



The Library of Virginia has most of the extant original records of Virginia elections. These records are available to the general public. This bibliography gathers important published and Internet sources of Virginia election returns on the federal and state level. It is a complement to the Research Notes entitled “Virginia Election Records: Presidential and Congressional Election Returns at the Library of Virginia” and “Virginia Election Records: Gubernatorial and State Election Returns at the Library of Virginia.”

The results of presidential elections are available from primary and secondary source, although early data is scarce. Some results survived as official returns, and some were published sporadically in contemporary newspapers as they became available. In some instances, the newspaper announcements constitute the only available returns. Results from the end of the nineteenth century to the present are available for all federal and state offices. Recent election results are readily accessible in a large number of published sources and websites.

The titles included in this bibliography are a select list of official results and secondary works.

For information on how to conduct election research consult: Martin, Fenton S., and Robert U. Goehrlert. *How to Research Elections*. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2000. JK1976 Me 2000

## OFFICIAL RESULTS

Election results published by the appropriate governmental agencies on the federal and/or state level are considered "official."

**Federal Elections.** Washington, D.C.: Information Division, Federal Election Commission, U.S. Government Printing Office, 1982 –. (Microfiche). Y 3.EL 2/3:16/

Results by state for the offices of the U.S. president and U.S. senators and by district for U.S. representatives.

**National Archives and Records Administration. U.S. Electoral College.**

[www.archives.gov/federal-register/electoral-college/index.html](http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/electoral-college/index.html)

This site provides thorough coverage of presidential elections and provides tabulations of presidential returns by state, including candidates, electoral votes, popular votes, and election notes.

**Official Election Results.** Richmond: State Board of Elections, 1972–1995. Annual. JK3992 034

[www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Election\\_Information/Election\\_Results/Index.html](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Election_Information/Election_Results/Index.html)

Beginning in 1996, results have been published exclusively on the Internet with the title on the Web site of the Virginia State Board of Elections. The publication covers Virginia election results for all types of elections on the federal, state, and local levels.

**Report of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.** Richmond: Secretary of the Commonwealth, 1902/3–. JK3930 A26

The report contains results of the elections for the years 1905–1945 for the offices of the U.S. president and vice-president, U.S. senators, U.S. representatives, governors, lieutenant governors, attorneys general, state legislators, and other statewide offices. Results are tabulated by counties, cities, and congressional districts.

**Statement of the Vote Cast in the Commonwealth of Virginia for...** Richmond: Secretary of the Commonwealth, Division of Purchase and Printing, 1928–1946. JK3993[year] A5

A printed statement of votes cast in each election year, published by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, this publication covers elections on the federal and state levels. Results are listed by counties and cities. Title varies.

**Statement of the Vote Cast in the Commonwealth of Virginia for...** Richmond: State Board of Elections. 1948–1970. JK3993[year] A5 or A51 or A52

A printed statement of votes cast in each election year, published by the secretary of the State Board of Elections. This publication covers all levels of elections on the federal and state levels. Elections of supervisors of soil conservation districts are sometimes included. Results are listed by counties and cities. Title varies.

**Statistics of the Presidential and Congressional Election. Showing the Highest Vote for Presidential Electors...** Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1920–1981. Y 1.2: E12/(date)

The Library of Virginia has copies for selected years. The publication is available online at:

**U.S. House of Representatives: Office of the Clerk 1920–2010**

[http://clerk.house.gov/member\\_info/election.aspx](http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/election.aspx)

Since 1920, the Clerk of the House has collected and published the official vote counts by state for the offices of the U.S. president, U.S. senators and U.S. representatives from the official sources among the various states and territories. These documents, out of-print for many years, have been collected and scanned to make them available to researchers and students on the Internet.

**Virginia State Board of Elections. Statements of Votes, 1916–1960.** State government records collection, Richmond: Library of Virginia. Misc. Reel 386.

Manuscript record of statements of votes by counties and cities for the elections of U.S. senators and U.S. representatives.

## UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

“Unofficial” results are those published in secondary sources, such as books compiled by editors and websites sponsored by institutions or commercial publishers.

### **A New Nation Votes. American Election Returns, 1787–1825**

[http://elections.lib.tufts.edu/aas\\_portal/index.xq](http://elections.lib.tufts.edu/aas_portal/index.xq)

The American Antiquarian Society and the Digital Collections and Archives at Tufts University sponsor this web site. This project is a work in progress. When finished, it will cover the twenty-five states that were part of the Union during 1787–1825.

