

Colorado 2018 General Election Results & Analysis

Friends and colleagues,

Colorado held its general election Tuesday night, where Democrats won across the board in Colorado by overwhelming margins. For the first time in decades, Democrats will control all four statewide offices in Colorado after gaining control of the offices of governor, attorney general, secretary of state, and treasurer. Additionally, the Republicans entered the evening with an 18-17 majority in the State Senate, which appears to have flipped to Democratic control where their majority will be 19-16.

In all the statewide races, substantially more votes were cast by unaffiliated voters, followed then by Democrats, and then by Republicans. Figures from the Secretary of State's office indicate that, as of midnight, 2,433,687 voters had returned their mail-in ballots, a number that represents 61.2% of the state's 3,977,491 total registered voters (as of Oct. 31—Colorado allows voters to register up until the day of the election).

Ballots are still being processed, with Nov. 14 being the last day for military and overseas ballots to arrive and the last day for a voter to cure a missing signature or signature discrepancy. Even without the final numbers, it is clear that voter turnout was up significantly from the 2014 election where 56.9% of the electorate participated. Of the ballots tallied thus far, unaffiliated voters dominated by casting 816,722 ballots, with Democrats coming in at 795,739, and Republicans at 784,713.

While the United States Senate was a bright spot for national Republicans, where it appears they will grow their majority from 51 seats to 53 or 54, the Democratic blue wave was a stinging reality for the party in the U.S. House of Representatives where the Democrats regained a majority with a likely 11 seat majority. Please refer to the attached post-election analysis and outlook for further federal political information as prepared by the BHFS office in Washington.

We stand ready to help navigate the many new opportunities and challenges in the 2019 Legislative Session in Colorado.

Kind regards,



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Governor

Boulder-based Congressman Jared Polis (CD-2) easily won the open seat for governor over his Republican opponent, State Treasurer Walker Stapleton (R), by a margin of 51.6% to 45%. Governor-elect Polis will be the first openly gay governor in U.S. history. Polis co-founded American Information Systems (AIS), Inc. while still in college. AIS was an internet access provider and was sold in 1998. In 1996, he co-founded a free electronic greeting card website, Bluemountain.com, which was sold in 1999 for \$430 million in stock and \$350 million in cash. In February 1998, Polis founded ProFlowers, an online florist, which was later renamed and acquired by media conglomerate Liberty Media Corporation for \$477 million. Governor-elect Polis was recently ranked as the second-wealthiest member of Congress and has shown a willingness to spend whatever it takes to win an election, including this one where he spent over \$23 million of his own money and had a massive and early field operation that his Republican opponent could never compete with and that no doubt helped the Democrats down ballot.

Attorney General

In the only close race at the statewide level, Democratic nominee Phil Weiser won an open seat for the attorney general's office over his Republican opponent, George Brauchler, by a margin of 49.7% to 47.5%. Attorney General-elect Weiser is a former CU Law School Dean, professor and founder of the school's Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship. He also served as deputy assistant attorney general in the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division, as well as a senior advisor for technology and innovation to the National Economic Council director in the Obama White House. He served as a law clerk to both U.S. Supreme Court Justice Byron White and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, as well as to 10th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge David Ebel.

Secretary of State

Republican incumbent Wayne Williams lost his race to Democratic challenger Jena Griswold by a margin of 46.8% to 50.9%. Secretary of State-elect Griswold is a Colorado native who opened her own legal practice in Louisville after serving as director of outgoing Gov. John Hickenlooper's Washington, D.C., office. She ran on a platform of anti-voter suppression and campaign finance reform, while also promising to make the Secretary of State's office a resource for first-time business owners and entrepreneurs. Notably, Griswold was the only female on the statewide ballot in Colorado.

Treasurer

State Rep. and member of the state legislature's powerful Joint Budget Committee Dave Young from Greeley handily defeated Republican nominee and real estate developer Brian Watson by a margin of 50.6% to 46.9%. Young is a retired middle school math teacher and education association president who has spent the last seven years in the legislature. Knowing the ins and outs of state spending should serve Treasurer-elect Young well in managing the state's over \$6 billion of investments and public dollars and in addressing long-term solvency issues that face the state employee retirement fund.

Congressional Races

There was no U.S. Senate election in Colorado this year and all House incumbents seeking reelection won their races with the exception of veteran Congressman Mike Coffman, who was unseated by a previously unknown Democratic challenger, Jason Crow. Coffman’s seat was the No.1 targeted pickup opportunity by national Democrats, who poured over \$30 million into the race and used 11 super PACs to run attack ads against Coffman. Crow is an attorney and a combat veteran who lobbied hard to win the female suburban vote by knocking on doors and talking directly with voters in traditionally Republican-leaning neighborhoods in the district about hot button issues like gun control and health care.

CD-1	U.S. Rep. Diana DeGette, an 11-term lawmaker from Denver, coasted to victory over her Republican candidate, Casper Stockham. DeGette secured 71.6% of the vote and now that the Democrats have regained control of the House of Representatives in DC, is anticipated to be in the mix for a committee chairmanship or other leadership role.
CD-2	The incumbent, Jared Polis, vacated this seat to run for governor. Democrat Joe Neguse easily won over his Republican opponent Peter Yu by a margin of 60.2% to 34.3%. Neguse is an attorney, former CU regent and Gov. Hickenlooper cabinet member who came to the United States at age six with his parents fleeing war-torn Eritrea. Given the makeup of this district, Neguse is expected to hold this seat for as long as he wishes.
CD-3	Incumbent Rep. Scott Tipton easily defeated his Democratic opponent, former state Rep. Diane Mitch Bush, with 51.9% of the vote. Tipton has the largest congressional district in the country by geography, when you add in the surface area of the mountain ranges. He remains very popular in his district and is building seniority in Congress.
CD – 4	Rep. Ken Buck easily defeated his Democratic opponent Karen McCormick by a margin of 61.9% to 38.1%. The conservative lawmaker is an attorney and former district attorney from Weld County who represents his constituents well in this heavily agricultural district located in eastern Colorado. His wife, Perry Buck, is a state representative in Colorado.
CD – 5	Incumbent Republican Rep. Doug Lamborn coasted to victory in this bright red district against Democrat Stephanie Rose Spaulding by a margin of 58.6% to 31.2%. Every two years, Lamborn has to defend against intense primary opponents, but this general election result is no surprise given the district makeup, which includes the hugely conservative city of Colorado Springs.
CD – 6	As previously mentioned, this seat was the No.1 pickup opportunity for national Democrats, and they won it. Long-time incumbent Republican Rep. Mike Coffman was defeated by a margin of 44.2% to 53.1% by Democrat Jason Crow, a first-time candidate, attorney and combat veteran. While the district leans slightly Democratic, Coffman supporters were relying on his history as a tireless and tenacious campaigner who has beaten well-funded and well-known Democrats in each of his last three races. But, given the environment embracing Democrats nationally and in Colorado in particular, Coffman could not overcome this dynamic no matter how hard he worked. Crow is young, articulate, and has an impressive military background that played well in this Aurora/Douglas County district.
CD – 7	Popular incumbent Democrat Ed Perlmutter easily defeated Republican Mark Barrington by a margin of 59.7% to 36.8% in this Jefferson County/Adams County district that Perlmutter has held for decades. This district enjoys a healthy Democratic advantage and Perlmutter is widely popular, even among some Republicans, so the results of this race were not a surprise to anyone.

