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Governor: 1789-2016

Italics indicate the winner.

An asterisk * indicates that no candidate received a majority and the election was decided by the legislature.

1789*

Thomas Chittenden	1,263	44.1%
<i>Moses Robinson</i>	746	26.0%
Samuel Safford	478	16.7%
Scattering	378	13.2%
Total votes cast	2,865	100.0%

1793

<i>Thomas Chittenden</i>	3,187	51.8%
Isaac Tichenor	2,712	44.0%
Noah Smith	174	2.8%
Scattering	85	1.4%
Total votes cast	6,158	100.0%

1794¹

<i>Thomas Chittenden</i>	2,623	51.9%
Isaac Tichenor	2,000	39.6%
Scattering	432	8.5%
Total votes cast	5,055	100.0%

¹ Totals do not include 580 votes that were lost in Windsor County.

1795

<i>Thomas Chittenden</i>	4,260	60.7%
Isaac Tichenor	2,038	29.1%
Samuel Williams	256	3.6%
Gideon Olin	149	2.1%
Nathaniel Niles	138	2.0%
Scattering	174	2.5%
Total votes cast	7,015	100.0%

1798

<i>Isaac Tichenor [Federalist]</i>	6,211	66.4%
Moses Robinson [Democratic Republican]	2,805	30.0%
Scattering	332	3.6%
Total votes cast	9,348	33.6%

1799

<i>Isaac Tichenor [Federalist]</i>	7,454	64.2%
Israel Smith [Democratic Republican]	3,915	33.7%
Scattering	234	2.0%
Total votes cast	11,603	100.0%

1800

<i>Isaac Tichenor [Federalist]</i>	6,444	63.4%
Israel Smith [Democratic Republican]	3,339	32.9%
Scattering	380	3.7%
Total votes cast	10,163	100.0%

1802

<i>Isaac Tichenor [Federalist]</i>	7,823	59.8%
Israel Smith [Democratic Republican]	5,085	38.8%
Scattering	181	1.4%
Total votes cast	13,089	100.0%

1803

<i>Isaac Tichenor [Federalist]</i>	7,940	58.0%
Jonathan Robinson [Democratic Republican]	5,408	39.5%
Scattering	346	2.5%
Total votes cast	13,694	100.0%

1804 ²

<i>Isaac Tichenor [Federalist]</i>	8,075	55.7%
Jonathan Robinson [Democratic Republican]	6,184	42.7%
Scattering	232	1.6%
Total votes cast	14,491	100.0%

² Totals do not include returns from 31 towns that were declared illegal.

1805³

<i>Isaac Tichenor [Federalist]</i>	8,683	61.1%
Jonathan Robinson [Democratic Republican]	5,054	35.6%
Scattering	479	3.4%
Total votes cast	14,216	100.0%

³ Totals do not include returns from 22 towns that were declared illegal.

1806⁴

<i>Isaac Tichenor [Federalist]</i>	8,851	55.0%
Jonathan Robinson [Democratic Republican]	6,930	43.0%
Scattering	320	2.0%
Total votes cast	16,101	100.0%

⁴ Totals do not include returns from 21 towns that were declared illegal.

1807

<i>Israel Smith [Democratic Republican]</i>	9,903	53.0%
Isaac Tichenor [Federalist]	8,571	45.9%
Scattering	213	1.1%
Total votes cast	18,687	100.0%

1808

<i>Isaac Tichenor [Federalist]</i>	13,727	50.5%
Israel Smith [Democratic Republican]	13,029	47.9%
Scattering	429	1.6%
Total votes cast	27,185	100.0%

1809

<i>Jonas Galusha [Democratic Republican]</i>	14,583	51.1%
Isaac Tichenor [Federalist]	13,467	47.2%
Scattering	498	1.7%
Total votes cast	28,548	100.0%

1810

<i>Jonas Galusha [Democratic Republican]</i>	13,810	57.3%
Isaac Tichenor [Federalist]	9,918	41.2%
Scattering	361	1.5%
Total votes cast	24,089	100.0%

1811

<i>Jonas Galusha [Democratic Republican]</i>	13,828	54.0%
Martin Chittenden [Federalist]	11,214	43.8%
Scattering	558	2.2%
Total votes cast	25,600	100.0%

1812

<i>Jonas Galusha [Democratic Republican]</i>	19,158	53.6%
Martin Chittenden [Federalist]	15,950	44.6%
Scattering	644	1.8%
Total votes cast	35,752	100.0%

