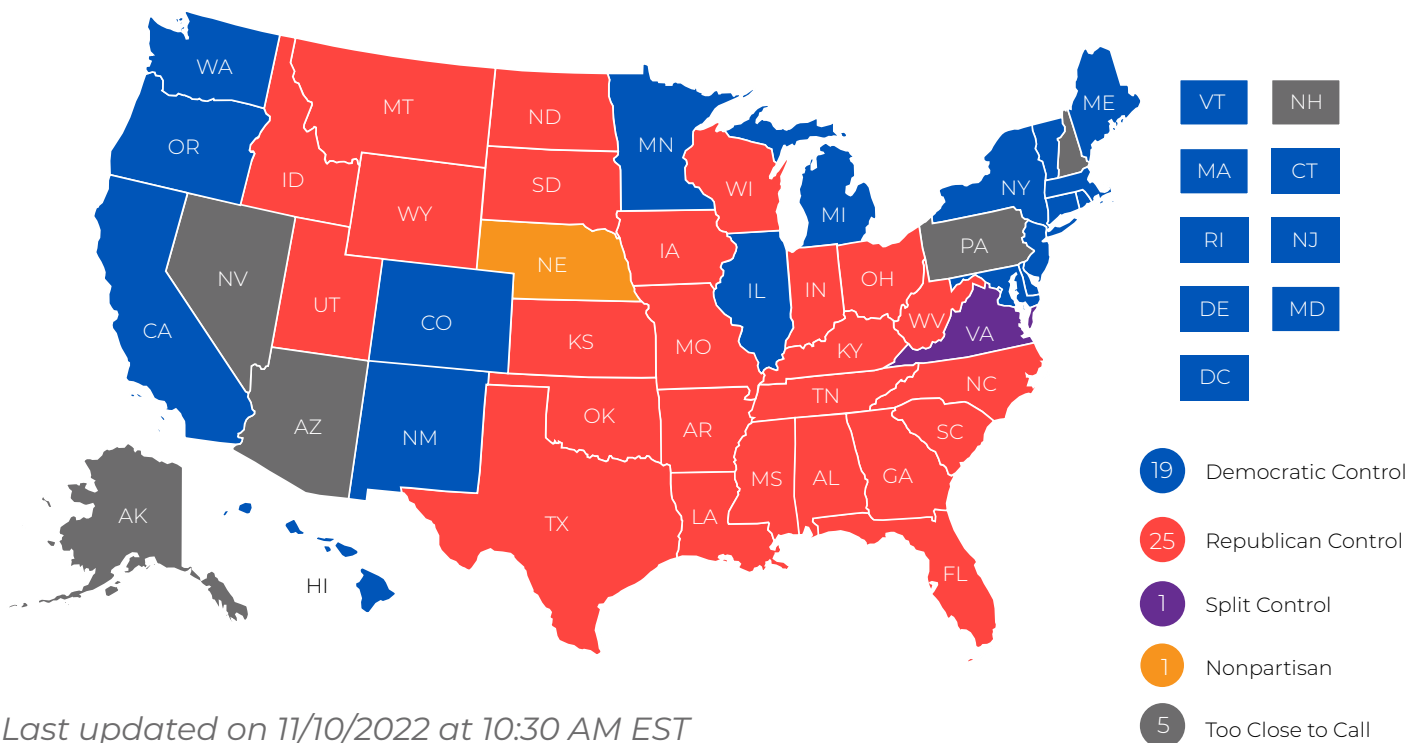


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## 2022 LEGISLATIVE ELECTION RESULTS

Midterm elections have historically served as a check on the president's party. With low approval ratings for Democratic President Joe Biden and dissatisfaction with the economy, Republicans were hoping to ride a wave to new majorities and flip seats in traditionally blue states. While many results are still outstanding, Democrats had a better night than expected given the political climate. Democrats flipped three chambers: the **Michigan** House and Senate and the **Minnesota** House. They've also created new trifectas in **Maryland**, **Massachusetts**, **Michigan** and **Minnesota**. Democrats now have 18 trifecta states to Republicans' 23. The party still has a chance to flip both the **New Hampshire** House and **Pennsylvania** House. Alongside these gains, however, Democrats have faced some missed opportunities. It seems likely that Republicans will hang onto legislative control in **Arizona**, and there's a chance they can flip a chamber in **Nevada**, where tens of thousands of votes are still being counted, reports [KUNR](#). While Republicans will likely win control of the **U.S.** House, and potentially the Senate, their wins didn't seem to translate down ballot where Democrats saw major successes at best and missed opportunities at worst.