State Legislature – Senate

Governor-elect Polis will start his administration with a “triple D” state of play, where both the House, Senate and all executive level offices are controlled by Democrats. This is an intensely uncertain environment for business interests where it is highly anticipated that the Democratic party will push through major reforms and sweeping mandates immediately to the detriment of employers across the state including, but not limited to, mandated family medical leave pay, mandatory employer paid retirement accounts for employees, fee increases across multiple sectors and a very aggressive environmental and social agenda.

There were five key races where Democrats had to hold or win in order to gain the majority—and they won them all by convincing margins.

The key races for control of the Colorado state Senate were:

- **SD 20** – Rep. Jessie Danielson (D) versus Christine Jensen (R)
- **SD 24** – Rep. Faith Winter (D) versus incumbent Sen. Beth Martinez Humenik (R)
- **SD 5** – between incumbent Sen. Kerry Donovan (D) and challenger Olen Lund (R)
- **SD 16** – between incumbent Sen. Tim Neville (R) and challenger Tammy Story (D)
- **SD 22** – an open seat between Rep. Brittany Pettersen (D) and Tony Sanchez (R)

The victories for the Democrats in all these seats flips the Senate from narrow 18-17 Republican control to what Democrats will see as a comfortable 19-16 majority.

SD 1	Republican incumbent Jerry Sonnenberg will return after defeating Democrat Debra Gustafson by almost 60 points, 79.6% to 20.4%.
SD 2	The seat of term-limited Senate President Kevin Grantham (R) was won by Republican Dennis Hisey (65.5%) over Beth “Hart” Harz (34.5%).
SD 3	Current Democratic Majority Leader, and possible next Senate president, Leroy Garcia (73.8%) defeated Libertarian candidate John Pickerill (26.2%).
SD 5	In one of the five state Senate races to watch, Democratic incumbent Kerry Donovan (59.6%) defeated Republican challenger Olen Lund (40.4%).
SD 6	Democratic challenger Guinn Unger (45.2%) did not unseat Republican incumbent Don Coram (54.8%), who won handily.
SD 7	After winning a contentious primary, Republican incumbent Ray Scott (63.7%) succeeded in defeating Democratic challenger Chris Kennedy (36.3%), who has the same name but is not the same person as the state representative from Jefferson County in HD 23.
SD 9	Republican Rep. Paul Lundeen (70.6%) sailed to victory over Democrat Gil Armendariz (29.5%).
SD 11	Democratic Rep. Pete Lee (60.6%) won a promotion from the House to the Senate over Republican Pat McIntire (39.42%).
SD 13	In a three-way race, incumbent Republican John Cooke (62.1%) defeated Democrat Phil Kelley (35.5%) and Libertarian Eric Joss (2.5%).
SD 15	In the race for this open seat, Republican Rob Woodward (53.2%) beat out Democrat Rebecca Cranston (46.7%).
SD 16	Democratic challenger Tammy Story (55.3%) proved victorious over Republican incumbent Tim Neville (42.1%) and Libertarian James Gilman (2.57%).

SD 20	This race was one of the most competitive in the state, with Democrat Rep. Jessie Danielson (53.8%) defeating Republican Christine Jensen (43.3%) and Libertarian Charles Messick (2.9%).
SD 22	An important seat to hold for the Democrats, Democratic Rep. Brittany Pettersen (57.1%) defeated Republican Tony Sanchez (42.3%).
SD 24	Another incredibly competitive contest, Democrat Rep. Faith Winter (51.7%) unseated Republican incumbent Beth Martinez-Humenik (40.1%), and unaffiliated candidate Adam Matkowsky (4.9%) and Libertarian Donald Osborn (2.8%).
SD 30	Republican incumbent Chris Holbert (53.3%) easily held his seat over Democratic challenger Julia Varnell-Sarjeant (41.4%) and Independent Steve Peterson (5.4%).
SD 32	A Democratic-leaning open seat vacated by term-limited Sen. Irene Aguilar, created a competitive primary for Democrat Robert Rodriguez (70.9%) who prevailed over Republican Mark Calonder (25.4%) and Independent Peter Lucas Smith (3.8%)
SD 34	Former Senate Minority Leader Lucia Guzman is also term limited, leaving SD 34 a safe Democratic seat. Democrat Julie Gonzales (82.1%) triumphed over Republican Gordon Alley (17.9%).

This morning, the Senate Democrats and Republicans held their leadership elections and the following members were selected to lead the caucuses:

DEMOCRAT CAUCUS

- President:** Sen. Leroy Garcia (D-Pueblo)
- President Pro Tempore:** Sen. Lois Court (D-Denver)
- Majority Leader:** Sen. Stephen Fenberg (D-Boulder)
- Assistant Majority Leader:** Sen. Rhonda Fields (D-Aurora)
- Caucus Chair:** Sen. Faith Winter (D-Thornton)
- Caucus Whip:** Sen. Kerry Donovan (D-Vail)
- JBC Members:** Sen. Dominic Moreno (D-Commerce City) and Sen. Rachel Zenzinger (D-Arvada)

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

- Minority Leader:** Sen. Chris Holbert (R-Douglas County)
- Assistant Minority Leader:** Sen. John Cooke (R-Weld County)
- Caucus Chair:** Sen. Vicki Marble (R-Weld County)
- Minority Whip:** Sen. Ray Scott (R-Grand Junction)
- JBC Member:** Sen. Dennis Hisey (R-Canon City)

State Legislature – House of Representatives

Heading into election night, Democrats controlled the House of Representatives by a margin of 37-28 and while several races are too close to call, it is confirmed that they have flipped at least two seats to grow their majority to 39-26.

In HD 37, Republican Assistant Minority Leader Cole Wist was ousted by Democrat Tom Sullivan by a margin of 53.6% to 46.4% of the vote, which was a shock to the political establishment. Rep.-elect Sullivan’s son, Alex, was killed during the Aurora Theater shooting in 2012 and since that time he has been a vocal advocate for stricter gun laws and a familiar face at the Capitol during hearings and in his community.

In HD 25, and due to the resignation of Rep. Tim Leonard (R-Jefferson County) amid his legal troubles stemming from a 2016 arrest and 14-day jail term for nonpayment of child support and defiance of multiple court orders, this was an

open seat that was ripe for a Democratic takeover. As predicted, Democrat Lisa Cutter won with 52.6% of the vote over Republican Steve Szutenbach, who secured 47.4%.

