

# 2020 U.S. ELECTIONS ROUNDUP

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# INTRODUCTION

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Welcome to McGuireWoods Consulting's 2020 U.S. Elections Roundup interactive website – your one-stop resource for this year's presidential, congressional, gubernatorial, attorneys general and state legislative races.

Complete with concise information about how elections are shaping up around the country – including snapshots of primary results and hot-button ballot initiatives – our site provides a landscape view of our nation's political scene and insights on potential shifts in the tide.

Our goal is to provide business leaders and constituents quick, reliable access to comprehensive information about this year's elections. Based on a compilation of public polling and forecasting data collected and analyzed by *Politico*, *UVA Center for Elections*, *Inside Elections*, *270toWin* and the *Cook Political Report*, information provided on our site will be updated as appropriate.

We hope you find our site helpful, and please let us know if you have any questions about our country's most anticipated elections.



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# WHY ARE THE 2020 STATE ELECTIONS IMPORTANT?

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During a presidential election, state races often take a backseat. But for 2020, the electoral battles in the states are critical because there is much at stake: Whichever party ends up controlling the governorships and state legislatures in key states after the election will have substantial influence over the congressional redistricting process after the 2020 census.

How district maps are drawn will have an impact on state and congressional races for the next 10 years. New maps could increase the number of seats in Congress for one party or the other, effectively giving one party an advantage in securing majorities in state legislatures and the U.S. House of Representatives.

Control of governorships and state legislatures will also impact policymaking, as a growing number of states are taking the initiative to legislate on issues that the federal government has yet to address. For example, since the start of the Trump Administration, we have witnessed elected leaders in blue states playing a significant and prominent role in fighting federal policies that they view as adverse to the interests of their constituents. Democratic state attorneys general have mounted a firewall against President Trump's policies on issues like immigration and energy development, launching a number of lawsuits to oppose controversial administration policies. Such resistance isn't new – during the Obama Administration, Republican state attorneys general challenged executive actions and policies in much the same way.

Amidst all the predictions and possibility for upsets, one thing remains certain – this year's state elections are among the most widely anticipated in many years because of their potential to create shifts in in the political landscape of our country that extend far beyond state lines.

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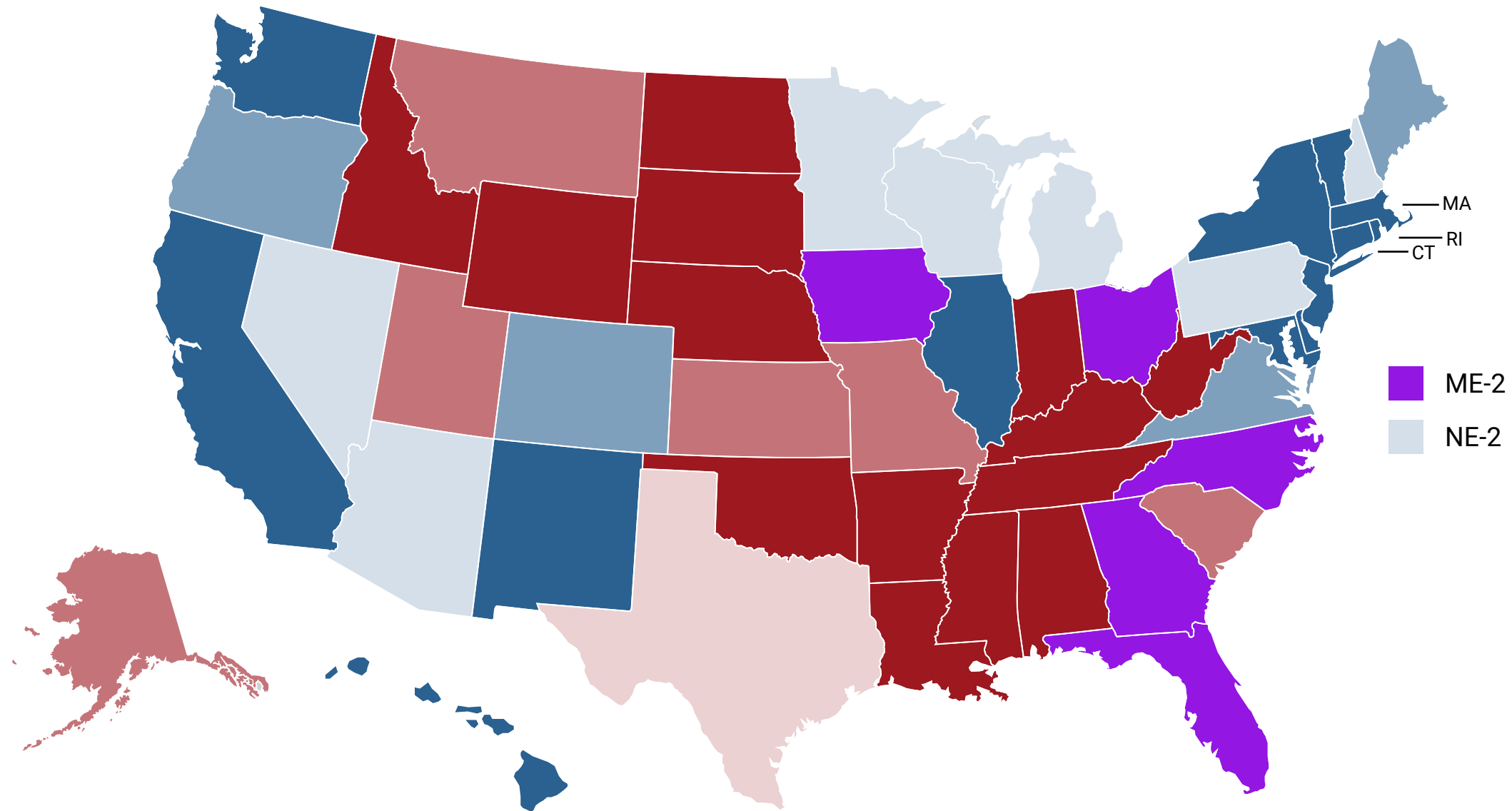
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# PRESIDENTIAL RACE PROJECTIONS

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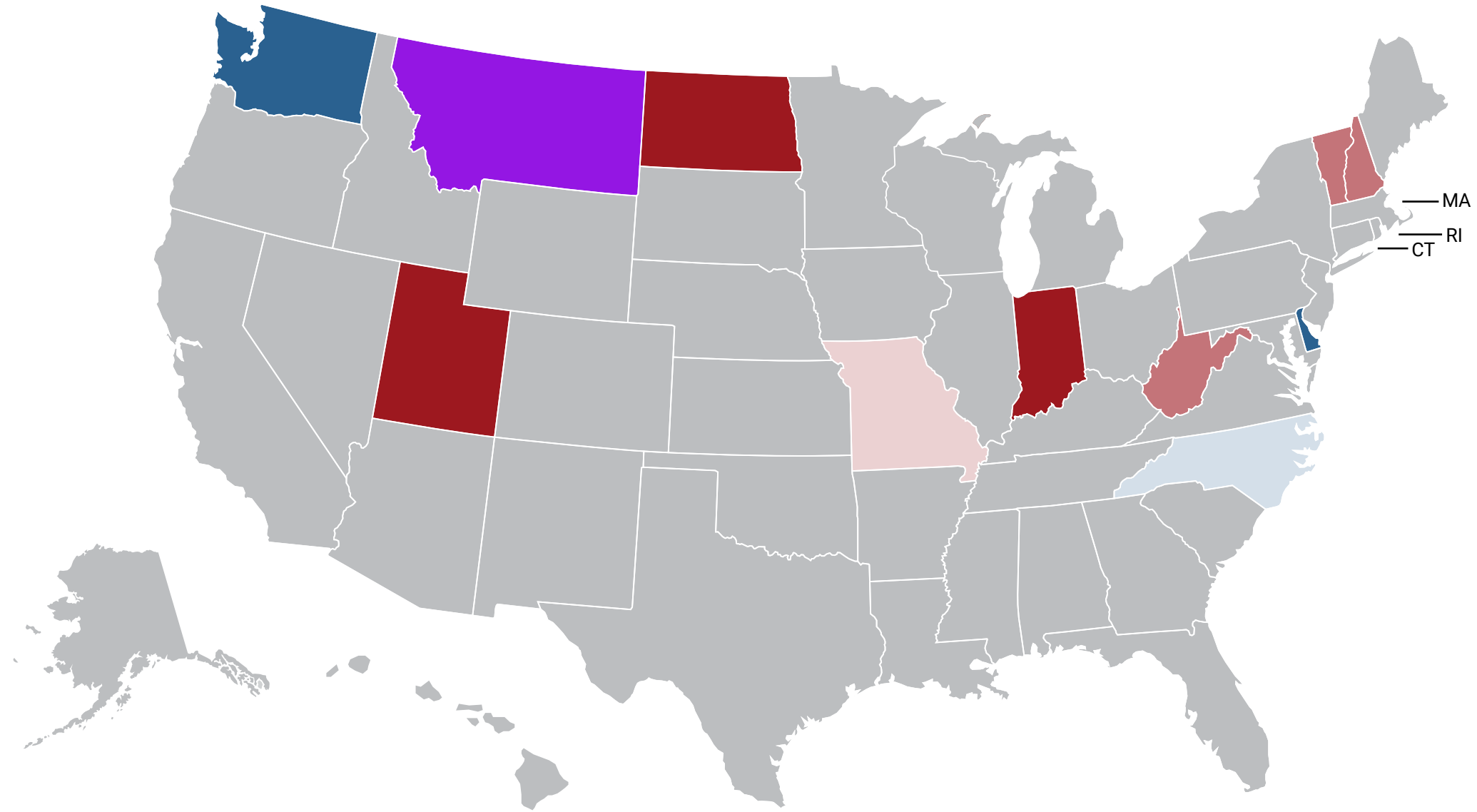
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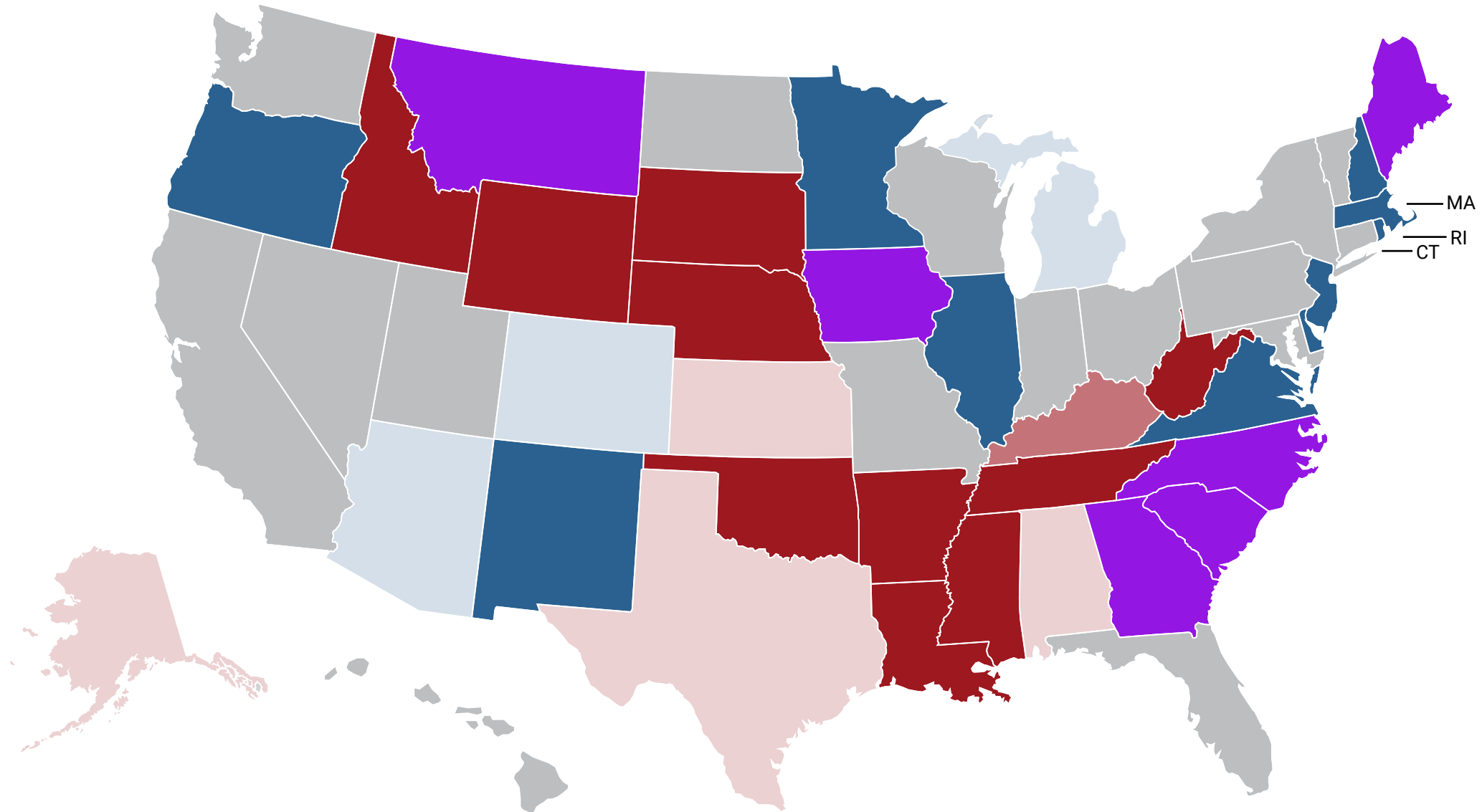
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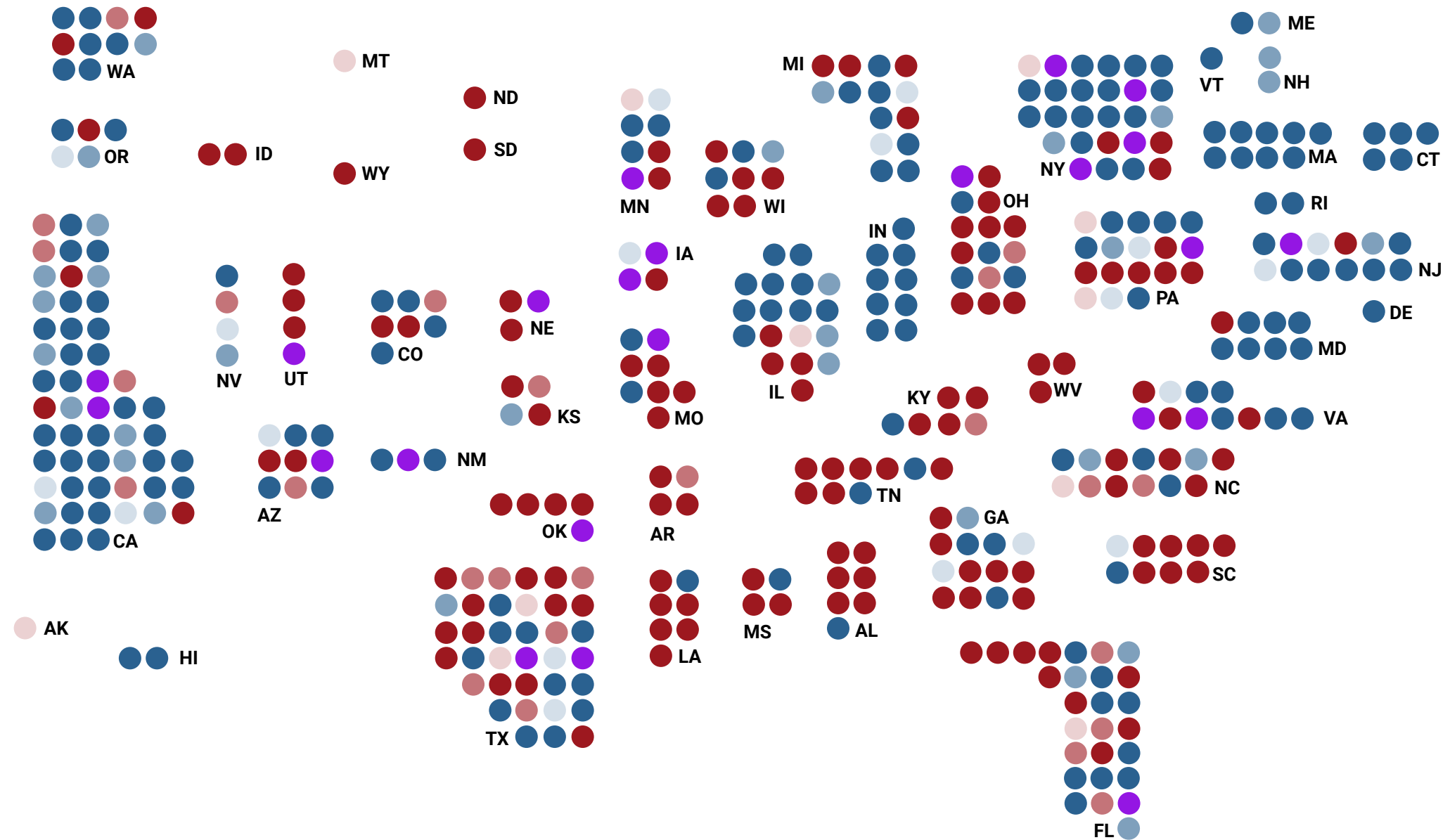
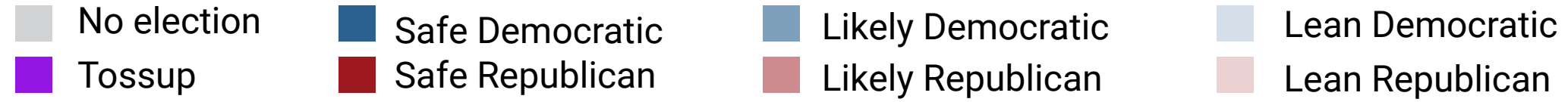
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# U.S. HOUSE RACE PROJECTIONS

