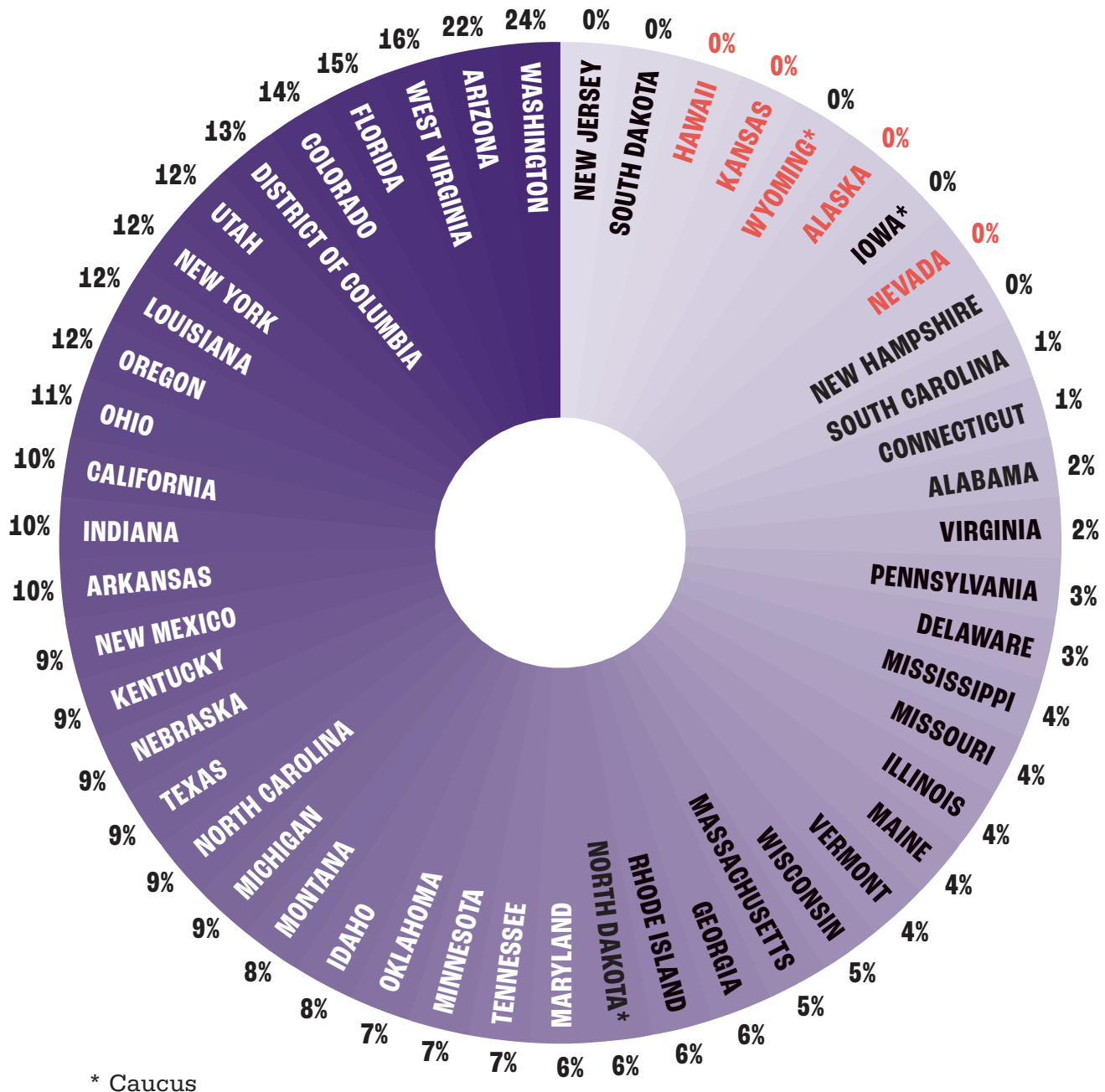


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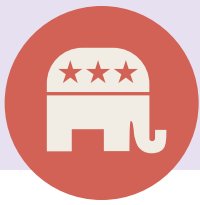
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3 million Democrats cast “wasted votes” in 2020! How does your state stack up?



Five states — Nevada, Kansas, Alaska, Hawaii, and Wyoming — used ranked choice voting for their 2020 Democratic presidential primaries and made every vote count. Ranked choice voting gives voters the option to rank candidates in order of preference. If a voter’s first choice candidate is inactive, the ballot counts for the voter’s backup choice.



2016 AND 2024 REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES

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Ranked choice voting is a better way to vote in presidential primaries. It gives voters the option to rank candidates in order of preference. If a voter's first-choice candidate drops out, their ballot counts for a backup choice.

Over 700,000 Republican primary voters cast “wasted votes” in 2016. Though it was a less competitive and shorter presidential primary, **over 300,000 Republican primary voters cast “wasted votes” in 2024.** See which states had the most wasted votes in 2016 and 2024:

2016 REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES

STATE	WASTED VOTES	PERCENT WASTED
Arizona	98,794	16%
Texas	95,111	3%
Florida	78,407	3%
Michigan	68,517	5%
Pennsylvania	36,373	2%
Illinois	36,250	3%
Ohio	30,552	2%
North Carolina	29,930	3%
Wisconsin	29,668	3%
Indiana	28,135	3%
Missouri	21,872	2%
Tennessee	19,552	2%
Massachusetts	19,282	3%
Alabama	18,633	2%
Georgia	17,056	1%

2024 REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES

STATE	WASTED VOTES	PERCENT WASTED
California	73,953	3%
Texas	61,371	3%
Colorado	28,462	3%
Michigan primary	23,029	2%
North Carolina	22,967	2%
Virginia	14,234	2%
Tennessee	12,794	2%
Arkansas	12,339	5%
Alabama	12,267	2%
Massachusetts	12,082	2%
Minnesota	6,986	2%
Oklahoma	6,797	2%
New Hampshire	5,412	2%
South Carolina	4,337	1%
Vermont	2,793	4%