

# Campaign Stops

## Campaign Stops Between September 1 and October 27, 2020

### Republicans



Donald Trump  
57 stops in 18 states



Mike Pence  
45 stops in 19 states

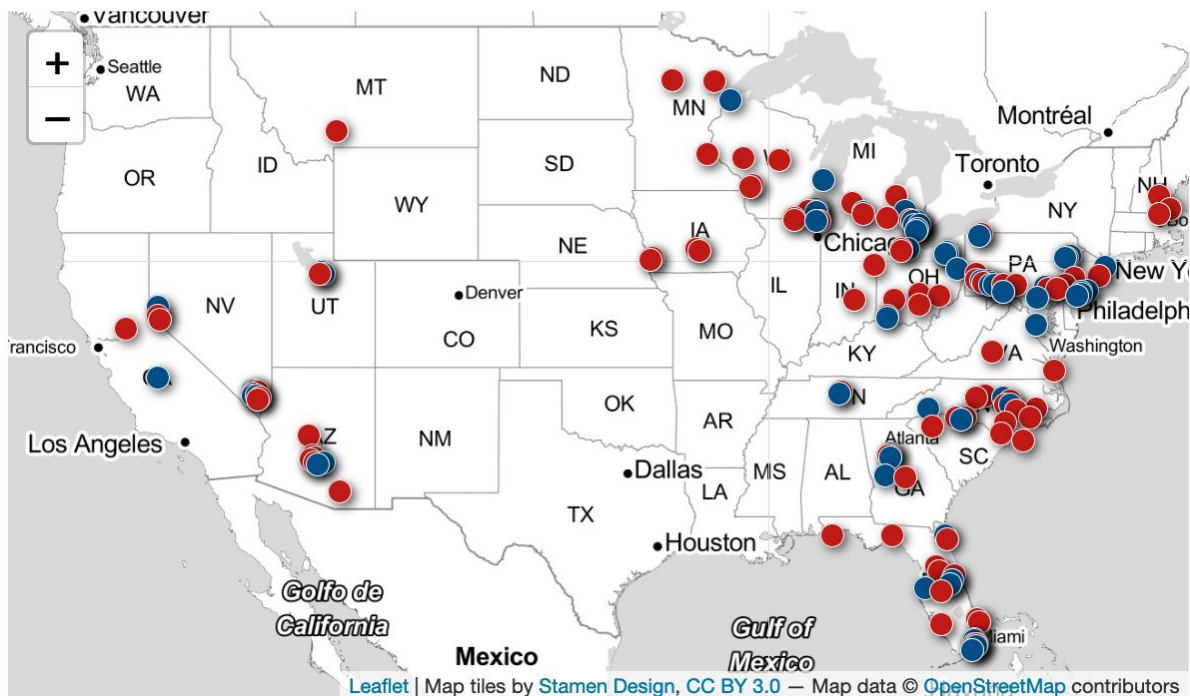
### Democrats



Joe Biden  
43 stops in 11 states



Kamala Harris  
24 stops in 10 states



## Critical Analysis

1. What state has had the most presidential campaign visits?
2. Why do you think that is?
3. Which candidate has made the most presidential campaign stops?
4. Why do you think Trump and Pence have visited so many more states than Biden and Harris?
5. List the states that have had over 5 campaign visits and describe what they share in common.
6. List the states that have not had a single campaign visit and describe what they share in common.

7. Overall, Describe one pattern of campaign stops you see in the map?
8. Why do you think that is?
9. What is one consequence of this pattern on elections?
10. Explain whether the impact of the data from the map is good or bad for democracy?
11. What is one state that had lots of 2020 visits but not many in [2016](#)\*?
12. Describe one political change to the American electoral system that would make the number of campaign stops less concentrated in swing states?

## Visual Extension

### Two-thirds of 2016 Presidential Campaign Was in Just 6 States

**Two-thirds (273 of 399) of the general-election campaign events in the 2016 presidential race were in just 6 states** (Florida, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, and Michigan).

**94% of the 2016 events (375 of the 399) were in 12 states** (the 11 states identified in early 2016 as "battleground" states by *Politico* and *The Hill* plus Arizona). This fact validates the statement by former presidential candidate and Governor Scott Walker of Wisconsin on September 2, 2015, that "The nation as a whole is not going to elect the next president. Twelve states are."



## Learning Extension

See the [complete list of campaign stops](#).

## Action Extension

Make your own map of U.S. presidential campaign stops in 2020. Use this blank map and write the total numbers of stops so far on each state. Highlight the four states with the most stops.