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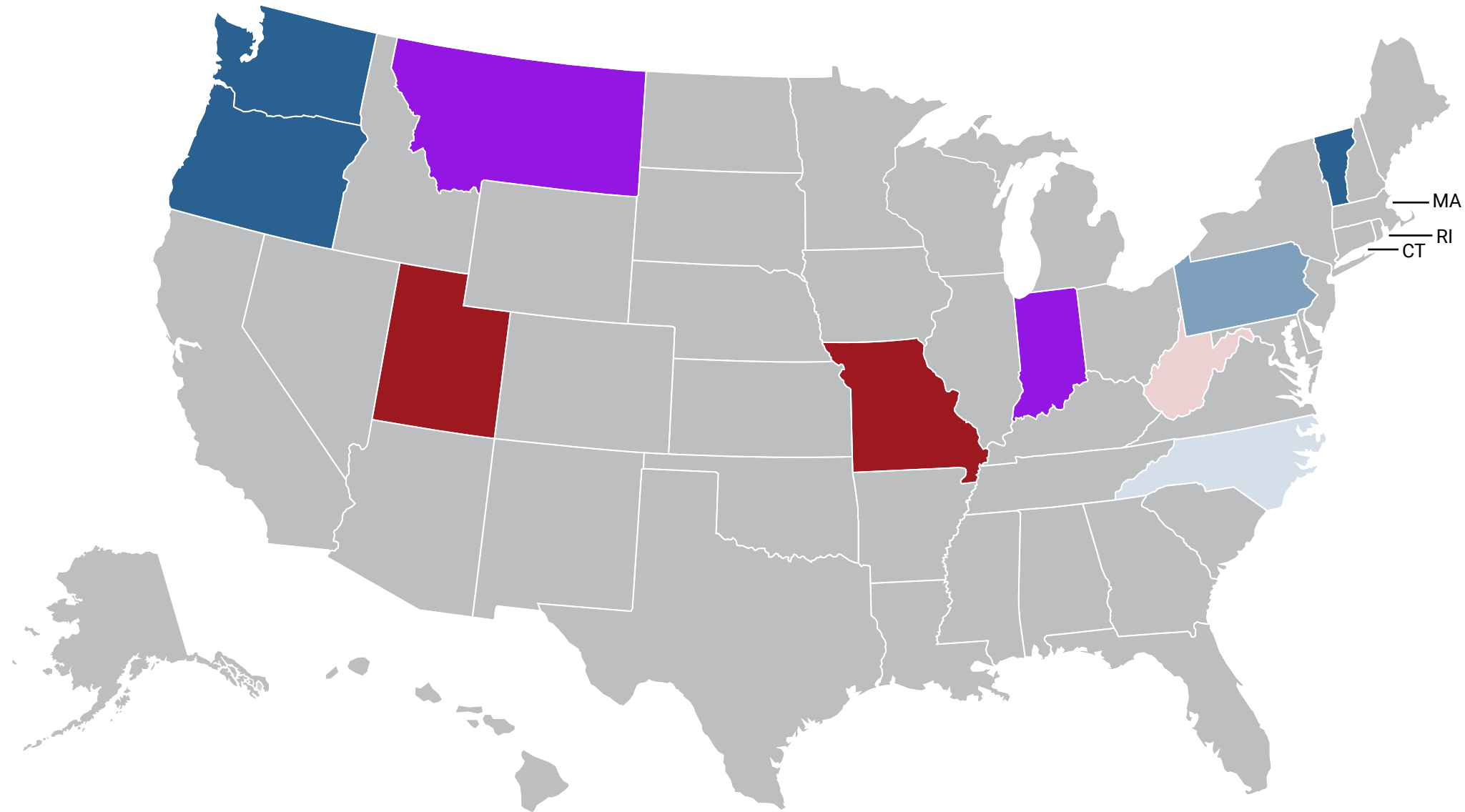




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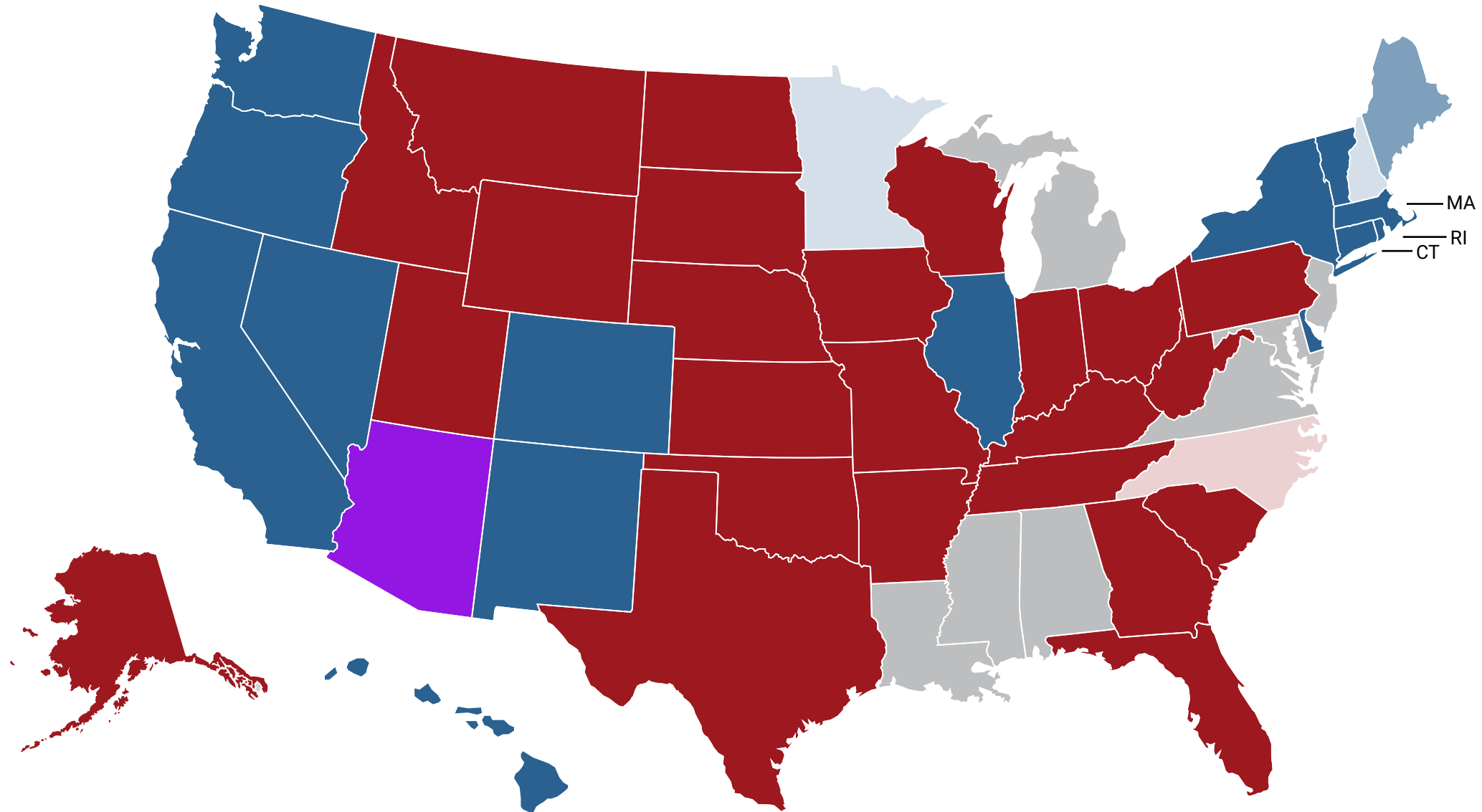
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# STATE LEGISLATIVE RACES: SENATE CHAMBERS

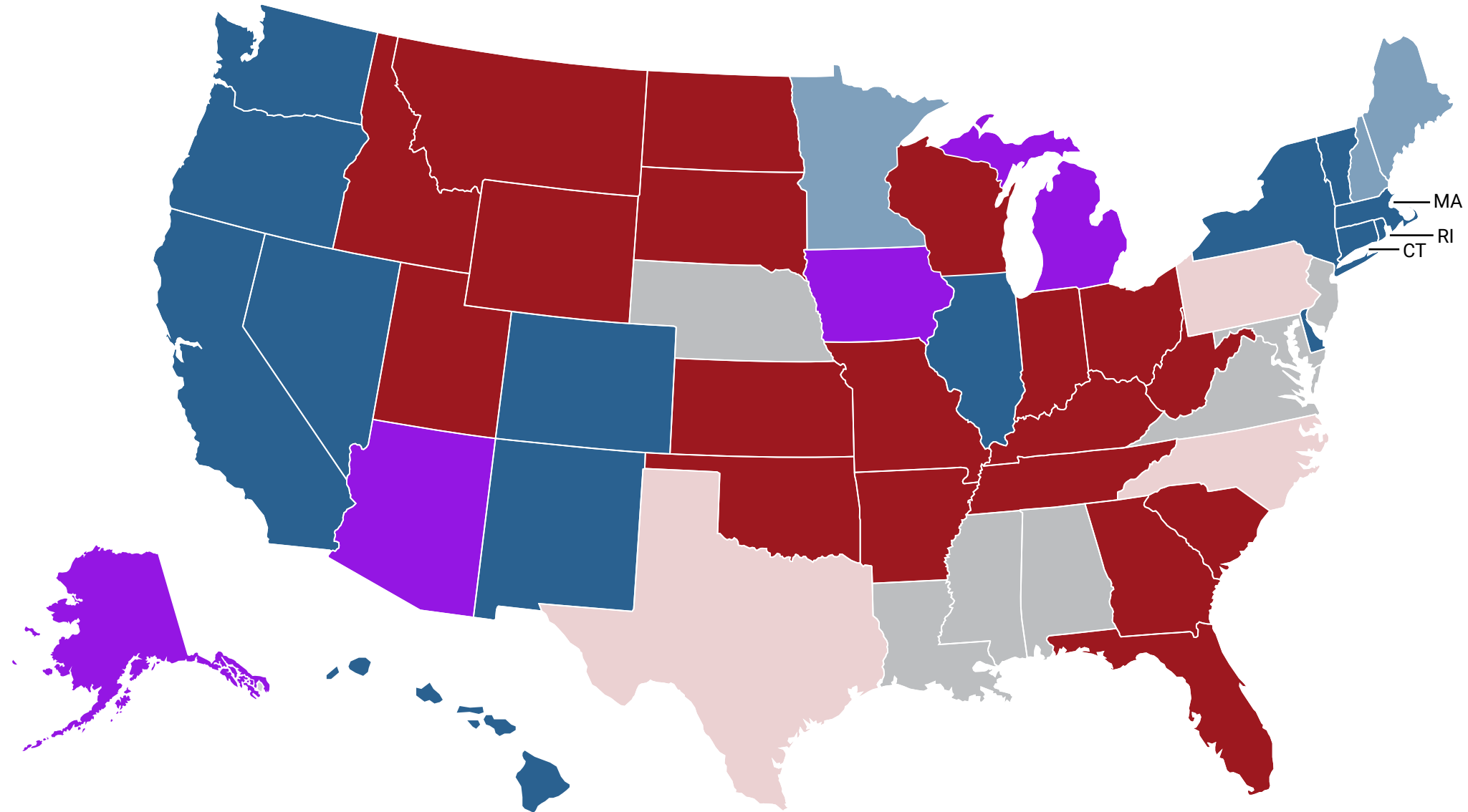
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# STATE LEGISLATIVE RACES: HOUSE CHAMBERS

This map projects which party will hold the majority in each state's House chamber. The information in this presentation is based on the latest publicly available data and is subject to change. Sources: Politico, UVA Center for Elections, Inside Elections, 270toWin, Cook Political Report. Last updated October 16, 2020.

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# ALABAMA

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Safe R

9 Electoral Votes

Donald Trump won 62% of the vote in Alabama in 2016. The last Democrat to win in Alabama was Jimmy Carter in 1976.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Kay Ivey (R)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Projected **Lean R**

Current: Richard Shelby (R); Doug Jones (D)

### House

Projected **Safe R**

Current: 6-1 R

AL-01 Safe R

AL-02 Safe R

AL-03 Safe R

AL-04 Safe R

AL-05 Safe R

AL-06 Safe R

AL-07 Safe D

All seven House seats are up for election in 2020. The current makeup of the districts is projected to remain the same. The only Democratic seat is held by Terri Sewell (7th congressional district), who is projected to win reelection easily. Senator Doug Jones is up for reelection in 2020. As a Democratic Senator in a red state, his chance of reelection is particularly slim. Former Auburn football coach Tommy Tuberville won the runoff in the Republican primary and will face Jones in the general election.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Steve Marshall (R)

The next election is in 2022

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Current 27-8 R

### House

Current 77-28 R

The next election for state legislative chambers is 2022.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Health Care: Alabama has been consistently ranked one of the worst states for health care quality and access, especially in rural areas.
- Education: Alabama also ranks low in education quality and opportunity, and most voters agree that major changes are needed.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Governor Ivey postponed the Republican U.S. Senate runoff from March 31 to July 14
- Governor Ivey moved Alabama into its first stage of reopening on May 1 after extending the state's stay-at-home order until the end of April. Alabama has since remained in the broader stage of reopening put in place in late May.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

There are four legislatively referred constitutional amendments (LRCA) that will appear on the ballot on November 3, 2020.

- Judicial System Restructuring Amendment: Makes changes to judicial law and court systems and procedures
- Authorize Legislature to Recompile the State Constitution Amendment: Authorizes the state legislature during the 2022 regular session to recompile the Alabama Constitution and provide for its ratification
- Citizen Requirement for Voting Amendment: States that only a citizen can vote in Alabama
- Judicial Vacancies Amendment: Provide that a judge, other than a probate judge, appointed to fill a vacancy would serve an initial term until the first Monday after the second Tuesday in January following the next general election after the judge has completed two years in office



# ALASKA

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

**Projected Likely R**  
3 Electoral Votes

## GOVERNOR

**Current Governor**  
Mike Dunleavy (R)  
**The next election is in 2022**

## U.S. CONGRESS

**Senate**  
Projected **Lean R**  
Current: Lisa Murkowski (R); *Dan Sullivan (R)*

**House**  
Projected **Lean R**  
Current: 1-0 R  
At-Large District  
Likely R

Incumbent Don Young will face Independent Alysse Galvin for the state's one at-large congressional district. Incumbent Senator Daniel S. Sullivan will face Independent Al Gross in the general election.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Current Attorney General**  
Kevin Clarkson (R)  
Appointed by Governor.