### **America Votes.** Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly, Biennial. JK1967 A8

This serial publication provides data from 1956 to the present about the elections of U.S. presidents, U.S. senators, U.S. congressmen, and state governors. Each volume covers one cycle of national elections.

### Dubin, Michael J. **United States Congressional Elections, 1788–1997. The Official Results of the 1st through 105th Congresses.**

Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland and Company, Inc., 1998. JK1967 D77 1998

Results are listed by state and then by congressional districts for the House and after 1913 by state for the Senate. The sources of data for each election are recorded.

### Dubin, Michael J. **United States Presidential Elections 1788–1860; The Official Results by County and State.** Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland and Company, Inc., 2002. JK524 D778 2002

A collection of data from original records in state archives. This book gives figures of the popular vote on the state and county levels.

### Eisenberg, Ralph, and Larry Sabato. **Virginia Votes.** Charlottesville, Va.: University of Virginia, 1971–1998. JK3993 1924 E57

Analysis of Virginia statewide political elections on the county and city levels.

### Glashan, Roy R. **American Governors and Gubernatorial Elections, 1975–1978.** Westport, Conn.: Meckler Books, 1979. JK2447 G53

Provides data and statistics on the state level. This work is updated by the book of the same title compiled by Marie Marmo Mullaney.

### **Gubernatorial Elections 1787–1997.** Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly, 1997. JK2447 G76 1998

A detailed presentation of gubernatorial elections by state and parties.

### **Guide to U.S. Elections.** Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2005. JK1967 C662 2005

An overview of the history of the federal elections. Tables cover data on the state level.

### Jensen, Merrill, and Robert A. Becker. **The Documentary History of the First Federal Elections, 1788–1790.** Madison, Wis.: University of Wisconsin Press, 1976. JK171 A1 D6

The text explains the complexity of the first federal elections by state, while tables provide various tabulations of the data.

### McGillivray, Alice V., Richard M. Scammon, and Rhodes Cook. **America at the Polls, 1960–2004, John F. Kennedy to George W. Bush: A Handbook of American Presidential Election Statistics.** Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2005. JK524 M33 2005

Provides data by state, party, total vote, and percentages.

### Miller, Alan William. **The Atlas of Virginia Statewide General Elections: 1980–1994.** Richmond, Va.: Klipsan Press, 1995. JK3993 1980 M612

This work covers the elections for U.S. president and U.S. senator, as well as Virginia governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general. Maps and tables by county and city provide a picture of the voting patterns of the commonwealth.

### Mullaney, Marie Marmo. **American Governors and Gubernatorial Elections, 1979–1987.** Westport, Conn.: Meckler, 1988. JK2447 M85 1988

This title updates the book by the same title compiled by Roy R. Glashan.

### **Presidential Elections, 1789–2004.** Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2005. JK524 P678 2005

A treatise on the changing presidential selection process. Tables and maps cover the Electoral College results and the popular vote by state.

Robinson, Edgar Eugene. **The Presidential Vote, 1896–1932**. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 1934. JK524 R6  
Compilation of election returns by state and counties.

Rusk, Jerrod G. **A Statistical History of the American Electorate**. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2001. JK1967 R87 2001  
Results for the offices of the U.S. president, U.S. senators, and U.S. representatives are listed by state, party, and total vote. Numerous tables provide analysis of the data.

Scammon, Richard M. **America at the Polls: A Handbook of American Presidential Election Statistics, 1920–1964**. Pittsburgh, Pa.: University of Pittsburgh, 1965. JK524 G6  
Provides data by state, party, total vote, and percentages.

Scammon, Richard M., and Alice V. McGillivray. **America at the Polls 2: A Handbook of American Presidential Election Statistics, 1968–1984**. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly, 1988. JK524 S22 1988  
Provides data by state, party, total vote, and percentages.

**The Virginia Elections and State Elected Officials Database Project, 1776–2008.**  
<http://vavh.iath.virginia.edu>

This project, sponsored by the University of Virginia's Center for Politics and the University of Virginia Library, provides an accessible compilation and statistical resource on Virginia state elections from 1776 forward.

**The Warrock-Richardson Almanack**. Richmond: C. W. Saunders. AY326 R5 W3  
Results of the presidential and gubernatorial elections for the state of Virginia by county and city are published for the years 1845 through 1940.

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