

# Small States Are Ignored in Presidential Elections Under Current State-by-State Winner-Take-All Rule

The states are arranged in this table according to their number of electoral votes.

Electoral votes	State	Events
3	Alaska	
3	Delaware	
3	D.C.	
3	Montana	
3	North Dakota	
3	South Dakota	
3	Vermont	
3	Wyoming	
4	New Hampshire	13
4	Hawaii	
4	Idaho	
4	Maine	
4	Rhode Island	
5	Nebraska	
5	New Mexico	
5	West Virginia	
6	Iowa	27
6	Nevada	13
6	Arkansas	
6	Kansas	
6	Mississippi	
6	Utah	
7	Connecticut	
7	Oklahoma	
7	Oregon	
8	Kentucky	
8	Louisiana	
9	Colorado	23
9	Alabama	
9	South Carolina	
10	Wisconsin	18
10	Minnesota	1
10	Maryland	
10	Missouri	
11	Arizona	
11	Indiana	
11	Massachusetts	
11	Tennessee	
12	Washington	
13	Virginia	36
14	New Jersey	
15	North Carolina	3
16	Michigan	1
16	Georgia	
18	Ohio	73
20	Pennsylvania	5
20	Illinois	
29	Florida	40
29	New York	
38	Texas	
55	California	
<b>538</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>253</b>

- **Only 1 of the 13 smallest states** received any of the 253 campaign events in the 2012 general-election campaign for President, namely the closely divided “battleground” state of New Hampshire. The small states are ignored not because they are small, but because they are almost all one-party states in presidential elections.

- **Only 3 of the 25 smallest states** (7 or fewer electoral votes) received any of the 253 campaign events in 2012. The 3 states were the closely divided “battleground” states of New Hampshire, Iowa, and Nevada.

- 80% of the general-election campaign events were focused on **only 9** closely divided battleground states—mostly larger states.