## STATE LEGISLATURE

**Senate**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current 13-7 R

**House**  
Projected **Tossup**  
Current 23-16-1 R

With Alaska's Senate safely in Republican hands, the Democrats are working with a splinter faction of moderate Republicans to control the House.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Budget/Taxes
- Energy/Environment
- Prisons/Corrections

## COVID-19 IMPACT

Political party events: The Democratic Party of Alaska canceled in-person voting in its presidential preference primary, originally scheduled for April 4, 2020. All voting was conducted by mail. The receipt deadline for mail-in ballots was April 20, 2020.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

- Two statewide measures were certified for the ballot.
- Top-Four Ranked-Choice Voting and Campaign Finance Initiative: Changes to Alaska's election policies, including top-four primaries, ranked-choice voting, and campaign finance laws.
  - Alaska North Slope Oil Production Tax Increase Initiative: Increase taxes on certain oil production in the North Slope.



# ARIZONA

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Lean D

11 Electoral Votes

Arizona will be a battleground state in 2020. In 2016, Donald Trump won only 48.7 % of the vote, leaving Democrats hopeful that they will be able to win the state.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Doug Ducey (R)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Projected **Lean D**

Current: *Martha McSally (R)*; *Kyrsten Sinema (D)*

### House

Projected **Likely D**

Current: 5-4 D

AZ-01 Lean D

AZ-02 Safe D

AZ-03 Safe D

AZ-04 Safe R

AZ-05 Safe R

AZ-06 Tossup

AZ-07 Safe D

AZ-08 Likely R

AZ-09 Safe D

The most interesting seat up for election is in District 6, where Rep. David Schweickart (R) won re-election in 2018. Due to an ethics investigation into Schweickart's campaign, the Democrats are hoping to make gains in the district. Schweickart is still expected to win, though, and the 5-4 ratio is projected to remain unchanged in 2020. Incumbent Senator Martha McSally (R) will face Democratic challenger Mark Kelly, who represents a formidable challenge. The race may be one of the most expensive in 2020.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Mark Brnovich (R)

The next election is in 2022

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Tossup**

Current 17-13 R

### House

Projected **Tossup**

Current 31-29 R

With a strong performance from Democrats in 2018, they have a chance to flip control of both houses in 2020.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Education: Arizona has been ranked low in per-pupil spending, and voters want legislators to increase education spending.
- Immigration: As a border state, Immigration has long been an important issue for Arizona. With the recent Supreme Court DACA decision, discussions around immigration are likely to be prominent heading into the 2020 election.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Gov. Doug Ducey (R), issued a stay-at-home order on March 31 and extended the state's stay-at-home order through May 15. As of June 15, businesses in the retail, food and drink, personal care, outdoor and recreation, and entertainment sectors are open with restrictions.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

- Proposition 207: Legalizes the recreational possession and use of marijuana
- Proposition 208: Increases the tax on incomes exceeding \$250,000 for teacher salaries and schools



# ARKANSAS

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Safe R

6 Electoral Votes

Donald Trump won 60.6% of the vote in Arkansas in 2016. The last Democrat to win in Alabama was Bill Clinton in 1996.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Asa Hutchinson (R)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Projected **Safe R**

Current: John Boozman (R); Tom Cotton (R)

### House

Projected **Safe R**

Current: 4-0 R  
AR-01 Safe R  
AR-02 Likely R  
AR-03 Safe R  
AR-04 Safe R

All four House seats are up for election in 2020. The current makeup of the districts is projected to remain the same. The 2nd congressional district (incumbent French Hill) is expected to have the closest race, but remain in Republican control. Senator Tom Cotton is up for reelection in 2020. Due to struggles within the Arkansas Democratic Party, Cotton will not face a Democratic challenger, instead facing opposition from Libertarian Ricky Harrington Jr. and Independent Dan Whitfield. Cotton has gained recognition for his strong support of President Trump during his first term in the U.S. Senate, and is expected to win reelection easily.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Leslie Rutledge (R)

The next election is in 2022

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe R**

Current 26-9 R

### House

Projected **Safe R**

Current 76-24 R

Democrats might be able to take few extra seats; the GOP's majorities are big enough to remain secure.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Meth Epidemic: Arkansas leads the US in methamphetamine use, with 28.7 positivity rate (8% higher than second-ranked state).
- Health Care: Arkansas ranks near the bottom of US states in health care quality and access.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

Governor Hutchinson never implemented an official stay-at-home order, but instead ordered the closing of some high-contact businesses. Arkansas began reopening many of these businesses in early May and increased capacity limits for some business sectors in mid-June.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

There is one veto referendum (VR) that will appear on the ballot on November 3, 2020.

- Practice of Optometry Referendum: Maintains Act 579 (House Bill 1251) to amend the definition of practice of optometry to allow optometrists to perform surgical procedures

There are three legislatively referred constitutional amendments (LRCA) that will appear on the ballot on November 3, 2020.

- Transportation Sales Tax Continuation Amendment: Continues a 0.5% sales tax for transportation
- Change State Legislative Term Limits Amendment: Changes term limits to twelve consecutive years for state legislators with the opportunity to return after a four-year break (currently six consecutive years for Representatives and eight consecutive years for Senators)
- Initiative Process and Legislative Referral Requirements Amendment: Changes initiative process and legislative referral requirements



# CALIFORNIA

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Safe D

55 Electoral Votes

California has voted Democrat in Presidential elections in seven straight elections, and in 2016, Hillary Clinton won the state by 30 percentage points.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Gavin Newsom (D)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Current: Kamala Harris (D); Dianne Feinstein (D)

### House

Projected **Safe D**

Current: 47-7 D

CA-02, 05, 06, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 40, 41, 43, 44, 46, 47, 51, 52, 53 Safe D  
CA-03, 07, 09, 10, 16, 24, 31, 36, 45, 49 Likely D  
CA-39, 48 Lean D  
CA-08, 23, 50 Safe R  
CA-01, 04, 22, 42 Likely R  
CA-21, 25 Tossup

With only 4 districts designated as leaning or tossups, there isn't likely to be a significant change in the overall ratio of representatives from California. No California Senate seats are up for election in 2020.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Xavier Becerra (D)

The next election is in 2022

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe D**  
Current 29-11 D

### Assembly

Projected **Safe D**  
Current 61-17-1 D

Democrats possess lopsided control of both chambers in California, and may be able to expand their margins slightly due to President Trump's unpopularity in the state.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Environment: With droughts as a common problem, sustainable policies related to water use (and other areas) are quite important to California voters.
- Budget: Over the past few years, California has been seeking to rebalance their state budget after years of deficit spending.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order to send mail-in ballots to all voters for the November 3, 2020 elections.
- On March 19, California became the first state to issue a stay-at-home order. On June 12, approved counties were allowed to reopen gyms, restaurants, hotels, bars, wineries, and family entertainment centers. TV and music production were also allowed to resume. Retail is open statewide, but certain counties still have restrictions in place.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

- Proposition 14: Issues \$5.5 billion in bonds for state stem cell research institute
- Proposition 15: Requires commercial and industrial properties to be taxed based on market value
- Proposition 16: Repeals Proposition 209 (1996), which says that the state cannot discriminate or grant preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, education, or contracting
- Proposition 17: Restores the right to vote to people convicted of felonies who are on parole
- Proposition 18: Allows 17-year-olds who will be 18 at the time of the next general election to vote in primaries and special elections
- Proposition 19: Changes tax assessment transfers and inheritance rules
- Proposition 20: Makes changes to policies related to criminal sentencing charges, prison release, and DNA collection
- Proposition 21: Expands local governments' power to use rent control
- Proposition 22: Considers app-based drivers to be independent contractors and enacts several labor policies related to app-based companies
- Proposition 23: Requires physician on-site at dialysis clinics and consent from the state for a clinic to close
- Proposition 24: Expands the provisions of the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) and creates the California Privacy Protection Agency to implement and enforce the CCPA
- Proposition 25: Replaces cash bail with risk assessments for suspects awaiting trial



## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Likely D

9 Electoral Votes

In 2016, Hillary Clinton won Colorado with 48.2% of the vote, while President Trump only gained 43.3% of the vote.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Jared Polis (D)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Projected **Lean D**

Current: *Cory Gardner* (R); Michael Bennet (D)

### House

Projected **Safe D**

Current: 4-3 D

CO-01 Safe D  
CO-02 Safe D  
CO-03 Likely R  
CO-04 Safe R  
CO-05 Safe R  
CO-06 Safe D  
CO-07 Safe D

Incumbent Senator Cory Gardner is in a weak position after his first term, and is in the midst of a vicious race where he will face former Gov. John Hickenlooper. The previous two races were decided by 1.7% and 1.6% of the vote respectively.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Phil Weiser (D)

The next election is in 2022

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe D**

Current 19-16 D

### House

Projected **Safe D**

Current 41-24 D

Colorado has transitioned from a purple state to an increasingly blue state. Democrats should be able to hold on to both legislative chambers in 2020.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Health Care
- Climate Change

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Colorado has passed laws to ensure that people will be working within public safety regulations, and distance properly.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

- Amendment 76: Amends the Colorado Constitution to state that “only a citizen” of the U.S. can vote in federal, state, and local elections, instead of the existing language that says “every citizen” of the U.S. can vote
- Amendment 77: Allows voters in Central City, Black Hawk, and Cripple Creek to vote to expand allowed gaming types and bet limits
- Proposition 113: Joins Colorado into the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, awarding Colorado’s electoral votes to the winner of the national popular vote
- Proposition 114: Reintroduces gray wolves on public lands
- Proposition 115: Prohibits abortion after 22 weeks gestational age
- Proposition 116: Decreases the state income tax rate from 4.63% to 4.55%
- Proposition 117: Requires voter approval of new enterprises that are exempt from TABOR if their revenue is greater than \$50 million within its first five years
- Proposition 118: Establishes a program for paid medical and family leave
- Amendment B: Repeals the Gallagher Amendment of 1982, which limited the residential and non-residential property tax assessment rates so that residential property taxes amounted to 45% of the total share of state property taxes and non-residential property taxes amounted to 55% of the total share of state property taxes
- Amendment C: Requires charitable organizations to have existed for three years before obtaining a charitable gaming license instead of five years; allows charitable organizations to hire managers and operators of gaming activities so long as they are not paid more than the minimum wage
- Proposition EE: Increases taxes on tobacco, creates a new tax on nicotine products such as e-cigarettes; dedicates funds to education and health programs



# CONNECTICUT

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

**Projected Safe D**  
7 Electoral Votes

## GOVERNOR

**Current Governor**  
Ned Lamont (D)  
**The next election is in 2022**

## U.S. CONGRESS

**Senate**  
Current: Chris  
Murphy (D); Richard  
Blumenthal (D)

**House**  
Projected **Safe D**  
Current 5-0 D  
CT-01 Safe D  
CT-02 Safe D  
CT-03 Safe D  
CT-04 Safe D  
CT-05 Safe D

Voters will elect five candidates to serve in the U.S. House from each of the state's five congressional districts. No Connecticut Senate seats up for election in 2020.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Current Attorney General**  
William Tong (D)  
**The next election is in 2022**

## STATE LEGISLATURE

**Senate**  
Projected **Safe D**  
Current 22-14 D

**House**  
Projected **Safe D**  
Current 91-60 D

Low popularity ratings of recent Democratic governors - Gov. Malloy and Gov. Lamont - have put Republicans in striking distance of taking the House, but both chambers are likely to stay in Democratic control in 2020.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Budget/taxes
- Labor
- Prisons

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Election postponements: Gov. Ned Lamont issued an executive order postponing the state's presidential preference primary to August 11, 2020, coinciding with the statewide primary election also scheduled to take place that day.
- Candidate filing procedures: Lamont issued an executive order reducing petition signature requirements for all candidates by 30 percent. He also extended the filing deadlines for major-party and unaffiliated candidates by two days, to June 11, 2020 and August 7, 2020, respectively.
- Voting procedures: Lamont issued an executive order extending absentee voting eligibility to any registered voter in the August 11, 2020, primary if there is no "federally approved and widely available vaccine for prevention of COVID-19" at the time he or she requests an absentee ballot.



# DELAWARE

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Safe D

3 Electoral Votes

In 2016 Hillary Clinton won Delaware by 11.3% of the vote over President Trump, and not much has changed for voters.

## GOVERNOR

### Democratic Candidates

- John Carney (Incumbent)
- David Lamar Williams, Jr.

### Republican Candidates

- Kevin Baron
- Bryant Richardson

### Primary will be held Sept. 15, 2020

- Incumbent John Carney (D) is seeking reelection. He was first elected in 2016, with 58% of the vote.
- No Republican has won a Governor race in Delaware since 1988.
- This race is projected as a **safe Democratic victory**.

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Projected **Safe D**

Current: *Christopher Coons (D)*; Tom Carper (D)

### House

Projected **Safe D**

Current: 1-0 D District At-Large Safe D

The incumbent's previous victory in the House was a 28.9% victory. This is a strong Democratic seat. Senator Chris Coons is up for reelection.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Kathy Jennings (D)

The next election is in 2022

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe D**

Current 12-9 D

### House

Projected **Safe D**

Current 26-15 D

Even with a close margin in the Senate, the solidly Democratic state is expected to remain that way.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Budget: Spending increased by 5% in the state of Delaware, and voters are not keen on that affecting their taxes, as 40% of the state's money is made off of income tax.
- Student Debt: Delaware students have the highest student debt out of any state in the country. Voters will be keen to see education finance reform.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Election postponements: Governor John Carney (D) postponed Delaware's presidential preference primary to July 7, 2020. He also postponed school board elections to July 21, 2020.
- Voting procedures: Carney directed election officials to mail absentee ballot applications automatically to all eligible voters in the presidential preference primary.





# FLORIDA

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Tossup

29 Electoral Votes

Donald Trump won Florida in 2016 with 49% of the vote. Florida has historically been a key battleground state. George W. Bush won both campaigns in the state in 2000 and 2004 and Barack Obama won both campaigns in 2008 and 2012. The last time a candidate won Florida and lost the national election was George H.W. Bush in 1992.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Ron DeSantis (R)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Current: Marco Rubio (R); Rick Scott (R)

### House

Projected **Likely R**  
Current: 14-13 R  
FL-05, 10, 13, 14, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 Safe D  
FL-07, 09, 27 Likely D  
FL-26 Tossup  
FL-15 Lean R  
FL-06, 16, 18, 25 Likely R  
FL-01, 02, 03, 04, 08, 11, 12, 17, 19 Safe R

All 27 House seats are up for election in 2020. The current makeup of the districts is projected to remain the same. The closest races are projected to be in 13th and 26th congressional districts (Democrat controlled) and the 15th congressional district (Republican controlled). Neither U.S. Senate seat from Florida is up for election in 2020. Marco Rubio will be up for reelection in 2022.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Ashley Moody (R)

The next election is in 2022

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe R**  
Current 23-17 R

### House

Projected **Safe R**  
Current 73-47 R

Florida Democrats haven't controlled either chamber since the mid-1990s.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Criminal justice reform
- Water quality/environmental issues
- Bringing back tourism
- Abortion: The Republican legislature in Florida has introduced measures to put restrictions on abortions. A conservative Florida Supreme Court seems likely to uphold these laws should they be passed.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- The Secretary of State authorized candidates to submit qualifying documents electronically.
- Governor DeSantis gradually began reopening businesses in May, eventually reopening bars and entertainment venues in some counties in early June. However, due to a sharp increase in cases, DeSantis began to shut down bars again on June 26.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

There are four initiated constitutional amendments (CICA) that will appear on the ballot on November 3, 2020.

- Amendment 1: States in the state Constitution that only U.S. citizens can vote in federal, state, local, or school elections
- Amendment 2: Increases the state minimum wage to \$15 by 2026
- Amendment 3: Establishes a top-two open primary system for state office primary elections
- Amendment 4: Requires voter-approved constitutional amendments to be approved by voters at a second general election

There are two legislatively referred constitutional amendments (LRCA) that will appear on the ballot on November 3, 2020.

