

OKLAHOMA

Rankings 2004

Democracy Index: 42nd
Compilation of our state rankings, combined for the overall score.

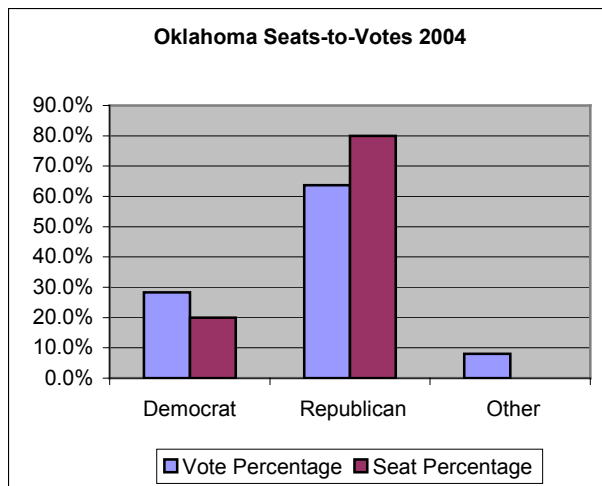
Margin of Victory: 35th (41%)
Higher average margins of victory lead to a lower ranking in this index.

Landslide: 50th (100%)
Large percentages of House races won by landslide margins of at least 20% lead to a low ranking in this index.

Representation: 30th (38%)
A low percentage of eligible voters who voted for their representative leads to low rankings in this index

Seats-to-Votes: 26th (12%)
Large disparities in the major parties' share of votes cast as compared with their share of seats elected leads to a lower ranking.

House Turnout: 35th (54%)
Low turnout for House races leads to a lower ranking in this index.



Facts in Focus

5 seats: 4R, 1D

- All five House races in 2004 were won by landslide margins of 20% or more, with an average margin of 41%. This is the first time in the 1982-2004 period that every race was won by a landslide. Oklahoma is one of 14 states in which 100% of races were landslides.
- Fewer than two out of ever five eligible voters voted in 2004 for the person who represents them in the U.S. House.
- Republicans received 64% of the vote in 2004, but were rewarded with 80% of the seats. This is more representative than 2002 when Republicans won 80% of seats with only 55% of the vote.
- Democrats were almost five times as likely as Republicans to "waste" their vote in 2004. The disparity between the percent of votes wasted by each party has increased dramatically since 1992.
- In the 1982-2004 period, 60 incumbents sought re-election in House races in Oklahoma. All 60 were re-elected.
- The last woman from Oklahoma to serve in the U.S. House finished her first and only term in 1923.
- Tom Cole (R) of Oklahoma's fourth district is currently the only American Indian serving in the House. He was first elected in 2002.

Presidential Election Results

2004: Bush 66, Kerry 34, Other 0
2000: Gore 38, Bush 60, Nader 0
1996: Clinton 41, Dole 48, Perot 11
1992: Clinton 34, Bush 43, Perot 23

Voting-eligible Population

2004: 2,564,000
2002: 2,611,000*
2000: 2,531,000*

*Voting-age population was used for these years.

	1992	1994	1996	1998	2000	2002	2004
Democracy Index: 1 to 50	--	--	26.8	30.8	34.7	24.6	31.6
Voter Turnout	55%	40%	49%	35%	43%	38%	54%
Representation Index	34%	26%	30%	22%	29%	25%	38%
Wasted Votes	38%	35%	39%	37%	35%	36%	30%
% of Wasted R / D Votes	52 / 28	7 / 69	0 / 100	0 / 100	12 / 68	9 / 63	11 / 54
Drop-Off Voters	8.2%	2.6%	2.2%	1.7%	11.8%	3.3%	6.1%
Avg Margin Of Victory	26%	34%	24%	26%	37%	30%	41%
Votes for (R-D-O%)	40-60-1	57-38-5	61-37-2	63-37-1	65-31-4	55-39-6	64-28-8
Seats for (R-D-O%)	33-67-0	83-17-0	100-0-0	100-0-0	83-17-0	80-20-0	80-20-0
Seat Changes	--	3	1	0	1	1 (-1R)	0
High % Turnout, District	--	45 (5)	55 (5)	39 (5)	51.5 (1)	--	--
Low % Turnout, District	--	40 (6)	46 (6)	34 (6)	41.5 (6)	--	--

Results 1994-2004	1994	1996	1998	2000	2002	2004
U.S. House (R-D)	5-1	6-0	6-0	6-0	4-1	4-1
Landslide Index	67%	50%	83%	83%	60%	100%
Scale of Competitiveness						
Tight: < 5	1	0	0	0	0	0
Competitive: 5-10	1	1	0	0	1	0
Opportunity: 10-20	0	2	1	1	1	0
Landslide: 20-40	1	1	5	3	1	3
No Contest: 40+	2	2	0	1	1	0
Uncontested	1	0	0	1	1	2
Incumbents						
Total Running / Total Seats	3 / 6	5 / 6	6 / 6	5 / 6	4 / 5	4 / 5
Re-Election / Total Incumbent	3 / 3	5 / 5	6 / 6	5 / 5	4 / 4	4 / 4
Landslide / Total Incumbent	3 / 3	3 / 5	5 / 6	5 / 5	3 / 4	4 / 4
R. Landslide / R. Incumbent	2 / 2	3 / 5	5 / 6	5 / 5	2 / 3	4 / 4
D. Landslide / D. Incumbent	1 / 1	NA	NA	NA	1 / 1	N/A
Untouchable Repeat Landslide	1	3	3	5	2	2
Uncontested Primary	2	5	6	2	1	
Elected Women	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elected Racial Minorities	1B	1B	1B	1B	0	1AI

Results 1982-1992	1982	1984	1986	1988	1990	1992
U.S. House (R-D)	1-5	1-5	2-4	2-4	2-4	2-4
Landslide Index	83%	67%	83%	83%	83%	50%
Scale of Competitiveness						
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Competitive: 5-10	1	0	0	0	0	1
Opportunity: 10-20	0	1	1	0	1	1
Landslide: 20-40	2	1	0	1	2	1
No Contest: 40+	3	3	4	2	3	2
Uncontested	0	0	1	2	0	0
Incumbents						
Total Running / Total Seats	6 / 6	6 / 6	5 / 6	6 / 6	5 / 6	5 / 6
Re-Election / Total Incumbent	6 / 6	6 / 6	5 / 5	6 / 6	5 / 5	5 / 5
Landslide / Total Incumbent	5 / 6	4 / 6	5 / 5	5 / 6	4 / 5	3 / 5
R. Landslide / R. Incumbent	1 / 1	1 / 1	1 / 1	2 / 3	1 / 2	0 / 1
D. Landslide / D. Incumbent	4 / 5	3 / 5	4 / 4	3 / 3	3 / 3	3 / 4
Untouchable Repeat Landslide	3	4	4	5	3	3
Uncontested Primary	5	4	2	2	4	3
Elected Women	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elected Racial Minorities	0	0	0	0	0	0

Oklahoma Congressional Districts Map

