VERMONT

Rankings 2004

Democracy Index: **26th***
Compilation of our state rankings, combined for the overall score

Margin of Victory: **39th (43%)**
Higher average margins of victory lead to a lower ranking in this index.

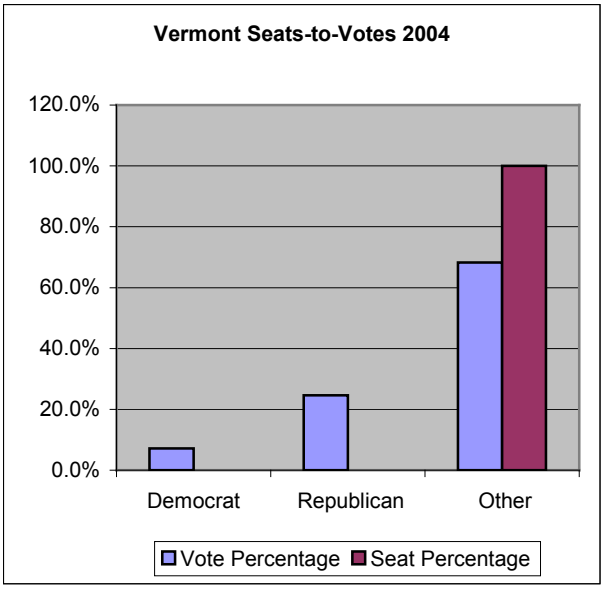
Landslide: **50th (100%)**
Large percentages of House races won by landslide margins of at least 20% lead to a low ranking in this index.

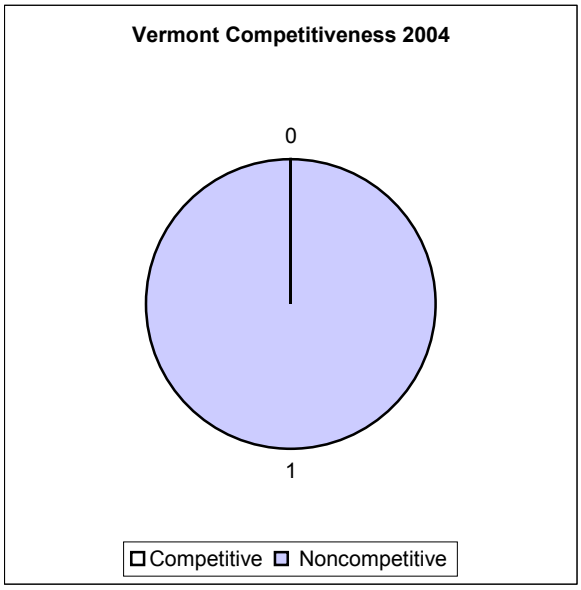
Representation: **6th (43%)**
A low percentage of eligible voters who voted for their representative leads to low rankings in this index.

Seats-to-Votes: **39th (28%)**
Large disparities in the major parties' share of votes cast as compared with their share of seats elected leads to a lower ranking

House Turnout: **16th (63%)**
Low turnout for House races leads to a lower ranking in this index

*Tied with Massachusetts.





Facts in Focus

1 seat: 1I

- Representative Bernie Sanders has won his last five elections by landslide margins of at least 20%. 1994 was the last year in which Vermont saw a competitive race.
- Sanders is the only independent serving in the U.S. House. Independents' 2.5% share of the national vote in 2004 would have translated into about 11 House seats using Iraq's proportional voting system. Sanders is the only independent that has been elected to the House in 40 years.
- Those voting as Democrats and Republicans in Vermont (about 31% of voters in 2004) have lacked representation in the House since Representative Sanders was first elected in 1990.
- Nine of the last 12 House elections since 1982 have been won by landslide margins.
- Vermont has never elected a woman to the U.S. House of Representatives.
- About four in 10 of Vermont's voting-eligible population voted for Representative Sanders in 2004. Although this is considerably less than a majority, Vermont still ranked sixth nationwide in the "representation index".

