

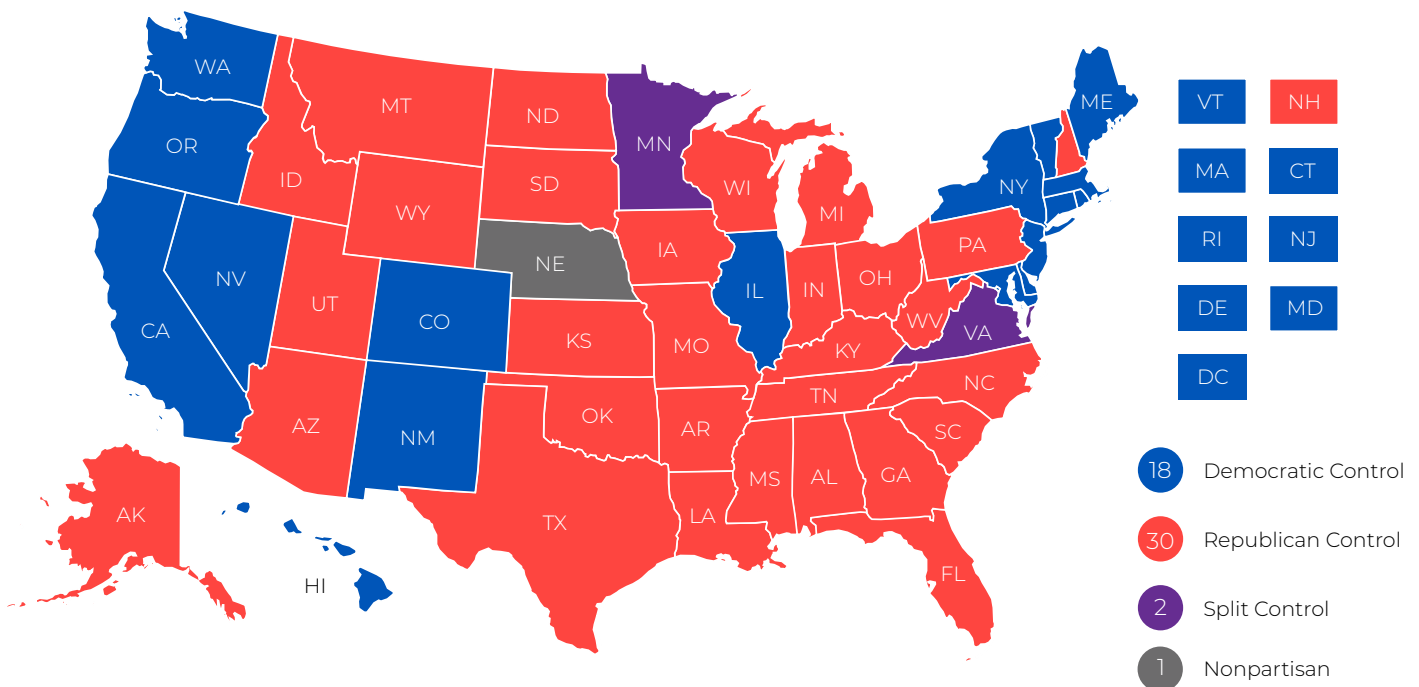
# FOCUS

## 2022 LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS

With many states using new legislative maps after redistricting, there is more uncertainty than usual when it comes to control of the state legislatures. Republicans are trying to ride dissatisfaction with President Joe Biden and the economy to new majorities and possibly supermajorities. Democrats, on the other hand, are attempting to prevent a Republican wave and potentially flip a few chambers to break Republican trifectas. The **United States Supreme Court's** decision on *Roe v. Wade* has complicated the politics of this election, motivating Democrats in a year where they might otherwise have stayed home.

Currently, Republicans control 30 state legislatures outright, 31 if you count nominally nonpartisan **Nebraska**, compared to 17 for the Democrats with **Minnesota** and **Virginia** under divided control, NCSL reports. Republicans hold a trifecta in 24 states, meaning the governor's office and both chambers of the legislature are controlled by one party, while Democrats have 14. The other 12 states have divided control. Democrats are hoping to flip the **Arizona** Senate, either chamber in **Michigan** or the **Minnesota** Senate. Republicans are targeting **Colorado**, **Maine**, **Minnesota**, **Nevada**, **Oregon** and **Washington**, reports [The New York Times](#).

