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2016 State Election Analysis: Nevada

Presidential, Senate and House election results

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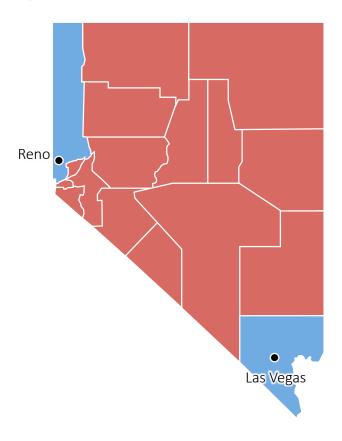
Hillary Clinton comes out ahead in Nevada, beating Trump by a slim margin

Nevada presidential election results, by county

Legend	Candidate	Votes	Pct.
	Hillary Clinton/Tim Kaine	539,260	47.9%
	Donald Trump/Mike Pence	512,058	45.5%
	Gary Johnson/Bill Weld	37,384	3.3%

Analysis

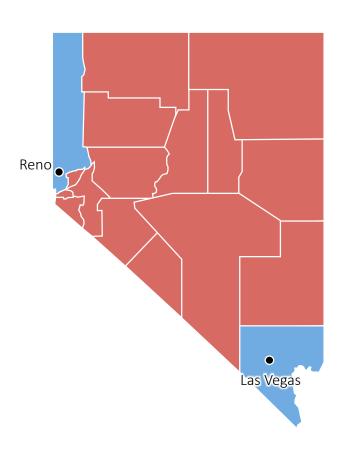
- While the Republican vote share remained constant, support for Democrats dropped by almost 5 points when comparing Clinton to Obama's 2012 performance.
- Both Democrats and Republicans lost support in the state's three largest counties (home to Reno, Carson City and Las Vegas) while the third party vote collectively tripled between 2012 and 2016. The drop was much more pronounced for Democrats at an average of 4 points.

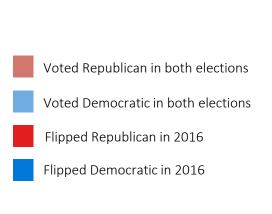


Sources: National Journal Research, 2016; Associated Press, 2016.

No counties flip between 2012 and 2016

Comparing 2012 and 2016 presidential election results

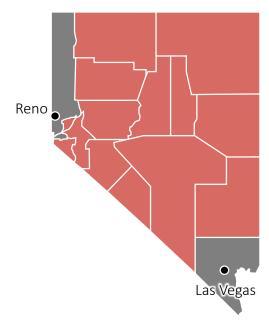




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Rural turnout slightly higher than urban turnout, but Clinton wins where it counts

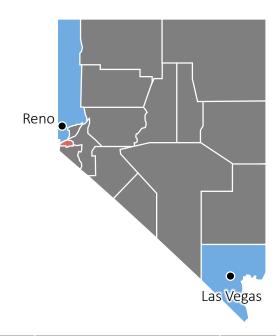
Rural counties



Legend	Candidate	Votes	Pct.	
	Donald Trump/Mike Pence	84,118	68.2%	
	Hillary Clinton/Tim Kaine	30,044	24.4%	

Rural Turnout: 80%

Urban and suburban counties



	Legend	Candidate	Votes	Pct.
		Hillary Clinton/Tim Kaine	509,216	50.8%
•		Donald Trump/Mike Pence	427,940	42.7%

Urban Turnout: 76%

Sources: National Journal Research, 2016; Associated Press, 2016; Ohio Secretary of State, "Voter Turnout by County," 2016.

Nevada Senate Race Results

Winner



Catherine Cortez Masto (D) Margin of victory: 2.7%

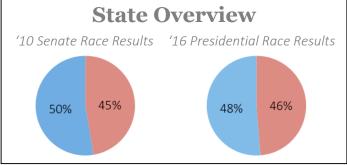
2016 Candidates



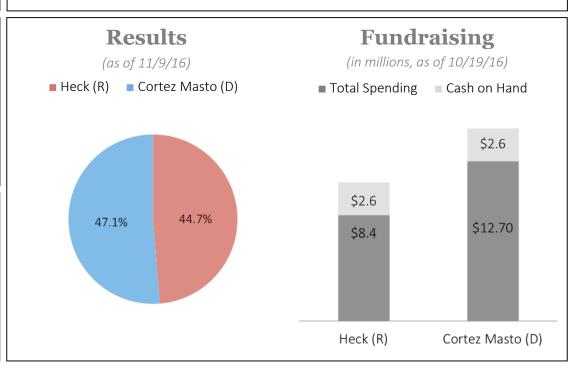
Joe Heck (R)
US Representative
from Nevada



Catherine Cortez Masto (D) Former Nevada Attorney General







Sources: National Journal research, 2016; Open Secrets, 2016.

Nevada tilts blue as three of four elected House representatives are Democrats

Results of Nevada congressional races

Italics denote incumbent

District	Winner	% Vote	Challenger	% Vote
NV-01	Titus (D)	67%	Albertson (D)	30%
NV-02	Amodei (R)	58%	Evans (D)	37%
NV-03	Rosen (D)	47%	Tarkanian (R)	46%
NV-04	Kihuen (D)	49%	Hardy (R)	45%

All four ballot measures pass, no enforcement of background checks after lack of cooperation with FBI

Results of Nevada state ballot measures

Title and Topic	Ballot Summary	% For	% Against
Question 1: Background checks for gun purchases*	"Shall Chapter 202 of the Nevada Revised Statutes be amended to prohibit, except in certain circumstances, a person from selling or transferring a firearm to another person unless a federally-licensed dealer first conducts a federal background check on the potential buyer or transferee?"	50.45%	49.55%
Question 2: Marijuana legalization	"Shall the Nevada Revised Statutes be amended to allow a person, 21 years old or older, to purchase, cultivate, possess, or consume a certain amount of marijuana or concentrated marijuana, as well as manufacture, possess, use, transport, purchase, distribute, or sell marijuana paraphernalia; impose a 15 percent excise tax on wholesale sales of marijuana; require the regulation and licensing of marijuana cultivators, testing facilities, distributors, suppliers, and retailers; and provide for certain criminal penalties?"	54.47%	45.53%
Question 3: Eliminating legal energy monopolies	"Shall Article 1 of the Nevada Constitution be amended to require the Legislature to provide by law for the establishment of an open, competitive retail electric energy market that prohibits the granting of monopolies and exclusive franchises for the generation of electricity?"	72.36%	27.64%
Question 4: Medical equipment sales tax exemption	"Shall Article 10 of the Nevada Constitution be amended to require the Legislature to provide by law for the exemption of durable medical equipment, oxygen delivery equipment, and mobility enhancing equipment prescribed for use by a licensed health care provider from any tax upon the sale, storage, use, or consumption of tangible personal property?"	71.8%	28.2%

^{*}The ballot measure could not be enforced due to the refusal of the FBI to participate in the expanded background checks following the election.

Source: Ballotpedia, 2016; Associated Press, 2016.