each state. Outlined states are most likely to give the winner their 270th Electoral College vote.

HOVER OVER A STATE TO SEE ITS FORECAST



CHANCE OF A WIN BASED ON 538'S FORECAST

LIKELIEST TIPPING-POINT STATES



Maine and Nebraska's congressional districts are shown separately because those states split their Electoral College votes, allotting two to the statewide winner and one to the winner of each district.

What are the closest races?

Use the table below to sort states by name, forecasted margin of victory or two different metrics of how much influence they have over the outcome.

Median

95% OF OUTCOMES FALL IN THIS RANGE

STATE

FORECASTED MARGIN OF VICTORY

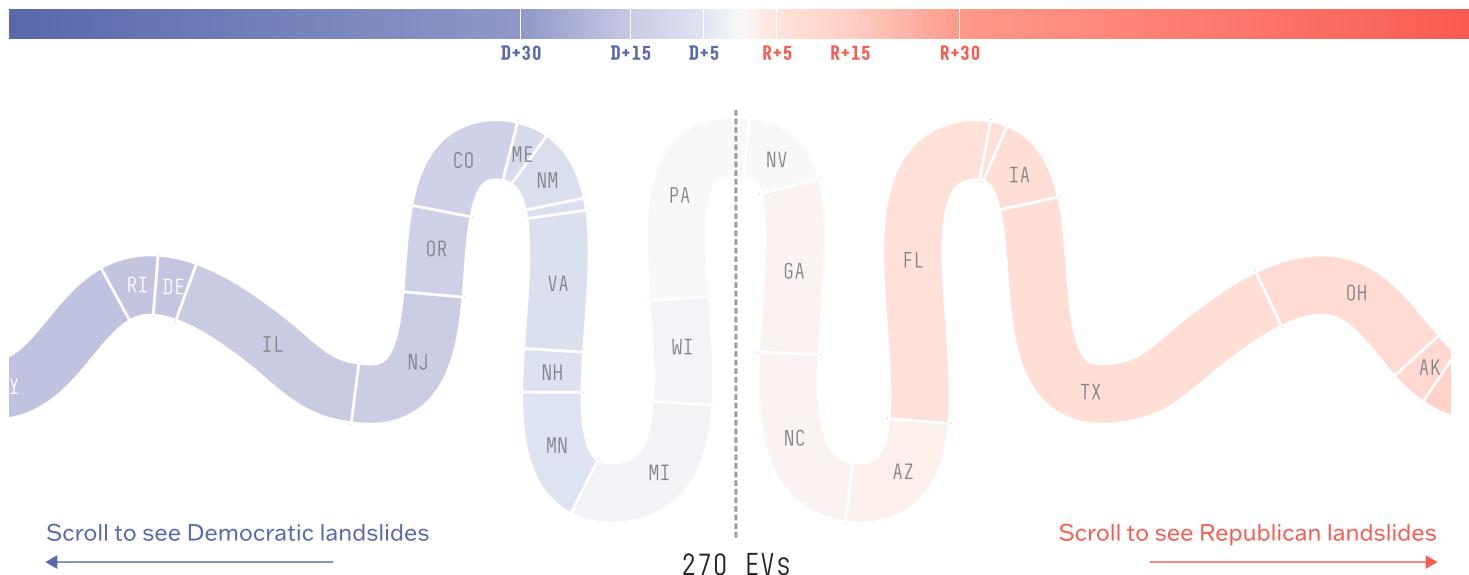
Show all contests

A state's tipping-point chance is the probability it will give the Electoral College winner their 270th electoral vote. The Voter Power Index (VPI) is a relative measure of how likely an individual voter in that state is to determine the outcome of the election.