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# LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS

## ALABAMA

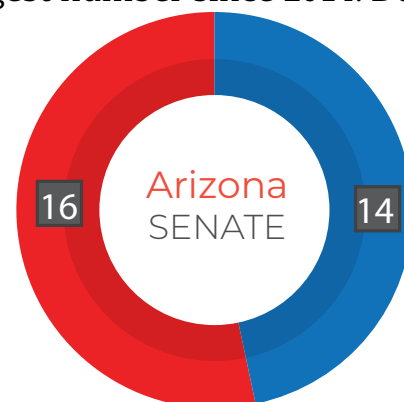
The legislature has a firm Republican stronghold. There are currently 27 Republicans to eight Democrats in the Senate and 73 Republicans and 28 Democrats in the House, with four vacancies. That dynamic isn't likely to change greatly anytime soon. Political analyst Steve Flowers has been quoted as saying that the election was really won in the primaries as "Alabama has become a one-party state" referring to the large Republican majority, reports [Alabama News Network](#). There has been heavy discussion of redrawing of districts to preserve that Republican majority and a case regarding Alabama's gerrymandering is currently in front of the Supreme Court. Following the *Dobbs* decision, there are some whispers that there could be more competitive district races, including in District 25 between Democrat Mallory Hagan and Republican Phillip Rigsby as Hagan has raised \$40,000 compared to Rigsby's \$10,000, reports the [Alabama Political Reporter](#).

## ALASKA

All 40 House seats and 10 of the 20 Senate seats are up for election. The Senate is currently controlled by Republicans, while the House is run by a cross-partisan coalition with a Republican speaker and a Democratic majority leader. According to [Sabato's Crystal Ball](#), Republicans are expected to maintain control of the Senate. The House, however, may flip to full GOP control due to a series of retirements from coalition members and the growing strength of the conservative wing among Republicans. If the Republicans win outright control of the House, Alaska will become a Republican trifecta. Progressive and moderate candidates, however, have been outracing their Republican opponents, reports the [Anchorage Daily News](#). While strong fundraising does not mean a win, Democrats are optimistic that they will be able to keep the bipartisan coalition in the House.

## ARIZONA

All 60 House seats and all 30 Senate seats are up for election with Republicans currently holding control of both chambers. Republicans control the House 31-28 with one vacancy and the Senate 16-14. Jointly, 39 incumbents are retiring, the largest number since 2014. Due in part to the number of legislators retiring, the legislature is considered a battleground. In the House, the Democrats will need to gain two seats to achieve control, while the Republicans will need to lose no more than one to maintain control. [Arizona Republic](#) states that the Democrats only need a few wins to flip the legislature, which could hold a heavy impact on key issues such as abortion, public safety and the economy. The state has held a Republican trifecta since 2009 and this year's race will be one to watch.





## ARKANSAS

All 100 House seats and all 35 Senate seats are up for election, according to [Talk Business and Politics](#). Currently, Republicans control a 78-22 supermajority in the House. In the Senate, they control a 27-7 supermajority, with one Independent, according to the [secretary of state](#). The best that Democrats can hope for in this deep-red state is to strip away the current Republican supermajorities. How successful the Democrats will be remains to be seen. [Politico's](#) forecasting shows Arkansas remaining solid for the GOP across the board in 2022.

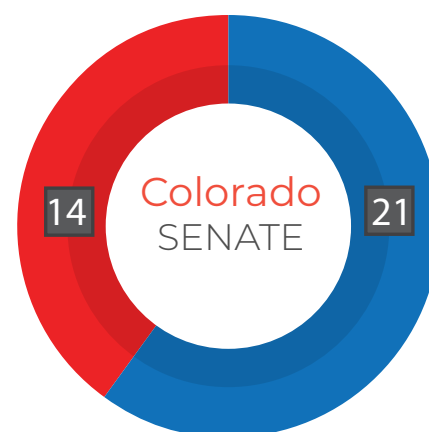
## CALIFORNIA

Democrats hold a clear majority in the Assembly and Senate. Of the 80 Assembly seats, all of which are up for election, 60 are held by Democrats. New districts are in use and that has caused some to be more competitive than in years past. In District 7, redistricting has meant that the district's Democratic registrations dropped by six points. Incumbent Democrat Asm. Ken Cooley is facing Republican challenger Josh Hoover. In District 74, Republican incumbent Asm. Laurie Davies faces a big challenge from Democrat Chris Duncan, who previously faced each other in 2020. Since the last election it seems the district now holds more Democrats, reports [Cal Matters](#).