- Amendment 5: Increases the period during which a person may transfer "Save Our Homes" benefits to a new homestead property from two years to three years
- Amendment 6: Allows a homestead property tax discount to be transferred to the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran



# GEORGIA

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Tossup

16 Electoral Votes

Republicans have carried the state by constant margins (approx 5%) for the last several years, making a Republican victory likely in 2020.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Brian Kemp (R)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Projected **Tossup**

Current: *Kelly Loeffler (R); David Perdue (R)*

### House

Projected **Safe R**

Current: 9-5 R

GA-01, 03, 09, 10, 11, 12, 14 Safe R

GA-04, 05, 13 Safe D

GA-02 Likely D

GA-06, 07 Lean D

District 6 and District 7 are the races to watch. In District 6, Lucy McBath (D) defeated Karen Handel (R) by 1 percentage point. Handel is running against Mcbath again, making the seat vulnerable for Democrats. In District 7, Rob Woodall (R) is retiring and his seat is in a district where Republican margins of victory have been declining over since 2016. However, Trump carried the district by 6% in 2016. Sen. Perdue's (R) race is a tossup, and Kelly Loeffler (R) will run in a primary election on Nov. 3. She was appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp (R) after Sen Johnny Isakson (R) retired in 2019. The final election will take place in January.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Chris Carr (R)

The next election is in 2022

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe R**

Current 34-21 R

### House

Projected **Safe R**

Current 105-75 R

It's reasonable to expect some Democratic gains, especially in the Atlanta suburbs where there's been some Democratic growth. Still, the margins in Georgia are too wide for Democrats to be optimistic about flipping either chamber in 2020.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Budget: Gov. Brian Kemp's plan to decrease the state budget will be a main topic of discussion in the state legislature.
- Social issues: Issues from gun control to abortion rights are likely to remain controversial issues in the Georgia Legislature.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- The primary was postponed to June 9, and absentee ballots were sent to all active voters for the primary elections.
- Gov. Brain Kemp (R) issued a statewide shelter in place on April 3 and began removing restrictions on April 24. Outdoor recreation, gyms, personal-care businesses such as salons and barbershops, theaters and restaurant dine-in services, and bars and nightclubs are all re-opened. The only major restriction still in place restricts conventions and large-venue gatherings. These are set to be opened with restrictions on July 1.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

### Ballot Initiatives:

- Authorizes the Georgia Legislature to dedicate tax or fee revenue to the public purpose for which the taxes or fees were imposed
- Allows residents to seek declaratory relief from state or local laws that violate the state Constitution or state law



# HAWAII

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Safe D

4 Electoral Votes

Hillary Clinton won Hawaii in 2016 with 62.9% of the vote. The last Republican to win Hawaii was Ronald Reagan in 1984.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

David Ige (D)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Current: Brian Schatz (D), Mazie Hirono (D)

### House

Projected **Safe D**

Current: 2-0 D

HI-01 Safe D

HI-02 Safe D

Both House seats are up for election in 2020. The current makeup of the districts is projected to remain the same. The Congresswoman for the 2nd congressional district, Tulsi Gabbard, ran for the Democratic Presidential nomination and declined to run for reelection to her Congressional seat, but her seat is projected to be filled by a Democratic candidate. Neither U.S. Senate seat from Hawaii is up for election in 2020. Brian Schatz will be up for reelection in 2022.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Clare Connors (D)

Appointed by Governor

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe D**

Current 24-1 D

### House

Projected **Safe D**

Current 46-5 D

During the Trump presidency, Republican numbers have sunk to extreme lows in the Hawaii Legislature. These are two of the safest Democratic chambers in the nation.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Affordable Housing: Hawaii has one of the highest costs of living in the US and homelessness has become a serious issue in the state.
- Budget: In recent years, Hawaii has run a rather large budget deficit, with increased government spending.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- In-person voting in the party-administered presidential preference primary was canceled, with the deadline for returning complete ballots by mails set for May 22.
- Governor Ige began Hawaii's reopening process in early May. Each island is allowed to set its own reopening timeline, with the governor's approval.



# IDAHO

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

**Projected Safe R**  
4 Electoral Votes

## GOVERNOR

**Current Governor**  
Brad Little (R)  
**The next election is in 2022**

## U.S. CONGRESS

**Senate**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current: *James Risch* (R); Mike Crapo (R)

**House**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current 2-0 R  
ID-01 Safe R  
ID-02 Safe R

Voters will elect two candidates to serve in the U.S. House from each of the state's two congressional districts, as well as the Class II Senate seat held by Jim Risch (R).

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Current Attorney General**  
Lawrence Wasden (R)  
**The next election is in 2022**

## STATE LEGISLATURE

**Senate**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current 28-7 R

**House**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current 56-14 R

Republicans are expected to maintain control in this solidly red state.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Healthcare
- Energy/Environment
- Education

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Election postponements: Governor Brad Little (R) and Secretary of State Lawrence Denney (R) ordered that Idaho's May 19, 2020, primary election be conducted by mail. The receipt deadline for mail-in ballots was set for June 2, 2020.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

- There is one statewide ballot measure certified to appear on the ballot.
- Require 35 Legislative Districts Amendment: States in the Idaho Constitution that there shall be 35 state legislative districts.



# ILLINOIS

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Safe D

20 Electoral Votes

Democrats have won the state by convincing margins in the last several elections.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

J.B. Pritzker (D)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Projected **Safe D**

Current: Tammy

Duckworth (D); *Dick*

*Durbin (D)*

### House

Projected **Safe D**

Current: 13-5 D

IL-01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07,

08, 09, 10, 11 Safe D

IL-06, 14, 17 Likely D

IL-12, 15, 16 18 Safe R

IL-13 Lean R

District 13 was won by Republicans by less than one percentage point in 2018. It should be noted that census outcomes are projecting Illinois to lose a House seat by the 2024 election. Democrats have carried the Senator Dick Durbin's seat by high margins in the past three elections; his reelection is quite likely.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Kwame Raoul (D)

The next election is in 2022

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe D**

Current 40-19 D

### House

Projected **Safe D**

Current 74-44 D

Democrats have a strong majority in both chambers, and are expected to keep that lead in 2020.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Budget Policy: Illinois passed budgets the last two cycles after a few years of budget stalemates. Sports betting and cannabis are legalized and producing revenue. To ease the pension obligations, the Governor is seeking passage of a constitutional amendment to move from a flat tax to a graduated income tax.
- Energy: Ethics concerns and investigations have infiltrated the negotiations of a comprehensive energy bill. The bill is an ambitious to push for zero emissions by 2050, electrify the transportation system, and assist existing baseload generation.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Less stringent regulations for candidate petitions. No change to voting procedures.
- Gov. J. D. Pritzker (D) issued a statewide stay-at-home order on March 21 and began partial reopening on May 1. On May 29, the state began its third phase of reopening, allowing retail stores to open and businesses in many industries to begin operations with social distancing restrictions.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

There is one approved ballot initiative that will allow voters to decide if the state should enact a graduated income tax.







# INDIANA

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Safe R

11 Electoral Votes

Donald Trump won Indiana in 2016 with 56.5% of the vote. Vice President Mike Pence is the former Governor of Indiana, which provides an added strategic advantage for the Trump campaign in the state. The last Democrat to win Indiana was Barack Obama during his first election in 2008.

## GOVERNOR

### Democratic Nominee

Woody Myers

### Republican Nominee

Eric Holcomb  
(Incumbent)

- Incumbent Eric Holcomb is running for reelection. Both candidates ran uncontested in the primary.
- This race is projected as a **safe Republican victory**.

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Current: Todd Young (R); Mike Braun (R)

### House

Projected **Likely R**  
Current 7-2 R  
IN-02, 03, 04, 06, 08, 09 Safe R  
IN-01, 07 Safe D  
IN-05 Tossup

All 9 House seats are up for election in 2020. The current makeup of the districts is projected to remain the same. The closest race is expected to be in the 5th congressional district, as incumbent Republican Susan Brooks did not file for reelection. The district is currently projected as leaning Republican, although the election gives the Democrats the best chance of gaining a seat in the state. Neither US Senate seat from Indiana is up for election in 2020. Todd Young will be up for reelection in 2022.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Democratic Nominee

Jonathan Weinzapfel

### Republican Nominee

Todd Rokita

- Indiana attorney general candidates are nominated in a convention instead of a primary.
- This race is projected is a **tossup**.

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe R**  
Current 40-10 R

### House

Projected **Safe R**  
Current 67-33 R

Republicans have solidified their stronghold in both chambers and both remain safe for the GOP.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Energy: The Indiana legislature seems committed to finding ways to continue providing affordable, cost-effective, diversified energy sources.
- Marijuana legalization: While the state legislature has historically been against legalizing marijuana, for both medical and recreational uses, the debate about legalization has intensified in recent years.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Governor Holcomb postponed primary elections from May 5, 2020 to June 2, 2020.
- The Election Commission authorized the temporary suspension of the statutory absentee voting eligibility requirements, allowing all voters to cast their ballot by mail by the June 2 primary.
- Both parties canceled their in-person state conventions, opting to conduct convention business virtually and by mail.
- Governor Holcomb began reopening some businesses and easing restrictions on May 4. Since June 12, Indiana has been in "stage four" of its five-stage reopening plan, with only a few restrictions still in place.



## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Tossup

6 Electoral Votes

Obama won the state in 2008 and 2012, but Trump carried Iowa in 2016.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Kim Reynolds (R)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Projected **Tossup**

Current: Chuck Grassley (R); Joni Ernst (R)

### House

Projected **Tossup**

Current: 3-1 D  
IA-01 Lean D  
IA-02 Tossup  
IA-03 Tossup  
IA-04 Safe R

Districts 02 and 03 are tossups and represent Democrats struggle to win votes from white, working class individuals. Donald Trump carried both districts in 2016, but Democrats narrowly achieved victory in the 2018 midterms. Senator Joni Ernst (R) is up for re-election. The seat was held by a Democrat until 2014, but since that time, the state has shifted to the right, making the state's Senate race a tossup.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Tom Miller (D)

The next election is in 2022

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe R**

Current 32-18 R

### House

Projected **Tossup**

Current 53-47 R

The GOP's narrow edge makes the Iowa's state House competitive in 2020, especially given the Trump trade policy's impact on Iowa's farm sector.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- **Workforce Training:** Gov. Reynolds has implemented "Future Ready Iowa", with the goal of having 70% of citizens obtain education beyond high school by the year 2025.
- **Tax Policy:** After a large tax cut in 2019, Democrats and Republicans are debating how to move forward. Republicans are clamoring for further cuts while Democrats want to maintain revenue for public services.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Iowa Secretary of State Paul Tate (R) opted to send absentee ballots to all eligible voters before the June 2, 2020 primaries. Ballots were sent on April 23, 2020, 40 days before the election.
- Gov. Kim Reynolds (R) did not issue a statewide stay-at-home order in Iowa. Iowa has slowly re-opened its economy, which operated at limited capacity due to voluntary actions rather than state mandated restrictions. On June 10, the governor eased restrictions, allowing many businesses to operate without physical distancing requirements.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

There is one approved ballot initiative in Iowa for the 2020 election. The initiative is a Constitutional Convention Question. If voters opt to request a convention, the state will be required to hold such a meeting. Any constitutional changes must be ratified by a majority of voters in a statewide election.

# KANSAS

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Likely R

6 Electoral Votes

A Republican victory is almost certain. Kansas voters have only chosen a Democrat three times in the last one hundred years.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Laura Kelly (D)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Projected **Lean R**

Current: *Pat Roberts (R)*  
(*open seat*); Jerry Moran (R)

### House

Projected **Likely R**

Current: 3-1 R

KS-01 Safe R  
KS-02 Likely R  
KS-03 Likely D  
KS-04 Safe R

District 2 is likely Republican, but incumbent Steve Watkins (R) won by only 1% in 2018. Republicans are likely to carry the district again, but it will likely be close. GOP Senator Pat Roberts' seat is up for election due to Roberts' retirement. Republicans in Kansas have not lost a Senate election since the 1930s.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Derek Schmidt (R)

The next election is in 2022

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe R**

Current 29-11 R

### House

Projected **Safe R**

Current 84-41 R

Kansas has a history of moderate Republicans teaming up with Democrats to pass centrist-oriented policies. If moderate Republicans manage to gain enough ground, they can work with Democrats to shape key legislation. This process intensifies in 2020 with the election of moderate Democratic governor, Laura Kelly.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- **Abortion:** The Kansas Supreme Court ruled that the state's constitution gives individuals the right to decide to terminate a pregnancy. This could lead to legislation seeking to limit or ban abortion in the state.
- **Medicaid expansion:** There has long been talk of providing health care coverage for the 150,000 uninsured residents of Kansas. This has become even more important due to people losing health care coverage along with layoffs stemming from the economic disruption of COVID-19.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- The Democratic Party of Kansas canceled in-person voting in its presidential preference primary, originally scheduled to take place on May 2, 2020. Voting instead took place by mail. The receipt deadline for mail-in ballots was May 2, 2020.
- Gov. Laura Kelly (D) imposed a statewide stay-at-home order on March 30 and began the process of reopening on May 4. On June 8, the state entered its third phase of reopening, allowing gatherings of up to 45 people. All businesses are allowed to operate under specific guidelines.



# KENTUCKY

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Safe R

8 Electoral Votes

Trump won the state by 30 points in 2016 and is projected to carry the state again in 2020.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Andy Beshear (D)

The next election is in 2023

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Projected **Likely R**

Current: *Mitch McConnell* (R); Rand Paul (R)

### House

Projected **Safe R**

Current: 5-1 R

KY-01 Safe R

KY-02 Safe R

KY-03 Safe D

KY-04 Safe R

KY-05 Safe R

KY-06 Likely R

GOP Rep Andy Barr won District 6 by only 3 points in 2018. His challenger, Amy McGrath, is now running against Mitch McConnell for the Senate, so he is not likely to face a formidable challenger, meaning that the state's 5-1 ratio is likely to remain intact. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell faces Democratic Nominee Amy McGrath. Republicans historically carry this seat with comfortable margins.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Daniel Cameron (R)

The next election is in 2023

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe R**

Current 29-9 R

### House

Projected **Safe R**

Current 61-39 R

Even though Democrat Andy Beshear won the 2019 Governor race, expect Republicans to retain control of both chambers.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Budget: The state does not display a fiscal balance and is currently \$600 million in debt.
- Education: Gov. Beshear (D) would like to increase education spending and teacher salaries.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Gov. Beshear (D) issued an executive order extending absentee voting eligibility to all voters in the June 23, 2020, election.
- Gov. Andy Beshear (D) issued a statewide stay-at-home order on March 26 and began reopening on May 11. Starting June 22, many businesses will be able to expand capacity from 33 to 50 percent if they follow certain guidelines. On June 29, bars and venues that hold 50 people or fewer will be allowed to reopen if they meet additional guidelines.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

There are two approved ballot initiatives for 2020 in Kentucky.

- Marsy's Law - concerns the rights of crime victims
- Terms of Judicial Offices Amendment - would increase the terms of judicial appointments in the state.