Due to term limits, there will be at least 24 new members of the Colorado House of Representatives. Additionally, there are currently three races that are too close to call in House Districts 27, 47 and 50. Those seats are currently held by Republicans by a razor-thin margin and additional information is below.

HD 1	Incumbent Democrat Susan Lontine won with 61.5% of the vote over Republican Alysia Padilla with 35.1% of the vote.
HD 2	Incumbent Democrat Alec Garnett won with 100% of the vote.
HD 3	Incumbent Democrat Jeff Bridges won with 60.5% of the vote over Republican Toren Mushovic with 39.5% of the vote.
HD 4	Democrat Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez won with 81.8% of the vote over Republican Robert “Dave” John with 18.2% of the vote. This was an open seat created by the departure of term-limited Rep. Dan Pabon (D-Denver).
HD 5	Democrat Alex Valdez won with 78.1% of the vote over Republican Katherine E. Whitney with 19.3% of the vote. This was an open seat created by the departure of term-limited Representative Crisanta Duran (D-Denver).
HD 6	Incumbent Democrat Chris Hansen won with 100% of the vote.
HD 7	Incumbent Democrat James Rashad Coleman won with 82.6% of the vote over Republican Jay Frank Kucera with 17.5% of the vote.
HD 8	Incumbent Democrat Leslie Herod won with 100% of the vote.
HD 9	Democrat Emily Sirota won with 70.4% of the vote over Republican Bob Lane with 29.7% of the vote. Rep.-elect Sirota defeated incumbent Rep. Paul Rosenthal (D-Denver) in a Democratic primary in June.
HD 10	Incumbent Democrat Edie Hooton won with 87.1% of the vote over Republican Murl S. Hendrickson IV with 12.9% of the vote.
HD 11	Incumbent Democrat Jonathan Singer won with 67.0% of the vote over Republican Brian O Donahue with 33.0% of the vote.
HD 12	Democrat Sonya Jaque Lewis won with 74.1% of the vote over Republican Theresa Stets with 26.0% of the vote. This was an open seat created by the resignation of Rep. Mike Foote (D-Boulder) who ran unsuccessfully for Boulder district attorney.
HD 13	Incumbent Democrat K.C. Becker won with 72.3% of the vote over Republican Kevin Sipple with 27.7% of the vote.
HD 14	Incumbent Republican Shane Sandridge won with 69.4% of the vote over Democrat Paul J. Haddick with 30.6% of the vote.
HD 15	Incumbent Republican Dave Williams won with 62.9% of the vote over Democrat Brenda Krause with 37.1% of the vote.
HD 16	Incumbent Republican Larry Liston won with 61.6% of the vote over Democrat Andrew Smith with 35.2% of the vote.
HD 17	Incumbent Democrat Thomas “Tony” Exum won with 55.6% of the vote over Republican Kit Roupe with 44.4% of the vote.

HD 18	Democrat Marc A. Snyder won with 57.5% of the vote over Republican Mary Elizabeth Fabian with 36.3% of the vote. This was an open seat created by the departure of term-limited Democrat Pete Lee (D-Manitou Springs) who ran successfully for the state Senate in District 11.
HD 19	Republican Tim Geitner won with 76.4% of the vote over Democrat Asia M. Zanders with 23.6% of the vote. This was an open seat created by the departure of Rep. Paul Lundeen (R-Monument) who ran successfully for the Colorado Senate in District 9.
HD 20	Incumbent Republican Terri Carver won with 63.9% of the vote over Democrat Kent Edward Jarnig with 36.1% of the vote.
HD 21	Incumbent Republican Lois Landgraf won with 61.3% of the vote over Democrat Liz Rosenbaum with 38.7% of the vote.
HD 22	Republican Colin Larson won with 53.7% of the vote over Democrat Todd Kastetter with 46.37% of the vote. This was an open seat created by the departure of term-limited Rep. Justin Everett (R-Jefferson County) who ran unsuccessfully in a Republican primary for state treasurer.
HD 23	Incumbent Democrat Chris Kennedy won with 62% of the vote over Republican Joan Poston with 38.1% of the vote.
HD 24	Democrat Monica Duran won with 62% of the vote over Republican Arthur Erwin with 37.4% of the vote. This was an open seat created by the resignation of Rep. Jessie Danielson (D-Wheat Ridge) who ran successfully for the state Senate in District 20.
HD 25	Democrat Lisa A. Cutter won with 52.6% of the vote over Republican Steve Szutenbach with 47.4% of the vote. This was an open seat created by the resignation of Rep. Leonard, as discussed above. This seat is a Democrat flip.
HD 26	Incumbent Democrat Dylan Roberts won with 60.4% of the vote over Republican Nicki Mills with 36.6% of the vote.
HD 27	Republican Vicki Pyne is winning with 50.01% of the vote over Democrat Brianna Titone with who currently has 49.99% of the vote. This race is still too close to call. This is an open seat created by the resignation of Rep. Lang Sias (R) who unsuccessfully ran to be Colorado’s next lieutenant governor.
HD 28	Democrat Kerry Tipper won with 58.24% of the vote over Republican Kristina Joy Alley with 38.9% of the vote. This was an open seat created by the departure of term-limited Rep. Brittany Pettersen (D-Lakewood) who successfully ran for the Senate in District 22.
HD 29	Incumbent Democrat Tracy Kraft-Tharp won with 58.1% of the vote over Republican Grady Nouis with 37.9% of the vote.
HD 30	Incumbent Democrat Dafna Michaelson Jenet won with 55.5% of the vote over Republican Susan Kochevar with 44.5% of the vote.
HD 31	Democrat Yadira Caraveo won with 54.3% of the vote over Republican Rico Figueroa with 39.7% of the vote. This was an open seat created by the resignation of Rep. Joe Salazar (D-Thornton) who ran unsuccessfully in the Democratic primary for Colorado attorney general.
HD 32	Incumbent Democrat Adrienne Benavidez won with 100.0% of the vote.
HD 33	Incumbent Democrat Matt Gray won with 57.5% of the vote over Republican Eric Rutherford with 36.0% of the vote.