1813*

<i>Jonas Galusha [Democratic Republican]</i>	16,828	49.5%
<i>Martin Chittenden [Federalist]</i>	16,532	48.7%
Scattering	605	1.8%
Total votes cast	33,965	100.0%

1814*

<i>Martin Chittenden [Federalist]</i>	17,466	49.4%
<i>Jonas Galusha [Democratic Republican]</i>	17,411	49.3%
Scattering	451	1.3%
Total votes cast	35,328	100.0%

1815

<i>Jonas Galusha [Democratic Republican]</i>	18,055	52.1%
Martin Chittenden [Federalist]	16,032	46.3%
Scattering	571	1.6%
Total votes cast	34,658	100.0%

1816

<i>Jonas Galusha [Democratic Republican]</i>	17,262	55.2%
Samuel Strong [Federalist]	13,888	44.4%
Scattering	102	0.3%
Total votes cast	31,252	100.0%

1817

<i>Jonas Galusha [Democratic Republican]</i>	13,756	64.3%
Isaac Tichenor [Federalist]	7,430	34.7%
Scattering	216	1.0%
Total votes cast	21,402	100.0%

1818

<i>Jonas Galusha [Democratic Republican]</i>	15,243	95.3%
Scattering	749	4.7%
Total votes cast	15,992	100.0%

1819

<i>Jonas Galusha [Democratic Republican]</i>	12,268	81.5%
William C. Bradley [Democratic Republican]	1,035	6.9%
Dudley Chase	658	4.4%
Scattering	1,085	7.2%
Total votes cast	15,046	100.0%

1820

<i>Richard Skinner [Democratic Republican]</i>	13,152	93.4%
Scattering	928	6.6%
Total votes cast	14,080	100.0%

1821

<i>Richard Skinner [Democratic Republican]</i>	12,434	98.7%
Scattering	163	1.3%
Total votes cast	12,597	100.0%

1822⁵

<i>Richard Skinner [Democratic Republican]</i>	5,597	99.6%
Scattering	24	0.4%
Total votes cast	5,621	100.0%

⁵ Returns missing from Rutland, Bennington, Washington, Chittenden, Windham, and Franklin counties.

1823

<i>Cornelius P. Van Ness [Democratic Republican]</i>	11,479	85.6%
Dudley Chase	1,088	8.1%
Scattering	843	6.3%
Total votes cast	13,410	100.0%

1824

<i>Cornelius P. Van Ness [Democratic Republican]</i>	13,413	85.3%
Joel Doolittle	1,962	12.5%
Scattering	346	2.2%
Total votes cast	15,721	100.0%

1825

<i>Cornelius P. Van Ness [Democratic Republican]</i>	12,229	98.4%
Scattering	195	1.6%
Total votes cast	12,424	100.0%

1826

<i>Ezra Butler [Democratic Republican]</i>	8,966	63.3%
Joel Doolittle	3,157	22.3%
Scattering	2,037	14.4%
Total votes cast	14,160	100.0%

1827

<i>Ezra Butler [Democratic Republican]</i>	13,699	85.2%
Joel Doolittle	1,951	12.1%
Scattering	433	2.7%
Total votes cast	16,083	100.0%

1828

<i>Samuel C. Crafts [National Republican]</i>	16,285	91.9%
Joel Doolittle [Jacksonian]	926	5.2%
Scattering	513	2.9%
Total votes cast	17,724	100.0%

1829

<i>Samuel C. Crafts [National Republican]</i>	14,325	55.8%
Herman Allen [Anti-Masonic]	7,346	28.6%
Joel Doolittle [Jacksonian]	3,973	15.5%
Scattering	50	0.2%
Total votes cast	25,694	44.2%

⁶ Though Allen of Burlington declined to identify himself with the party, he received the anti-masonic vote.

1830*

<i>Samuel C. Crafts [National Republican]</i>	13,476	43.9%
William A. Palmer [Anti-Masonic]	10,923	35.6%
Ezra Meech [Jacksonian]	6,285	20.5%
Scattering	37	0.1%
Total votes cast	30,721	100.0%

1831*

<i>William A. Palmer [Anti-Masonic]</i>	15,258	44.0%
Heman Allen [National Republican]	12,990	37.5%
Ezra Meech [Jacksonian]	6,158	17.8%
Scattering	270	0.8%
Total votes cast	34,676	100.0%

1832*

<i>William A. Palmer [Anti-Masonic]</i>	17,318	42.2%
Samuel C. Crafts [National Republican]	15,499	37.7%
Ezra Meech [Jacksonian]	8,210	20.0%
Scattering	47	0.1%
Total votes cast	41,074	100.0%

1833

<i>William A. Palmer [Anti-Masonic]</i>	20,565	52.9%
Ezra Meech [Democratic/National Republican]	15,683	40.3%
Horatio Seymour [Whig]	1,765	4.5%
John Roberts [Democratic]	772	2.0%
Scattering	120	0.3%
Total votes cast	38,905	100.0%

⁷ Coalition formed to challenge Anti-Masons.