### POST-ELECTION STATE PARTY CONTROL



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# LEGISLATIVE ELECTION RESULTS

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## ALABAMA

Republicans have kept their stronghold in the legislature. The Senate's composition will remain the same with eight Democrats and 27 Republicans. In the House, Republicans flipped one Democratic seat giving them a 77-27 majority, reports [WVTM 13](#). While the House District 25 race between Republican Phillip Rigsby and Democrat Mallory Hagan was more competitive than many others, Rigsby won and kept that district red.

## ALASKA

All 40 House seats and 10 of the 20 Senate seats were up for election. While most of the race results have yet to be called, Republicans are expected to sustain control of the Senate. [Anchorage Daily News](#) reports that preliminary election results show tight margins in key legislative races that ultimately favor Republican candidates but thousands of Democratic-leaning absentee ballots still need to be counted. To complicate matters, only voter's first choices were counted on election night and the state's new [ranked voting tabulation process](#) won't be completed until November 23. Furthermore, absentee ballots can arrive from overseas and be counted 15 days after the election, meaning it could be weeks before the true makeup of the legislature is known.

## ARIZONA

According to [AZ Central](#), many legislative races have yet to be called, though early numbers show Democrats are unlikely to flip the House. As of Thursday morning, Democrats were only leading in five of the six competitive seats they would need to win in order to create a 30-30 tie in the House. The Senate is likely headed for similarly narrow results. Republicans are currently on track to keep their 16-14 majority, with Democrats only leading in two of the five competitive districts.

## ARKANSAS

Republicans will continue to hold a super majority in the legislature, reports [KATV](#). Republicans won 79 House seats to Democrats' 17, with four races pending. In the Senate, Republican won 29 seats; the Democrats won six with one race pending.

## CALIFORNIA

It will be some time before we have the full results of the legislative races, however, it is expected that the Democratic party will keep its majorities in the Assembly and Senate, reports the [Los Angeles Times](#).



## COLORADO

Democrats maintained their trifecta, reports [Colorado Public Radio](#). In the Senate, Democrats flipped two seats to take a total of 11 of the 17 seats up for election, reports [Colorado Newslite](#), and they now hold a 23-12 majority in the chamber. Democrats also gained seats in the House and now hold a 46-19 majority, according to the [secretary of state](#).

## CONNECTICUT

According to [CT Insider](#), Democrats will keep their trifecta status. Senate Democrats have won 21 seats and are leading in three races. Republicans have won eight seats and are leading in four races. House Democrats have won 91 seats and are leading in six. Republicans have won 44 seats and are leading in 10.

## DELAWARE

The Senate had all 21 seats up for election. Democrats, who have held a trifecta in the state since 2009, strengthened their hold on the chamber by gaining a seat and now have a 15-6 majority, according to the [Department of Elections](#). In the House, Democrats held onto their 26-15 majority, reports [WDEL](#).

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Democrats won every seat on the Council up for election this year, reports [The New York Times](#). Incumbent Democrat Anita Bonds won the At-Large seat and incumbent Democrat Councilmember Phil Mendelson won re-election as chairman. In the new Ward 5, Democrat Zachary Parker won by a large margin.

## FLORIDA

Republicans have successfully held onto their trifecta. Going into the election with a 23-16 majority in the Senate, the party increased its majority in the chamber to 28-11, reports the [Tampa Bay Times](#). The count in District 25 is still pending as of publication of this report, with Sen. Victor Torres, D-Hendry, holding a narrow lead over Republican Peter Vivaldi. In the contentious District 3, the make-up of which shifted markedly Republican following redistricting, incumbent Sen. Lorraine Ausley, D-Gainesville, lost to challenger Republican Corey Simon by six percentage points.

In the House, Republicans retained control with an 84-35 majority in the chamber, reports the [Tallahassee Democrat](#). The District 106 race looks to be heading to a recount as Republican Fabian Basabe was leading the race by less than 250 votes, reports the [Miami Herald](#).