Presidential Result Percentages:
2004: Kerry 59, Bush 39, Others 2
2000: Gore 51, Bush 41, Nader 7
1996: Clinton 53, Dole 31, Perot 12
1992: Clinton 46, Bush 30, Perot 23

Voting Eligible Population:
2004: 481,325
2002: 476,000*
2000: 460,000*
*Voting age population was used in these years

	1992	1994	1996	1998	2000	2002	2004
Democracy Index: 1 to 50	--	--	25.8	19.8	20	22.4	25.4
Voter Turnout	67%	49%	58%	30%	62%	47%	63%
Representation Index	39%	26%	32%	43%	47%	30%	43%
Wasted Votes	42%	47%	44%	37%	24%	36%	32%
% of Wasted R / D Votes	100 / 100	100 / NA	100 / 100	100 / NA	100 / 100	100 / 0	100 / 100
Drop-Off Voters	2.8%	.3%	1.4%	1.4%	3.7%	2.1%	3.4%
Avg. Margin Of Victory	28%	7%	23%	31%	58%	32%	43.1
Votes for (R–D–O%)	31–8–61	47–0–53	33–9–61	33–0–63	18–5–76	33-64-3	25-7-68
Seats for (R–D–O%)	0–0–100	0–0–100	0–0–100	0–0–100	0–0–100	0-100-0	0-0-100
Seat Changes	--	0	0	0	0	0	0
High % Turnout, District	--	NA	NA	NA	NA	--	
Low % Turnout, District	--	NA	NA	NA	NA	--	

Results 1994-2004	**1994**	**1996**	**1998**	**2000**	**2002**	**2004**
U.S. House (R-D-O)	0–0–1	0–0–1	0–0–1	0–0–1	0-0-1	0-0-1
Landslide Index	0%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Scale of Competitiveness						
Tight: < 5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Competitive: 5-10	1	0	0	0	0	0
Comfortable: 10-20	0	0	0	0	0	0
Landslide: 20-40	0	1	1	0	1	0
No Contest: 40+	0	0	0	1	0	1
Uncontested	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incumbents						
Total Running / Total Seats	1 / 1	1 / 1	1 / 1	1 / 1	1 / 1	1/1
Re-Election / Total Incumbent	1 / 1	1 / 1	1 / 1	1 / 1	1 / 1	1/1
Landslide / Total Incumbent	0 / 1	1 / 1	1 / 1	1 / 1	1 / 1	1/1
R. Landslide / R. Incumbent	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
D. Landslide / D. Incumbent	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Untouchable Repeat Landslide	0	0	1	1	1	1
Uncontested Primary	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Elected Women	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elected Racial Minorities	0	0	0	0	0	0

Results 1982-1992	1982	1984	1986	1988	1990	1992
U.S. House (R-D-O)	1–0–0	1–0–0	1–0–0	1–0–0	0–0–1	0–0–1
Landslide Index	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	100%
Scale of Competitiveness						
Tight: < 5	0	0	0	1	0	0
Competitive: 5-10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Comfortable: 10-20	0	0	0	0	1	0
Landslide: 20-40	0	1	0	0	0	1
No Contest: 40+	1	0	1	0	0	0
Uncontested	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incumbents						
Total Running / Total Seats	1 / 1	1 / 1	1 / 1	0 / 1	1 / 1	1 / 1
Re-Election / Total Incumbent	1 / 1	1 / 1	1 / 1	NA	0 / 1	1 / 1
Landslide / Total Incumbent	1 / 1	1 / 1	1 / 1	NA	0 / 1	1 / 1
R. Landslide / R. Incumbent	1 / 1	1 / 1	1 / 1	NA	0 / 1	NA
D. Landslide / D. Incumbent	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Untouchable Repeat Landslide	1	1	1	0	0	0
Uncontested Primary	0	0	1	0	0	NA
Elected Women	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elected Racial Minorities	0	0	0	0	0	0

Vermont Congressional District Map