In the Senate, several Senators have reached term limits and with newly redrawn districts there is a wide open field in some races. In District 20, Democratic incumbent Sen. Bob Hertzberg reached his term limit so he is supporting his son, Daniel Hertzberg, a first time candidate and sales manager, to take his place. He is facing another Democrat as a challenger, Caroline Menjivar. Hertzberg has greatly out-raised Menjivar so far despite them polling closely, according to [Cal Matters](#). In District 10, Lily Mei and Aisha Wahab are two Democrats facing off for an open seat. If elected, Wahab would be the first Afghan woman elected to state office. This race has already faced some contention when Mei was accused of being anti-LGBT after voting against a resolution honoring Harvey Milk, reports [Cal Matters](#).

## COLORADO

Republicans look to take control of the Senate using newly drawn districts to their advantage. [Colorado Newslite](#) reports, the most competitive districts have shown historical preference for Democrats but are still considered toss-ups. Colorado currently has a Democratic trifecta. In the Senate, where 17 of the 35 seats are up for election, Democrats have a 21-14 majority and Republicans need to flip four seats to take control. In the House, Democrats hold a 41-24 majority going into the election. All 65 seats are up for election, reports the [secretary of state](#), and is expected to stay majority Democrat.





## CONNECTICUT

Every legislative seat is up for election this year, with 151 House races and 36 Senate races. Democrats currently have a trifecta, controlling the House 97-54 and the Senate 23-13. Democrats are expected to keep their majorities, although they could lose a few seats due to a high number of open seats, according to analysis from [CT News Junkie](#).

## DELAWARE

The Senate has emerged as a contest to watch this cycle with all 21 seats up for election. Democrats have held a trifecta in the state since 2009 and currently hold a 14-7 majority in the chamber, but Republicans can take control of the Senate and break the trifecta if they flip four or more seats. One of the more competitive races will be the race for District 6 which was vacated by Republican Sen. Ernie Lopez when he retired earlier this year, reports [Delaware Public Media](#). Democratic primary winner and political newcomer Russ Huxtable will face Republican Rep. Steven Smyk and Independent Gwendolyn Jones. Huxtable is trying to flip the traditionally conservative seat on a campaign covering traffic, infrastructure and affordable housing, reports [WMDT](#). In the House, Democrats currently hold a 26-15 majority and, while all 41 seats are up for election, are expected to maintain a strong majority.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Four wards are up for election this year, Wards 1, 3, 5 and 6, as well as the two At-Large and the Council Chairperson seats. Democratic Council Chairman Phil Mendelson is facing re-election against two challengers, Republican Nate Derenge and Statehood Green Party candidate Darryl L.C. Moch, who have faced difficulties with fundraising. Since one At-Large seat must be filled by a non-Democrat, that race is a bit more contentious. Three incumbents are among the candidates vying for the two seats, Democrat Anita Bonds, Independent Elissa Silverman, Democrat Kenyan McDuffie, as well as four other candidates. In Ward 1, Democratic incumbent Councilmember Brianne Nadeau has broad support and is expected to win against her challenger. In Ward 3, Democrat Matthew Frumin is expected to win over his Republican challenger David Krucoff. Zachary Parker, a Democrat, is looking to likely win the newly available seat in Ward 5 against Republican Clarence Lee, Jr., reports [dcist](#). In Ward 6, Democratic Councilmember Charles Allen faces no challenger.

## FLORIDA

Republicans hold a trifecta in the state. In the Senate, all 40 seats are up for election and Republicans currently hold 23 of them. Democrats would need to gain at least five seats to take control of the chamber. Among the competitive districts, District 3 has garnered notable attention. Following recent redistricting, this race is, as [WCTV](#) reports, “very contentious,” with Sen. Loranne Ausley, D-Gainesville, running against Republican Corey Simon only two years into her term, in a district containing several new Republican-leaning counties.



All 120 House seats are up for election. With Republicans controlling 76 seats, Democrats would need to gain 19 seats to take control of the chamber. It is unlikely that Republicans will lose control, the [Tallahassee Democrat](#) reports; due to redistricting, “there is little doubt that Republicans will continue to hold sizeable majorities at the state Capitol.”

## GEORGIA

Republicans hold a trifecta in the state. All 180 House seats and all 56 Senate seats are up for election. In the House, Republicans currently control a supermajority of 103 seats to Democrats’ 76, with one vacant seat. To take supermajority control of the chamber, Republicans would need to gain 16 total seats, while taking a simple majority for Democrats would require a gain of 14 seats. With both of these situations seeming to be equally unlikely, Republicans best hope is to net just a few seats, though not enough to gain a supermajority. In the Senate, Republicans control a majority with 34 seats to the Democrats’ 22. Flipping just three seats in this chamber will give Republicans a supermajority, in contrast Democrats will need to flip seven in order to gain a simple majority.

