

Battleground States Still Counting, White House Race Remains Too Close to Call

Americans are waking up Wednesday morning with no clear winner yet from Tuesday's Election Day. Millions of voters hit the polls, in addition to the 95 million other Americans who cast their ballots in advance. Voter turnout has been historic in many ways, and the votes may still be counted for several days to come.

As returns come in from all 50 states, the magic number that Democrat Joe Biden and Republican President Donald Trump are both looking for is 270 electoral votes. The Electoral College was a system set up in the Constitution and has been refined over the last two centuries. As of Wednesday morning, neither candidate had the 270 Electoral College votes needed to win.

Swing State Wins

So far, Biden is leading in the electoral and popular votes, and The Associated Press reported Wednesday morning that the former vice president has won Arizona, which would make it much harder for Trump to win the White House. Trump won the key swing states of Ohio and Florida, and he's pulled off a big win in Texas which hadn't been seen as a swing state in the past.

Biden and Trump on Wednesday shifted their focus to three critical battleground states—Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania—that could determine who will win the presidency. Biden has a narrow lead in Wisconsin, but the race is too close to call. It is also too early to call in Michigan and Pennsylvania.

Each state is allotted a different number of electoral votes

based on how many representatives it has in the House of Representatives, plus its two senators. That's a majority of the 538 electoral votes that are up for grabs in the 50 states.

The Associated Press is reporting President Donald Trump has won Kentucky, West Virginia, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Indiana, Louisiana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Kansas, Missouri, Idaho, Utah, Florida, Texas and Iowa.

Democrat Joe Biden has carried Hawaii, Maine, Arizona, Virginia, Vermont, Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Delaware, Rhode Island, Maryland, New Mexico, New York, the District of Columbia, Colorado, New Hampshire, California, Oregon, Washington state, Hawaii and Minnesota.

Currently, Biden has 238 electoral votes. Trump has 213.

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