

Where Obama built his advantage

The election revealed patterns in each candidate's geographic strengths: while Barack Obama appealed to urban voters and others in the Midwest and East, McCain appealed to the South and Plains states. Here is a county-by-county look at each candidate's margin of victory:



THE WEST
Although McCain won most counties in the Plains states, Obama's domination of the West Coast put him over the top on Tuesday night.

Los Angeles County (Obama's biggest margin of victory): **1.2 million**

Maricopa County (Phoenix; McCain's biggest margin of victory): **113,253**

MIDWEST
Obama swept the Great Lakes states, including Indiana, which hadn't gone Democratic since 1964.

Cook County (Obama's second biggest win margin): **1.1 million**

Hennepin County (Minneapolis): **189,872**

Dane County (Madison, Wis.): **130,983**

NORTHEAST
The densely populated coast voted overwhelmingly for Obama, while McCain fared well in central Pennsylvania and parts of upstate New York.

Cuyahoga County (Cleveland): **245,467**

Wayne County (Detroit): **439,423**

Kings County (Brooklyn): **406,191**

Philadelphia County: **458,916**

Broward County: **243,567**

FLORIDA
Obama's strength in South Florida and Orlando trumped McCain's popularity in the Panhandle, Jacksonville and the newer retirement hot spots downstate.

Montgomery County (Houston area): **83,012**

Baldwin County (Mobile area): **41,830**

Clay County (Jacksonville area): **40,212**

THE SOUTH
McCain dominated in suburban areas, while Obama's success was largely in urban and agricultural regions.