1834*

<i>William A. Palmer [Anti-Masonic]</i>	17,131	45.4%
William C. Bradley [Democratic]	10,385	27.5%
Horatio Seymour [Whig]	10,159	26.9%
Scattering	84	0.2%
Total votes cast	37,759	100.0%

1835* ⁸

William A. Palmer [Anti-Masonic]	16,210	46.4%
William C. Bradley [Democratic]	13,254	37.9%
Charles Paine [Whig]	5,435	15.5%
Scattering	54	0.2%
Total votes cast	34,953	100.0%

⁸ Legislature failed to elect a governor. Lieutenant Governor Jenison was acting Governor.

1836

<i>Silas H. Jenison [Whig/Anti-Masonic]</i>	20,471	55.9%
William C. Bradley [Democratic]	16,124	44.0%
Scattering	35	0.1%
Total votes cast	36,630	100.0%

1837

<i>Silas H. Jenison [Whig]</i>	22,260	55.7%
William C. Bradley [Democratic]	17,730	44.3%
Scattering	8	0.0%
Total votes cast	39,998	100.0%

1838

<i>Silas H. Jenison [Whig]</i>	24,738	56.3%
William C. Bradley [Democratic]	19,194	43.7%
Scattering	37	0.1%
Total votes cast	43,969	100.0%

1839

<i>Silas H. Jenison [Whig]</i>	24,611	52.5%
Nathan Smilie [Democratic]	22,251	47.4%
Scattering	34	0.1%
Total votes cast	46,896	100.0%

1840

<i>Silas H. Jenison [Whig]</i>	33,435	59.6%
Paul Dillingham, Jr. [Democratic]	22,637	40.3%
Scattering	45	0.1%
Total votes cast	56,117	100.0%

1841*

<i>Charles Paine [Whig]</i>	23,353	48.7%
Nathan Smilie [Democratic]	21,302	44.4%
Titus Hutchinson [Liberty]	3,039	6.3%
Scattering	248	0.5%
Total votes cast	47,942	100.0%

1842

<i>Charles Paine [Whig]</i>	27,167	50.9%
Nathan Smilie [Democrat]	24,130	45.2%
Charles K. Williams [Liberty]	2,093	3.9%
Scattering	35	0.1%
Total votes cast	53,425	100.0%

1843*

<i>John Mattocks [Whig]</i>	24,465	48.7%
Daniel Kellogg [Democratic]	21,982	43.8%
Charles K. Williams [Liberty]	3,766	7.5%
Scattering	21	0.0%
Total votes cast	50,234	100.0%

1844

<i>William Slade [Whig]</i>	28,265	51.5%
Daniel Kellogg [Democratic]	20,930	38.2%
William R. Shafter [Liberty]	5,618	10.2%
Scattering	34	0.1%
Total votes cast	54,847	100.0%

1845*

<i>William Slade [Whig]</i>	22,770	47.2%
Daniel Kellogg [Democratic]	18,594	38.5%
William R. Shafter [Liberty]	6,534	13.5%
Scattering	362	0.8%
Total votes cast	48,260	100.0%

1846*

<i>Horace Eaton [Whig]</i>	23,644	48.5%
John Smith [Democratic]	17,877	36.7%
Lawrence Brainerd [Free Soil]	7,118	14.6%
Scattering	64	0.1%
Total votes cast	48,703	100.0%

1847*

<i>Horace Eaton [Whig]</i>	22,455	46.7%
Paull Dillingham, Jr. [Democratic]	18,601	38.7%
Lawrence Brainerd [Free Soil]	6,926	14.4%
Scattering	98	0.2%
Total votes cast	48,080	100.0%

1848*

<i>Carlos Coolidge [Whig]</i>	22,007	43.7%
Oscar L. Shafer [Free Soil]	14,931	29.6%
Paull Dillingham, Jr. [Democratic]	13,420	26.6%
Scattering	47	0.1%
Total votes cast	50,405	100.0%

1849*

<i>Carlos Coolidge [Whig]</i>	26,238	49.6%
Horatio Needham [Free Soil Democratic]	23,250	44.0%
Jonas Clark [Democratic]	3,357	6.3%
Scattering	26	0.0%
Total votes cast	52,871	100.0%

⁹ Coalition of Free Soilers and regular Democrats.