## GEORGIA

Despite predictions of a red wave this year, Democrats managed to make slight inroads in both chambers of the General Assembly. In the Senate, Democrats picked up one seat, moving the chamber from 34-22 in favor of Republicans to 33-23. In the House, Republicans controlled a 103-76 majority prior to the election. Now, the chamber will likely sit at 101-79 once the dust settles in uncalled races, according to elections data from the [secretary of state](#). Despite these wins for Democrats, the state will remain a Republican trifecta.

## HAWAII

The state will remain a Democratic trifecta. Democrats have won or are leading in 24 seats to one for Republicans in the Senate and have won or are leading in 45 House seats to five for Republicans, according to the [Office of Elections](#). The House will receive a total of 16 new representatives, while five new members will join the Senate. According to the [Honolulu Civil Beat](#), the “Democrats hold such commanding majorities in both the House and Senate that the turnover appears unlikely to have any great impact on the leadership or the political leanings of either body”. Every seat was up for election this year. Republicans were not expected to make a dent in the Democrats’ supermajority.

## IDAHO

According to the [Idaho Capital Sun](#), the legislature will remain in Republican hands. All 70 House seats were up for election this year. Democrats’ chances to take either chamber were remote, as the state has operated under a Republican trifecta for the past 27 years. If current results hold, Republicans will hold a 28-7 majority in the Senate and a 58-12 majority in the House, reports the [Idaho Capital Sun](#).

## ILLINOIS

Democrats kept their trifecta status as they won control of both the House and Senate. Democrats won almost every contested seat in the state, according to [Axios Chicago](#). Democrats are sending at least 36 Senators and 74 Representatives to Springfield while Republicans are only sending at least 16 Senators and 36 Representatives.

The most contested race ended up being Senate District 19 where Republican Patrick Sheehan and Incumbent Sen. Michael Hastings, D-Cook, are only separated by 68 votes with 95 percent of the vote counted, according to the [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#). This race was not projected to be close until Senator Hastings’ ex-wife accused him of committing domestic violence during his campaign, reports [WBEZ Chicago](#).

## INDIANA

As expected, Republicans continue to dominate both chambers of the legislature, though a number of suburban races remain too close to call, the [Indianapolis Star](#) reports. According [The New York Times](#), Republicans have 69 seats in the House compared to just 26 for the Democrats, with five seats still not decided. In the Senate, Republicans won 39 seats



compared to 10 seats for Democrats, with one undecided race. It remains unlikely that the Democrats will pick up the seats necessary to break the Republican's supermajority. Democrats were able to flip Senate District 46 where Andrea Huntley defeated GOP nominee Evan Shearin.

## IOWA

Of the 34 seats that were up for election in the Senate, Republicans took 22 to Democrats' 12 seats, according to the [secretary of state](#). Typically, only half of the 50 Senate seats are up for election each cycle; however, nine more seats were opened due to redistricting, according to a February 25 [media release](#) by Secretary of State Paul Pate. The winners of the additional seats will only serve two-year terms. According to [Radio Iowa](#), Republicans now hold a supermajority in the Senate, the first time either party has held a supermajority in the chamber in over 50 years. In the House, where all 100 seats were up for election, Republicans strengthened their already considerable hold. Democrats only solidly took 32 seats, with a few districts still with hard-to-call races that lean Democrat; however, even if they win them all, it will still leave them with only 36 seats to Republicans' 64.

## KANSAS

A single seat in the Senate was up for special election this year, due to former Sen. Bud Estes, R-Dodge City, having died in February 2021. Sen. Ronald Ryckman was appointed to the District 38 seat on March 4, 2021. Senator Ryckman easily held on to the post with 75 percent of the vote on Tuesday, according to the [secretary of state](#). Republicans hold a supermajority in the chamber, with 29 seats compared to 11 for the Democrats. Of the 125 House seats up for elections, Republicans lost one seat while Democrats gained two (one seat was vacant prior to the election) with Republicans still holding on to 85 seats to Democrats' 40, reports [The Kansas City Star](#).

