

The Electoral College and Apportionment

The **Senate** of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each state.

Representatives shall be apportioned among the states according to their respective numbers.

There are a total of 538 electoral votes.

538	Total electoral votes
<u>- 100</u>	50 states x 2 Senators per state
438	
<u>- 3</u>	District of Columbia gets 3 votes due to the 23rd Amendment to the Constitution (1961)
435	Remaining votes

We must apportion the remaining 435 votes among the 50 states, based on population.

STATE	Population 2000 Census	Standard Quota	Actual # Votes
		$\frac{\text{State Population}}{\text{Standard Divisor}}$	
Alabama	4,461,130		7
Alaska	628,933		1
*California	33,930,798		53
Florida	16,028,890		25
Michigan	9,955,829		15
New York	19,004,973		29
*North Carolina	8,067,673		13
Texas	20,903,994		32
U.S. Total	281,424,177		

$$\text{Standard Divisor} = \frac{\text{Total Population}}{\# \text{ of allocated items}} = \frac{281,424,177}{435} \approx$$