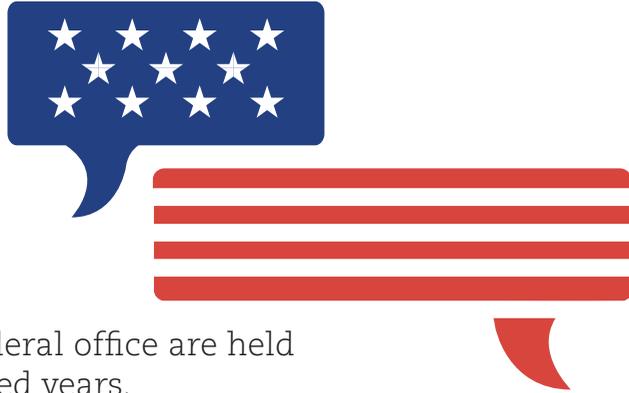




When are elections held?



Elections for federal office are held in even-numbered years.

The presidential election is held every four years and takes place on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

Elections for all 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives are held every two years.

U.S. senators serve six-year terms that are staggered so that one-third (or one-third plus one) of the 100 senate seats come up for election every two years.

If a senator dies or becomes incapacitated while in office, a special election can be held in an odd-numbered year or in the next even-numbered year. The newly elected senator serves until the end of the original senator's term. In some states, the governor appoints someone to serve the remainder of the original term.



How many times can a person be president?



After George Washington, the first president, declined to run for a third term, many Americans believed that two terms in office were enough for any president.

None of Washington's successors sought a third term until 1940, when, at a time marked by the Great Depression and World War II, Franklin D. Roosevelt sought, and won, a third presidential term. He won a fourth term in 1944 and died in office in 1945. Some people thought that was too long for one person to hold presidential power. So in 1951, the 22nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, which prohibits anyone from being elected president of the United States more than twice.

- THE WHITE HOUSE, IN WASHINGTON, D.C., HAS BEEN THE OFFICIAL OFFICE AND RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT SINCE 1800.