

**2024 LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL CONVENTION  
WASHINGTON, DC**

**DELEGATE ALLOCATION MANUAL**



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## INTRODUCTION

Hello State Chairs! This is the official notification of your delegate allocations as provided for under the national Libertarian Party Bylaws. Detailed explanations of methodology and comparisons with past conventions are given. If you have any questions at all, or suggestions for improvement for future manuals, please contact Caryn Ann Harlos, LNC Secretary at [secretary@lp.org](mailto:secretary@lp.org) or 561.523.2250.

## METHODOLOGY

The Libertarian Party national Bylaws provide the methodology and definitions necessary for determining the number of delegates allocated to each state affiliate as follows:

### ARTICLE 10.3 REGARDING CALCULATIONS FOR ALLOCATIONS

Each affiliate party shall be entitled to send delegates to each Regular Convention on the following basis:

- a. One delegate for each 0.14 percent, or fraction thereof, of the total Party sustaining membership in that affiliate; provided that at least one such delegate must be a resident of that State or District.
- b. One delegate for each 0.35 percent, or fraction thereof, of the votes cast nationwide for the Libertarian Party candidate in the most recent presidential election, cast in that affiliate's state.

### IMPLICATIONS

Since there are approximately 714<sup>1</sup> slices of a whole at 0.14% each and approximately 286<sup>2</sup> slices at 0.35% each, a Libertarian Party national convention will have slots for *at least* 1000 delegates. However, since affiliates are credited for 'fractions thereof', the **maximum** result hovers around 1050 possible delegates. This year there are a total of 1051 delegates as compared to 1053 in 2022.

### ARTICLE 4.4 DEFINING SUSTAINING MEMBERS

“Sustaining members” are members of the Party who:

- a. During the prior twelve months have donated, or have had donated on their behalf, an amount of at least \$25; or
- b. Are life members.

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<sup>1</sup> To be more precise, 714.29 when rounded to two (2) decimal places.

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## ARTICLE 10.4.1 SETTING CUT-OFF DATE FOR CALCULATIONS

Delegate Allocation:

- a. In order to be counted for delegate allocation, sustaining membership applications must be sent to the National Headquarters by either the individual member or the affiliate party and received or postmarked no later than the last day of the seventh month prior to the Regular Convention.

**May 24, 2024 is the first business session of the 2024 Libertarian Party National Convention making the last day of the seventh month prior October 31, 2023.**

## ARTICLE 10.4.C REGARDING ALTERNATE DELEGATE ALLOCATIONS

The number of alternates' names submitted shall not exceed the greater of 50 or the number of delegates allocated.

Therefore, every affiliate may name up to fifty (50) alternate delegates, and if any affiliate has any more than fifty (50) regular delegates allocated, they may name as many alternates as they have delegates.

### NOTE

*Percentages used for determination of regional formations will be sent in a separate manual as the percentages used differ slightly and have caused confusion in the past. There are additional bylaws provisions that come into play. Additionally, a delegation chair manual and a delegate manual will be sent as convention approaches. I am willing to customize the delegate manual to fit the needs of any particular affiliate's rules, please contact me to discuss same.*

## OFFICIAL DELEGATE ALLOCATIONS

The following table lists the number of delegates each affiliate is entitled to send to the 2024 Libertarian Party national convention pursuant to the allocation methodology outlined above (see, yellow column which is the sum total of the blue columns).

State	2024 Delegate Allocation	SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP			PRESIDENTIAL VOTE		
		Members as of 10/31/23	Region Allocation % of Members	Delegates Based on Members	2020 Presidential Vote Totals <sup>3</sup>	% of 2020 Vote	Delegates Based on 2020 Vote
AL	13	153	1.207%	9	25,176	1.350%	4
AK	5	51	.402%	3	8,897	0.477%	2