HD 34	Democrat Kyle Mullica won with 58.9% of the vote over Republican Incumbent Alexander “Skinny” Winkler with 41.1% of the vote. This has historically been a Democratic district and was vacated during the 2018 Legislative Session by expelled Democrat Rep. Steve Lebsock (D-Thornton). Immediately prior to being expelled from the House for sexual harassment, Rep. Lebsock changed his voter affiliation to Republican so that a Republican vacancy committee would appoint his successor. It is not a surprise that the electorate in this district selected the Democrat in the race.
HD 35	Democrat Shannon Bird won with 58.6% of the vote over Republican Bruce Baker with 38.1% of the vote. This was an open seat created by the departure of Rep. Faith Winter (D-Thornton) who ran successfully against Republican Sen. Beth Martinez-Humenik (R-Thornton) for Senate District 24.
HD 36	Incumbent Democrat Mike Weissman won with 59.8% of the vote over Republican Richard J. Bowman with 40.2% of the vote.
HD 37	Democrat Tom Sullivan won with 53.6% of the vote over Republican Cole Wist with 46.4% of the vote. This seat is a Democratic flip.
HD 38	Incumbent Republican Susan Beckman won with 50.7% of the vote over Democrat Chris Kolker with 49.3% of the vote.
HD 39	Republican Mark Baisley won with 63.2% of the vote over Democrat Kamala Vanderkolk with 34.2% of the vote. This was an open seat created by the departure of term-limited Rep. Polly Lawrence (R-Douglas County) who also ran unsuccessfully in the Republican primary for state treasurer.
HD 40	Incumbent Democrat Janet Buckner won with 62.1% of the vote over Republican Richard Allen Bassett with 37.9% of the vote.
HD 41	Incumbent Democrat Jovan Melton won with 62.5% of the vote over Republican Lynn Myers with 37.5% of the vote.
HD 42	Incumbent Democrat Dominique Jackson won with 71.7% of the vote over Republican Mike Donald with 28.3% of the vote.
HD 43	Incumbent Republican Kevin Van Winkle won with 53.7% of the vote over Democrat Barrett Rothe with 49.4% of the vote.
HD 44	Incumbent Republican Kim Ransom won with 58.3% of the vote over Democrat Simone Aiken with 41.7% of the vote.
HD 45	Incumbent Republican Patrick Neville won with 62.2% of the vote over Democrat Danielle Kombo with 37.7% of the vote.
HD 46	Incumbent Democrat Daneya Esgar won with 58.3% of the vote over Republican Jonathan Ambler with 41.7% of the vote.
HD 47	Republican Don Bendell is winning with 50.1% of the vote over Democrat Bri Buentello who currently has 49.9% of the vote. This race is still too close to call. This seat was held for years by Rep. Clarice Navarro-Ratzlaff (R) who resigned last year to join the Trump administration as the executive director for the Colorado Farm Agency. Late last year, Judy Reyher was appointed to the seat to fill the vacancy for the 2018 session, but was defeated by Don Bendell in the June primary. This is essentially an open seat and has yet to be called by the Pueblo County Clerk.
HD 48	Incumbent Republican Stephen Humphrey won with 68.6% of the vote over Democrat Gbenga Ajiboye with 31.4% of the vote.
HD 49	Incumbent Republican Perry Buck won with 58.7% of the vote over Democrat Conor Duffy with 41.3% of the vote.

HD 50	Republican Michael A. Thuener is currently winning with 50.7% of the vote over Democrat Rochelle Galindo who currently has 49.3% of the vote. This race is still too close to call. This seat was held by Democrat Rep. Dave Young (D-Greeley) for the last 8 years. Rep. Young is term-limited and was successfully elected on Tuesday evening to be the next Colorado state treasurer. This race has yet to be called by the Weld County Clerk.
HD 51	Incumbent Republican Hugh McKean won with 56.5% of the vote over Democrat Joan Shaffer with 43.5% of the vote.
HD 52	Incumbent Democrat Joann Ginal won with 63.9% of the vote over Republican Donna Walter with 36.2% of the vote.
HD 53	Incumbent Democrat Jeni Arndt won with 100% of the vote. It is highly likely that Rep. Arndt will fill a vacancy created by Sen. John Kefalas (D-Fort Collins) who ran and won for a seat on the Larimer County Commission.
HD 54	Republican Matt Soper won with 66.1% of the vote over Independent Thea Chase with 33.9% of the vote. This was an open seat vacated by Rep. Yeulin Willett (R-Grand Junction) who announced earlier this year that he would not seek re-election.
HD 55	Republican Janice Rich won with 62.9% of the vote over Democrat Tanya Travis with 37.1% of the vote. This seat was previously held by Rep. Dan Thurlow (R-Grand Junction) who resigned his house seat to challenge State Sen. Ray Scott (R-Grand Junction), unsuccessfully.
HD 56	Republican Rod Bockenfeld won with 59.7% of the vote over Democrat Dave Rose with 40.1% of the vote. This seat was previously held by Rep. Phil Covarrubias (R-Brighton) who was defeated by Mr. Bockenfeld in the June Republican primary.
HD 57	Incumbent Republican Bob Rankin won with 62.2% of the vote over Democrat Colin Wilhelm with 37.8% of the vote.
HD 58	Incumbent Republican Marc Catlin won with 63.0% of the vote over Democrat Seth Cagin with 37.0% of the vote.
HD 59	Incumbent Democrat Barbara McLachlan won with 55.6% of the vote over Independent Paul Jones with 44.0% of the vote.
HD 60	Incumbent Republican James D. "Jim" Wilson won with 59.9% of the vote over Democrat Erin Kelley with 36.8% of the vote.
HD 61	Democrat Julie McCluskie won with 63.4% of the vote over Republican Mike Mason with 36.7% of the vote. This was an open seat vacated by Rep. Millie Hamner (D-Summit County) due to term limits.
HD 62	Incumbent Democrat Donald Valdez won with 56.5% of the vote over Republican Scott Honeycutt with 43.6% of the vote.
HD 63	Incumbent Republican Lori A. Saine won with 61.1% of the vote over Democrat Brandon D. Bobian with 37.7% of the vote.
HD 64	Incumbent Republican Kimmi Lewis won with 75.2% of the vote over Democrat Teri Nilson Baird with 24.8% of the vote.
HD 65	Republican Rod Pelton won with 76.4% of the vote over Democrat Bethleen McCall with 23.7% of the vote. This was an open seat vacated by Rep. Jon Becker (R-Fort Morgan) as he ran successfully for a seat on the Morgan County Commission.

