

# 2002 – 2010 General Election Comparison<sup>1</sup>

	'02	'04	'06	'08	'10
# General Election Candidates	369	391	389	374	385
# Clean Election Candidates (CEC)	230	309	314	303	295
% Using Clean Elections	62%	79%	81%	81%	77%
# of CE Legislators	111	145	156	158	148
% of Legislature CE	60%	78%	84%	85%	80%

<b>House and Senate Candidates</b>	'02	'04	'06	'08	'10
# Senate Candidates	71	73	77	77	72
# Senate CEC	51	58	66	59	62
% Using Clean Elections	72%	79%	86%	77%	86%
# CE Senate Winners	27	29	29	28	30
% of Senate CE	77%	83%	83%	80%	86%
# House Candidates	298	318	312	297	313
# House CEC	179	249	248	244	233
% Using Clean Elections	60%	78%	79%	82%	74%
# CE House Winners	84	116	127	130	118
% of House CE	56%	77%	84%	86%	78%

<b>By Party</b>	'02	'04 <sup>2</sup>	'06	'08	'10
# Republican Candidates	168	182	180	167	181
# Republican CEC	91	130	131	119	132
% Republicans Using CE	54%	71%	72%	71%	73%
# Republican CEC Winners	35	60	58	51	71 <sup>3</sup>
% Republican CEC who won	38%	46%	44%	43%	53%
# Democratic Candidates	173	180	185	186	178
# Democrat CEC	122	155	171	169	156
% Democrats Using CE	70.5%	86%	92%	91%	88%
# Democrat CEC Winners	72	83	99	106	75
% Democrat CEC who won	60%	53.5%	58%	63%	48%
# Greens	11	20	11	9	12
# Green CEC	8	16	7	7	4
% Greens Using CE	73%	80%	64%	78%	33%
# Green CEC Winners	1	1	0	0	0
# Un-enrolled/Other Party	n/a	9	13	12	14
# Un-enrolled/Other Party CEC	n/a	6	5	8	3
% Other Using CE	n/a	67%	38%	67%	21%
# Un-enrolled/Other Party Winners	n/a	1	2	1	2

<sup>1</sup> Beginning in 2008, write-in candidates were required to register with the Secretary of State in order to have their votes counted in elections for state office. Data for 2008 includes the five write-in candidates who registered: Stephen Singleton (Independent, Senate District 21), Josiah Wilson (Republican, Senate District 22), Joseph Greenier (Democrat, Senate District 23), Sheyenne York (Democrat, House District 55), and Jarody (Independent, House District 57).

<sup>2</sup> Senator Art Mayo ran and won his race in 2004 as a Republican, however he switched parties to become a Democrat shortly after the election. For this analysis, he is considered a Republican.

<sup>3</sup> Rep. Michael Willette ran as a Democrat and switched parties immediately after the election. He is included here and throughout as a Republican.

<b>Further Breakdown by Party:</b>	<b>'02</b>	<b>'04</b>	<b>'06</b>	<b>'08</b>	<b>'10</b>
<b>Republicans</b>					
# Republican Senate Candidates	35	34	35	36	35
# Republican Senate CEC	25	27	30	27	33
% Using CE	71%	79%	86%	75%	94%
# Republican Senators	17	17	17	15	20
# Republican CE Senators	13	14	14	12	18
% Republican CE Senators	77%	82%	82%	80%	90%
# Republican House Candidates	133	148	145	131	146
# Republican House CEC	66	103	101	92	99
% Using CE	50%	70%	69%	70%	68%
# Republican House Members	67	73	60	54	78
# Republican CE House Members	22	46	41	39	53
% Republican CE House Members	33%	63%	68%	72%	68%

<b>Further Breakdown by Party:</b>	<b>'02</b>	<b>'04</b>	<b>'06</b>	<b>'08</b>	<b>'10</b>
<b>Democrats</b>					
# Democrat Senate Candidates	31	34	35	36	33
# Democrat Senate CEC	24	28	32	29	27
% Using CE	78%	82%	91%	81%	82%
# Democrat Senators	18	18	18	20	14
# Democrat CE Senators	14	15	15	16	11
% Democrat CE Senators	78%	83%	83%	80%	79%
# Democrat House Candidates	142	146	150	150	145
# Democrat House CEC	98	127	139	140	129
% Using CE	69%	87%	93%	93%	89%
# Democrat House Members	80	76	89	96	72
# Democrat CE House Members	58	68	84	90	64
% Democrat CE House Members	73%	89%	94%	94%	89%

<b>Incumbents</b>	<b>'02</b>	<b>'04</b>	<b>'06</b>	<b>'08</b>	<b>'10</b>
Total # of Incumbent Candidates	122	125	140	135	139
# CEC Incumbents	62	95	115	108	112
% Using Clean Elections	51%	76%	82%	80%	81%
# Incumbents Re-elected	107	115	127	125	119
% Incumbents Re-elected	88%	92%	91%	93%	86%
# CEC Incumbents Re-elected	57	87	106	100	94
% CEC Incumbents Re-elected	92%	92%	92%	93%	84%
# Incumbent Senate Candidates	27	21	28	27	25
# Senate CEC Incumbents	21	18	23	21	19
% Using Clean Elections	78%	86%	82%	78%	76%
# Senate Incumbents Re-elected			27	25	21
# Senate CEC Incumbents Re-elect			22	19	16
# Incumbent House Candidates	95	105	112	108	114
# House CEC Incumbents	41	77	92	87	93
% Using Clean Elections	43%	73%	82%	81%	82%
# House Incumbents Re-elected			100	100	98
# House CEC Incumbents Re-elect			84	81	78

