

# General Election Vote in Iowa

Year	Highest office on ballot	Candidates	Total Votes for Office	Turnout from Demographic Report <sup>1</sup>	Actual Turnout <sup>2</sup>	Number of Registered Voters <sup>3</sup>	Turnout compared to registration
1980	President	Reagan-Carter-Anderson	1,317,661	1,314,258		1,746,725	75.24%
1982	Governor	Branstad-Conlin-& All	1,038,229	1,050,495		1,586,345	66.22%
1984	President	Reagan-Mondale	1,319,805	1,339,886		1,762,841	76.01%
1986	Governor	Branstad-Junkins	910,623	922,094		1,621,977	56.85%
1988	President	Bush-Dukakis	1,225,614	1,240,854		1,638,362	75.74%
1990	US Senator	Harkin-Tauke	983,933	1,004,908		1,583,388	63.47%
1992	President	Clinton-Bush-Perot	1,354,607	1,371,979		1,703,908	80.52%
1994	Governor	Branstad-Campbell	997,248	1,014,110	1,022,372	1,640,533	62.32%
1996	President	Clinton - Dole	1,234,075	1,233,261	1,251,983	1,776,433	70.48%
1998	Governor	Vilsack-Lightfoot	956,415	961,294	973,032	1,777,955	54.73%
2000	President	Gore-Bush	1,315,563	1,214,913	1,328,067	1,851,802	71.71%
2002	Governor	Vilsack-Gross	1,025,802	1,021,200	1,040,201	1,821,595	57.10%

1. In 1980 the State Registrar of Voters began compiling a demographic report showing general election turnout statistics. The record of the number of people who voted is taken from voter registration statistics showing the number of people whose registration records indicate that they voted in the general election. This report was produced after the annual removal (in February after the General Election) of registration records of people who had not voted in the previous four years. (Since 1995, the annual purge is no longer done.) Some people who voted in the General Election may also have moved to other counties or died or for various other reasons may have been deleted from the records.

2. In 1994 the Secretary of State began collecting actual turnout statistics representing the number of people who voted in the election.

3. The number of registered voters on December first following the General Election. (Except 1982, 1992, and 1996, when the figures are from November first because the 12/1 statistics are not available. Registration statistics for 1996 forward include only active registrations.)