

Iowa General Election Turnout Statistics: 1982 - Present

Year	Highest Office on Ballot	Candidates ¹	Total Votes for Office	Voter Turnout ²	As of Date for Number of Registered Voters	Number of Registered Voters	Turnout Compared to Registration
1982	Governor	Branstad (R) – Conlin (D)	1,038,229	1,050,495	Late December	1,605,601	65.43%
1984	President	Reagan (R) – Mondale (D)	1,319,805	1,339,886	December 1	1,762,841	76.01%
1986	Governor	Branstad (R) – Junkins (D)	910,623	922,094	December 1	1,621,977	56.85%
1988	President	Dukakis (D) – Bush (R)	1,225,614	1,240,854	December 1	1,688,636	73.48%
1990	Governor	Branstad (R) – Avenson (D)	976,483	1,004,908	December 1	1,583,388	63.47%
1992	President	Clinton (D) – Bush (R)	1,354,607	1,371,979	Late December	1,709,854	80.24%
1994	Governor	Branstad (R) – Campbell (D)	997,248	1,022,372	December 1	1,640,533	62.32%
1996	President	Clinton (D) – Dole (R)	1,234,075	1,251,983	December 1	1,789,365	69.97%
1998	Governor	Vilsack (D) – Lightfoot (R)	956,415	973,032	December 1	1,873,090	51.95%
2000	President	Gore (D) – Bush (R)	1,315,563	1,328,067	December 1	1,947,415	68.20%
2002	Governor	Vilsack (D) – Gross (R)	1,025,802	1,040,201	December 1	1,976,705	52.62%
2004	President	Bush (R) – Kerry (D)	1,506,908	1,521,966	December 1	2,137,830	71.19%
2006	Governor	Culver (D) – Nussle (R)	1,059,064	1,071,509	December 1	2,080,330	51.51%
2008	President	Obama (D) – McCain (R)	1,543,662	1,546,453	December 1	2,169,682	71.28%
2010	Governor	Branstad (R) – Culver (D)	1,133,430	1,133,430	December 1	2,124,742	53.34%
2012	President	Obama (D) – Romney (R)	1,589,951	1,589,951	November 6	2,169,779	73.28%
2014	Governor	Branstad (R) – Hatch (D)	1,142,311	1,142,311	November 4	2,142,572	53.31%

1. Listed are the two candidates who received the highest number of votes. The candidate who received the most votes is listed first.

2. Turnout statistics from 1980 – 1992 were taken from demographic reports produced several months after the election. Beginning in 1994, actual turnout statistics were collected. Beginning in 2010, voter turnout was calculated using total ballots cast.