## HAWAII

The state is currently a Democratic trifecta. Democrats hold supermajorities in the legislature, with 24 seats to one Republican in the Senate and 47 seats with four Republicans in the House. Every seat is up for election this year. Republicans are unlikely to make a dent in the Democrats’ supermajority.

## IDAHO

All 70 House seats are up for election this year with Republicans enjoying a solid 58-12 majority. In the Senate, Republicans enjoy a 28-7 majority with all 35 seats up for election. While Democrats’ chances to take either chamber are remote, the party is hoping to pick up five seats in the legislature due to perceived division within the Republican party, [KMVT](#) reports.

## ILLINOIS

All 177 legislative seats are up for grabs this election. Democrats currently handily control both chambers, 41-18 in the Senate and 73-45 in the House, reports [NCSL](#). One of the most highly contested races is in Senate District 26 where six-year incumbent Sen. Dan McConchie, R-Crystal Lake, is defending his seat against businesswoman Maria Peterson. The race is a microcosm of issues in the state with cash bail, the SAFE-T act and abortion being among the most important issues, according to [Shaw Local News Network](#). In the heavily blue state, and with a new district map, Democrats are likely to keep their majority in both chambers.



## INDIANA

Republicans currently enjoy supermajorities in both chambers with a 71-29 advantage in the House and a 39-11 lead in the Senate. While neither legislative chamber appears to be up for grabs this cycle, Democrats do have their sights set on gaining the five seats necessary to break the Republican supermajority in the House. According to [WGN](#), Democrats are targeting several Indianapolis suburbs, as well as seats around Fort Wayne and South Bend. With a large Republican lead, the Senate is similarly uncompetitive, however, Senate Pensions and Labor Committee Chair Phil Boots, R-Crawfordsville, is one of three Senators not running for re-election, the [Journal & Courier](#) reports.

## IOWA

The partisan makeup of the House currently sits in favor of Republicans, who hold 60 seats to 40 Democratic seats. The Senate has a similar partisan divide, 32-18 in favor of Republicans. While all 100 House seats are up for election, only half of the 50 Senate seats are up, all in odd-numbered districts. In the Senate, Republicans would only need to flip one Democratic held seat in order to gain a supermajority, which is not out of the question. In the House, they would need to flip six seats, a much taller order. The Senate will be a key chamber to watch this election.

## KANSAS

The Senate will not hold legislative elections this year, the next elections for the chamber will be held in 2024. Republicans currently hold a supermajority in the chamber, holding 29 seats compared to 11 for the Democrats. All 125 House seats, however, will be up for election this year. Currently, Republicans hold a supermajority in the chamber, with 86 seats to the Democrats' 38, with one seat vacant. Flipping three seats in the House would result in a major win for the Democrats, as it would rob Republicans of their supermajority in both chambers, which currently allow them to overrule the vetoes of Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly. The results in this chamber, alongside the governor's race, will have major implications for state policy in 2023.

## KENTUCKY

All 100 House seats are up for election, with Republicans currently enjoying a 75-25 majority in the chamber. In the Senate, Republicans have a 29-8 supermajority with 19 seats up for election. According to the [Louisville Courier-Journal](#), Republicans are unlikely to lose supermajority status in either chamber as Democrats have few realistic chances to pick up seats. Funding from Republican aligned PAC's, such as U.S. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell's Kentuckians for Strong Leadership, has considerably dwarfed Democratic spending in the legislative races.

## LOUISIANA

There are no legislative elections this year. Senate seats in Districts 5 and 17 are scheduled for special elections on November 8. The seats became vacant after Democratic Rep. Karen Peterson and Republican Rep. Rick Ward, III resigned. There are two Democratic candidates



running for Peterson's seat, and one Democrat and two Republicans running for Ward's. Neither race has a clear frontrunner, according to the [Greater Baton Rouge Business Report](#).

## MAINE

All 151 House seats are up for election. The Democrats currently control 77 seats and the Republicans control 63 seats, with three Independents and eight vacancies. All 35 Senate seats are up for election. The Senate currently has 22 seated Democrats and 13 seated Republicans. Democrats are outspending Republicans 4-to-1 in an effort to maintain their majorities, reports [centralmaine.com](#). Most of the spending has targeted the Senate races, indicating that both parties see that chamber as the more vulnerable one. [Sabato's Crystal Ball](#) has classified both chambers as tossups.