The House Democrats and Republicans held their leadership elections today and the following members were selected to lead the respective caucuses:

DEMOCRATS

Speaker of the House: Rep. KC Becker (D-Boulder)

Majority Leader: Rep. Alec Garnett (D-Denver)

Assistant Majority Leader: Chris Kennedy (D-Lakewood)

Caucus Chair: Edie Hooton (D-Boulder)

Deputy Caucus Chair: Dafna Michaelson Jenet (D-Aurora)

Co-Whip: James Coleman (D-Denver)

Co-Whip: Jeff Bridges (D-Greenwood Village)

JBC Member: To be determined after final election results

REPUBLICANS

Minority Leader: Patrick Neville (R-Castle Rock)

Assistant Minority Leader: Kevin Van Winkle (R-Highlands Ranch)

Caucus Chair: Lori Saine (R-Firestone)

Minority Whip: Perry Buck (R-Weld County)

JBC Member: Bob Rankin (R-Glenwood Springs)

House Election Results

Results as of 3:00 EST on Wednesday, November 7

Projected 2019-20 Makeup: 229-206

- **Democratic Pickups:** 30
- **Republican Pickups:** 2
- **Too Close To Call:** 19

Democratic Pickups

AZ-02: Kirkpatrick def. Peterson	MI-11: Stevens def. Epstein	PA-05 (Open): Scanlon
CO-06: Crow def. Coffman	MN-02: Craig def. Lewis	PA-06 (Open): Houlahan
FL-26: Mucarsel-Powell def. Curbelo	MN-03: Phillips def. Paulsen	PA-07 (Open): Wild
FL-27 (Open): Shalala	NJ-02: Van Drew def. Grossman	PA-17: Lamb def. Rothfus
IA-01: Finkenauer def. Blum	NJ-07: Malinowski def. Lance	SC-01 (Open): Cunningham
IA-03: Axne def. Young	NJ-11 (Open): Sherrill	TX-07: Fletcher def. Culberson
IL-06: Casten def. Roskam	NY-11: Rose def. Donovan	TX-32: Allred def. Sessions
IL-14: Underwood def. Hultgren	NY-19: Delgado def. Faso	VA-02: Luria def. Taylor
KS-03: Davis def. Yoder	OK-05: Horn def. Russell	VA-07: Spanberger def. Brat
MI-08: Slotkin def. Bishop	PA-04 (Open): Dean	VA-10: Wexton def. Comstock

Too Close to Call / Runoff

CA-10: Denham (R) leads Harder (D) 50.6% to 49.4%	MT-AL: Gianforte (R) leads Williams (D) 51.9% to 45.3%
CA-25: Hill (D) leads Knight (R) 51.3% to 48.7%	NC-09: Harris (R) leads McCready (D) 49.4% to 48.8%
CA-39: Kim (R) leads Cisneros (D) 51.4% to 48.6%	NJ-03: MacArthur (R) leads Kim (D) 49.8% to 48.9%
CA-45: Walters (R) leads Porter (D) 51.7% to 48.3%	NM-02: Herrell (R) leads Small (D) 50.5% to 49.5%
CA-48: Rouda (D) leads Rohrabacher (R) 50.7% to 49.3%	NY-22: Brindisi (D) leads Tenney (R) 50.3% to 49.7%
CA-49: Levin (D) leads Harkey (R) 52.4% to 47.6%	TX-23: Hurd (R) leads Jones (D) 49.1% to 48.8%
CA-50: Hunter (R) leads Campa-Najjar (D) 54.2% to 45.8%	UT-04: McAdams (D) leads Love (R) 51.3% to 48.7%
GA-06: McBath (D) leads Handel (R) 50.3% to 49.7%	WA-08: Schrier (D) leads Rossi (R) 52.9% to 47.1%
ME-02: Poliquin (R) leads Golden (D) 46.0% to 45.9%	

Republican Pickups (Both Open Seats)

MN-08: Stabuer def. Radinovich	PA-14: Reschenthaler def. Boerio
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Republican Hold (Key Races)

AK-AL: Young	CO-03: Tipton	KY-06: Barr	NC-13: Budd	NY-27: Collins	PA-16: Kelly	WI-06: Grothman
AR-02: Hill	FL-16: Buchanan	MI-01: Bergman	NE-02: Bacon	OH-01: Chabot	TX-10: McCaul	WV-02: Mooney
AZ-06: Schweikert	FL-18: Mast	MI-03: Amash	NJ-03: MacArthur	OH-10: Turner	TX-22: Olson	
AZ-08: Lesko	FL-25: Diaz-Balart	MI-06: Upton	NY-01: Zeldin	OH-12: Balderson	TX-24: Marchant	
CA-01: LaMalfa	IA-04: King	MI-07: Walberg	NY-02: King	OH-14: Joyce	TX-31: Carter	
CA-04: McClintock	IL-12: Bost	MO-02: Wagner	NY-21: Stefanik	PA-01: Fitzpatrick	VA-05: Garrett	
CA-21: Valadao	IL-13: Davis	NC-02: Holding	NY-23: Reed	PA-10: Perry	WA-03: Beutler	
CA-22: Nunes	IN-02: Walorski	NC-08: Hudson	NY-24: Katko	PA-12: Marino	WA-05: Rodgers	

Gubernatorial Election Results

Results as of 3:00 EST on Wednesday, November 7

Projected Results: Democrats to gain seven gubernatorial seats, while Republicans pick up Alaska seat.

Incumbent Democratic Holds: Hawaii (Ige), New York (Cuomo), Oregon (Brown), Pennsylvania (Wolf), Rhode Island (Raimondo)

Open Seat Democratic Holds: California (Newsom), Colorado (Polis), Minnesota (Walz)

Illinois (Democratic Pickup)

J.B. Pritzker (D) defeats Bruce Rauner (R) - 54.5% to 38.6%

New Mexico (Democratic Pickup)

Michelle Lujan Grisham (D) defeats Steve Pearce (R) - 56.9% to 43.1%

Michigan (Democratic Pickup)

Gretchen Whitmer (D) defeats Bill Schuette (R) - 52.9% to 44.3%

Maine (Democratic Pickup)

Janet Mills (D) defeats Shawn Moody (R) - 50.2% to 43.9%

Kansas (Democratic Pickup)

Laura Kelly (D) defeats Kris Kobach (R) - 47.8% to 43.3%

Nevada (Democratic Pickup)

Steve Sisolak (D) defeats Adam Laxalt (R) - 49.4% to 45.3%

Wisconsin (Democratic Pickup)

Tony Evers (D) defeats Scott Walker (R) - 49.6% to 48.4%

Connecticut (Too Close to Call)

Ned Lamont (D) leads Bob Stefanowski (R) - 48.4% to 47.1%

Georgia (Too Close to Call)

Brian Kemp (R) leads Stacy Abrams (D) - 50.5% to 48.6%

Alaska (Republican Pickup) - (Current Governor is an Independent)

Mike Dunleavy (R) defeats Mark Begich (D) - 45.0% to 37.5%

Open Seat Republican Holds: Florida (DeSantis), Idaho (Little), New Hampshire (Sununu), Ohio (DeWine), Oklahoma (Stitt), South Dakota (Noem), Tennessee (Lee), Wyoming (Gordon)

Incumbent Republican Holds: Alabama (Ivey), Arizona (Ducey), Arkansas (Hutchinson), Iowa (Reynolds), Massachusetts (Baker), Maryland (Hogan), South Carolina (McMaster), Nebraska (Ricketts), Texas (Abbott), Vermont (Scott)

