

## Presidential Election Results by the Numbers: 2016 vs 2020 - focus on who flipped

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### 2016

#### Popular vote

|         |        |
|---------|--------|
| Clinton | 66M    |
| Trump   | 63M    |
| total   | 129M   |
| VEP %   | 61.40% |

Dems added 15M votes  
GOP added 11M votes

#### Electoral vote

|         |     |
|---------|-----|
| Clinton | 227 |
| Trump   | 304 |

#### Flipped states Difference %

|    |            |                   |
|----|------------|-------------------|
| MI | Trump + .2 | flipped from 2012 |
| WI | Trump + .8 | flipped from 2012 |
| PA | Trump+ .7  | flipped from 2012 |

#### electoral count impact

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### 2020

#### Popular vote

|       |        |
|-------|--------|
| Biden | 81.2M  |
| Trump | 74.2M  |
| total | 155.4M |
| VEP % | 66%%   |

#### Electoral vote

|       |     |
|-------|-----|
| Biden | 306 |
| Trump | 232 |

#### Flipped states Difference %

|    |            |                   |
|----|------------|-------------------|
| MI | Biden + 1  | flipped from 2016 |
| WI | Biden + .7 | flipped from 2016 |
| PA | Biden + 1  | flipped from 2016 |
| AZ | Biden + .4 | flipped from 2016 |
| GA | Biden + .3 | flipped from 2016 |

#### electoral count impact

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**Conclusions:** The 2020 election was decided by a small net increase in voter turnout in MI, WI and PA that caused them to flip back to Dem  
A small change in voter turnout in key states can lead to a large swing in electoral vote counts

**Notes:** 66% turnout in 2020 was not unusual (e.g. 68% turned out for Clinton over Bush Sr. in 1992)  
VEP = Voting Eligible Population  
M = million

#### For comparison - Burnet County results

|         |      |                |
|---------|------|----------------|
| turnout | 2016 | 67%            |
|         | 2020 | 76%            |
|         | 2022 | 59%            |
|         | 2023 | 20% 7503/37142 |