<b>Challengers</b>	<b>'02</b>	<b>'04</b>	<b>'06</b>	<b>'08</b>	<b>'10</b>
Total # of Challengers	125	133	152	134	143
# CEC Challengers	83	103	122	102	99
% Using Clean Elections	66%	78%	80%	76%	69%
# Challengers Elected	23	13	13	10	20
% Challengers Elected	18%	10%	9%	7%	14%
# CEC Challengers Elected	14	11	12	10	14
% CEC Challengers Elected	17%	11%	10%	10%	14%
# Challengers in Senate	24	21	35	33	26
# Senate CEC Challengers	17	17	29	24	22
% Using Clean Elections	71%	81%	83%	73%	85%
# Challengers in House	101	112	117	101	117
# House CEC Challengers	66	85	93	78	77
% Using Clean Elections	65%	76%	79%	77%	66%

<b>Open Seats</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>'04</b>	<b>'06</b>	<b>'08</b>	<b>'10</b>
Total # of Open Seats	56	63	46	51	47
Total # of Open Seat Candidates	122	132	97	105	103
# Open Seat CEC	85	109	76	93	84
% Using Clean Elections	70%	83%	78%	89%	82%
# Open Seat CEC Elected	40	51	38	48	40
Success rate for Open Seat CEC	47%	47%	50%	52%	48%
# Open Seat Traditional	37	23	21	12	19
# Open Seat Traditional Elected	16	12	8	3	7
Success rate for Traditional	43%	50%	38%	25%	37%
% Open Seats won by CEC	71%	81%	83%	94%	85%
# Open Seat Candidates in Senate	20	31	14	17	21
# Senate Open Seat CEC	13	23	13	14	21
% Using Clean Elections	65%	74%	93%	82%	100%
# Open Seat Candidates in House	102	101	83	88	82
# House Open Seat CEC	72	86	63	79	63
% Using Clean Elections	70%	85%	76%	90%	77%

<b>Women and Men</b>	<b>'02</b>	<b>'04</b>	<b>'06</b>	<b>'08</b>	<b>'10</b>
# Women Candidates	98	101	120	113	111
# CEC Women	68	86	100	99	89
% Women Candidates	26.5%	26%	31%	30%	29%
% Women using Clean Elections	70%	85%	83%	88%	80%
# Women Elected	50	44	57	55	52
% Women Elected	51%	43%	47.5%	49%	47%
# CEC Women Elected	36	36	49	49	42
% CEC Women Elected	53%	42%	49%	49%	47%
% of all Women Elected who used Clean Elections	72%	82%	86%	89%	81%
# Men Candidates	271	290	269	261	274
# CEC Men	162	221	214	204	206
% Men in General	73.5%	74%	69%	70%	71%
% Men using Clean Elections	60%	76%	79%	78%	75%
# Men Elected	136	142	129	131	134
% Men Elected	50%	49%	48%	50%	49%
# CEC Men Elected	61	109	107	109	106
% CEC Men Elected	38%	49%	50%	53%	51%
% of all Men Elected who used Clean Elections	55%	77%	83%	83%	79%

<b>Clean Election v. Traditional Candidates</b>	<b>'04</b>	<b>'06</b>	<b>'08</b>	<b>'10</b>
# of Races with Traditional v. CEC	55	65	57 <sup>4</sup>	61
# of Candidates	129	144	121	138
# of CEC	68	75	64	71
Races won by CEC	29	38	37	34
Races won by Traditional	26	27	20	27
# Open Seat Races	17	19	11	16
# Open Seats won by CEC	8	11	9	9
# Seats with Incumbents	38	47	46	45
# Seats won by Incumbent CEC	18	23	28	23
# Seats won by Challenger CEC	3	4	2	2

<b>CEC v Traditional: Senate</b>	<b>'04</b>	<b>'06</b>	<b>'08</b>	<b>'10</b>
# of Senate Races with Traditional v. CEC	9	10	12	6
# of Candidates	22	24	27	13
# of CEC	14	13	15	8
Races won by CEC	6	4	7	3
Races won by Traditional	3	6	5	3
# Open Seats	6	1	3	0
# Open Seats won by CEC	3	0	2	0
# Seats with Incumbents	3	9	9	6
# Seats won by Incumbent CEC	2	4	5	1
# Seats won by Challenger CEC (Traditional Incumbent lost)	1	0	0	2

<b>CEC v Traditional: House</b>	<b>'04</b>	<b>'06</b>	<b>'08</b>	<b>'10</b>
# of House Races with Traditional v. CEC	46	55	45	55
# of Candidates	107	121	94	126
# of CEC	54	62	49	63
Races won by CEC	23	34	30	31
Races won by Traditional	23	21	15	24
# Open Seats	11	18	8	16
# Open Seats won by CEC	5	11	7	9
# Seats with Incumbents	35	37	37	39
# Seats won by Incumbent CEC	16	19	21	22
# Seats won by Challenger CEC	2	4 <sup>5</sup>	2	0

<sup>4</sup> In three of these races, the only traditionally funded candidate was a write-in candidate. In one of those races, the traditionally funded write-in candidate was the only opponent to the CE candidate; in the other two races, CE candidates represented both of the major parties, and there was a third write-in candidate privately funded.

<sup>5</sup> All 4 of these were races where a Clean Election Democrat defeated an incumbent Republican running traditionally