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Trump Wins South Carolina GOP Primary

Former President Donald Trump won the South Carolina GOP primary Saturday night, beating Nikki Haley by over 20 percentage points. The [Associated Press called the race at 7 p.m.](#) and declared Trump the winner. With 98 percent of the votes counted, Trump had 59.8 percent (451,905 votes) and Haley had 39.5 percent (298,681 votes).

Trump [stated in his victory speech](#), “This was a little sooner than we anticipated, it was an even bigger win than we anticipated and I was just informed that we got double the number of votes that has ever been received in the great state of South Carolina.”



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After her loss, [Haley stated on X](#), “I’m a woman of my word. I’m not giving up this fight when a majority of Americans disapprove of both Trump and Biden. In the next 10 days, 21 states and territories will speak. They have the right to a real choice, not a Soviet-style election with only one candidate. And I have a duty to give them that choice.”

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— Nikki Haley (@NikkiHaley) [February 25, 2024](#)

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