

# **GOP to gather in mid-July for 2024 national convention in Milwaukee**

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The RNC has announced the 2024 national convention in Milwaukee will run July 15-18, the earliest the party will meet to formally select its presidential nominee since 1980.

Yesterday's announcement formally kicked off the countdown until the convention rolls into Wisconsin's largest city. Milwaukee also was set to host the national Democratic convention in 2020 but that fizzled because of the pandemic.

Under then-Chair Reince Priebus, an RNC postmortem on the 2012 presidential race recommended moving the national convention to earlier in the summer.

The reasoning cited in that report included allowing the nominee more time to begin the general election phase. Among other things, presidential candidates have to wait until they are formally selected at the national convention to begin coordinated efforts with the party.

The 2012 GOP convention was Aug. 27-30, and it was moved up to July 18-21 in 2016. The 2020 convention was pushed back to late August amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The earliest Dems have kicked off their convention in the last 60 years was July 10 in 1972.

Dems have yet to announce where or when they will have the party's convention in 2024. The party is considering four cities: Atlanta, Chicago, Houston and New York.

See the RNC release:

<https://www.wispolitics.com/2022/rnc-announces-dates-of-2024-convention-in-milwaukee>