

# Tim Walz, Harris' chosen running mate

Vice President Kamala Harris' selection of Minnesota Governor Tim Walz as her running mate emphasises Democrats' aim to retain blue-collar voters in an effort to deny Trump the White House

■ **Apr 6, 1964:** Tim Walz born in small town of West Point, Nebraska

■ **1981:** Enlists in Army National Guard, aged 17. Serves for 24 years, retiring as command sergeant in 2005

■ **1989:** Spends one year teaching in China before returning to Nebraska to work as high school social studies teacher and American football coach

■ **1994:** Marries fellow educator **Gwen Whipple** and moves to Minnesota, her home state, two years later. They have two children

■ **2006:** Elected to U.S. House of Representatives, causing major upset by unseating six-term Republican incumbent **Gil Gutknecht**

■ **2018:** After serving six terms in Congress – focusing on military and agricultural issues – Walz becomes Minnesota Governor. First term overshadowed by Covid pandemic and killing of **George Floyd** by police in Minneapolis



■ **2022:** Wins second term, promoting many policies seen as bolstering working-class families, including enshrining abortion rights, enacting paid family and sick leave, strengthening gun laws, funding universal free school meals and investing in affordable housing

■ **Aug 6, 2024:** Harris selects Tim Walz as running mate ahead of U.S. presidential election