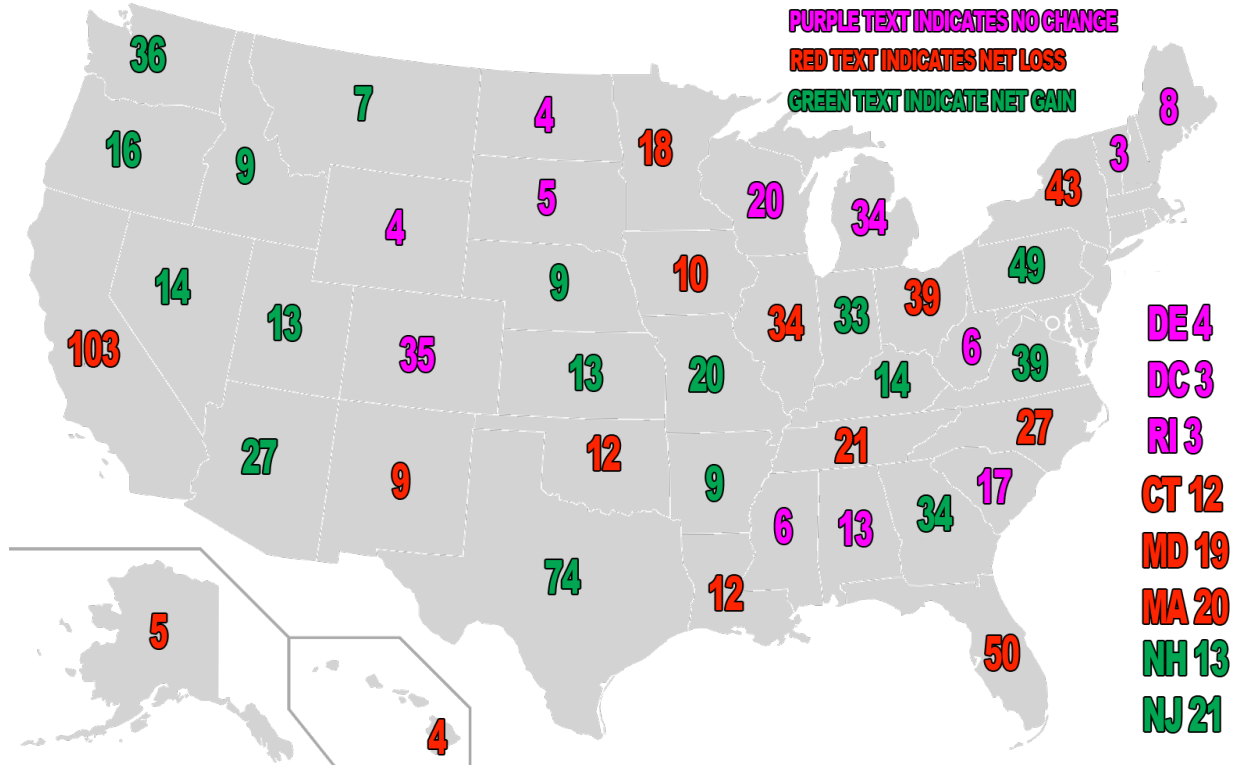
<sup>3</sup> Source for presidential vote totals:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WhLPFU2qZm3pkViEV-cfn8HgrdpR7/ing/view?usp=sharing>

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AR	8	83	.655%	5	13,133	0.704%	3
AZ	26	321	2.533%	18	51,465	2.759%	8
CA	103	1307	10.312%	74	187,895	10.071%	29
CO	33	415	3.274%	24	52,460	2.812%	9
CT	12	136	1.073%	8	20,230	1.085%	4
DC	3	19	.150%	2	2,036	0.110%	1
DE	5	64	.505%	4	5,000	0.268%	1
FL	52	724	5.712%	41	70,324	3.770%	11
GA	31	368	2.904%	21	62,229	3.336%	10
HI	4	45	.355%	3	5,539	0.297%	1
IA	11	108	.852%	7	19,637	1.053%	4
ID	9	95	.750%	6	16,404	0.880%	3
IL	33	379	2.990%	22	66,544	3.567%	11
IN	39	500	3.945%	29	59,232	3.175%	10
KS	13	127	1.002%	8	30,574	1.639%	5
KY	15	163	1.286%	10	26,234	1.407%	5
LA	12	128	1.010%	8	21,645	1.161%	4
MA	22	240	1.894%	14	47,013	2.520%	8
MD	21	251	1.980%	15	33,488	1.795%	6
ME	7	71	.560%	4	14,152	0.759%	3
MI	34	412	3.251%	24	60,381	3.237%	10
MN	18	200	1.578%	12	34,976	1.875%	6
MO	20	220	1.736%	13	41,205	2.209%	7
MS	7	80	.631%	5	8,026	0.431%	2
MT	6	50	.395%	3	15,252	0.818%	3
NC	26	315	2.485%	18	48,678	2.610%	8
ND	4	31	.245%	2	9,393	0.504%	2
NE	9	75	.592%	5	20,283	1.088%	4
NH	13	173	1.365%	10	13,236	0.710%	3
NJ	21	279	2.201%	16	31,677	1.698%	5
NM	7	89	.702%	5	12,585	0.675%	2
NY	41	549	4.332%	31	60,234	3.229%	10
NV	13	173	1.365%	10	14,783	0.793%	3
OH	40	509	4.016%	29	67,569	3.622%	11
OK	11	116	.915%	7	24,731	1.326%	4
OR	16	159	1.255%	9	41,582	2.229%	7
PA	44	553	4.363%	31	79,380	4.255%	13
RI	3	25	.197%	2	5,053	0.271%	1
SC	16	186	1.468%	11	27,916	1.497%	5
SD	5	38	.300%	3	11,095	0.595%	2
TN	22	292	2.304%	17	29,877	1.602%	5
TX	76	985	7.772%	56	126,243	6.767%	20
UT	14	132	1.042%	8	38,447	2.061%	6
VA	39	502	3.961%	29	64,761	3.472%	10
VT	3	29	.229%	2	3,608	0.194%	1
WA	35	387	3.053%	22	80,500	4.315%	13
WI	20	238	1.878%	14	38,491	2.064%	6