## KENTUCKY

Republicans expanded their supermajority in both chambers of the legislature picking up five seats in the House and one in the Senate, the [Louisville Courier-Journal](#) reports. Notable Democratic losses included House District 28 where 11 term incumbent Rep. Charles Miller, D-Louisville, was defeated by GOP nominee Jared Bauman. Another incumbent, Rep. Jeff Donahue, D-Louisville, was also handily defeated. Both incumbents were heavily outspent in their contests. In the Senate, Republicans picked up one uncontested seat. Republicans will now enjoy an 80-20 supermajority in the House and a 31-7 supermajority in the Senate.

## LOUISIANA

There were no regular legislative elections this year. [The New York Times](#) has called the Senate District 5 special election for Democrat Royce Duplessis. In Senate District 17, the [secretary of state](#) reports that Republican Caleb Kleinpeter beat Democrat Jeremy LaCombe and Republican Kirk Rousset. Both seats will stay in the hands of the party that previously held them.



## MAINE

The state will remain a Democratic trifecta. The Democrats maintained a majority in the House by winning 77 seats, increasing their advantage in the lower chamber, per the [Maine Beacon](#). The Democrats also held onto the Senate with a 22-13 majority, with one race still pending.

## MARYLAND

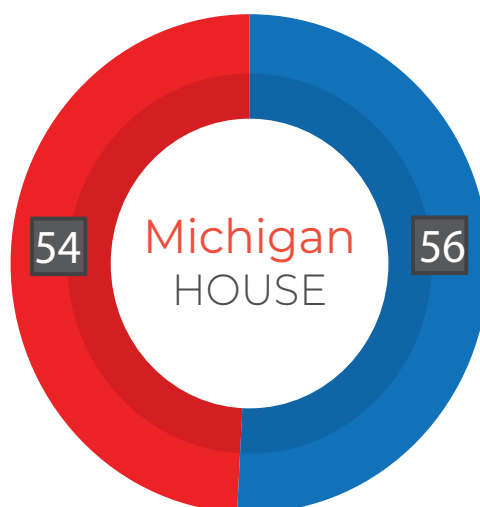
Democrats retained control of both chambers, according to [NCSL](#), completing their trifecta alongside Democrat Wes Moore's win for governor. The news did not come as a shock as Democrats outnumber Republicans in the state two to one, according to [dcist](#). Democrats are sending at least 23 Senators and 35 Delegates to Annapolis while Republicans have six Senators and 17 Delegates, according to [Business Insider](#).

## MASSACHUSETTS

All 40 Senate seats were up for election this year. According to [The New York Times](#), Democrats will hold a 37-3 majority in the Senate. Democrats will gain another seat after picking up a vacant seat in a historically liberal district, reports [WAMC](#). Democrats will also likely grow their current House majority of 125-26. [The New York Times](#) reports, Democrats have already won 129 seats with nine races still uncalled. Democrats are currently leading in three of these races. If current leads hold, Democrats will hold a 132-27 majority, with one independent. With the governor's seat turning blue, Democrats will now enjoy a trifecta.

## MICHIGAN

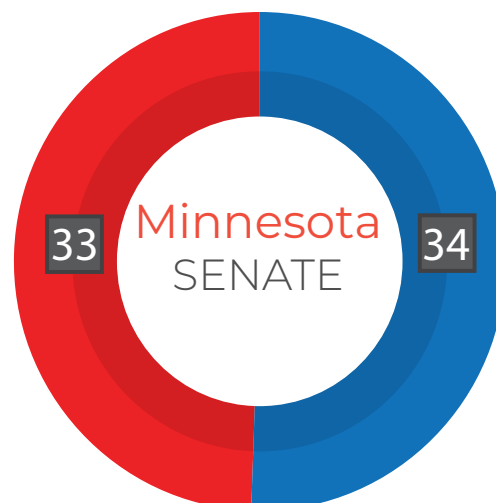
It was a big night for Democrats who are poised to retake both chambers of the legislature. In the House, Democrats now enjoy a 56-54 majority, after Democrats had a number of upsets including in the District 103 contest where Democrat Betsy Coffia prevailed over House Transportation Committee Chair Jack O'Malley, R-Lake Ann, [Bridge Michigan](#) reports. Margins are tighter in the Senate where the chamber is currently tied 19-19 which would allow recently re-elected Democratic Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist to break ties and give Democrats control of the chamber. Key races included the District 11 contest where Sen. Michael McDonald, R-Macomb Township, lost his bid for re-election to Macomb County Commissioner Veronica Klienfelt. According to [WWJ Radio](#), this will be the first time in nearly 40 years that Democrats have held a trifecta in the state.