Senate Committee Tracker: Losses, Retirements, and Other Exits

Senate Committee	Republicans	Democrats	Current Exiting (Potential Total)
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	<u>Exiting:</u>	<u>Exiting:</u> Heitkamp (ND), Donnelly (IN)	R: 0 D: 2
Appropriations	<u>Exiting:</u>	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 0 D: 0
Armed Services	<u>Exiting:</u>	<u>Exiting:</u> Donnelly (IN), McCaskill (MO), <i>Nelson (FL)</i>	R: 0 D: 2 (3)
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs	<u>Exiting:</u> Corker (TN), Heller (NV)	<u>Exiting:</u> Heitkamp (ND), Donnelly (IN)	R: 2 D: 2
Budget	<u>Exiting:</u> Corker (TN)	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 1 D: 0
Commerce, Science, and Transportation	<u>Exiting:</u> Heller (NV)	<u>Exiting:</u> <i>Nelson (FL)</i>	R: 1 D: (1)
Energy and Natural Resources	<u>Exiting:</u> Flake (AZ)	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 1 D: 0
Environment and Public Works	<u>Exiting:</u>	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 0 D: 0
Finance	<u>Exiting:</u> Hatch (UT), Heller (NV)	<u>Exiting:</u> McCaskill (MO), <i>Nelson (FL)</i>	R: 2 D: 1 (2)
Foreign Relations	<u>Exiting:</u> Corker (TN), Flake (AZ)	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 2 D: 0
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions	<u>Exiting:</u> Hatch (UT)	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 1 D: 0
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs	<u>Exiting:</u>	<u>Exiting:</u> Heitkamp (ND), McCaskill (MO)	R: 0 D: 2
Judiciary	<u>Exiting:</u> Flake (AZ), Hatch (UT)	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 2 D: 0
Rules and Administration	<u>Exiting:</u>	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 0 D: 0
Small Business and Entrepreneurship	<u>Exiting:</u>	<u>Exiting:</u> Heitkamp (ND)	R: 0 D: 1
Veterans' Affairs	<u>Exiting:</u> Heller (NV)	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 1 D: 0
Indian Affairs	<u>Exiting:</u>	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 0 D: 0
Intelligence	<u>Exiting:</u>	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 0 D: 0

House Committee Tracker: Losses, Retirements, and Other Exits

House Committee	Republicans	Democrats	Current Exiting
Agriculture	<u>Exiting:</u> Goodlatte (VA), Faso (NY)	<u>Exiting:</u> Lujan Grisham (NM), Nolan (MN), Walz (MN)	R: 2 D: 3
Appropriations	<u>Exiting:</u> Dent (PA), Frelinghuysen (NJ), Rooney (FL), Yoder (KS), Culberson (TX), Taylor (VA)	<u>Exiting:</u> Evan Jenkins (WV)	R: 6 D: 1
Armed Services	<u>Exiting:</u> Bridenstine (OK), McSally (AZ), LoBiondo (NJ), Shuster (PA), R. Brady (PA), Young (IA), Coffman (CO), Russell (OK)	<u>Exiting:</u> Hanabusa (HI), O'Rourke (TX), Rosen (NV), Shea-Porter (NH), Tsongas (MA)	R: 8 D: 5
Budget	<u>Exiting:</u> Black (TN), Renacci (OH), Rokita (IN), Sanford (SC), Lewis (MN), Brat (VA), Faso (NY)	<u>Exiting:</u> Lujan Grisham (NM)	R: 7 D: 1
Education and the Workforce	<u>Exiting:</u> Barletta (PA), Messer (IN), Rokita (IN), Lewis (MN), Brat (VA)	<u>Exiting:</u> Polis (CO), Shea-Porter (NH)	R: 5 D: 2
Energy and Commerce	<u>Exiting:</u> Barton (TX), Blackburn (TN), Costello (PA), Cramer (ND), Harper (MO), Lance (NJ)	<u>Exiting:</u> G. Green (TX)	R: 6 D: 1
Financial Services	<u>Exiting:</u> Hensarling (TX), Messer (IN), Pearce (NM), Rittenger (NC), Ross (FL), Royce (CA), Trott (MI), Rothfus (PA), Hultgren (IL)	<u>Exiting:</u> Capuano (MA), Delaney (MD), Ellison (MN), Kihuen (NE), Sinema (AZ)	R: 9 D: 5
Foreign Affairs	<u>Exiting:</u> DeSantis (FL), Issa (CA), Poe (TX), Ros-Lehtinen (FL), Royce (CA), Donovan (NY)	<u>Exiting:</u> Bera (CA)	R: 6 D: 1
Homeland Security	<u>Exiting:</u> Barletta (PA), McSally (AZ), L. Smith (TX), Donovan (NY)	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 4 D: 0
Judiciary	<u>Exiting:</u> DeSantis (FL), Farenthold (TX), Franks (AZ), Goodlatte (VA), Gowdy (SC), Issa (CA), Labrador (ID), Poe (TX), L. Smith (TX), Rothfus (PA)	<u>Exiting:</u> Conyers (MI), Gutierrez (IL)	R: 10 D: 2
Natural Resources	<u>Exiting:</u> Labrador (ID), Pearce (NM)	<u>Exiting:</u> Hanabusa (HI), Tsongas (MA)	R: 2 D: 2
Oversight and Government Reform	<u>Exiting:</u> DeSantis (FL), Duncan Jr. (TN), Farenthold (TX), Gowdy (SC), Issa (CA), Ross (FL), Sanford (SC), Blum (IA), Russell (OK)	<u>Exiting:</u> Cartwright (PA)	R: 9 D: 1
Rules	<u>Exiting:</u> Sessions (TX)	<u>Exiting:</u> Polis (CO)	R: 1 D: 1
Science, Space, and Technology	<u>Exiting:</u> Bridenstine (OK), L. Smith (TX), Comstock (VA), Hultgren (IL)	<u>Exiting:</u> Esty (CT), Hanabusa (HI), Rosen (NV)	R: 4 D: 3
Small Business	<u>Exiting:</u> Blum (IA), Brat (VA)	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 2 D: 0
Transportation and Infrastructure	<u>Exiting:</u> Barletta (PA), Duncan Jr. (TN), Farenthold (TX), LoBiondo (NJ), Rokita (IN), Sanford (SC), Shuster (PA), Comstock (VA), Lewis (MN), Faso (NY)	<u>Exiting:</u> Capuano (MA), Esty (CT), Nolan (MN)	R: 10 D: 3
Veterans' Affairs	<u>Exiting:</u> Bergman (MI), Bost (IL), Coffman (CO), Mast (FL), Poliquin (ME)	<u>Exiting:</u> O'Rourke (TX), Walz (MN)	R: 5 D: 2
Ways and Means	<u>Exiting:</u> Black (TN), Jenkins (KS), S. Johnson (TX), Meehan (PA), Noem (SD), Reichert (WA), Renacci (OH), Tiberi (OH), Paulsen (MN), Roskam (IL), Curbelo (FL), Bishop (MI)	<u>Exiting:</u> Crowley (NY), Levin (MI)	R: 12 D: 2
Intelligence	<u>Exiting:</u> Gowdy (SC), LoBiondo (NJ), Rooney (FL), Ros-Lehtinen (FL)	<u>Exiting:</u>	R: 4 D: 0

