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Where Ranked Choice Voting is Used

Ranked choice voting (RCV) is a proven voting method that has been used for major elections in the U.S. and other countries for over a century. RCV was invented in the United States by an MIT professor in 1870. It is sometimes referred to as “instant runoff voting” or “preferential voting.”

Current Use in U.S. Elections

City, State	Year Adopted	Election Contest	Multi- and/or Single-Winner RCV?	Resource Folder
Berkeley, CA	2004	Mayor, City Council, City Auditor	Single-Winner	Berkeley & Alameda County Resources
Cambridge, MA	1941	City Council, School Board	Multi-Winner	Cambridge Resources
Maine	Passed 2016 (first use 2018)	U.S. House and Senate Primary and General Elections, Statewide and State Assembly Primaries	Single-Winner	Maine Resources
Minneapolis, MN	2006	Mayor, City Council, Park Board, Tax Board	Single- and Multi-Winner	Minneapolis Resources
Oakland, CA	2006	Mayor, City Council, City Attorney, City Auditor, School Director	Single-Winner	Oakland & Alameda County Resources
Portland, ME	2010	Mayor	Single-Winner	Portland Resources
San Francisco, CA	2002	Mayor, City Attorney, Board of Supervisors, Sheriff, District Attorney, Treasurer, Assessor-Recorder, and Public Defender	Single-Winner	San Francisco Resources
San Leandro, CA	2000 (first use 2010)	Mayor, City Council	Single-Winner	San Leandro & Alameda County Resources

Santa Fe, NM	Passed 2008 (first use 2018)	Mayor, City Council, Municipal Judge	Single-Winner	Santa Fe Resources
St. Paul, MN	2009	Mayor, City Council	Single-Winner	St. Paul Resources
Takoma Park, MD	2006	Mayor, City Council	Single-Winner	Takoma Park Resources
Telluride, CO	2008	Mayor	Single-Winner	Telluride Resources

Military and Overseas Voting

State	Year Adopted	Election Contest	Notes	Resource Folder
Arkansas	2005	Federal Runoffs; Local Runoffs	Adopted via Statute	UOCAVA Resources
Alabama	2013	All Federal runoffs	Adopted by Court Order	UOCAVA Resources
Louisiana	Early 1990s	State and Federal General Election Runoffs	Also includes out of state military voters living in United States	UOCAVA Resources
Mississippi	Mid 2000s	Federal Runoffs	Adopted to deter Department of Justice Suit	UOCAVA Resources
South Carolina	2006	State and Federal Runoffs		UOCAVA Resources
Springfield, IL	2007	Local, State, Federal Runoffs	First used in 2011	UOCAVA Resources

Future Use in U.S. Elections

City, State	Year Adopted/Anticipated	Election Contest	Notes	Resource Folder
Amherst, MA	Passed 2018, Use Beginning 2021	Town Council	Multi-Winner	
Benton County, Oregon	Passed 2016, Use Beginning 2020	Countywide Elections	Single-Winner	Benton County Resources
Basalt, CO	Passed 2002, Not Yet Necessary in a Race	Mayor	Single-Winner	Basalt Resources
Carbondale, CO	Passed 2002, Not Yet Necessary in a Race	Mayor	Single-Winner	
Davis, CA	Advisory Vote 2006, No RCV Law Yet in Place	City Council	Multi-Winner	
Ferndale, MI	Passed 2004, Pending Implementation	Mayor, City Council	Single-Winner	
Las Cruces, NM	Passed 2018, Use Beginning 2019	City Elections	Single-Winner	
Memphis, TN	Passed 2008, Pending Implementation	City Elections	Single-Winner	Memphis Resources
Saint Louis Park, MN	Passed 2018, Use Beginning 2019	City Elections	Single-Winner	
Santa Clara County, CA	Advisory Vote 1998, No RCV Law Yet in Place	Board of Supervisors	Single-Winner	
Sarasota, FL	Passed 2007, Pending Implementation	City Commission	Single-Winner	Sarasota Resources
Vancouver, WA	Advisory Vote 1999, No RCV Law Yet in Place	Any city elections	Single-Winner	

Past Use in U.S. Elections

City, State	Year Adopted/Repealed	Election Contest	Notes	Resource Folder
Ann Arbor, MI	Adopted 1974, Repealed 1976	Mayor	Single-Winner	
Aspen, CO	Adopted 2007, Repealed 2010	Mayor; Two City Council Seats	Single-Winner	
Burlington, VT	Adopted 2005, Repealed 2010	Mayor	Single-Winner	Burlington Resources
Cary, NC	Pilot Program in 2007, 2009, Repealed 2012	City Elections	Single-Winner	Cary Resources
Hendersonville, NC	Pilot Program in 2007, 2009, 2011, Repealed 2012	City Elections	Single-Winner	Hendersonville Resources
North Carolina	Used in 2010, Repealed 2012	Judicial Vacancy Elections (County- and State-Wide)	Single-Winner	North Carolina Resources
Pierce County, WA	Adopted 2006; Replaced with Top Two in 2009	County Offices	Single-Winner	

Ranked Choice Voting in Other Countries

Country	Year Adopted	Election Contest	Notes	Resource Folder
Australia	1918; 1948	Senate, House of Representatives, State Assembly Elections	Single-Winner for House; Multi-Winner for Senate; Both Used at State Level	International Resources

Malta	1921	Parliament; Local Government; EU Parliament	Multi-Winner	
New Zealand	1992	Local Health Boards; Some Local Councils	Multi-Winner	
Northern Ireland	1921 (Parliament of Northern Ireland); 1973 (local elections); 1979 (EU parliament)	Local Elections; National Assembly; EU Parliament	Multi-Winner	International Resources
Republic of Ireland	1921	Parliament; President; Local Elections; EU Parliament	Single- (President) and Multi-Winner (all other elections)	
Scotland	2007	Local Council Elections	Multi-Winner	International Resources
UK	Various	All Directly Elected Mayoral Elections	Modified Single-Winner	International Resources