## MARYLAND

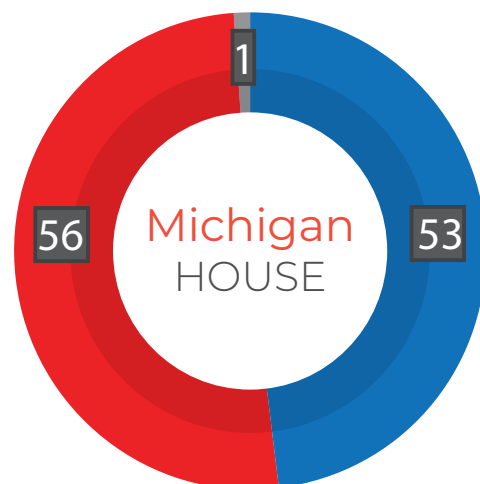
Republicans are not getting as much support from Republican Gov. Larry Hogan as they anticipated. Hogan has appeared in just one ad supporting comptroller candidate Barry Glassman but has largely been unhelpful to most other Republican hopefuls in the state, reports [The Washington Post](#). The current margin in the Senate is 32 Democrats and 15 Republicans and in the House there are 99 Democrats and 42 Republicans. With all 47 Senate seats and 141 seats in the House up for grabs, Democrats are slated to keep their majority in both chambers in a state where registered Democrats outnumber Republicans two to one, according to [dcist](#).

## MASSACHUSETTS

All 40 Senate seats are up for election, though 18 races are unopposed. Seventeen of the unopposed seats are held by Democrats and one is Republican. The current Senate makeup is 36 seats held by Democrats to three Republican and one open seat. All 160 House seats are up for election and 108 of the races are unopposed. Fourteen of the unopposed seats are Republican and the other 94 are Democratic. The current House makeup is 125 Democrats to 27 Republican and one Independent. There are seven open seats. Republicans stand little chance of taking the majority in this deep blue state, especially with so many Democrats running unopposed.

## MICHIGAN

All 110 House seats are up this cycle with Republicans currently holding a slim 56-53 majority. Democrats are hoping to regain control of the chamber for the first time in over a decade. According to [MLive](#), one of the most competitive races is the District 48 contest between GOP nominee Jason Woolford, a minister and former marine, and Democratic nominee Jennifer Conlin, a former journalist, in a district that voted 52 percent for President Joe Biden.



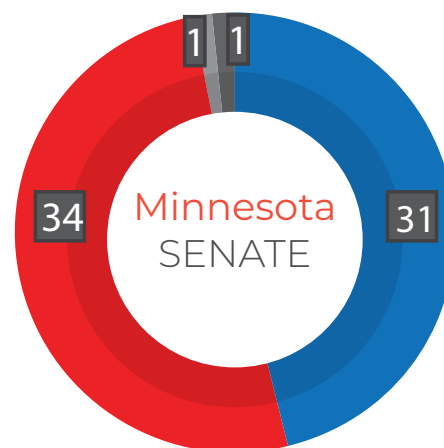


Much of the attention and money this cycle has been focused on the Senate where all 38 seats are up, with Republicans currently controlling the chamber with a 22-16 majority. The Senate is competitive for the first time in a generation owing to newly redrawn districts which reduced the GOP's advantage in the chamber, [The New York Times](#) reports. Democrats have outspent the GOP considerably directing \$22 million towards Senate race ads compared to \$6.6 million for Republicans, [Michigan Radio](#) reports. One of the marquee matchups this cycle is the District 12 race between Rep. Kevin Hertel, D-St. Clair Shores, and Rep. Pamela Hornberger, R-Chesterfield Township, who are both term limited. According to [The Detroit News](#), another closely watched contest in the neighboring District 11 between incumbent Sen. Mike McDonald, R-Macomb Township, and Democratic Macomb County Commissioner Veronica Klinefelt.

## MINNESOTA

All 134 House seats are up for election with Democrats currently enjoying a 69 to 63 edge with one Independent and one vacancy. With a number of competitive races, control of the chamber will be hotly contested. In District 3A, Rep. Rob Ecklund, DFL-International Falls, is facing GOP nominee Roger Skraba, in a district that went for former President Donald Trump by five percentage points. Republicans also hope to unseat Rep. Mary Murphy, DFL-Hermantown, the chamber's longest serving member, who faces Natalie Zeleznikar, in District 3B that Republicans say has shifted to the right, reports the [MinnPost](#).

Democrats have 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. One of the most competitive races is the District 14 contest between Sen. Aric Putnam, DFL-St. Cloud, who won his election by a mere 316 votes in 2020, and Rep. Tama Theis, R-St. Cloud, in a district that narrowly went for President Joe Biden in the last election.