## MINNESOTA

According to a [legislative update](#), the House will be controlled 70-64 by the Democratic–Farmer–Labor (DFL) Party. The DFL also flipped control the Senate to 34-33. Democrats had their sights set on regaining ground in the Senate where they were narrowly in the minority before two defections left them with 31 seats compared to 34 for Republicans with one Independent and one vacancy. With the Senate flipping, Democrats now have a trifecta in the state.



## MISSISSIPPI

There was no regular legislative election this year. Andy Boyd won the House District 37 special election, with 58 percent to David Chism’s 42 percent, [SuperTalk Mississippi Media](#) reports. Special elections in Mississippi are non-partisan, however, Republicans have a 76-42 majority so this race did not affect control of the chamber.

## MISSOURI

The [Missouri Independent](#) reports, House Republicans will hold a supermajority of 111 seats, down from their previously held 114. Democrats were able to pick up three seats bringing their caucus to 52 seats, the largest number of seats they’ve held in a decade. In the Senate, Republicans won 14 seats with the Democrats winning three seats. Republicans retained their massive majorities, but Democrats benefited from newly drawn districts that were more competitive.

## MONTANA

Republicans preserved their trifecta in the state and increased their majorities in both the Senate and House. According to unofficial results released by the [secretary of state](#), Republicans won 18 out of the 27 seats that were up for election, including both special elections in districts 15 and 39. If current leads hold, Senate Republicans will have a 35-15 majority. In the House, Republicans look to maintain a firm majority as Democrats were only able to secure 29 seats despite three districts being too close to call at this point. It is projected that the Republicans will have a 71-29 majority. According to [Montana Free Press](#), “Democrats have little chance at winning control of either chamber.”

## NEBRASKA

Twenty-five districts had elections in the unicameral legislature on a nonpartisan ballot. Although party affiliations don’t appear on the ballot, the legislative votes are often split along party lines. According to the [Nebraska Examiner](#), Republicans captured a filibuster-proof majority. If late vote counts don’t change the results, the GOP would gain one seat, obtaining a 33-vote supermajority in the legislature.



## NEVADA

[Axios](#) reports that Senate race results are delayed due to paper ballots and some counties didn't begin counting until Wednesday. The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), however, reports that Democrats look likely to retain control of both chambers. Republicans would need to flip two Senate seats to take control of the upper chamber and six seats in the Assembly, but only a handful of races are truly competitive: two in the Senate and four in the Assembly.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

All 424 legislative seats were up for election this cycle. Going into the midterms Republicans held a trifecta in the state, controlling the Senate 13-10 and the House 202-178. Democrats needed at least two seats to flip the Senate and 12 seats to win a majority in the House. According to [The New York Times](#), Republicans lead in the Senate and Democrats lead in the House, but most races are still too early to call. The Senate is expected to remain in Republican control but the House is still considered a toss-up with a chance for the Democrats to flip the chamber. A notable race won by Democrat James Roesener in House District 22 made him the first openly transgender man to join a state legislature in the country, [The Hill](#) reports.

## NEW MEXICO

According to [KOAT Action News](#), it appears Democrats will maintain control of the House, though seven districts are still too close to call. If current leads hold, Democrats will hold a 44-26 majority, a loss of one seat from their current numbers. New Mexico will hold elections for the Senate in 2024.

## NEW YORK

Republicans achieved their major goal of dislodging the Democratic supermajority in both chambers this year. In the Senate, Republicans picked up three seats to turn the upper chamber's partisan balance from 42-20 to 40-23, though the chamber is still strongly under Democratic control. In the Assembly, it appears that Republicans may also have been successful in ending the Democratic supermajority. If current leads in the many uncalled races hold, the partisan divide of the lower chamber, per the [secretary of state](#), will be 98-52 in favor of Democrats, a net loss of eight seats and their supermajority. Despite these losses, New York will remain a Democratic trifecta state.