Looking Forward: Lame Duck

Key Dates/Weeks to Remember for the Lame Duck Session & January 2019

Lame Duck	Schedule, Key Dates, and Deadlines
November 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House and Senate Reconvene for Lame Duck Session
November 13-17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House New Member Orientation (Session 1) House Republican Organizing Conference & Leadership Elections Senate Republican & Democratic Leadership Elections
November 19-23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House & Senate in Recess for Thanksgiving Break
November 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mississippi Senate Runoff Election
November 27-December 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House New Member Orientation (Session 2) House Democratic Leadership Elections (Expected) House Committee Leadership Elections (Expected) National Flood Insurance Program Expires (November 30) Joint Select Committees Deadline to Report on Budget/Approps Reform & Solvency of Multiemployer Pensions (November 30)
December 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing Resolution Expires Current CR Includes Extensions of TANF, VAWA, Immigration Programs (e.g EB-5 and E-Verify), EPA Collection of Pesticide Registration Fees, etc.
December 14-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House & Senate Adjourn, Closing the 115th Congress (Scheduled)
December 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certain Farm Bill Commodity Programs Expire Lower Medical Expense Deduction Threshold Expires
January 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 116th Congress Swearing-In (January 3) New Member Seminar in Williamsburg, VA (Expected January 4-7) Broader Committee Assignments and “B” Committee Assignments (Expected by mid-January) All Committee Assignments Formalized (Expected by late-January) President’s State of the Union Address (Expected late-January)

Looking Forward: Leadership

Senate Republican leadership will change due to the fact that Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX) is term-limited as majority whip, creating an opportunity for Sens. John Thune (R-SD), John Barrasso (R-WY), and Roy Blunt (R-MO) to move up in the ranks. Senate Democratic leadership is unlikely to change.



Majority Leader
Mitch McConnell (R-KY)



Majority Whip
John Thune (R-SD)



GOP Conference Chair
John Barrasso (R-WY)



GOP Policy Committee Chair
Roy Blunt (R-MO)



Minority Leader
Chuck Schumer (D-NY)



Minority Whip
Dick Durbin (D-IL)



Assistant Leader
Patty Murray (D-WA)



Dem Policy Committee Chair
Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)

House Democratic leadership is difficult to project, given the possibility new leadership positions are created and potential changes in the top three slots. House Republican leadership is also difficult to project, given uncertainty around whether Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) will be minority leader.



House Speaker
Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)
Challenge Possible



Majority Leader
Steny Hoyer (D-MD)
Challenge Possible



Majority Whip
James Clyburn (D-SC)
Could Move Up



Asst. Dem Leader
Bustos (D-IL); Lujan (D-NM);
Cicilline (D-RI)



Dem Caucus Chair
Lee (D-CA); Sánchez (D-CA)
Other Candidates Possible



Minority Leader
Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)
Jordan (R-OH) to Challenge



Minority Whip
Steve Scalise (R-LA)
Could Run for Leader



GOP Conference Chair
Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA)
Liz Cheney (R-WY) Running;
CMR May Not Seek Post



Republicans to Watch
Jordan (R-OH); McHenry (R-NC)
Both in Leadership Mix

Senate Committee Leadership Projections

*Our analysis takes into account Republican committee rules, which state that a Member is not eligible to serve more than six years as Chair or Ranking Member of any standing committee.

Senate Committee	115 th Congress	116 th Congress	BHFS Insights
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry	Chair: Roberts (R-KS) Ranking: Stabenow (D-MI)	Chair: Roberts (R-KS) Ranking: Stabenow (D-MI)	Unlikely to change.
Appropriations	Chair: Shelby (R-AL) Ranking: Leahy (D-VT)	Chair: Shelby (R-AL) Ranking: Leahy (D-VT)	Unlikely to change.
Armed Services	Chair: Inhofe (R-OK) Ranking: Reed (D-RI)	Chair: Inhofe (R-OK) Ranking: Reed (D-RI)	Unlikely to change.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs	Chair: Crapo (R-ID) Ranking: Brown (D-OH)	Chair: Crapo (R-ID) / Toomey (R-PA) Ranking: Brown (D-OH)	In the event Grassley (R-IA) does not chair the Finance Committee, Crapo would move to Finance and Toomey (R-PA) would lead Banking.
Budget	Chair: Enzi (R-WY) Ranking: Sanders (I-VT)	Chair: Enzi (R-WY) Ranking: Sanders (I-VT) / Whitehouse (D-RI)	If Sanders (I-VT) passes on Budget in favor of Energy and Natural Resources, Whitehouse (D-RI) could take the post as Ranking Member.
Commerce, Science, and Transport.	Chair: Thune (R-SD) Ranking: Nelson (D-FL)	Chair: Wicker (R-MS) Ranking: Nelson (D-FL) / Cantwell (D-WA)	Thune (R-SD) is expected to assume Cornyn's (R-TX) leadership position, leaving chair for Wicker (R-MS). If Nelson (D-FL) loses re-election, Cantwell (D-WA) is expected to become ranking.
Energy and Natural Resources	Chair: Murkowski (R-AK) Ranking: Cantwell (D-WA)	Chair: Murkowski (R-AK) Ranking: Cantwell (D-WA) / Sanders (I-VT)	If Nelson (D-FL) loses re-election, Cantwell (D-WA) could go to Commerce and position Sanders (I-VT) as ranking.
Environment and Public Works	Chair: Barrasso (R-WY) Ranking: Carper (D-DE)	Chair: Barrasso (R-WY) Ranking: Carper (D-DE)	Unlikely to change.
Finance	Chair: Hatch (R-UT) Ranking: Wyden (D-OR)	Chair: Grassley (R-IA) / Crapo (R-ID) Ranking: Wyden (D-OR)	Grassley (R-IA) expected to forgo chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee to lead the Finance Committee following Hatch's retirement. If he does not, Crapo (R-ID) would be next in line.
Foreign Relations	Chair: Corker (R-TN) Ranking: Menendez (D-NJ)	Chair: Risch (R-ID) Ranking: Menendez (D-NJ)	Corker (R-TN) is exiting, creating an opportunity for Risch (R-ID) to take over as chair.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions	Chair: Alexander (R-TN) Ranking: Murray (D-WA)	Chair: Alexander (R-TN) Ranking: Murray (D-WA)	Unlikely to change.
Homeland Security and Govt. Affairs	Chair: Johnson (R-WI) Ranking: McCaskill (D-MO)	Chair: Johnson (R-WI) Ranking: Peters (D-MI)	With McCaskill (D-MO) and Heitkamp (D-ND) losing their reelections, Peters (D-MI) is slated to take over as ranking.

