

Where Libertarian voters live in Colorado, the birthplace of the party

The Libertarian Party remains trumped by major parties and unaffiliated voters

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In Colorado, the Libertarian Party is enjoying a moment in the spotlight.

For the first time in recent memory, the Libertarian nominee for the U.S. Senate [will participate in a major debate](#), thanks to a bump in voter registration. And the national party is [seeing renewed attention](#) in the 2016 election as Republicans and conservative-minded voters look for a third-party alternative to Donald Trump and give a boost to Libertarian and former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson.

This year marks 45 years since eight activists met at the Colorado Springs home of David F. Nolan to [create the Libertarian Party](#). And a look at the latest voter registration figures in its home state shows pockets of support — despite being outweighed by unaffiliated and major party voters.

The most Libertarian county in Colorado? Check the map below and you'll see that the answer is San Juan County in the Southwest. It's home to only 14 Libertarian voters, but they account for 2.42 percent of the voting population.

"Rural areas resonate better with Libertarian ideas as that is how most of the rural areas want to live," said Jay North, the Colorado party chairman. "They want to be left alone and not have to deal with government influence or oversight. The rural counties have fewer total voter registrations, so a few Libertarians in those counties can and have influenced many people."

The county with the most Libertarians — 4,466 — is El Paso, home to Colorado Springs. They account for 1.25 percent of the total.

"Three of the largest counties, Denver, Arapahoe, and El Paso, have some pretty high percent increases with the registered Libertarians," North added. "Since January 2016, Libertarian registrations have increased 17 percent, while Democrats increased 6 percent, and Republicans a small 4 percent."

Interestingly, the counties that [unsuccessfully tried to secede](#) from Colorado in 2013 are not among the highest, despite their limited government mindset.

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