# LOUISIANA

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

**Projected Safe R**  
8 Electoral Votes

## GOVERNOR

**Current Governor**  
John Bel Edwards (D)  
**The next election is in 2023**

## U.S. CONGRESS

**Senate**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current: John Neely  
Kennedy (R); *Bill Cassidy (R)*

**House**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current 6-1 R  
LA-01 Safe R  
LA-02 Safe D  
LA-03 Safe R  
LA-04 Safe R  
LA-05 Safe R  
LA-06 Safe R

Voters will elect six candidates to serve in the U.S. House from each of the state's six congressional districts. The Senate election will fill the Class II Senate seat held by Bill Cassidy (R). Cassidy was first elected in 2014.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Current Attorney General**  
Jeff Landry (R)  
**The next election is in 2023**

## STATE LEGISLATURE

**Senate**  
Current 27-12 R

**House**  
Current 68-35 R

There is not an election in the Louisiana state legislature until 2023.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Budget
- Education
- Healthcare

## COVID-19 IMPACT

Election postponements: Governor John Bel Edwards (D) postponed Louisiana's presidential preference primary, originally scheduled to take place on April 4, 2020, to July 11, 2020.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

- There are 7 statewide ballot initiatives on the ballot in Louisiana (Ballotpedia).
- No Right to Abortion in Constitution Amendment (SB 184): States that there is no right to abortion or abortion funding in the state constitution
  - Use of Budget Stabilization Fund for Declared Disasters Amendment (HB 267): Allows the Louisiana State Legislature, through a two-thirds vote in each chamber, to use up to one-third of the revenue in the Budget Stabilization Fund to cover the state's costs associated with a federally-declared disaster
  - Payments in Lieu of Property Taxes Option Amendment (SB 272): Authorizes a property tax exemption for property that is subject to an agreement with local government; allows certain property owners to make payments instead of paying property taxes
  - Include Oil and Gas Value in Tax Assessment of Wells Amendment (HB 360): Allows the presence or production of oil or gas to be taken into account when assessing the fair market value of an oil or gas well for ad valorem property tax purposes
  - Expenditures Limit Growth Formula Amendment (HB 464): Changes the state's expenditures limit growth formula
  - Homestead Exemption Special Assessment Income Limit Amendment (HB 525): Increases the income limit from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for those who qualify for the special assessment level for residential property receiving the homestead exemption
  - Creates the Unclaimed Property Permanent Trust Fund and allocates investment revenue to the general fund



# MAINE

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Likely D

4 Electoral Votes

Maine awards electoral votes based on the Congressional District Method. The winner of each congressional district in Maine is given an electoral vote and the winner of the state-wide vote is given the other two electoral votes. Hillary Clinton won Maine in 2016 with 47.8% of the vote, although Donald Trump was awarded one electoral vote for winning Maine's 2nd congressional district. The last Republican to win the statewide vote in Maine was George H.W. Bush in 1988.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Janet Mills (D)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Projected **Tossup**

Current: *Susan Collins* (R); *Angus King* (Independent)

### House

Projected **Likely D**

Current: 2-0 D  
ME-01 Safe D  
ME-02 Likely D

Both House seats are up for election in 2020. The 1st congressional district is projected to remain in Democratic control. The 2nd district is projected as a Likely D. The district has frequently switched between Republican and Democratic control and Democratic incumbent Jared Golden will face a tough challenge to reelection in November. Senator Susan Collins is up for reelection in 2020. Her Senate race is projected to be one of the closest in the election cycle. Collins has been in office since 1997 and has gained a reputation for being a moderate. However, she has lost support from both sides due to instances such as her vote to confirm Brett Kavanaugh and her admission that she did not vote for President Trump in 2016. Her opponent in the general election is Democrat Sara Gideon, the current Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives. This race will be key for the Democrats' hopes of flipping the Senate in 2020.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Aaron Frey (D)

Maine is the only state that elects its Attorney General by a secret ballot of the legislature. Once the new legislature is sworn in in 2021, they will elect an Attorney General. Given that both the House and the Senate are projected to be controlled by Democrats, a Democrat will almost certainly be elected, most likely Frey for a second term.

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Likely D**

Current 21-14 D

### House

Projected **Likely D**

Current 89-56-6 D

The Senate could be competitive, as Maine's rural congressional district contests could impact downballot races.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Environment: The Maine legislature has made environmental reform a priority, especially in issues relating to climate change, solar energy, and land conservation.
- Opioid crisis: Maine ranks in the top 10 in the US in opioid-involved overdose deaths per 100,000 people.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Governor Mills postponed primary elections from June 9, 2020 to July 14, 2020.
- The Democratic Party of Maine canceled its state convention.
- Governor Mills began allowing some personal care businesses to reopen on May 1.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

- Veto Referendum - Repeals the law that established ranked-choice voting for presidential elections.



# MASSACHUSETTS

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Safe D

11 Electoral Votes

In the 2016 presidential election, Hillary Clinton won 60% of the vote while President Trump only won 32%.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Charles Baker (R)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Projected **Safe D**

Current: *Ed Markey (D)*;  
Elizabeth Warren (D)

### House

Projected **Safe D**

Current: 9-0 D  
MA-01, 02, 03, 04, 05,  
06, 07, 08, 09 Safe D

Both House and Senate races are projected as safe Democratic victories.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Maura Healey (D)

The next election is in 2022

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe D**

Current 34-4 D

### House

Projected **Safe D**

Current 126-31-1 D

Massachusetts' lopsidedly Democratic chambers will be solid in 2020.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Criminal justice reform: Smaller prison populations and lower costs, better re-entry programs and services, and reduced recidivism rates are among the goals of criminal justice reform advocates.
- Health care: As health-care costs have outpaced the state's economic growth rate for two straight years, a significant portion of the state's population remains uninsured despite a mandatory health insurance law.
- Energy: Diversification, costs and reliability remain the major pillars of the state's energy policy. Heading into 2017, Gov. Charlie Baker and his administration are implementing a major renewable energy law.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Election postponements: The Massachusetts General Court postponed four special state legislative elections, originally scheduled for March 31, 2020: State Senate Second Hampden & Hampshire District postponed to May 19, 2020; State Senate Plymouth & Barnstable District postponed to May 19, 2020; House of Representatives Third Bristol District postponed to June 2, 2020; and House of Representatives Thirty-seventh Middlesex District postponed to June 2, 2020. Governor Charlie Baker (R) signed S2608 into law, authorizing municipalities to postpone any elections originally scheduled to take place prior to May 30, 2020, to any date on or before June 30, 2020.
- Candidate filing procedures: The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court issued an order extending the candidate filing deadlines for district and county races to May 5, 2020, and June 2, 2020, respectively. The high court reduced candidate petition signatures requirements to 50 percent of their statutory requirements. The court also authorized candidates to collect petition signatures electronically.
- Voting procedures: Baker signed S2608 into law, extending absentee voting eligibility to "any person taking precaution related to COVID-19 in response to a declared state of emergency or from guidance from a medical professional, local or state health official, or any civil authority" for elections held or before June 30, 2020."

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

- Question 1 - Concerns access to mechanical data in a vehicle's on-board diagnostics or telematics system
- Question 2 - Enacts a ranked-choice voting system for elections in Massachusetts



## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

**Projected Safe D**  
10 Electoral Votes

## GOVERNOR

**Current Governor**  
Larry Hogan (R)  
**The next election is in 2022**

## U.S. CONGRESS

**Senate**  
Current: Ben Cardin (D); Chris Van Hollen (D)

**House**  
Projected **Safe D**  
Current 7-1 D  
MD-02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08 Safe D  
MD-01 Safe R

Voters will elect eight candidates to serve in the U.S. House from each of the state's eight congressional districts. There is not a U.S. Senate election in Maryland until 2022.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Current Attorney General**  
Brian Frosh (D)  
**The next election is in 2022**

## STATE LEGISLATURE

**Senate**  
Current 32-15 D

**House**  
Current 99-42 D

There are no state legislature races in 2020. The next election is 2022.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Race relations
- Budget/taxes
- Transportation

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Election postponements: Governor Larry Hogan (R) postponed Maryland's primary, originally scheduled to take place on April 28, 2020, to June 2, 2020.
- Voting procedures: Hogan ordered that the June 2, 2020, primary and the April 28, 2020, special election for Maryland's 7th Congressional District be conducted largely by mail.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

- Two statewide ballot measures are certified for the ballot in Maryland.
- Legislative Authority over State Budget Amendment: Authorizes the Maryland General Assembly to increase, decrease, or add items to the state budget as long as such measures do not exceed the total proposed budget submitted by the governor.
  - Sports Betting Expansion Measure: Authorizes sports and events wagering at certain licensed facilities.





# MICHIGAN

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Lean D

16 Electoral Votes

In 2016 Hillary Clinton lost the historically Democratic leaning state to President Trump by a narrow margin of 0.23% of the vote. It is expected that it may shift back to the Democrat's favor this year with Biden.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Gretchen Whitmer (D)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Projected **Lean D**

Current: *Gary Peters* (D); *Debbie Stabenow* (D)

### House

Projected **Tossup**

Current: 7-6-1 D  
MI-09, 12, 13, 14 Safe D  
MI-05 Likely D  
MI-08, 11 Lean D  
MI-01, 02, 04, 10 Safe R  
MI-07 Likely R  
MI-03, 06 Lean R

Senator Gary Peters has an important race in Michigan this year. Recently Michigan has slowly been shifting more Republican, and it could affect his Senate Race.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Dana Nessel (D)

Appointed by the governor

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Current 22-16 R

### House

Projected **Tossup**

Current 58-52 R

Michigan will be heavily contested by both parties in the presidential race, which will have downballot effects. Michigan has no Senate races this year.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Infrastructure: Michigan often ranks among the last in terms of sturdy state infrastructure due to snow and rain eroding the roads constantly. Voters are keen to get better roads, or at least have more regular maintenance.
- Education: Michigan is currently last in the nation for school funding growth. Voters are keen to fund schools more so that their kids can get a better education.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Candidate filing procedures: Judge Terrence Berg, of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, issued an order reducing the petition signature requirements for select primary candidates to 50 percent of their statutory requirements. Berg also extended the filing deadline from April 21, 2020, to May 8, 2020, and directed election officials to develop procedures allowing for the collection and submission of electronic petition signatures.
- Voting procedures: Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson (D) opted to send absentee ballot applications automatically to all registered voters in the general election.
- Political party events: The Democratic Party of Michigan canceled its state convention.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

Two statewide ballot measures are certified for the ballot in Michigan:

- Use of State and Local Park Funds Amendment: Revises formula for how state and local park funds from trusts can be spent
- Search Warrant for Electronic Data Amendment: Requires search warrant to access a person's electronic data



# MINNESOTA

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

**Projected Lean D**  
10 Electoral Votes

## GOVERNOR

**Current Governor**  
Tim Walz (D)  
**The next election is in 2022**

## U.S. CONGRESS

**Senate**  
Projected **Safe D**  
Current: Amy Klobuchar (D); Tina Smith (D)

**House**  
Projected **Lean D**  
MN-03, 04, 05 Safe D  
MN-02 Lean D  
MN-06, 08 Safe R  
MN-01 Lean R  
MN-07 Tossup

Voters will elect eight candidates to serve in the U.S. House from each of the state's eight congressional districts and will elect one member to the U.S. Senate.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Current Attorney General**  
Keith Ellison (D)  
**The next election is in 2022**

## STATE LEGISLATURE

**Senate**  
Projected **Lean D**  
Current 35-32 R

**House**  
Projected **Likely D**  
Current 75-59 D

With a surprisingly close presidential contest in 2016, there are competitive seats in both chambers in 2020.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Race relations
- Budget/taxes
- Transportation

## COVID-19 IMPACT

Minnesota Governor Tim Walz (D) signed HF3429 into law, authorizing general election candidates to submit filing forms and petitions electronically. On March 18, 2020, the Republican Party of Minnesota announced that all local party conventions would be conducted online. On March 16, 2020, the executive committee of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota voted to conduct all local and district-level conventions online.



# MISSOURI

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Projected **Likely R**

10 Electoral Votes

Donald Trump won Missouri in 2016 with 56.4% of the vote. The last Democrat to win Missouri was Bill Clinton in 1996.

## GOVERNOR

### Democratic Nominee

Nicole Galloway

### Republican Nominee

Mike Parson

(Incumbent)

### Primary Results

**Nicole Galloway** (State Auditor): 84.6%, 453,331 votes

**Mike Parson** (Incumbent): 74.9%, 510,471 votes

- Incumbent Governor Mike Parsons is seeking a full term. He became governor in 2018 after Eric Greitens resigned.
- This race **leans Republican**.

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Current: Roy Blunt (R); Josh Hawley (R)

### House

Projected **Likely R**

Current 6-2 R

MO-03, 04, 06, 07,

08 Safe R

MO-01, 05 Safe D

MO-02 Tossup

All eight seats are up for election in 2020.

The closest race is expected to be in the 2nd congressional district. Incumbent Ann Wagner faces a general election challenge from Democratic State Senator Jill Schupp. The race is projected as a tossup, and it presents the best opportunity for Democrats to pick up a seat in Missouri. Neither US Senate seat from Missouri is up for election in 2020. Roy Blunt will be up for reelection in 2022.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Democratic Nominee

Richard Finnerman

### Republican Nominee

Eric Schmitt

(Incumbent)

### Primary Results

**Richard Finnerman** (Former Federal Prosecutor): 55%

**Eric Schmitt** (Incumbent): Uncontested

- Incumbent Eric Schmitt was appointed by Gov. Mike Parson in 2018, after then-Attorney General Josh Hawley's election to the U.S. Senate.
- This race is **safe Republican**.

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe R**

Current 23-8 R

### House

Projected **Safe R**

Current 114-48 R

The GOP is expected to maintain control of both chambers.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Gun violence: Missouri has experienced increased gun violence in its largest cities, and both sides of the legislature seem receptive to gun reform, beginning with more stringent background checks.
- Infrastructure: The legislature has also placed an emphasis on improving infrastructure, especially by repairing roads and bridges that are deemed in "poor condition".

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Governor Parson postponed all municipal elections from April 7, 2020, to June 2, 2020.
- Governor Parson reopened all businesses on May 4, with social distancing requirements. The state lifted all restrictions on June 16.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

There will be two legislatively referred constitutional amendments (LRCA) on the ballot for the November 3, 2020 general election.

- Amendment 1: Sets a two-term limit for state executive officials
- Amendment 3: Addresses redistricting process and criteria, lobbying, and campaign finance



# MISSISSIPPI

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Projected **Safe R**  
6 Electoral Votes

## GOVERNOR

**Current Governor**  
Tate Reeves (R)  
**The next election is in 2023.**

## U.S. CONGRESS

**Senate**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current: Roger Wicker (R); *Cindy Hyde-Smith (R)*

**House**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current: 3-1 R  
MS-01 Safe R  
MS-02 Safe D  
MS-03 Safe R  
MS-04 Safe R

Voters will elect four candidates to serve in the U.S. House from each of the state's four congressional districts and one member to the U.S. Senate.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Current Attorney General**  
Lynn Fitch (R)  
**The next election is in 2023.**

## STATE LEGISLATURE

**Senate**  
Current 34-16 R

**House**  
Current 75-45 R

There is no election in the Mississippi state legislature until 2023.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Public education
- Healthcare
- Taxes

## COVID-19 IMPACT

Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves (R) postponed the Republican primary runoff election for the state's 2nd Congressional District, originally scheduled for March 31, 2020, to June 23, 2020. The Republican Party of Mississippi announced the postponement of its state convention, originally scheduled for May 15-16, 2020, indefinitely

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

- Initiative 65 and Alternative 65A: Legalizes medical marijuana for qualified persons with debilitating medical conditions
- State Flag Referendum: Asks voters to approve or reject a new state flag design created by the Commission to Redesign the Mississippi State Flag and which may not include the Confederate Battle Flag and that must include the words "In God We Trust"
- Remove Electoral Vote Requirement and Establish Runoffs for Gubernatorial and State Office Elections: Removes the requirement that a candidate for governor or state office receive the highest number of votes in a majority of the state's 122 House districts (the electoral vote requirement) and provides that if a candidate does not receive a majority vote of the people, they will proceed to a runoff election (instead of being chosen by a vote of the Mississippi House of Representatives)



# MONTANA

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Projected **Likely R**

3 Electoral Votes

Donald Trump won Montana in 2016 with 56.2% of the vote. The last Democrat to win Montana was Bill Clinton during his first election in 1992.

## GOVERNOR

### Democratic Nominee

Mike Cooney

### Republican Nominee

Greg Gianforte

### Primary Results

**Mike Cooney** (Lieutenant Governor): 54.86%; 81,527 votes

**Greg Gianforte** (U.S. Representative): 53.44%; 119,247

This race is a **tossup**.

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Projected **Tossup**

Current: Jon Tester (D); *Steve Daines (R)*

### House

Projected **Lean R**

Current: 1-0 R

District At-Large

Lean R

Senator Steve Daines' seat is up for election in 2020. Current Montana Governor Steve Bullock (D) is running against Daines in the general election. Bullock is hoping to flip a seat in the Senate for the Democrats, thus giving Montana two Democrats in the Senate. This is significant given that Montana has historically been a red state. Greg Gianforte will not seek reelection to Montana's at-large congressional district, as he is running for governor of the state. The race for the at-large congressional district will feature Montana state representative Kathleen Williams (D) against Montana State Auditor Matt Rosendale (R). The seat is currently projected to as Lean Republican.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Democratic Nominee

Raph Graybill

### Republican Nominee

Austin Knudsen

### Primary Results

**Raph Graybill** (Chief legal counsel to Gov. Bullock): 57%; 79,722 votes

**Austin Knudsen**, (Former speaker of the Montana House of Representatives): 60%; 116,113 votes

This race is a **tossup**.

