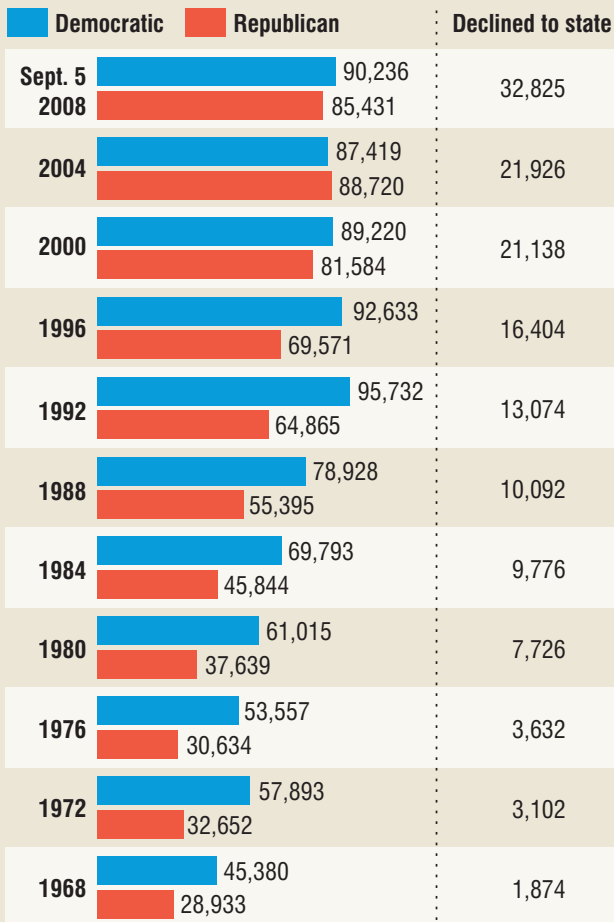


# OVER THE YEARS

Stanislaus County was solidly Democratic through the 1970s, 80s and 90s before Republicans pulled even after the turn of the century. Democrats appear to have gained a slight lead again for the 2008 election. Independent voters have shown a steady increase over the years, from about 2.5 percent in 1968 to more than 15 percent this year.

## Stanislaus County party registration in presidential election years:



Source: California secretary of state's office.