

# Battleground States in 2019 Elections.



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## DELTA STATE

Delta like some other battleground states is very strategic in determining where the pendulum for the presidential election swings. As many would say, the actual contest is between the ruling APC Muhammadu Buhari and the former Vice President Atiku Abubakar of the PDP. Historically, Delta state has been governed by PDP since 1999. In 2015 the state had a total voters' registration of 2,044,372 while voters turnout during the 2015 election was 1,284,848 voters representing a total turnout of 62.85%. Ahead of the 2019 elections out of the total of 2,845,274.00 registered voters about 87% of voters' cards have been collected as at December 2018. The implication for the 2019 presidential election following previous trend is indicative that PDP holds sway in the state. Most electorate will expectedly vote the PDP for the perceived love and confidence reposed in the incumbent Governor Okowa who many people claim has done so much in the area of economic development particularly youth empowerment programme popularly known as the smart agenda empowerment programme. However, the defection of the immediate past governor, Uduaghan, and some other political big wigs politicians like Ogboru to the APC is increasingly becoming a source of worry especially as they vowed to deliver the delta state to APC during the presidential election. Some observers believe that the defectors influence could be insignificant but some other analysts argue that the presumed irrelevance of the defectors influence should not be underestimated. Other factors that could give the national ruling party advantage is the sense of dissatisfaction among some section of youths and civil servants in the state who feel that the incumbent has not done well for state in the last three years. Also, the fear of some electorates over the perceived disagreement with PDP Atiku's manifesto to privatize public sectors especially the NNPC and public universities.



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