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe R**

Current 30-20 R

### House

Projected **Safe R**

Current 58-42 R

The GOP is expected to maintain control of both chambers. 25 of the 50 seats in the Montana State Senate are up for election in 2020. Republicans have controlled the State Senate since 2009.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Broadband internet: The Montana legislature is hoping to increase the availability of broadband internet access in order to boost economic development in rural areas of the state.
- Natural resources: Montana's natural resource extraction industry has declined in recent years, leading to unemployment and coal companies declaring bankruptcy.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Governor Bullock issued a directive authorizing counties to conduct the June 2, 2020 primary entirely by mail.
- Governor Bullock began allowing phased reopening in late April. Montana allowed schools to have the option to reopen during the academic year, and a few schools began reopening on May 7. All businesses were allowed to reopen under certain guidelines on June 1.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

- LR-130: Removes local governments' authority to regulate firearms, including regulation of concealed carry
- C-46: Changes language in constitution to match current initiated amendment distribution requirements
- C-47: Changes language in constitution to match current initiated statute and referendum distribution requirements
- CI-118: Authorizes the legislature or a citizen initiative to set a legal age for marijuana purchase, use, and possession
- I-190: Legalizes marijuana for individuals over the age of 21 and taxes the sale of non-medical marijuana at a rate of 20 percent





# NEBRASKA

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Safe R

2 Electoral Votes

Nebraska awards electoral votes based on its Congressional districts, which two out of three are Safe Republican districts. The second Congressional district is projected as Lean Democratic.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Pete Ricketts (R)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Projected **Safe R**

Current: *Ben Sasse (R)*;  
*Deb Fischer (R)*

### House

Projected **Likely R**

Current: 3-0 R  
NE-01 Safe R  
NE-02 Tossup  
NE-03 Safe R

Two of the three U.S. House seats are considered safe seats, however, the NE-2 district is increasingly vulnerable. Last election the congressman only won by 1.9%.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Doug Peterson (R)

The next election is in 2022

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe R**

Officially nonpartisan, about 60% of the members are affiliated with the Republican Party

### House

Unicameral body

Although many in the State Senate identify as independent, around 60% are Republicans, and the state has had a Republican trifecta for more than 20 years.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Property Tax Relief: Voters in Nebraska are attempting to get an amendment passed to get immense property tax relief.
- Elections: Many Senators are leaving due to term limits, so Nebraskan's will be voting in reps they want to see in the future on the ballot.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

None

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

- Remove Slavery as Punishment for Crime Amendment: Repeals language allowing slavery or involuntary servitude as criminal punishments
- Tax Increment Financing Repayment Amendment: Allows TIF for 20 years for extreme blight
- Payday Lender Interest Rate Cap Initiative: Limits the interest rate that payday lenders charge to 36 percent per year
- Medical Marijuana Initiative: Legalizes the use of marijuana for medical purposes



# NEVADA

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Lean D

6 Electoral Votes

The margin by which Democratic presidential candidates have won Nevada has steadily declined since 2008, suggesting that the state could be hard fought in 2020.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Steve Sisolak (D)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Current: Catherine Cortez Masto (D); Jacky Rosen (D)

### House

Projected **Tossup**

Current: 3-1 D  
NV-01 Safe D  
NV-02 Likely R  
NV-03 Lean D  
NV-04 Likely D

The only tossup district is District 3. Democrat Susie Lee won the district in 2018, but Trump's victory in the district in 2016 demonstrates that Republicans can be elected here. There are no Senate races in Nevada in 2020.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Aaron Ford (D)

The next election is in 2022

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe D**  
Current 13-8 D

### House

Projected **Safe D**  
Current 28-13 D

Democrats are expected to maintain control of both chambers.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Economy: Nevada had a difficult recovery from the 2008-2009 Recession and is again struggling as a result of COVID-19 shutdowns.
- Energy: For the last few years, the state has debated the makeup of its energy portfolios and the importance of renewable energy.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske (R) and local election officials opted to send absentee ballots to all eligible voters in the June 9, 2020, primary election.
- Gov. Steve Sisolak (D) issued a statewide stay-at-home order on April 1 and began the process of reopening on May 1. On May 29, gyms, bars, indoor entertainment venues, and malls were allowed to reopen at 50 percent capacity. On June 4, casinos were allowed to reopen at 50 percent capacity as well.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

- Renewable Energy Standards Initiative: Requires utilities to acquire 50 percent of their electricity from renewable resources by 2030
- Marriage: Voters will be asked if they would like to repeal a constitutional amendment that limits the definition of marriage to the union of one man and one woman
- Education: Removes the constitutional status of the Board of Regents
- Admin of Government: Revises duties of the State Board of Pardons Commissioners
- Suffrage: Creates a constitutional right to certain voting procedures and policies



# NEW HAMPSHIRE

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

**Projected Lean D**  
4 Electoral Votes

## GOVERNOR

**Democratic Nominee**  
Dan Feltes

**Republican Nominee**  
Chris Sununu  
(Incumbent)

Primary Results:

**Dan Feltes (State Senate Majority Leader):**  
52.5%; 72,240 votes

**Chris Sununu (Incumbent):** 89.8%; 130,515 votes

- The outcomes of the 2020 election cycle in New Hampshire stand to influence the state's redistricting process following the 2020 census. In New Hampshire, the state legislature is responsible for drafting both congressional and state legislative district plans. District plans are subject to governor veto.
- This race is **likely Republican**.

## U.S. CONGRESS

**Senate**  
Projected **Safe D**  
Current: *Jeanne Shaheen (D)*; Maggie Hassan (D)

**House**  
Projected **Likely D**  
Current 2-0 D  
NH-01 Likely D  
NH-02 Likely D

The election will fill the Class II Senate seat held by Jeanne Shaheen (D). Shaheen was first elected in 2008.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Current Attorney General**  
Gordon MacDonald (R)  
Appointed by Governor

## STATE LEGISLATURE

**Senate**  
Projected **Lean D**  
Current 14-10 D

**House**  
Projected **Likely D**  
Current 233-167 D

In recent election cycles, New Hampshire has been one of the nation's most closely divided and most 'swinging' of swing states. Both chambers will be competitive this fall.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Drugs
- Healthcare
- Guns

## COVID-19 IMPACT

Secretary of State William Gardner (D) and Attorney General Gordon MacDonald (R) released a memo to election officials, advising them that any voter in the September 8 primary or November 3 general election could request an absentee ballot based on concerns related to COVID-19.





# NEW JERSEY

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

**Projected Safe D**  
14 Electoral Votes

## GOVERNOR

**Current Governor**  
Phil Murphy (D)  
**The next election is in 2021**

## U.S. CONGRESS

**Senate**  
Projected **Safe D**  
Current: *Cory Booker* (D); Bob Menendez (D)

**House**  
Projected **Safe D**  
Current 10-2 D  
NJ-01, 06, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12 Safe D  
NJ-05 Likely D  
NJ-03, 07 Lean D  
NJ-04 Safe R  
NJ-02 Tossup

Voters will elect 12 candidates to serve in the U.S. House from each of the state's 12 congressional districts. The Senate election will fill the Class II Senate seat held by Cory Booker (D). Booker was first elected in 2013.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Current Attorney General**  
Gurbir Grewal (D)  
Attorney General is appointed by the governor.

## STATE LEGISLATURE

**Senate**  
Current 25-15 D

**House**  
Current 53-27 D

The next election for state legislative chambers is 2021.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Pensions
- Transportation
- Budget/Taxes

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Election postponements: Governor Phil Murphy (D) postponed New Jersey's statewide primary election, originally scheduled for June 2, 2020, to July 7, 2020. Murphy also postponed any other elections scheduled between May 13, 2020, and July 7, 2020, to July 7, 2020.
- Candidate filing procedures: Murphy issued orders allowing both primary and general election candidates to collect and submit petition signatures via electronic means. He also postponed the petition deadline for unaffiliated candidates for non-presidential office to July 7, 2020.
- Voting procedures: Murphy issued an executive order providing for expanded mail-in voting in the July 7, 2020, elections. All registered, active Democratic and Republican voters were set to receive mail-in ballots automatically. Unaffiliated and inactive voters were set to receive mail-in ballot applications automatically.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

- Two statewide ballot measures
- Marijuana Legalization Amendment: Legalizes the possession and use of marijuana
  - Peacetime Veterans Eligible for Property Tax Deduction Amendment: Makes peacetime veterans eligible to receive the veterans' property tax deduction



# NEW MEXICO

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Safe D

5 Electoral Votes

In 2016 Hillary Clinton won New Mexico by 8.22% over President Trump.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Michelle Lujan Grisham (D)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Projected **Safe D**

Current: *Tom Udall (D)*

(*open seat*); Martin

Heinrich (D)

### House

Projected **Safe D**

Current: 3-0 D

NM-01 Safe D

NM-02 Tossup

NM-03 Safe D

Two of the three districts in New Mexico have been calculated as safe Democratic districts, but NM-2 is becoming more of a battleground district. Last election, Xochitl Small (D) only won with 1.8% of the vote. With Senator Tom Udall not running, now is the perfect time for Republican's to attempt to take the seat, however, it has polled as likely Democratic.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Hector Balderas (D)

The next election is in 2022

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe D**

Current 26-16 D

### House

Projected **Safe D**

Current 46-24 D

Democrats are expected to maintain control of both chambers.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Education: On average New Mexico has less 4 year college and 6 year college grads than its surrounding 3 states, voters are looking for change
- Business Stability: New Mexicans are worried about the rising unemployment in New Mexico, and how that will affect its thriving market of small businesses leaving irreparable damages.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

Voting procedures: Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham (D) signed SB4 into law, authorizing county clerks to mail absentee ballot applications automatically to registered, mailable voters in the November 3, 2020, general election.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

- Appointed Public Regulation Commission Amendment: Makes the Public Regulation Commission a three-member appointed commission
- Elections and Terms of Non-Statewide Officeholders Amendment: Amends the New Mexico Constitution to allow for laws that adjust the date of election and term for non-statewide officeholders
- Senior Citizens Facilities Bond Issue: Issues \$33.3 million in bonds for senior citizen facility improvements
- Public Libraries Bond Issue: Issues \$9.7 million in bonds for public libraries
- Public Education Bond Issue: Issues \$156.3 million in bonds for public higher education institutions, special public schools, and tribal schools



# NEW YORK

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

**Projected Safe D**  
29 Electoral Votes

## GOVERNOR

**Current Governor**  
Andrew Cuomo (D)  
**The next election is in 2022**

## U.S. CONGRESS

**Senate**  
Current: Kirsten Gillibrand (D); Chuck Schumer (D)

**House**  
Projected **Safe D**  
Current: 21-6 D  
NY-03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 25, 26 Safe D  
NY-18, 19 Likely D  
NY-21, 23, 27 Safe R  
NY-01 Lean R  
NY-02, 11, 22, 24 Tossup

Voters will elect 27 candidates to serve in the U.S. House from each of the state's 27 congressional districts. There is not a U.S. Senate election in New York until 2022.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Current Attorney General**  
Letitia James (D)  
**The next election is in 2022**

## STATE LEGISLATURE

**Senate**  
Projected **Safe D**  
Current 40-23 D  
(cross-party coalition)

**Assembly**  
Projected **Safe D**  
Current 110-40 D

Democrats are expected to maintain control of both chambers.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Budget/Taxes
- Statehouse corruption
- Affirmative action

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Election postponements: Governor Andrew Cuomo (D) postponed New York's presidential preference primary, originally scheduled to take place on April 28, 2020, to June 23, 2020.
- Candidate filing procedures: Cuomo issued an order reducing petition signature requirements for primary candidates and suspending signature-gathering efforts effective March 17, 2020.
- Voting procedures: Cuomo issued an order suspending existing eligibility criteria for absentee voting, allowing all votes to cast their ballots by mail in the June 23, 2020, election. He subsequently issued an order requiring that all eligible voters in the June 23, 2020, election be sent absentee ballot applications automatically.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

New York Environment and Climate Change Projects Bond Measure: Issues \$3 billion for projects related to the environment, water infrastructure, and climate change



# NORTH CAROLINA

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Tossup

15 Electoral Votes

Donald Trump won North Carolina in 2016 with 49.8% of the vote. The last Democrat to win North Carolina was Barack Obama during his first election in 2008.

## GOVERNOR

### Democratic Nominee

Roy Cooper  
(Incumbent)

### Republican Nominee

Dan Forest

### Primary Results

**Roy Cooper** (Incumbent): 87.2%; 1,120,093 votes

**Dan Forest** (Lieutenant Governor): 89%; 649,929 votes

- Incumbent Roy Cooper beat Republican incumbent Pat McCrory in the 2016 Governor election, and is currently projected to win reelection in 2020 by a slim margin.
- This race **leans Democrat**.

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Projected **Tossup**  
Current: Richard Burr (R); Thom Tillis (R)

### House

Projected **Likely R**  
Current: 9-3 R  
NC-03, 05, 07, 10, 13 Safe R  
NC-09, 11 Likely R  
NC-08 Lean R  
NC-01, 04, 12 Safe D  
NC-02, 06 Likely D

The seat for the 11th congressional district was vacated when Mark Meadows was named White House Chief of Staff in 2020. Republican nominee Madison Cawthorne is expected to be elected to fill the vacated seat. The Republican incumbents in the 2nd and 6th congressional districts are not seeking reelection and both seats are expected to be flipped to Democratic control. Republican incumbent Richard Hudson is also expected to face a tough challenge for the 8th congressional district seat. Senator Thom Tillis faces a general election challenge from veteran and former State Senator Cal Cunningham (D). This race gives Democrats one of their best chances to flip a seat in their attempt to take control of the Senate in 2020.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Democratic Nominee

Josh Stein  
(Incumbent)

### Republican Nominee

Jim O'Neill

### Primary Results

**Josh Stein (Incumbent)**: Uncontested

**Jim O'Neill (District Attorney)**: 46.55%; 338,567 votes

Stein faces a general election challenge from Republican Jim O'Neill, a District Attorney in North Carolina. Stein won election in 2016 by a slim margin. A Democrat has served as Attorney General of North Carolina since 2000. This race **leans Democrat**.

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Lean R**  
Current 29-21 R

### House

Projected **Lean R**  
Current 65-55 R

North Carolina will be using new legislative maps that are more favorable to Democrats than previous GOP-drawn maps, but Republicans are starting with an edge and Democrats will be focused on preventing a Republican supermajority.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Expanding Medicaid: The Republican legislature has been reluctant to expand Medicaid coverage for North Carolinians.
- Teacher Pay and Education Spending: Governor Cooper has made increasing teacher pay and education spending one of his signature issues. He has vetoed four budgets during his first term, primarily due to insignificant raises for teachers and not a large enough overall increase in education spending. He continues to push the legislature to spend more on public education.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Governor Cooper approved a law reducing the witness signature requirement on completed absentee ballots from two to one.
- Governor Cooper allowed some businesses to open in May. In late June, Cooper paused the state's reopening plans and required residents to wear face coverings in public due to an increase in cases.



# NORTH DAKOTA

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Safe R

7 Electoral Votes

Donald Trump won North Dakota in 2016 with 63.0% of the vote. The last Democrat to win North Dakota was Lyndon Johnson in 1964.

## GOVERNOR

### Democratic Nominee

Shelley Lenz

### Republican Nominee

Doug Burgum

### Primary Results

**Shelley Lenz:** 99.4%; 33,386 votes

**Doug Burgum** (Incumbent): 89.6%; 93,737 votes

This race is **safe Republican**.

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Current: John Hoeven (R); Kevin Cramer (R)

### House

Projected **Safe R**  
Current: 1-0 R  
District At-Large  
Safe R

Incumbent Republican Kelly Armstrong faces a general election challenge from Democrat Zach Raknerud for North Dakota's at-large congressional district seat. Armstrong was first elected to the seat in 2018 and is expected to win reelection easily. John Hoeven's seat is up for election in 2022.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Wayne Stenehjem (R)

The next election is in 2022

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe R**  
Current 37-10 R

### Assembly

Projected **Safe R**  
Current 79-15 R

North Dakota's strong Republican margins are not in danger of eroding this year.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Trade: The trade war between China and the United States has had a negative impact on the agriculture industry in North Dakota.
- Healthcare: North Dakota currently ranks among the lowest in health care quality and access among US states.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Governor Burgum issued an executive order authorizing counties to conduct the June 9, 2020 primaries entirely by mail.
- Both parties canceled their state conventions.
- Governor Burgum never issued a stay-at-home order, and allowed many businesses to reopen on May 1.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

There are currently two legislatively referred constitutional amendments (LRCA) on the ballot for the November 3, 2020 general election.

