



This plot shows the average support for the Democratic presidential candidate in and outside the three largest counties in a state relative to the candidate's support in the rest of the state. For each state and year, the democratic candidate's vote share in and outside each state's three largest counties is divided by his or her vote share in the entire state. Annual average measures of relative support are then calculated, grouping by whether the state supported the Democratic candidate and whether the counties are among the three largest in size. Given time constraints, the total number of votes in a county is used as a proxy for the total population of the county. Source: CQ Press Voting and Elections Collection Database.