## NORTH CAROLINA

All 120 House seats and all 50 Senate seats were up for election. Republicans gained seats in the House but fell just one short of gaining a full supermajority; they now hold the chamber 71-49, according to the [state board of elections](#). In the Senate, however, [The News & Observer](#) reports that the Republicans did appear to obtain a supermajority and now hold the chamber 30-20, according to the [state board of elections](#).





## NORTH DAKOTA

As was widely predicted, Republicans maintained their majorities in both chambers. In the Senate, Republicans managed to win 28 of the races, compared to just four by the Democratic-Nonpartisan League, according to the [secretary of state](#). The Republican majority is projected to be 43-4. In the House, while the Democratic-Nonpartisan League won five races, Republicans won 27. District 10 was split between Republican Steve Swiontek and the Democratic-Nonpartisan League's Hamida Dakane. Additionally, a recount was automatically triggered for District 43 between Republican Eric Murphy and incumbent Rep. Zac Ista, DNPL-Grand Forks. It is likely that Republicans will hold the chamber with an 83-11 majority.

## OHIO

All 99 House seats and 17 of 33 Senate seats were up for election. Before the election, Republicans controlled the House with a 64-35 supermajority and the Senate with a 25-8 supermajority. According to the [Ohio Capital Journal](#), the secretary of state's office reported more than 180,000 provisional and absentee ballots were still outstanding. However, Republican candidates appear to have won up to 68 of the 99 House seats. House District 5 is too close to call, with a 0.28 percent lead for the Republican candidate and is possibly heading for a recount. Several other races are close enough that the outstanding ballots could change the current numbers or lead to a recount. Republicans have won at least 10 out of the 17 Senate seats and would control the chamber 25-7. The Senate District 27 race is still too close, with the Republican candidate leading 51.2 percent to 48.8, with a 3,331-vote difference.

## OKLAHOMA

In the Senate, Democrats lost one seat, giving Republicans a 40-8 supermajority, according to results from the [state Election Board](#). In the House, Republicans won 20 of the 31 races and Democrats won 11, including a flipped seat. Republicans will now hold an 81-20 supermajority.

## OREGON

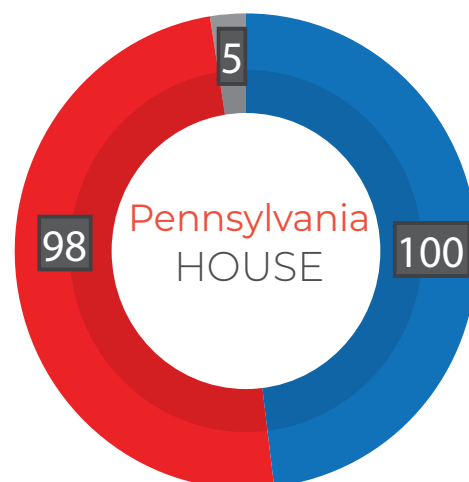
Fifteen of the 30 Senate seats and all House seats were up for grabs. Results are slowly rolling in, with only a few races called as of publication. Currently the split among Democrats and Republicans is very close, 10 Democrats to nine Republicans in the Senate and 20 Democrats to 19 Republicans in the House, according to the [Statesman Journal](#).

## PENNSYLVANIA

All 203 House seats and 25 of the 50 Senate seats were up for election. Going into the midterms Republicans controlled both chambers, outnumbering Democrats 29-21 in the Senate and 113-90 in the House. According to [The Philadelphia Inquirer](#), parties are currently tied 12-12 in the Senate, with one race yet to be called; Republicans are projected to maintain a 28-22 majority. In the House, results show Democrats and Republicans neck and neck, fueling optimism in the Democrats' first real chance in over a decade to retake the



lower chamber. If current leads hold, Republicans would retain a majority of 104-99. The competitiveness of the House races can be attributed to the state's recently redrawn district lines and, as [The Philadelphia Inquirer](#) further reports, even if Republicans ultimately retain control of the House, Democrats are likely to make a dent in their 23-seat lead. If Republicans preserve control of both chambers, [The Morning Call](#) notes, they wield the power to put one or all of six potential [constitutional amendments](#), including abortion and voting rights, on the 2023 spring ballot.