## MISSISSIPPI

There are no legislative elections this year, though there is a special election for House District 37 after Republican Rep. Lynn Wright passed away in June. The two candidates are Republican David Chism, who ran against Representative Wright in 2020, and Andy Boyd, reports [The Dispatch](#). Republicans have a 76-42 majority so this race will not affect control of the chamber.

## MISSOURI

All 163 House seats are up for election. Currently, Republicans hold a 114-49 supermajority. Seventeen Senate seats out of 34 are up for election. Republicans presently hold a 24-10





supermajority. Democrats face an uphill battle in winning the majority and are trying to focus on local issues that affect working families, reports the [Springfield News-Leader](#).

## MONTANA

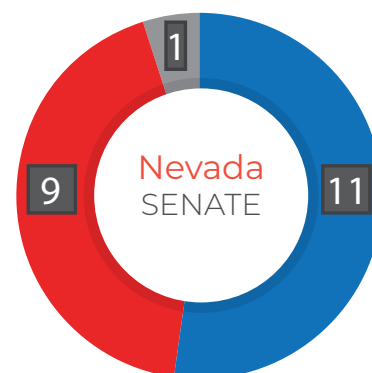
Republicans hold the trifecta in the state. In the Senate, 27 seats are up, a number that includes two special elections for districts 15 and 39. With a 12-seat majority in the chamber, Republicans are unlikely to lose control in November. As for the House, in which all 100 seats are up, Democrats would need a gain of 18 to reclaim the chamber. As [KTVH](#) reports, major 2020 losses, combined with historical trends when it comes to mid-terms, mean Democrats are unlikely to make substantial gains.

## NEBRASKA

According to the [secretary of state](#), 25 districts have elections in the unicameral legislature on a nonpartisan ballot. This includes each even numbered district along with District 31, which Sen. Kathleen Kauth of Omaha was appointed to in June after the death of Sen. Rich Pahl. According to [KPVI](#), three issues that will likely be conquered by the 2023 legislature are abortion ban, permitless concealed carry and using tax dollars for private school scholarships. These issues each failed during the 2022 session when supporters were unable to reach the 33 votes needed to overcome a filibuster. Although party affiliations don't appear on the ballot, the legislative votes are often split along party lines and Republicans are campaigning to reach a filibuster proof majority. Currently, 18 of the seats up for election are held by Republicans and seven by Democrats. Of the 25 seats up for election, only nine races are considered competitive, with Democrats having the potential to flip two seats.

## NEVADA

Another battleground to watch, Nevada has been a Democratic trifecta since 2018. In the Assembly, Democrats dominate 25-16 with one vacancy. All 42 seats are open this year, with 14 incumbents leaving their posts. Five or more seats must be gained for Republicans to take control in the Assembly, while Democrats must lose no more than four to maintain it. Democrats hold the majority in the Senate 11-9 with one vacancy. Eleven seats are open this year and the Democrats must keep all their seats to maintain control, while the Republicans must gain two or more to flip the majority. Two seats flipped in the last election. [The Washington Post](#) reports that the economy is a driving force in the election this year, with Republicans placing the blame for inflation on Democratic government spending.



## NEW HAMPSHIRE

All 424 legislative seats are up for election. Republicans hold the trifecta in the state. In the House, Democrats would need to win 12 seats in order to win a majority. In the Senate, Democrats need to win at least two seats to flip the chamber. Democrats face an uphill



battle to take the majority in either chamber, with the current political climate favoring the GOP, reports [Sabato's Crystal Ball](#). Republicans are also boosted by the popularity of Gov. Chris Sununu, who is up for re-election this year. National Democrats, however, are spending heavily to try to end the Republican trifecta, reports [Axios](#). The National Democratic Redistricting Committee and The States Project have chosen New Hampshire as one of the states they're focusing on flipping this year.

## NEW MEXICO

All 70 House seats are up for election with 13 incumbents retiring. Democrats hold a majority, 45-24, with one seat held by an Independent. The state has been a Democratic trifecta since 2019. The [NM Political Report](#) suggests that districts where seats have been left open or have retiring incumbents are the districts to keep a closer eye on. One district in particular, District 38, was left open when Rep. Rebecca Dow left her historically Republican seat to run for governor.

