



## DID YOU KNOW?

The 22nd Amendment of the US Constitution says that a person can only be elected President twice.



Donald Trump and his wife, Melania, at the Palm Beach County Convention Center on November 6

# Donald Trump elected US President

In the election on November 5, Donald Trump, a Republican who served as President from 2017 to 2021, won a second term in the White House. He defeated Vice President Kamala Harris, a Democrat.

## What happened?

As Election Day neared, polls showed a very tight race. Both campaigns focused on the seven "swing" states—Arizona, Georgia, Nevada, North Carolina, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin—that were most likely to determine the election. More than 84 million Americans voted early, while the rest voted in person on November 5. As polling sites closed, election officials spent hours counting the votes and news outlets began reporting the winner of each state. A candidate needs 270 electoral votes to win the White House. At 5:34 a.m. Eastern Time on November 6, news organizations determined that Trump had won in Wisconsin, putting him at 277 electoral votes. That meant that even though no winner had been declared in several other swing states, Harris would no longer be able to reach 270 electoral votes. Republicans also took control of the Senate, which is one half of Congress, the branch of government that makes laws (see page 4).



JD Vance

## What were the voting results?

When *The Week Junior* went to press at 9 a.m. on November 6, Trump had won 71.2 million votes in the popular vote (number of individuals who vote for a candidate), which amounted to 51% of the votes cast. Harris' total was 66.3 million in the popular vote (47.5%) and 224 electoral votes. Trump captured the swing states of Georgia, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania along with states throughout the country that usually vote Republican. No official winner had been named in Arizona, Michigan, and Nevada, but Trump seemed to be set to win those states as well.

## Why is this historic?

Trump was the nation's 45th President and will also be the 47th. He is the second President in US history to win a non-consecutive term, after Grover Cleveland in 1892. Trump is also the only former or current US President who has been convicted of a crime. In May, a jury in New York found him guilty of 34 counts of falsifying business records to influence the 2016 election. If Harris had won, she would have become the nation's first female President. Her defeat marks the second time in eight years that a woman became the nominee of a major party and lost. Trump defeated Hillary Clinton in 2016.

## How did people react?

At about 2:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning, Trump delivered his victory speech from the Palm Beach County Convention Center in Florida. "We're going to help our country heal," he said, adding that he "will not rest until we have delivered the strong, safe, and prosperous America that our children deserve." Many world leaders reached out to Trump to extend their congratulations. "Together, let's work for the betterment of our people and to promote global peace, stability, and prosperity," said India's prime minister, Narendra Modi. Keir Starmer, the UK's prime minister, addressed Trump on social media, writing, "As the closest of allies, we stand shoulder to shoulder in defense of our shared values of freedom, democracy, and enterprise." When *The Week Junior* went to press, Harris had not yet spoken publicly.

## What will happen next?

After the remaining votes are counted, the total electoral tally will be certified by the states. It will then be formalized in the US Congress in January. Trump will be sworn in as President at his inauguration on January 20 and move back into the White House in Washington, DC. His running mate, JD Vance, who is currently a US senator from Ohio, will be sworn in as Vice President and move into the Naval Observatory, also located in the nation's capital.