1850

<i>Charles K. Williams [Whig]</i>	24,481	51.5%
Lucius B. Peck [Free Soil Democratic]	18,856	39.7%
John Roberts [Democratic]	4,142	8.7%
Scattering	26	0.1%
Total votes cast	47,505	100.0%

1851

<i>Charles K. Williams [Whig]</i>	22,676	51.1%
Timothy P. Redfield [Free Soil Democratic]	14,950	33.7%
John S. Robinson [Democratic]	6,686	15.1%
Scattering	43	0.1%
Total votes cast	44,355	100.0%

1852*

<i>Erastus Fairbanks [Whig]</i>	23,795	49.4%
John S. Robinson [Democratic]	14,938	31.0%
Lawrence Brainerd [Free Soil Democratic]	9,446	19.6%
Scattering	20	0.0%
Total votes cast	48,199	100.0%

1853*

Erastus Fairbanks [Whig]	20,849	44.0%
<i>John S. Robinson [Democratic]</i>	18,142	38.3%
Lawrence Brainerd [Free Soil Democratic]	8,291	17.5%
Scattering	133	0.3%
Total votes cast	47,415	100.0%

1854

<i>Stephen Royce [Republican/Whig]</i>	27,926	62.6%
Merritt Clark [Democratic]	15,084	33.8%
Lawrence Brainerd [Free Soil Democratic]	619	1.4%
William C. Kittredge [Whig]	293	0.7%
Oscar L. Shafer [Whig]	255	0.6%
Horatio Needham [Free Soil Democratic]	302	0.7%
Scattering	135	0.3%
Total votes cast	44,614	100.0%

1855

<i>Stephen Royce [Republican]</i>	25,699	59.0%
Merritt Clark [Democratic]	12,800	29.4%
William R. Shafer [Temperance]	1,308	3.0%
James M. Slade [American (Know Nothing)]	3,631	8.3%
Scattering	128	0.3%
Total votes cast	43,566	100.0%

1856

<i>Ryland Fletcher [Republican]</i>	34,052	74.1%
Henry Keyes [Democratic]	11,661	25.4%
Scattering	270	0.6%
Total votes cast	45,983	100.0%

1857

<i>Ryland Fletcher [Republican]</i>	26,719	67.0%
Henry Keyes [Democratic]	12,869	32.3%
Scattering	262	0.7%
Total votes cast	39,850	100.0%

1858

<i>Hiland Hall [Republican]</i>	29,660	68.7%
Henry Keyes [Democratic]	13,338	30.9%
Scattering	182	0.4%
Total votes cast	43,180	100.0%

1859

<i>Hiland Hall [Republican]</i>	31,045	68.4%
John G. Saxe [Democratic]	14,328	31.6%
Scattering	17	0.0%
Total votes cast	45,390	100.0%

1860

<i>Erastus Fairbanks [Republican]</i>	34,188	71.0%
John G. Saxe [Democratic]	11,796	24.5%
Robert Harvey [Democratic]	2,115	4.4%
Scattering	30	0.1%
Total votes cast	48,129	100.0%

¹⁰ Saxe was nominated by supporters of Stephen Douglas, Harvey by supporters of John C. Breckinridge.

1861

<i>Frederick Holbrook [Republican]</i>	33,152	77.5%
Andrew Tracy [Union]	5,722	13.4%
B.H. Smalley [Democratic]	3,190	7.5%
Scattering	732	1.7%
Total votes cast	42,796	100.0%

¹¹ Tracy, a former Whig, was nominated by Union People's Convention. He declined nomination but received 5,722 votes.

1862

<i>Frederick Holbrook [Union/Republican]</i>	29,543	88.5%
B.H. Smalley [Democratic]	3,772	11.3%
Scattering	77	0.2%
Total votes cast	33,392	100.0%

1863

<i>John Gregory Smith [Union/Republican]</i>	29,228	71.0%
Timothy P. Redfield [Democratic]	11,917	29.0%
Scattering	10	0.0%
Total votes cast	41,155	100.0%

1864

<i>John Gregory Smith [Union/Republican]</i>	32,052	71.5%
Timothy P. Redfield [Democratic]	12,637	28.2%
Scattering	113	0.3%
Total votes cast	44,802	100.0%

1865

<i>Paul Dillingham, Jr. [Republican]</i>	27,586	75.7%
C. N. Davenport [Democratic]	8,857	24.3%
Scattering	13	0.0%
Total votes cast	36,456	100.0%