## NEW YORK

Flipping several seats in the Senate may be the best chance for Republicans to inch away the total Democratic control in deep-blue New York. Democrats currently control the Assembly 106-43, with one Independent, and the Senate 42-20, with one vacant seat. In order to dislodge the Democratic supermajority, Republicans would need to flip eight seats, though the lower chamber will almost certainly remain in Democratic control. Republicans previously held the upper chamber in an almost uninterrupted stretch from 1992 through 2018, with Democrats controlling it only briefly in 2009 and 2010. Taking back the upper chamber would require flipping 12 seats, which seems unlikely. A more modest goal for Republicans in the Senate would be to flip at least one seat, which would rob the Democrats of their narrow supermajority in the upper chamber. Redistricting has made things even harder for Republicans, with the newly drawn districts turning many of their safe seats into competitive seats, reports [City & State New York](#).

## NORTH CAROLINA

All 120 House seats and all 50 Senate seats are up for election. Republicans currently have control in both chambers, holding 68 seats to the Democrats' 51 in the House and 28 seats to the Democrats' 22 in the Senate. No major changes are expected in the overall makeup of the legislature following these elections, as Republicans would need to flip a significant number of seats to win supermajority status, while Democrats would also need to flip an unlikely number of seats to gain control of either chamber.

## NORTH DAKOTA

Republicans hold a trifecta in the state. In the Senate, while 24 seats are up for election, Democrats currently occupy only seven of them, making a change in the chamber's majority all-but impossible. The same holds true in the House, where 48 seats are up, in which Republicans enjoy an 86-seat majority. With only one competitive district, the newly created District 10, reports [INFORUM](#), Republican control of both chambers is unlikely to change.



## OHIO

All 99 House seats are up for election, where Republicans control the chamber 64-35. Additionally, 17 of 33 Senate seats are up for election; 10 are currently held by Republicans and seven by Democrats. Republicans also currently hold a majority in the Senate 25-8. These elections will be conducted using legislative maps that have been ruled unconstitutional by the state Supreme Court, reports the [Ohio Capital Journal](#). These maps will only be in effect for 2022 and new maps will need to be in place for 2024. With districts drawn to favor the GOP, and the state's red tint, Republicans are expected to hold and even expand on their majorities.

## OKLAHOMA

Almost 70 percent of the state's legislative races will be uncontested this year, according to [The Journal Record](#). There are seven Senate elections, as the other 17 races were uncontested and cancelled. Republicans hold a 39-9 majority in the Senate. There are 31 House elections, as the other 70 were also uncontested. Republican hold an 82-18 majority in the House, with one vacancy. With so few contested races in this deep red state, Republicans are virtually guaranteed to hold onto their majorities.

## OREGON

The state is facing newly redrawn district maps this election. Fifteen of the Senate's 30 seats and all 60 House seats are up for re-election. Democrats hold a comfortable majority in both chambers. However, there seems to be a rising streak of "unaffiliated" voices that may be pulling consistent Democratic voters away, reports [KNKX](#). Historically, when a third-party candidate splits Democratic voters, it gives the GOP a chance to reach a majority vote. Republican strategists have stated they are focusing their attention on several more House races than they have in years past, but did not make it clear which seats they believe they could take, according to the [Statesman Journal](#). Some of the districts that may be won by a Republican include House District 31 and House District 40.

## PENNSYLVANIA

All 203 House seats and 25 of the 50 Senate seats are up for election. Republicans currently control both chambers. In the House, Republicans currently hold 113 seats while Democrats have 90. Recently redrawn district lines could benefit Democrats, giving them more favorable maps than they've had in decades, reports [WESA](#). In the Senate, Democrats must win five seats to get a majority. Despite the advantageous redistricting, forecasters like [Sabato's Crystal Ball](#) expect Republicans to keep their majorities.

## RHODE ISLAND

All 38 Senate seats and all 75 House seats are up for election. Democrats control huge supermajorities in both chamber; 33-5 in the Senate and 65-5 in the House. Republicans would need to gain eight seats in the Senate and 16 in the House in order to break the dominant Democratic supermajority in each chamber. Both chambers are likely to remain firmly in Democratic control following the elections.



## SOUTH CAROLINA

The Senate will not hold legislative elections this year; the next elections for the chamber, during which all 46 seats will be up, is in 2024. Republicans currently hold a 30-16 majority in the chamber, just one seat shy of a supermajority.

The House, meanwhile, will hold elections for all 124 seats. Currently Republicans hold an 81-43 advantage in the chamber; picking up just one seat during this election cycle would net them a supermajority in the chamber. Picking up one seat here would be a major goal for Republicans seeking to lock up unanimous power in the state.