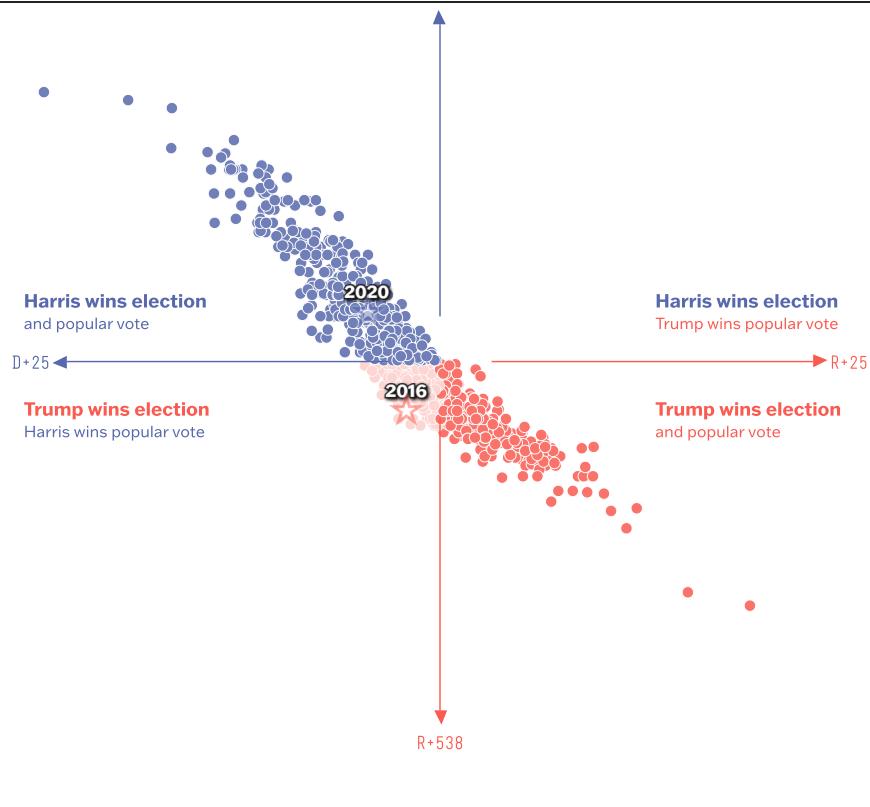
What does the path to 270 look like?

HOVER OVER A STATE TO SEE ITS FORECAST

[Zoom out](#)

How the popular vote translates into electoral votes

This graph shows the national popular vote margin and Electoral College margin in every model simulation. It shows you how often a candidate wins the Electoral College while losing the popular vote.



What do the polls or fundamentals alone say?

Our forecast is [based on a combination](#) of the polls and various economic and political variables we call the “fundamentals.” This chart shows how we get from the polls today to a forecast for Election Day.

Median

95% OF OUTCOMES FALL IN THIS RANGE

MARGIN OF VICTORY



Polling average

The state of public opinion today, according only to 538's average of national polls.

D+1.2

Adjusted polling average

The national polling average adjusted for results of state polls and the effects of party conventions.

D+2.2

FORECAST COMPONENTS

WEIGHT

the race between now and Election Day. This does not account for the chance that the polls systematically underestimate one candidate.

100%

D+2.2

Fundamentals-only forecast

What our fundamentals model alone would predict the popular vote margin to be.

0%

D+3.0

FULL FORECAST

Our final forecast of the popular vote, based on a weighted average of the polls and fundamentals using the weights above. This accounts for the chance that the polls systematically underestimate one candidate.

D+2.2

Forecast components may not exactly add up to full forecast because of rounding and random sampling. (When combining the components, we take a random sample of simulations from each, and they may not exactly match the full sample of simulations.)



Unusual and not-so-unusual scenarios

The probability of each outcome below, according to our simulations.

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Harris wins an Electoral College landslide (350+ electoral votes) | 8 out of 100 |
| Trump wins an Electoral College landslide (350+ electoral votes) | 1 out of 100 |
| Harris wins the Electoral College with <350 electoral votes | 41 out of 100 |
| Trump wins the Electoral College with <350 electoral votes | 47 out of 100 |
| Harris wins the national popular vote | 71 out of 100 |
| Trump wins the national popular vote | 29 out of 100 |
| Harris wins the national popular vote by 10+ percentage points | 4 out of 100 |
| Trump wins the national popular vote by 10+ percentage points | 1 out of 100 |
| Harris wins the popular vote but loses the Electoral College | 21 out of 100 |
| Trump wins the popular vote but loses the Electoral College | <1 out of 100 |
| No candidate wins a majority of Electoral College votes | <1 out of 100 |
| Every state votes for the same party that it did in 2020 | 1 out of 100 |
| Election is decided by a recount (winner's margin is <0.5% in a decisive state) | 10 out of 100 |

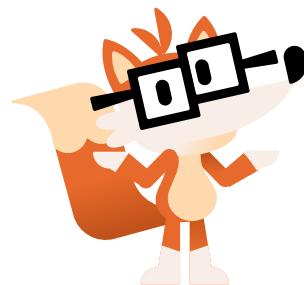
Harris wins at least one state Biden didn't win in 2020

42 out of 100

Trump wins at least one state he didn't win in 2020

82 out of 100

What's happening
in the **other races?**



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See Senate forecast 

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