Post-Election Analysis & Outlook

Judiciary	Chair: Grassley (R-IA) Ranking: Feinstein (D-CA)	Chair: Graham (R-SC) / Grassley (R-IA) Ranking: Feinstein (D-CA)	If Grassley (R-IA) moves over to chair Finance, Graham (R-SC) is in line to chair Judiciary.
Rules and Administration	Chair: Blunt (R-MO) Ranking: Klobuchar (D-MN)	Chair: Blunt (R-MO) Ranking: Klobuchar (D-MN)	Unlikely to change.
Small Business and Entrepreneurship	Chair: Risch (R-ID) Ranking: Cardin (D-MD)	Chair: Rubio (R-FL) Ranking: Cardin (D-MD)	Supposing Risch (R-ID) moves to chair Foreign Relations, Rubio (R-FL) is next in-line to take the gavel.
Veterans' Affairs	Chair: Isakson (R-GA) Ranking: Tester (D-MT)	Chair: Isakson (R-GA) Ranking: Tester (D-MT)	Unlikely to change.
Indian Affairs	Chair: Hoeven (R-ND) Ranking: Udall (D-NM)	Chair: Hoeven (R-ND) Ranking: Udall (D-NM)	Unlikely to change.
Intelligence	Chair: Burr (R-NC) Ranking: Warner (D-VA)	Chair: Burr (R-NC) Ranking: Warner (D-VA)	Unlikely to change.

House Committee Leadership Projections

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House Committee	115 th Congress	116 th Congress	BHFS Insights
Agriculture	Chair: Conaway (R-TX) Ranking: Peterson (D-MN)	Chair: Peterson (D-MN) Ranking: Conaway (R-TX)	Unlikely to change.
Appropriations	Chair: Frelinghuysen (R-NJ) Ranking: Lowey (D-NY)	Chair: Lowey (D-NY) Ranking: Granger (R-TX) / T. Graves (R-GA)	Granger (R-TX) is expected to succeed Frelinghuysen (R-NJ), but Aderholt (R-AL) and Cole (R-OK) are also making a play for the gavel. Graves (R-GA) has reportedly received a subtle endorsement from McCarthy (R-CA). Lowey will become the first female chair of the Appropriations Committee.
Armed Services	Chair: Thornberry (R-TX) Ranking: Smith (D-WA)	Chair: Smith (D-WA) Ranking: Thornberry (R-TX)	Unlikely to change.
Budget	Chair: Womack (R-AR) Ranking: Yarmuth (D-KY)	Chair: Yarmuth (D-KY) Ranking: Womack (R-AR)	Unlikely to change.
Education and the Workforce	Chair: Foxx (R-NC) Ranking: Scott (D-VA)	Chair: Scott (D-VA) Ranking: Foxx (R-NC)	Unlikely to change.
Energy and Commerce	Chair: Walden (R-OR) Ranking: Pallone (D-NJ)	Chair: Pallone (D-NJ) Ranking: Walden (R-OR)	Unlikely to change.
Financial Services	Chair: Hensarling (R-TX) Ranking: Waters (D-CA)	Chair: Waters (D-CA) Ranking: McHenry (R-NC) / Luetkemeyer (R-MO)	Hensarling (R-TX) is retiring and we believe McHenry (R-NC) is likely to take the ranking post, unless he moves up in leadership. Luetkemeyer (R-MO) also could fill the slot.
Foreign Affairs	Chair: Royce (R-CA) Ranking: Engel (D-NY)	Chair: Engel (D-NY) Ranking: McCaul (R-TX)	Royce (R-CA) is retiring and McCaul (R-TX) is expected to vie for the top spot but Chabot (R-OH) may also be in the mix.
Homeland Security	Chair: McCaul (R-TX) Ranking: Thompson (D-MS)	Chair: Thompson (D-MS) Ranking: Rogers (R-AL)	If McCaul (R-TX) moves to Foreign Affairs, as expected, Rogers (R-AL) would take over as the leading Republican on the Committee.
Judiciary	Chair: Goodlatte (R-VA) Ranking: Nadler (D-NY)	Chair: Nadler (D-NY) Ranking: Collins (R-GA)	Goodlatte (R-VA) is retiring and Doug Collins (R-GA) is likely to take the ranking slot. Chabot (R-OH) also in the mix.
Natural Resources	Chair: Bishop (R-UT) Ranking: Grijalva (D-AZ)	Chair: Grijalva (D-AZ) Ranking: Bishop (R-UT)	Unlikely to change.

Post-Election Analysis & Outlook

Oversight and Government Reform	Chair: Gowdy (R-SC) Ranking: Cummings (D-MD)	Chair: Cummings (D-MD) Ranking: Jordan (R-OH)	Gowdy (R-SC) is retiring and Jordan (R-OH) could take over, but he is also seeking a leadership role.
Rules	Chair: Sessions (R-TX) Ranking: McGovern (D-MA)	Chair: McGovern (D-MA) Ranking: TBD	Sessions (R-TX) lost reelection.
Science, Space, and Technology	Chair: Smith (R-TX) Ranking: Johnson (D-TX)	Chair: Johnson (D-TX) Ranking: Lucas (R-OK)	Lucas (R-OK) is expected to be the top Republican, but Sensenbrenner (R-WI) has two remaining years to claim on the Science Committee.
Small Business	Chair: Chabot (R-OH) Ranking: Velazquez (D-NY)	Chair: Velazquez (D-NY) Ranking: TBD	If Chabot (R-OH) relinquishes his gavel for another committee, several Republicans could take over. Steve Knight (R-CA) is at the top of the list but has his own tough reelection.
Transportation and Infrastructure	Chair: Shuster (R-PA) Ranking: DeFazio (D-OR)	Chair: DeFazio (D-OR) Ranking: S. Graves (R-MO)	There is likely to be competitive bid between Graves (R-MO) and Denham (R-CA) for the top Republican spot. Denham (R-CA) has remained close to McCarthy, but his support for an immigration discharge petition could hurt him within the conference. Denham (R-CA) is also still in a too close to call race.
Veterans' Affairs	Chair: Roe (R-TX) Ranking: Walz (D-MN)	Chair: Takano (D-CA) Ranking: Roe (R-TX)	Walz (D-MN) is exiting, positioning Takano (D-CA) to be the top Democrat.
Ways and Means	Chair: Brady (R-TX) Ranking: Neal (D-MA)	Chair: Neal (D-MA) Ranking: Brady (R-TX)	Unlikely to change.
Intelligence	Chair: Nunes (R-CA) Ranking: Schiff (D-CA)	Chair: Schiff (D-WA) Ranking: Nunes (R-CA)	Nunes' (R-CA) chances of continuing as top Republican on the committee are not certain. GOP committee leader is not voted on in conference but by the Speaker/Minority Leader.