## RHODE ISLAND

Should all the current leads in the uncalled races hold, the General Assembly's partisan makeup will remain nearly identical to the previous session, per the [secretary of state](#). Democrats will retain supermajorities in both chambers, with a 33-5 advantage in the Senate and 65-9 advantage in the House, with one Independent representative.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Republican only needed to gain one seat to build a supermajority in the House, where they previously held an 81-43 advantage. Instead, they managed to pick up seven seats, per the [secretary of state](#), gaining a supermajority and increasing their lock on the House, which will now likely sit at an 88-36 partisan divide. Elections in the Senate will be held in 2024 when all 46 seats will be up for election. Republicans currently hold a 30-16 majority, just one seat shy of a supermajority.

## SOUTH DAKOTA

Although one seat was lost to the Democrats in the Senate, [Keloland Media Group](#) reports that Republicans will likely maintain control and have gained a seat in the House. Republicans are now projected to control the Senate 31-4 and the House 63-7.

## TENNESSEE

Republicans will continue to dominate both chambers increasing their majority in the House to 76-23, according to the [secretary of state](#). In the Senate, Democrats only won one of the 17 seats up this cycle. Republicans now control the Senate 27-6.

## TEXAS

Republicans are on track to slightly expand their legislative majorities, reports [The Texas Tribune](#). Republicans have won 19 seats to the Democrats' 11, with one seat still close to call. This means Republicans will gain an additional one or two seats in the Senate. According to results from [The New York Times](#), Republicans have won 85 House seats and are leading in one uncalled race. Democrats have won 63 seats and are leading in one



uncalled race. If current leads hold, Republicans will have picked up one additional seat in the House. Despite Democrats' attempts to turn Texas purple, it only seems to be getting redder.

## UTAH

With some races still pending, Republicans have already secured their majority in the Senate. According to [The Salt Lake Tribune](#), they're on track to win 11 seats out of the 15 up for election this year. Democrats, however, are on track to flip two seats. If the vote totals hold steady, the Republican majority in the Senate will narrow from 23-6 to 21-8. Republicans have also kept their majority in the House. [The New York Times](#) has called 46 races for Republicans, putting them over the 38 seats need for a majority. They are leading in 15 out of the 22 outstanding races, potentially meaning Republicans pick up three seats resulting in a 61-14 majority. With Republican Gov. Spencer Cox not up for election until 2024, Republicans will hold onto their trifecta in the state.

## VERMONT

Democrats and Progressives have regained their supermajority in the House, according to [VTDigger](#). Democrats are projected to hold 104 seats, with Progressives winning five. Republicans will likely hold 38 seats and three will be held by Independents. In the Senate, Democrats and Progressives held on to their 23-7 supermajority, with the chamber likely seeing no change in party makeup, reports [VTDigger](#). Despite these massive majorities, Republican Gov. Phil Scott cruised to re-election, denying Democrats a trifecta.

## WASHINGTON

Should all current leads hold, the legislature will move slightly to the left this cycle. In the Senate, Democrats appear to have picked up one seat, moving the upper chamber to a 30-19 partisan divide in their favor. In the House, Democrats are on track to pick up three seats, moving the partisan balance in the chamber from 57-41 to 60-38, per the [secretary of state](#).

## WEST VIRGINIA

Republicans swept the state on election day picking up at least seven seats in both the House and Senate. Republicans will control the Senate 29-4, with one uncalled race, and the House 87-11, with two uncalled races, according to [The New York Times](#). This election comes on the back of the state's discontinuation of multimember districts in favor of single member districts, a severe blow to many democratic strongholds in the state.

## WISCONSIN

Amid the backdrop of redistricting court challenges, it looks as though Republicans maintained control of the Senate. According to initial numbers, reported by the [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), the party is projected to have won 12 of the 17 races, leaving it with a 22-11 majority in the Senate. It appears much the same in the Assembly where Republicans are projected to have secured a 65-35 majority, reports the [Post Crescent](#).



## WYOMING

Republicans maintained control in both chambers, according to the [secretary of state](#). In the Senate, Republicans are likely to have won 14 of 16 seats, including District 31, which was created following recent redistricting. It is projected that Senate Republicans will secure a 29-2 majority. The same was true for the House, where Democrats lost all but four races, including those in the two new districts, 61 and 62. This is expected to leave the Republicans with a 58-4 majority.