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WV	7	87	.686%	5	10,687	0.573%	2
WY	4	42	.331%	3	5,768	0.310%	1
OTHER <sup>4</sup>	-----	73	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1051</b>	<b>12747</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>1,865,724</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>314</b>

<sup>4</sup> The sustaining members in the "other" (designated by "XX" in the official membership reports generated by staff) category are not tied to any particular affiliate.



**COMPARISON OF DELEGATE ALLOCATIONS 2018-2024**

STATE	2024	2020	2022
AL	13	13	13
AK	5	6	5
AR	8	7	9
AZ	26	24	27
CA	103	107	103
CO	33	35	35
CT	12	13	12
DC	3	3	3
DE	5	4	4
FL	52	54	50
GA	31	29	34
HI	4	5	4
IA	11	11	10
ID	9	6	9
IL	33	37	34
IN	39	30	33
KS	13	10	13
KY	15	11	14
LA	12	13	12

STATE	2024	2020	2022
MA	22	22	20
MD	21	20	19
ME	7	8	8
MI	34	34	34
MN	18	20	18
MO	20	19	20
MS	7	6	6
MT	6	6	7
NC	26	29	27
ND	4	4	4
NE	9	8	9
NH	13	11	13
NJ	21	20	21
NM	7	13	9
NY	41	48	43
NV	13	13	14
OH	40	45	39
OK	11	14	12
OR	16	15	16
PA	44	40	49
RI	3	3	3
SC	16	17	17
SD	5	5	5
TN	22	23	21
TX	76	73	74
UT	14	9	13
VA	39	35	39
VT	3	3	3
WA	35	35	36
WI	20	20	20
WV	7	6	6
WY	4	4	4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1051</b>	<b>1046</b>	<b>1053</b>

- Green indicates a net gain since immediately prior convention.
- Red indicates a net loss since immediately prior convention.
- Purple indicates no net change since immediately prior convention.

## **UNOFFICIAL 2026 NATIONAL COMMITTEE SEATS EARNED**

The national Libertarian Party Platform and Credentials Committees are comprised as per below.

### **ARTICLE 11.3 REGARDING PLATFORM COMMITTEE**

The Platform Committee shall consist of 20 members selected as follows:

- a. One member by each of the five affiliate parties having the greatest per capita sustaining membership as determined for Convention delegate allocations at the most recent Regular Convention.
- b. One member by each of the ten affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships, excluding those affiliates from (a), as determined for Convention delegate allocations at the most recent Regular Convention.
- c. Five members selected by the National Committee.

The 2022 Census data used for the calculations can be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-uwf3J51mn2sblUfGilmZf6eDCAwhbfg/view?usp=sharing>

Unofficially, the following states will have a platform seat (plus ranked alternates) for the 2026 Libertarian Party national convention:

The top five (5) states per capita:

1. New Hampshire
2. Indiana
3. Wyoming
4. Colorado
5. Alaska

The top ten (10) states by largest sustaining memberships excluding any states already included in the top five (5) per capita:

1. California
2. Texas
3. Florida
4. Pennsylvania
5. New York
6. Ohio
7. Virginia
8. Michigan
9. Washington
10. Illinois



Congratulations to those affiliates! These appointments will need to be confirmed officially with the LNC.

## ARTICLE 11.4 REGARDING CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee, composed of ten members, shall be selected as follows.

- a. Five members chosen by the National Committee no later than six months before a Regular Convention.
- b. One member by each of the five affiliate parties having the largest sustaining memberships as determined for Convention delegate allocations at the most recent Regular Convention.

Thus, the states earning Credentials Committee seats (and ranked alternates) are:

1. California
2. Texas
3. Florida
4. Pennsylvania
5. New York

Congratulations to these affiliates! These appointments will need to be confirmed officially with the LNC.

## NOTICE

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*I am willing to discuss this personally to anyone interested. I hope this resource is useful to your affiliate as you plan for the national convention.*

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