- SCR 4001- Requires initiated constitutional amendments passed by voters to be submitted to the legislature; if the legislature does not approve the measure, the measure would need to be placed on the ballot again, and will become effective if approved by the voters a second time
- SCR 2016- Increases the membership of the Board of Higher Education from eight to 15, increases term length from four years to six years, and restricts membership



# OHIO

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Tossup

18 Electoral Votes

While Obama won majorities in Ohio in 2008 and 2012, Trump won the state in 2016.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Mike DeWine (R)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Current: Sherrod Brown (D); Rob Portman (R)

### House

Projected **Safe R**  
Current: 12-4 R  
OH-02, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 14, 15, 16 Safe R  
OH-10, 12 Likely R  
OH-03, 09, 11, 13 Safe D  
OH-01 Tossup

Races to watch are in Districts 1, 10, 12, and 13. In District 1, Rep. Steve Chabot (R) won by 4 points in 2018. He is projected to win again, but it will likely remain a close election. District 12 was also a very close race in 2018 with Troy Balderson (R) edging out a victory. District 13 is composed of many Obama-Trump voters, but Rep. Tim Ryan (D) has been viewed as adequately addressing their needs, leading him to be projected to win in 2020. There are no Senate seats up for election in 2020

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Dave Yost (R)

The next election is in 2022

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe R**  
Current 24-9 R

### House

Projected **Safe R**  
Current 61-38 R

Republicans have wide margins in both chambers.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- **Jobs and Labor Market:** Since the 2008-2009 Recession, job growth in Ohio has remained stagnant, making Trump's promise of bringing manufacturing jobs back to the United States a prime reason for the Republican's victory in the state in 2016. The economy is likely to remain an important issue in 2020, especially in the midst of COVID-19's economic impact.
- **The Opioid Crisis:** Drug & Painkiller addiction remains a problem throughout the state.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- For the Primary elections, the governor signed HB 197 into law, extending the deadline for absentee voting from March 17 to April 27, 2020.
- Gov. Mike DeWine (R) issued a stay at home order at the end of March and began reopening retail stores on May 12. Stay-at-home orders officially expired on May 29. Currently, businesses in the industrial, retail, personal care, food and drink, outdoor and recreation, and entertainment sectors have reopened with restrictions.



# OKLAHOMA

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Safe R

7 Electoral Votes

Donald Trump won Oklahoma in 2016 with 65.3% of the vote. The last Democrat to win Oklahoma was Lyndon Johnson in 1964.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Kevin Stitt (R)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Projected **Safe R**

Current: *Jim Inhofe* (R); James Lankford (R)

### House

Projected **Safe R**

Current: 4-1 R  
OK-01 Safe R  
OK-02 Safe R  
OK-03 Safe R  
OK-04 Safe R  
OK-05 Tossup

The closest race will be in the 5th congressional district, where incumbent Democrat Kendra Horn is expected to face a tough general election challenge from the winner of the Aug. 25 Republican primary runoff. The race is currently projected as a tossup. Senator Jim Inhofe's seat is up for election in 2020. Inhofe has served as Senator 1995 and is expected to easily win the November 3rd general election.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Mike Hunter (R)

The next election is in 2022

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe R**

Current 39-9

### House

Projected **Safe R**

Current 77-24 R

The Oklahoma Senate is certain to stay in Republican hands.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- **Teacher pay:** Public school teachers in Oklahoma managed to secure a pay raise in 2018, but are still putting pressure on lawmakers to raise more revenue for public schools.
- **Environment:** Oklahoma's oil industry is pushing lawmakers refrain from increasing production taxes, while environmental groups are advocating for stronger pollution controls and limits on the industry.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Primary elections were postponed from April 7, 2020 to June 30, 2020.
- Governor Stitt approved a law permitting voters casting absentee ballots to submit copies of their identification instead of fulfilling the notarization requirement in the event of a state of emergency occurring within 45 days of an election.
- Governor Stitt implemented a three-phase plan for reopening businesses beginning May 24. Phase 3 began in June, lifting all restrictions on businesses and allowing group gathering under social distancing guidelines.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

There is currently one initiated constitutional amendment (CICA) on the ballot for the June 30, 2020 primary election.

- State Question 802 - Expands Medicaid in Oklahoma to certain low-income adults between 18 and 65 with incomes below 133% of the federal poverty level

There is currently one legislatively referred constitutional amendment (LRCA) on the ballot for the November 3, 2020 general election.

- State Question 814 - Decreases payments made to the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund from 75% to 25%, directs the legislature to appropriate money from the fund to secure federal matching funds for the state's Medicaid program



# OREGON

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Likely D

7 Electoral Votes

Oregon is one of Trump's "reach" states, but the state has voted solidly Democratic in the last three elections, making a Republican victory here unlikely.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Kate Brown (D)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Projected **Safe D**

Current: Ron Wyden (D);

Jeff Merkley (D)

### House

Projected **Safe D**

Current: 4-1 D

OR-01 Safe D

OR-02 Safe R

OR-03 Safe D

OR-04 Lean D

OR-05 Likely D

Republicans are hopeful that they can take two historically Democratic districts (District 4 and 5). However, Democratic congressmen won by over 10 point margins in each district, making them likely Democrat victories in 2020. Senator Jeff Merkley is up for re-election. He carried the seat by 19 points in 2014 and is projected to retain his position.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Democratic Nominee

Ellen Rosenblum

(Incumbent)

### Republican Nominee

Michael Cross

Both candidates ran uncontested in the primary. In a solidly Democratic state, incumbent Ellen Rosenblum is likely to win reelection in 2020. She won by a 14 point margin in 2016. This race is **safe Democrat**.

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe D**

Current 18-12 D

### House

Projected **Safe D**

Current 38-22 D

The Democratic margins in the Oregon Legislature are modest, but it's a blue enough state to be considered safe D, as Democrats focus on keeping supermajority status.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Environment: Democrats introduced a bill at the beginning of 2020 that would allow for the state to meet its emissions caps while transitioning to a greener economy.
- Housing: Democratic legislators in the state have proposed a bill that would allow cities around the state to more easily site homeless shelters.
- Democrats in the state have proposed several bills that would increase gun safety.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Gov. Kate Brown (D) issued a statewide stay-at-home order on March 23 and began the process of reopening on May 15. On June 4, 26 counties in the state were approved to move into phase two of the reopening plan that allowed bars, swimming pools, movie theaters, etc. to open with restrictions. However, on June 11, the governor issued a one week "pause" of reopening due to a rising number of cases.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

- Tobacco and E-Cigarette Tax Increase for Health Programs Measure: Increases cigarette tax from \$1.33 per pack to \$3.33 per pack; imposes tax on nicotine inhalant delivery systems such as e-cigarettes at a rate of 65% of the wholesale price; dedicates revenues to the Oregon Health Authority for medical and health programs
- Campaign Finance Limits Amendment: Authorizes the state legislature and local governments to (1) enact laws or ordinances limiting campaign contributions and expenditures; (2) require disclosure of contributions and expenditures; and (3) require that political advertisements identify the people or entities that paid for them
- Law Enforcement and Food and Agriculture: Legalizes psilocybin mushrooms for Oregon Psilocybin Services Program under the Oregon Health Authority
- Drug Crime Policy and Healthcare: Decriminalizes possession of certain drugs and establishes a drug addiction treatment and recovery program funded by the state's marijuana tax revenue





# PENNSYLVANIA

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Lean D

20 Electoral Votes

President Trump won Pennsylvania in the 2016 Presidential Election by 1.2%, making this state a big tossup. One thing to note is that Joe Biden is a native Scrantonite, and Pennsylvanians may have a soft spot for him.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Tom Wolf (D)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Current: Bob Casey, Jr. (D); Pat Toomey (R)

### House

Projected **Tossup**

Current: 9-9  
PA-09, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 Safe R  
PA-01, 16 Lean R  
PA-02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 18 Safe D  
PA-07 Likely D  
PA-08, 17 Lean D  
PA-10 Tossup

Rep. Scott Perry in the Pennsylvania 10th District has a tossup race with Eugene DePasquale. Pennsylvania's next Senate Race is in 2022.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Democratic Nominee

Josh Shapiro (Incumbent)

### Republican Nominee

Heather Heidelbaugh

Both candidates ran uncontested in the primary. This race is projected as **likely Democratic**.

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe R**  
Current 28-21 R

### House

Projected **Lean R**  
Current 110-93 R

Democrats should be able to gain seats in both chambers, with the potential to take over at least one chamber.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Budget: There has been an 8 month impasse between the Democratic Governor and Republican Legislature, and the budget has not been passed.
- Education: Cuts to education funding have hit poorer communities of Pennsylvania hard, and there has been a ballooning of classes.
- Pensions: There is a terrible pension debt but currently no initiatives to solve it.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Election postponements: Governor Tom Wolf (D) signed into law legislation postponing Pennsylvania's primary election, originally scheduled for April 28, 2020, to June 2, 2020.
- Voting procedures: Wolf extended the absentee ballot receipt deadline for the June 2, 2020, primary to 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020.



# RHODE ISLAND

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Safe D

4 Electoral Votes

In 2016, Hillary Clinton won this state with 54% of the vote, while President Trump only received 38%.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Gina Raimondo (D)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Projected **Safe D**

Current: Sheldon

Whitehouse (D); Jack Reed (D)

### House

Projected **Safe D**

Current: 2-0 D

RI-01 Safe D  
RI-02 Safe D

Both U.S. Rep. incumbents won their last elections by at least 27%. Senator Jack Reed (D) is the incumbent, and faces no substantial opposition to his seat.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Peter Neronha (D)

The next election is in 2022

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe D**

Current 33-5 D

### House

Projected **Safe D**

Current 66-8 D

The large Democratic majorities in the state legislature look solid for 2020.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Environment Policy: Rhode Islanders are sick of the fracking in their state, and hope that the Democrats in elected office can help curb that.
- Gun Control: Most voters are keen to add more gun control regulation, and believe not enough has been done in the past.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Election postponements: Governor Gina Raimondo (D) postponed Rhode Island's presidential preference primary, originally scheduled to take place on April 28, 2020, to June 2, 2020.
- Voting procedures: Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea (D) opted to send mail-in ballot applications automatically to all voters in the June 2, 2020, presidential preference primary.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

- Rhode Island Name Change Amendment: Amends the Rhode Island Constitution to remove "Providence Plantations" from the official state name



# SOUTH CAROLINA

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Likely R

9 Electoral Votes

In 2016, 55% of voters in the State voted for Trump, and the President won the state's election by 14 percentage points. He is projected to carry the state again in 2020.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Henry McMaster (R)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Projected **Tossup**

Current: *Lindsey*

*Graham (R)*; Tim Scott (R)

### House

Projected **Safe R**

Current: 7-2 R

SC-02, 03, 04, 05, 07

Safe R

SC-06 Safe D

SC-01 Lean D

South Carolina has 9 seats in the House of Representatives. Going into the election, 7 seats are held by Republicans and 2 seats are held by Democrats. The most contentious race is in South Carolina's District 1. Rep. Joe Cunningham (D) won this seat by a one percent margin in 2018. Rep. Cunningham is identified as one of the most vulnerable freshmen in the House considering that President Trump won the district by 13 points in 2016. All other seats in the South Carolina House are projected to remain unchanged. South Carolina's Senior Senator, Lindsey Graham, faces a well-funded opponent in Jaime Harrison, the state's former Democratic Party Chair, who has been performing well in polls versus Graham. Graham's embrace of President Trump has led to new-found popularity among the right flank of South Carolina voters. The state's Senate seat is projected as a tossup.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Alan Wilson (R)

The next election is in 2022

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe R**

Current 27-19 R

### House

Projected **Safe R**

Current 79-44 R

The GOP will be in good shape to retain its sizable majority, with only modest, if any, erosion.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Infrastructure: South Carolina's roads are in need of repair, and voters are on the lookout for representatives who will be willing to address needs in public infrastructure.
- Education: South Carolina's rural schools have been struggling for years, and voters would like to see representatives address this issue. Many voters also care about school choice, making the issue of school funding a difficult one for policymakers to address.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- McMaster signed into law a bill allowing any eligible South Carolina voter to request an absentee ballot for the state's June 9, 2020 primary. A federal judge suspended the absentee ballot witness requirement in the June 9, 2020, primary and subsequent runoff elections. This will allow people to vote in a safe, social distanced manner.
- Gov. Henry McMaster (R) issued a stay-at-home order in early April and began re-opening the state on June 20, making South Carolina one of the last states to close and one of the first to reopen. Currently, retail stores are allowed to operate at 20% capacity, and businesses that fall in the outdoor and recreation, food and drink, and personal care categories are all reopened.



# SOUTH DAKOTA

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

**Projected Safe R**  
3 Electoral Votes

## GOVERNOR

**Current Governor**  
Kristi Noem (R)  
**The next election is in 2022**

## U.S. CONGRESS

**Senate**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current: John Thune (R); *Mike Rounds (R)*

**House**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current 1-0 R  
District At-Large  
Safe R

Voters will elect one candidate to serve in the U.S. House from the state's one at-large congressional district. The Senate election will fill the Class II Senate seat held by Mike Rounds (R). Rounds was first elected in 2014.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Current Attorney General**  
Jason Ravnsborg (R)  
**The next election is in 2022**

## STATE LEGISLATURE

**Senate**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current 30-5

**House**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current 59-11

The Republicans are in no danger of losing significant ground in this solidly red state.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Education
- Healthcare
- Civil rights

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Election postponements: Governor Kristi Noem (R) signed legislation allowing local governments to delay any elections scheduled between April 14, 2020, to May 26, 2020, to any Tuesday in June.
- Voting procedures: Secretary of State Steve Barnett (R) opted to mail absentee ballot applications to all registered voters in advance of the June 2, 2020, primary election.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

Three ballot measures are certified to appear on the ballot. Two ballot measures are citizen initiatives to legalize recreational marijuana and establish a medical marijuana program are on the ballot, making South Dakota the first state to vote on recreational and medical marijuana at the same election. The third ballot measure is that the South Dakota Legislature referred a constitutional amendment to the ballot to legalize sports betting.



# TENNESSEE

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

**Projected Safe R**  
11 Electoral Votes

## GOVERNOR

**Current Governor**  
Bill Lee (R)  
**The next election is in 2022**

## U.S. CONGRESS

**Senate**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current: Marsha  
Blackburn (R); *Lamar  
Alexander (R) (open  
seat)*

**House**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current 7-2 R  
TN-01, 02, 03, 04, 06,  
07, 08 Safe R  
TN-05, 09 Safe D

Voters will elect nine candidates to serve in the U.S. House from each of the state's nine congressional districts. Voters will elect one member to the U.S. Senate. The election will fill the Class II Senate seat held by Lamar Alexander (R). Alexander was first elected in 2002. On December 17, 2018, Sen. Lamar Alexander announced that he would not run for re-election.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Current Attorney General**  
Herbert Slatery III (R)  
Appointed by the State Supreme Court

## STATE LEGISLATURE

**Senate**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current 28-5 R

**House**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current 73-26 R

Republicans will maintain control of both chambers.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Budget
- Education
- Prisons

## COVID-19 IMPACT

**Voting procedures:** On June 4, 2020, the Chancery Court for Tennessee's Twentieth Judicial District ruled that Tennessee's absentee voting law, which limits eligibility to those meeting certain criteria, "during the unique circumstances of the pandemic, constitutes an unreasonable burden on the fundamental right to vote guaranteed by the Tennessee Constitution." The court ordered the state to extend absentee voting eligibility to all Tennessee voters during the course of the pandemic.



