

## Different types of Delegates and Alternates

The 97 delegates and 13 alternates that Washington is sending to the Democratic National Convention fall into the following groups.

1. **51 Congressional District Level delegates and 9 alternates.** These individuals will be elected at Congressional District Caucuses held throughout the state beginning at 10:00am on Saturday, on May 17, 2008 (locations to be announced soon). District level delegates constitute a special group called the Elections Committee. To run as a District level delegate or alternate you must fill out a [Declaration of Candidacy Form – District Level Delegates and Alternates](#) and submit it no sooner than Wednesday, March 5, 2008 and no later than Friday, May 2, 2008 at 5:00pm.
2. **2 Unpledged Add-on Delegates.** At 10:00am on Sunday June 15, 2008 the Elections Committee will meet as a whole during the Democratic State Convention in Spokane, Washington (housing and schedule information to be announced soon). The committee will elect two individuals from a list of individuals nominated by the State Party Chair. These individuals are not pledged to a particular candidate and may cast their vote at the National Convention for whomever they choose.
3. **10 Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials (PLEO's).** After the two unpledged add-on delegates have been elected the Elections Committee will break into two groups, one for the District level delegates supporting Barack Obama (34 delegates) and the other for District level delegates supporting Hillary Clinton (17 delegates). Each of these sub-caucuses will elect a portion of the 10 PLEOs, at this point possibly six for Barack Obama and four for Hillary Clinton. Individuals who can run as PLEOs are big city mayors, state-wide elected officials, state legislative leaders, state legislators, and other state, county, and local elected officials and Party leaders. To run as a PLEO you must fill out a [Declaration of Candidacy Form - PLEO](#) and submit it to the Washington State Democrats no later than Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at 5:00 pm.
4. **17 At-large Delegates and 4 Alternates.** After electing their respective PLEOs the two sub-caucuses of the Elections Committee will elect a portion of 17 at-large delegates and 4 alternates, at this point possibly 13 delegates and 2 alternates for Barack Obama and 5 delegates and 2 alternates for Hillary Clinton. The at-large delegates and alternates can come from any region of the state. To run as an At-large Delegate or Alternate you must fill out a [Declaration of Candidacy Form – At large Delegate or Alternate](#) and submit it to the Washington State Democrats no sooner than Wednesday, March 5, 2008, and not later than Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at 5:00pm.

These four groups constitute the 80 delegates and 13 alternates who will be elected from the general population of Democrats in Washington State. The remaining 17 delegates are superdelegates.

5. **17 Unpledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials also know as Super Delegates.** These individuals are automatically delegates to the National Convention because of their role as Party leaders or elected officials. Washington has 17 Superdelegates.

- Members of the DNC who legally reside in the state = 7
- All of Washington State’s Democratic Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate = 8
- The Democratic Governor = 1
- “Distinguished Party Leader” delegates who legally reside in the state; Former Democratic Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives = 1

If you want to contact some of Washington’s Superdelegates in order to encourage them to support a particular candidate please visit <http://www.wa-democrats.org/superdelegates>.

### Allocation of Delegates and Alternates

The following table shows the number of delegates and alternates allotted to each Congressional District from the Legislative District Caucuses.

Congressional District	Congressional Caucus Delegates	Congressional Caucus Alternates
CD 1	240	120
CD 2	226	114
CD 3	225	112
CD 4	152	75
CD 5	198	101
CD 6	216	107
CD 7	307	154
CD 8	238	118
CD 9	198	99
<b>Total</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1000</b>

Accordingly, District level delegates and alternates are allocated according the following table.

Congressional District	Delegates			Alternates		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
CD 1	3	3	6	0	1	1
CD 2	3	3	6	1	0	1
CD 3	2	3	5	1	0	1

CD 4	2	1	3	0	1	1
CD 5	3	2	5	0	1	1
CD 6	3	3	6	1	0	1
CD 7	4	5	9	1	0	1
CD 8	3	3	6	0	1	1
CD 9	3	2	5	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>

PLEOs and at-large delegates and alternates are not allocated by Congressional District and can come from anywhere in the state.

The Washington State Democratic Party has a commitment to include historically underrepresented people in the Party by virtue of race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, or disability. We encourage full participation by all in the delegate selection process and in all Party affairs. The election of at-large delegates and alternates shall be used, if necessary, to achieve the equal division of positions between men and women, and may be used to meet, if not exceed, the following affirmative action goals regarding the composition of Washington State's delegation to the National Convention.

<b>Groups for Representation and Inclusion</b>	<b>Numerical Goals for Delegation</b>
African American	6
Hispanic	10
Native American	3
Asian Pacific American	9
LGBT Americans	7
People with Disabilities	3
Youth	3

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