Partisanship of State Primary Election Systems

Scoring

- State primary system is nonpartisan, 1 point
- State primary system is open to Independents, 1/2 point
- State primary system is completely closed to Independents, 0 points
- Note: MAP relied on data from the Unite America Institute and their State of Reform report for this document
- No updates required since January 1, 2023

Alabama (1/2)
- State primary system is open to Independents.

Alaska (1)
- State primary system is nonpartisan.

Arizona (1/2)
- State primary system is open to Independents.

Arkansas (1/2)
- State primary system is open to Independents.

California (1)
- State primary system is nonpartisan.

Colorado (1/2)
- State primary system is open to Independents.

Connecticut (1/2)
- State primary system is open to Independents.

Delaware (0)
- State primary system is completely closed to Independents.

D.C. (0)
- State primary system is completely closed to Independents.
Florida (0)
  - State primary system is completely closed to Independents.
Georgia (1/2)
  - State primary system is open to Independents.
Hawaii (1/2)
  - State primary system is open to Independents.
Idaho (1/2)
  - State primary system is open to Independents.
Illinois (1/2)
  - State primary system is open to Independents.
Indiana (1/2)
  - State primary system is open to Independents.
Iowa (1/2)
  - State primary system is open to Independents.
Kansas (1/2)
  - State primary system is open to Independents.
Kentucky (0)
  - State primary system is completely closed to Independents.
Louisiana (1)
  - State primary system is nonpartisan.
Maine (1/2)
  - State primary system is open to Independents.
Maryland (0)
  - State primary system is completely closed to Independents.
Massachusetts (1/2)
  - State primary system is open to Independents.
Michigan (1/2)
  • State primary system is open to Independents.

Minnesota (1/2)
  • State primary system is open to Independents.

Mississippi (1/2)
  • State primary system is open to Independents.

Missouri (1/2)
  • State primary system is open to Independents.

Montana (1/2)
  • State primary system is open to Independents.

Nebraska (1/2)
  • State primary system is open to Independents.

Nevada (0)
  • State primary system is completely closed to Independents.

New Hampshire (1/2)
  • State primary system is open to Independents.

New Jersey (1/2)
  • State primary system is open to Independents.

New Mexico (0)
  • State primary system is completely closed to Independents.

New York (0)
  • State primary system is completely closed to Independents.

North Carolina (1/2)
  • State primary system is open to Independents.

North Dakota (1/2)
  • State primary system is open to Independents.
Ohio (1/2)
  - State primary system is open to Independents.

Oklahoma (1/2)
  - State primary system is open to Independents.

Oregon (0)
  - State primary system is completely closed to Independents.

Pennsylvania (0)
  - State primary system is completely closed to Independents.

Rhode Island (1/2)
  - State primary system is open to Independents.

South Carolina (1/2)
  - State primary system is open to Independents.

South Dakota (1/2)
  - State primary system is open to Independents.

Tennessee (1/2)
  - State primary system is open to Independents.

Texas (1/2)
  - State primary system is open to Independents.

Utah (1/2)
  - State primary system is open to Independents.

Vermont (1/2)
  - State primary system is open to Independents.

Virginia (1/2)
  - State primary system is open to Independents.

Washington (1)
  - State primary system is nonpartisan.
West Virginia (1/2)
  • State primary system is open to Independents.

Wisconsin (1/2)
  • State primary system is open to Independents.

Wyoming (1/2)
  • State primary system is open to Independents.