# TEXAS

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Lean R

38 Electoral Votes

Texas is becoming a more competitive state in presidential elections but is projected to remain red in 2020.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Greg Abbott (R)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Projected **Lean R**

Current: Ted Cruz (R); *John Cornyn (R)*

### House

Projected **Safe R**

Current: 22-13 R

TX-01, 04, 05, 08, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 26, 27, 36

Safe R

TX-02, 03, 06, 17, 25, 31

Likely R

TX-10, 21 Lean R

TX-09, 15, 16, 18, 20, 28,

29, 30, 33, 34, 35 Safe D

TX-07 Likely D

TX-23, 32 Lean D

TX-22, 24 Tossup

There are several districts where Republicans have seen their margins of victory declining in the past three elections, but overall Republicans are expected to retain a majority of Texas' districts for the House of Representatives. Sen. John Cornyn is up for re-election and the race is projected as Lean Republican.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Ken Paxton (R)

The next election is in 2022

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe R**

Current 19-12 R

### House

Projected **Lean R**

Current 83-67

Democratic gains seen in 2018 are likely to continue in 2020, but may not be big enough to flip the House.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Immigration: Immigration and border security dominate the state's issue list, in part because it's a conservative state and those issues have played a prominent role in the GOP presidential conversation, and because Texas has more than half of the country's border with Mexico
- Healthcare: Texas Democrats have healthcare at the top of their list of priorities. However, the state legislators disagree over the method of choice to increase health coverage. Some would like to see expansion of private insurers while others want to expand Medicaid coverage.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Governor Greg Abbott (R) issued a proclamation postponing primary runoff elections, originally scheduled for May 26, 2020, to July 14, 2020. Abbott also postponed the special election for Texas State Senate District 14, originally scheduled for May 2, 2020, to July 14, 2020.
- Abbott also issued an order authorizing parties that nominate by convention to postpone those conventions or conduct them remotely.
- Gov. Greg Abbott (R) issued a statewide stay at home order on April 2 and began the process of reopening on May 1. On June 3, the state entered its third phase, which allows businesses operating at 25 percent capacity to move to 50 percent, with certain protocols still in place. On June 12, restaurants were allowed to increase their capacity to 75 percent.



## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Likely R

6 Electoral Votes

Donald Trump won Utah in 2016 with 54.5% of the vote. The last Democrat to win Utah was Lyndon Johnson in 1964.

## GOVERNOR

### Democratic Nominee

Chris Peterson

### Republican Nominee

Spencer Cox

### Primary Results

**Chris Peterson** (Law Professor): Uncontested  
**Spencer Cox** (Lieutenant Governor): 36.2%, 188,707 votes

This race is rated **safe Republican**.

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Current: Mike Lee (R); Mitt Romney (R)

### House

Projected **Safe R**  
Current: 3-1 R  
UT-01 Safe R  
UT-02 Safe R  
UT-03 Safe R  
UT-04 Tossup

The closest race will be in the 4th congressional district, where incumbent Democrat Ben McAdams is expected to face a tough general election challenge from the Republican nominee Burgess Owens, a former NFL athlete. Mike Lee's seat will be up for election in 2022.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Democratic Nominee

Greg Skordas

### Republican Nominee

Sean Reyes (Incumbent)

### Primary Results

**Greg Skordas**: Uncontested  
**Sean Reyes** (Incumbent): 54% (Republican Convention)

This race is **safe Republican**.

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe R**  
Current 23-6 R

### House

Projected **Safe R**  
Current 59-16 R

Democrats might be able to make some marginal gains, but Utah Republicans are in no danger of significant losses.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Education: Utah ranks high in education quality among US states, but residents and lawmakers are still focused on improving education to set students up for success in their future careers.
- Air quality: The Utah State legislature has taken steps to improve air quality in the state, but many are calling for greater efforts in tackling climate change in Utah.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Governor Herbert approved a law canceling in-person Election Day voting, in-person early voting, and in-person voter registration in the June 30, 2020 election. The legislation also extended the postmark deadline for mail-in ballots to June 30, 2020.
- Both parties canceled their caucuses and in-person state conventions.
- Governor Herbert began reopening Utah by region on May 1. All restaurants, gyms, and salons are now open in the state.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

There are currently seven legislatively referred constitutional amendments (LRCA) on the ballot for the November 3, 2020 general election.

- HJR 3 - Specifies the circumstances under which a municipality may commit water resources or supply water outside its boundary or exchange water resources and revise provisions surrounding municipal water rights
- HJR 4 - Specifies that qualifications of a legislator apply as of the time of election or appointment (rather than the time a legislator assumes office)
- HJR 8 - Repeals a constitutional exception on the ban of slavery that allowed for slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime
- SJR 7 - Makes language in the state constitution gender-neutral
- SJR 3 - Provides that the legislature may set the session start date in state statute; excludes state holidays from the limit of number of days in a session
- HJR 15 - Creates a state constitutional right to hunt and fish for Utah residents
- SJR 9 - Allows the Legislature to use revenue from income taxes and property taxes to "support children and to support individuals with a disability"



# VERMONT

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Safe D

3 Electoral Votes

In 2016, Hillary Clinton won this state by a 25% margin over President Trump.

## GOVERNOR

### Democratic Nominee

David Zuckerman

### Republican Nominee

Phillip Scott  
(Incumbent)

### Primary Results

**Phillip Scott** (Incumbent): 73.1%; 42,342 votes  
**David Zuckerman** (Lieutenant Governor): 50.8%; 48,572 votes

- Governor Scott did not lose much support due to Covid-19. In the last election he won by just 8% with 52.9% of votes, but before the Coronavirus outbreak he was polling at 65%.
- This race is **likely Republican**.

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Current: Patrick Leahy (D); Bernie Sanders (D)

### House

Projected **Safe D**  
Current: 1-0 D  
District At-Large  
Safe D

Peter Welch won by 43.2% in his last election. The one district in Vermont is likely to stay Democratic for many years to come. The next race for Vermont's Senators is in 2022.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Democratic Candidate

T.J. Donovan  
(Incumbent)

### Republican Candidate

H. Brooke Paige

### Primary Results

**T.J. Donovan (Incumbent)**: Uncontested  
**H. Brooke Paige**: 36.8%; 21,574 votes

- Incumbent T.J. Donovan (D) is seeking a second term and will face Republican candidate H. Brooke Paige.
- Paige is a perennial candidate who has filed to run in 5 statewide races.
- This race is projected as a **safe Democratic victory**.

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe D**  
Current 18-6-6 D

### House

Projected **Safe D**  
Current 95-43-12 D

Democrats will hold on to both chambers in Vermont.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Climate Change: Mayors approached the legislature with a weatherization proposition to help halt climate change in Vermont.
- Education: Mayors also proposed a 2% local cannabis tax, to fund after school programs and community programs aimed at stopping substance abuse.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Candidate filing procedures: Governor Phil Scott (R) signed legislation that suspended candidate petition signature gathering requirements for both the August primary and the November general election.
- Voting procedures: Scott signed legislation authorizing local legislative bodies to transition upcoming local elections from floor meetings to Australian ballot elections.





# VIRGINIA

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Likely D

13 Electoral Votes

In 2016 Hillary Clinton won the state with 49.44% of the vote to Donald Trump's 44%. Democrats are once again projected to carry the state in 2020.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Ralph Northam (D)

The next election is in 2021

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Projected **Safe D**

Current: *Mark Warner (D)*; Tim Kaine (D)

### House

Projected **Likely D**

Current 7-4 D

VA-03, 04, 08, 10, 11

Safe D

VA-02 Lean D

VA-01, 06, 09 Safe R

VA-05, 07 Tossup

VA 7th district is a tossup, with Abigail Spanberger (D) elected in 2019 by a 1.9% margin, while President Trump (R) won with a 6.5% margin. There is a senate race for Mark Warner in Virginia in 2020, but it has been projected as a safe Democratic state.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Mark Herring (D)

The next election is in 2021

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Current 21-19 D

### House

Current 55-45 D

The next election for the State House is 2021; the next election for the State Senate in 2023.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- **Guns:** State Legislature would like to introduce things such as universal background checks and banning assault weapons but over 100 counties pledged to be Second Amendment Sanctuaries that will oppose "Unconstitutional Restrictions"
- **Criminal Justice Reform:** Ralph Northam has already begun sweeping changes in the system, notably with Marijuana decriminalization that will begin July 1st. He plans to lower sentences for small dollar crimes, as well as to reduce the number of suspended drivers licenses among Virginia drivers.
- **Equal Rights Amendment:** Virginia is poised to be the 38th to approve the amendment based on Gender Equality, which would fulfill the 2/3 state requirement to pass amendments.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- **Election postponements:** Governor Ralph Northam (D) postponed Virginia's statewide primary, originally scheduled for June 9, 2020, to June 23, 2020.
- **Candidate filing procedures:** Judge W. Reilly Marchant issued an order reducing the petition signature requirement for Republican primary candidates for the United States Senate to 3,500.
- **Voting procedures:** Judge Norman Moon, of the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, approved a settlement between the parties in League of Women Voters of Virginia v. Virginia State Board of Elections. As a result, the witness requirement for absentee voting in the June 23, 2020, primary was suspended.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

- **Redistricting Commission Amendment:** Creates a redistricting commission to draw congressional and state legislative districts
- **Motor Vehicle Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans Amendment:** Exempts one motor vehicle owned by a totally disabled veteran from property taxes



# WASHINGTON

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Safe D

12 Electoral Votes

Democrats are projected to win the state as no Republican has carried Washington since Ronald Reagan in 1984.

## GOVERNOR

### Democratic Nominee

Jay Inslee  
(Incumbent)

### Republican Nominee

Loren Culp

### Primary Results

**Jay Inslee** (Incumbent): 50.4%, 1,074,988 votes  
**Loren Culp**: 17.4%, 370, 596 votes

This race is **safe Democratic**.

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Current: Maria Cantwell (D); Patty Murray (D)

### House

Projected **Likely D**  
Current 7-3 D  
WA-01, 02, 06, 07, 09, 10 Safe D  
WA-08 Likely D  
WA-04, 05 Safe R  
WA-03 Likely R

The only district that saw a seat flip in 2018 was District 8, where former GOP Rep. Dave Deichert retired. The district is designated as a likely Democratic victory in 2020. No Senate seats are up for election in 2020.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Democratic Nominee

Bob Ferguson  
(Incumbent)

### Republican Nominee

Matt Larkin

### Primary Results

**Bob Ferguson** (Incumbent): 55.8%; 1,356,209 votes  
**Matt Larkin**: 23.67%; 575,429

- Incumbent AG Bob Ferguson won election in 2016 by a significant majority (67 % to 33%). He is projected to be re-elected.
- This race is projected **safe Democratic**.

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe D**  
Current 29-20 D

### House

Projected **Safe D**  
Current 57-41 D

Both chambers in Washington state should remain blue this fall.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Climate: Inslee wants the state to do more to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, expand the number of electric vehicle charging stations and increase the number of zero-emissions vehicles. He also wants the Legislature to set up a Clean Fuel Standard starting next January that would require producers to gradually cut the amount of those gases and their intensity with cleaner or alternative fuels.
- Taxes: Inslee has proposed a supplemental budget with no new or increased taxes. Some legislators are calling for a capital gains tax, either to pay for new programs such as efforts to fight homelessness, or as part of an overhaul of the state's tax system which is heavily dependent on the sales, property, and business and occupation taxes.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Governor Inslee issued an executive order waiving the petition requirement for candidates who could not afford to pay the filing fees associated with the offices being sought.
- Governor Inslee issued a statewide stay-at-home order on March 23 and began the process of reopening on May 4. As of June 22, some counties were preparing to move into the third phase of reopening which allows for gatherings of 50 people or less, restaurants to open to 75 percent capacity and gyms and movies to open at 50 percent capacity. Since beginning the process of reopening, the state has seen a relatively constant but slightly increasing number of cases.

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

- Authorize Investment of Family Medical Leave and Long-Term Care Funds Amendment (SJR 8212): Would allow Funds from Family and Medical Leave accounts to be invested
- Referendum 90: Repeals Senate Bill 5395 (2020) regarding sexual health education in public schools



# WEST VIRGINIA

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

**Projected Safe R**  
5 Electoral Votes

## GOVERNOR

**Democratic Nominee**  
Ben Salango

**Republican Nominee**  
Jim Justice  
(Incumbent)

### Primary Results

**Jim Justice** (Incumbent): 63%; 131,131 votes  
**Ben Salango**: 38.9%; 72,364 votes

- The outcomes of the 2020 election cycle in West Virginia stand to influence the state's redistricting process following the 2020 census. In West Virginia, the state legislature is responsible for drafting both congressional and state legislative district plans. District plans are subject to Governor veto.
- This race is **likely Republican**

## U.S. CONGRESS

**Senate**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current: Joe Manchin (D); *Shelley Moore Capito (R)*

**House**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current 3-0 R  
WV-01 Safe R  
WV-02 Safe R  
WV-03 Safe R

Voters will elect one member to the U.S. Senate. The election will fill the Class II Senate seat held by Shelley Moore Capito (R). Moore Capito was first elected in 2014. Each of the state's three congressional districts are up for election.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Democratic Nominee**  
Sam Petsonk

**Republican Nominee**  
Patrick Morrissey  
(Incumbent)

### Primary Results

**Sam Petsonk (Attorney)**: 50%; 86,849 votes  
**Patrick Morrissey (Incumbent)**: Uncontested

This race is **lean Republican**.

## STATE LEGISLATURE

**Senate**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current 20-14 R

**House**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current 59-41 R

Democratic gains, if any, will be minor.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Budget
- Transportation
- Jobs (low workforce participation)

## COVID-19 IMPACT

- Election postponements: Governor Jim Justice (R) postponed West Virginia's statewide primary election, originally scheduled to take place on May 12, 2020, to June 9, 2020.
- Voting procedures: Secretary of State Mac Warner (R) directed county clerks to mail every registered voter in the state an absentee ballot application in advance of the primary election.



# WISCONSIN

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

### Projected Lean D

10 Electoral Votes

Wisconsin has a large population of Trump's target base, and he has tried very hard to appeal to them and has been successful. In 2016 President Trump won Wisconsin by 0.77%.

## GOVERNOR

### Current Governor

Tony Evers (D)

The next election is in 2022

## U.S. CONGRESS

### Senate

Current: Tammy Baldwin (D); Ron Johnson (R)

### House

Projected **Safe R**  
Current: 5-3 R  
WI-01, 05, 06, 07 08  
Safe R  
WI-02, 04 Safe D  
WI-03 Likely D

Although the third district is not entirely certain, it is likely Democratic. The rest of the districts in Wisconsin are safe for their respective parties. The next election for Wisconsin Senators is in 2022, for Ron Johnson.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

### Current Attorney General

Josh Kaul (D)

The next election is in 2022

## STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

Projected **Safe R**  
Current 19-14 R

### Assembly

Projected **Safe R**  
Current 63-36 R

The GOP's margin in both chambers should be large enough to hold, despite the possibility of some modest losses.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

Insurance Aid: Voters in Wisconsin are not claiming Public Insurance Aid in the Covid-19 Crisis, and are looking for change.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

Voters had no protections during elections, that likely turned voters away from the ballots.



# WYOMING

## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Projected **Safe R**  
3 Electoral Votes  
President Trump won this state with 68% over Hillary Clinton's 21% in 2016.

## GOVERNOR

**Current Governor**  
Mark Gordon (R)  
**The next election is in 2022**

## U.S. CONGRESS

**Senate**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current: *Mike Enzi* (R) (open seat); John Barrasso (R)

**House**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current: 1-0 R  
District At-Large  
Safe R

In her last election, Congresswoman Cheney (R) won by 33.8%. Sen. Mike Enzi has been in office since 1997, and is not running for reelection.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Current Attorney General**  
Bridget Hill (R)  
Appointed by the Governor

## STATE LEGISLATURE

**Senate**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current 27-3 R

**Assembly**  
Projected **Safe R**  
Current 51-9 R

The Republican majorities in Wyoming have nothing to worry about in 2020.

## TOP POLICY ISSUES

- Medicaid Expansion: Voters are keen to see the 17,000 uninsured habitants of Wyoming to get the medical aid they deserve.
- Economy: Voters saw a lack of tax revenue resulting from the weak economy as a major problem.

## COVID-19 IMPACT

None

## BALLOT INITIATIVES & POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON VOTER TURNOUT

- Constitutional Amendment A: Removes the constitutional limit on local indebtedness for the creation of sewage systems