

Table 2-17 District Voting for President and Representative,
1952 - 2016

| Year | Number of districts carried by president ^a | President's vote compared with vote for his party's successful House candidates | |
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| | | President ran ahead | President ran behind |
| 1952 | 297 | n.a. | n.a. |
| 1956 | 329 | 155 | 43 |
| 1960 | 204 | 22 | 243 |
| 1964 | 375 | 134 ^b | 158 ^b |
| 1972 | 377 | 104 | 88 |
| 1976 | 220 | 22 | 270 |
| 1980 | 309 | 38 ^c | 150 ^c |
| 1984 | 372 | 59 | 123 |
| 1988 | 299 | 26 | 149 |
| 1992 | 254 | 5 ^d | 253 ^d |
| 1996 | 281 | 45 ^e | 162 ^e |
| 2000 | 228 | 26 | 195 |
| 2004 | 256 | 39 | 192 |
| 2008 | 242 | 36 ^b | 207 ^b |
| 2012 | 209 | 61 | 137 |
| 2016 | 230 | 26 | 203 |

Note: Some data from earlier years/previous versions of Vital Statistics have been updated. See errata for more detail.

a. This refers to the winning presidential candidate. "President ran ahead" and "president ran behind" include districts where the congressional candidate of the presidents' party wins and the president loses the district.

b. This does not include districts where the percentage of the total district vote won by House members equaled the percentage of the total district vote won by the president.

c. We computed this on the basis of the actual presidential vote with John Anderson and others included. If it is recomputed on the basis of President Reagan's percentage of the major party vote, the president ran ahead in 59 districts and behind in 129 districts.

d. We computed this on the basis of the actual presidential vote with Ross Perot included. If we recomputed this on the basis of President Clinton's percentage of the major party vote, the president ran ahead in 61 districts and behind in 197 districts.

e. We computed this on the basis of the actual presidential vote with Ross Perot included. If we recomputed this on the basis of President Clinton's percentage of the major party vote, the president ran ahead in 102 districts and behind in 105 districts.

Source: Congressional Quarterly Almanac and CQ Voting and Elections Collection (Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly, various years); National Journal, various issues; The Almanac of American Politics (Washington, D.C.: National Journal Group, various years). For 2000, Gregory Giroux, Congressional Quarterly; Presidential Results by Congressional Districts (Daily Kos Elections); Election 2012 Data: The Impact on the House (The Brookings Institution).

Most recent update source: Presidential Results by Congressional Districts (Daily Kos Elections)