

Primary Date Details

Date: Monday, February 3, 2019

Format: Caucuses – 1,600 locations

Total Delegates: 49

Caucus Process...Get ready to move around the room

First alignment

Participants show their support for presidential candidates by dividing into candidate groups in the room. There may be undecided voters too.

First count

Everyone gets counted, and caucus organizers take note of which groups have less than 15 percent of the total.* (In most caucus locations, candidates will need at least 15 percent to be eligible to win delegates there.) Groups that have more than 15 percent are considered “viable”, and members of that group must stay with their candidate.

Note: Iowa precinct caucuses set different thresholds depending on how many delegates each caucus can elect. No threshold is less than 15%, though smaller precincts might set a higher bar to clear.

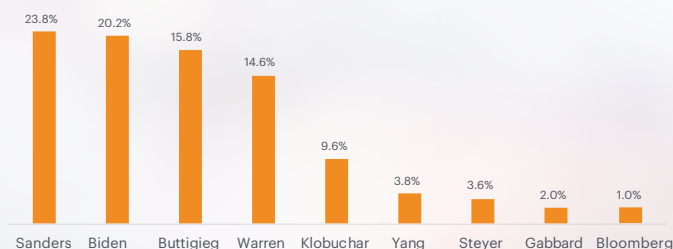
Second alignment

If a voter’s selected candidate wasn’t viable in the first alignment, they have a few choices. If there’s another candidate they like, they could join that group. Alternatively, they could try to persuade other voters from non-viable groups to join their group — though they run the risk of falling short and not having their votes contribute to the allocation of delegates. And voters can also stay undecided or choose to sit out the second alignment.

Final count and delegates distributed

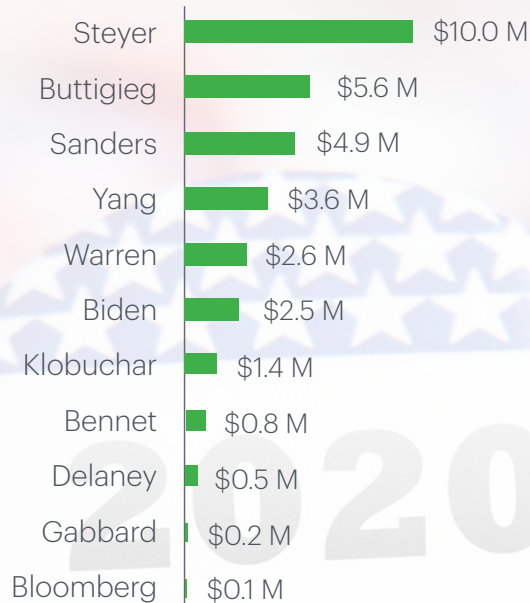
Another count is taken again. Every candidate who clears the viability threshold the second time around is awarded at least one delegate, with more going to candidates with more votes. Using a mathematical formula, the state party calculates how many “state delegate equivalents” each candidate has won at each caucus location and adds them up. The candidate with the most “state delegate equivalents” wins the most delegates to the Democratic National Convention — and wins the Iowa caucuses.

Current Polling in suggests no candidate will win a majority of the delegates

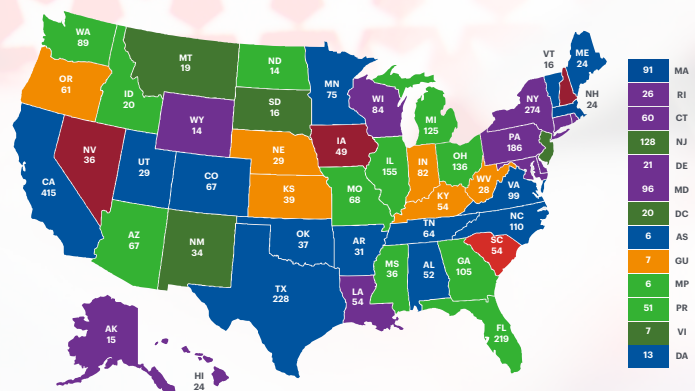


*RealClearPolitics average 1/3/2020

Estimate TV ad spending in IA



Primary Calendar



	February	Super Tuesday	March 4-31	April	May	June
Contests	4	16	13	11	7	6
Delegates	155	1,357	1,091	854	300	222
Delegates %	3.9%	34.1%	27.4%	21.5%	7.5%	5.6%
Cumulative %	3.9%	38.0%	65.4%	86.9%	94.4%	100%

Past Winners*

2016 GOP: Ted Cruz (27.6%)

2016 Dems: Hillary Clinton (49.9%)

2012 GOP: Rick Santorum (24.6%)

2008 GOP: Mike Huckabee (34.4%)

2008 Dems: Barack Obama (37.6%)

*Bold indicates that candidate went on to win their party’s nomination.

No democratic candidate has won both Iowa and New Hampshire and lost the nomination.

“Since it cost a lot to win. And even more to lose. You and me bound to spend some time, wondering what to choose.”

– Robert Hunter