1866

<i>Paul Dillingham, Jr. [Union/Republican]</i>	34,117	75.1%
C. N. Davenport [Democratic]	11,292	24.9%
Scattering	3	0.0%
Total votes cast	45,412	100.0%

1867

<i>John B. Page [Republican]</i>	31,694	73.3%
John L. Edwards [Democratic]	11,510	26.6%
Scattering	22	0.1%
Total votes cast	43,226	100.0%

1868

<i>John B. Page [Republican]</i>	42,615	73.5%
John L. Edwards [Democratic]	15,289	26.4%
Scattering	74	0.1%
Total votes cast	57,978	100.0%

1869

<i>Peter J. Washburn [Republican]</i>	31,834	73.5%
Homer W. Heaton [Democratic]	11,455	26.4%
Scattering	26	0.1%
Total votes cast	43,315	100.0%

¹² Died in office February 7, 1870.

1870¹³

<i>John W. Stewart [Republican]</i>	33,367	73.4%
Homer W. Heaton [Democratic]	12,058	26.5%
Scattering	4	0.0%
Total votes cast	45,429	100.0%

¹³ Start of biennial elections

1872

<i>Julius Converse [Republican]</i>	41,946	71.6%
A.B. Gardner [Democratic/Liberal Republican]	16,613	28.4%
Scattering	14	0.0%
Total votes cast	58,573	100.0%

1874

<i>Asahel Peck [Republican]</i>	33,582	71.7%
W. H. H. Bingham [Democratic]	13,258	28.3%
Scattering	21	0.0%
Total votes cast	46,861	100.0%

1876

<i>Horace Fairbanks [Republican]</i>	44,723	68.0%
W. H. H. Bingham [Democratic]	20,988	31.9%
Scattering	73	0.1%
Total votes cast	65,784	100.0%

1878

<i>Redfield Proctor [Republican]</i>	37,312	64.4%
W. H. H. Bingham [Democratic]	17,247	29.8%
Carlos C. Martin [Greenback]	2,635	4.5%
Charles W. Willard [Republican]	730	1.3%
Scattering	32	0.1%
Total votes cast	57,956	100.0%

1880

<i>Roswell Farnham [Republican]</i>	47,848	67.7%
Edward J. Phelps [Democratic]	21,245	30.1%
Madison O. Heath [Greenback]	1,578	2.2%
Scattering	13	0.0%
Total votes cast	70,684	100.0%

1882

<i>John L. Barstow [Republican]</i>	35,839	69.1%
George E. Eaton [Democratic]	14,466	27.9%
Carlos C. Martin [Greenback]	1,535	3.0%
Scattering	8	0.0%
Total votes cast	51,848	100.0%

1884

<i>Samuel E. Pingree [Republican]</i>	42,524	67.3%
Lyman W. Redington [Democratic]	19,820	31.4%
Samuel Soule [Greenback]	635	1.0%
Charles M. Stone [Independent]	200	0.3%
Scattering	19	0.0%
Total votes cast	63,198	100.0%

1886

<i>Ebenezer J. Ormsbee [Republican]</i>	37,709	66.0%
Stephen C. Shurtleff [Democratic]	17,187	30.1%
Henry M. Seely [Prohibition]	1,541	2.7%
Truman B. Smith [Greenback]	644	1.1%
Scattering	18	0.0%
Total votes cast	57,099	100.0%

1888

<i>William P. Dillingham [Republican]</i>	48,522	69.9%
Stephen C. Shurtleff [Democratic]	19,527	28.1%
Henry M. Seely [Prohibition]	1,372	2.0%
Scattering	5	0.0%
Total votes cast	69,426	100.0%

1890

<i>Carroll S. Page [Republican]</i>	33,462	61.7%
Herbert F. Brigham [Democratic]	19,299	35.6%
Edward L. Allen [Prohibition]	1,161	2.1%
Scattering	304	0.6%
Total votes cast	54,226	100.0%

1892

<i>Levi K. Fuller [Republican]</i>	38,918	65.0%
B. B. Smalley [Democratic]	19,216	32.1%
Edward L. Allen [Prohibition]	1,525	2.5%
Scattering	221	0.4%
Total votes cast	59,880	100.0%

1894

<i>Urban A. Woodbury [Republican]</i>	42,663	73.5%
George W. Smith [Democratic]	14,142	24.4%
T. S. McGinnis [People's Party]	740	1.3%
Rodney Whittemore [Prohibition]	457	0.8%
Scattering	13	0.0%
Total votes cast	58,015	100.0%