## SOUTH DAKOTA

Republicans have held a trifecta in the state for 29 years. All 70 House seats are open with 26 incumbents leaving, most of whom are retiring or have reached their term limits. Republicans currently dominate the House 62-8. The Senate is held by Republicans 32-3, with all 35 seats open. Nine Senate incumbents are not on the ballot.

## TENNESSEE

All 99 House seats are up for election with Republicans currently holding a 72-24 supermajority in the chamber, with two Independents and one vacancy. Democrats are running in a little over half of the available seats, according to the [secretary of state](#), making Republican control of the chamber a near certainty. In the Senate, Republicans similarly dominate with a 27-6 supermajority with 17 of the 33 seats up this cycle. Democrats are only running in 10 of the 17 contests, the [secretary of state](#) reports, giving them no possibility of taking the chamber even if they win all contested seats. According to [Oak Ridge Today](#), Lt. Gov. Randy McNally is unopposed in his bid to retain his District 5 seat.

## TEXAS

All 150 House seats are up for election, with Republicans currently holding an 85-65 majority, reports the [secretary of state](#). Democrats would need to flip 11 seats to claim control of the chamber. [Sabato's Crystal Ball](#) predicts a safe ranking for Republicans to win the House. All Senate seats are up for election due to the redistricting in 2021, reports the [secretary of state](#). Senate Republicans currently hold an 18-13 majority. As a result of redistricting, there are fewer competitive races because the districts have been redrawn to protect incumbents and the Republican majority, reports [The Texas Tribune](#).

## UTAH

All 75 House seats and 14 out of 29 Senate seats are up for election. Republicans currently control both chambers, with a 58-17 majority in the House and a 23-6 majority in the Senate. Redistricting only made red districts redder and blue districts bluer, so Republicans are expected to hold onto their majorities, reports [The Salt Lake Tribune](#). This means that the GOP is expected to hold on to their trifecta in the state.



## VERMONT

All 150 House seats and 30 Senate seats are up for election. In the House, Democrats have the majority 93-46, with Progressives holding five seats, Independents five seats and one vacancy. Forty-four incumbents in the House and 11 incumbents from the Senate are not on the ballot. Democrats have dominated the House since 1997. In the Senate, Democrats hold the majority 21-7 with two Progressives. It is likely Democrats will maintain control of both chambers. The [Burlington Free Press](#) notes that voter turn-out has been better this year than in 2018.

## WASHINGTON

All 98 House seats and 24 of the 49 Senate seats will be up for election. Democrats control the Senate 29-20. Of the 24 seats up for election, however, 17 are currently held by Democrats while seven are held by Republicans, who will be on the offensive to pick up seats in the upper chamber this year. Flipping just five of these seats would change party control of the Senate. On the other hand a gain of four seats for Democrats would give them supermajority control, though this seems unlikely given the makeup of the electoral battlefield.

Democrats also control the House 57-41. Any major changes in party control here would be daunting – Democrats would need to pick up eight seats for supermajority control, while Republicans would need to flip nine seats for control of the chamber – a tall order for either party. This chamber is expected to stay in Democratic hands. Democrats view District 42 as their best chance for a Senate pickup; in the last election it was won by a Republican by 46 votes, according to [The Seattle Times](#).

## WEST VIRGINIA

All 100 House seats and 17 of 34 Senate seats are up for grabs this election. Republicans currently hold a 78-22 majority in the House and a 23-11 majority in the Senate and are likely to keep their trifecta intact. 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

In the House, Republicans hold a 57-38 majority with four vacancies, while in the Senate they enjoy a 21-12 majority. Wisconsin's midterm elections take place amid redistricting challenges which culminated in the U.S. Supreme Court's invalidation of district maps previously approved by Democratic Gov. Tony Evers. In response, as [WISN](#) details, the state Supreme Court reversed its endorsement of the governor's maps to ultimately approve those drawn by the Republican controlled legislature. Whether the result or cause of this contestation, [PBS Wisconsin](#) reports that there have been unprecedented levels of voter registration, a development sure to only increase uncertainties when it comes to predicting this election's results.



## WYOMING

All 62 House seats, there are two additional seats from the newly drawn legislative maps, and 16 of the 31 Senate seats, there is one new seat also due to redistricting, are up for election, reports [K2 Radio](#). House Republicans occupy 51 of the 60 seats, with seven for the Democrats, one Independent and one Libertarian. Republicans also currently hold a 28-2 Senate majority. In contrast to the primary, which [Casper Star-Tribune](#) notes was marked by unusual voter behavior owing to Republican Rep. Liz Cheney's presence on the ballot, the general election is likely to resume normal patterns, with Republicans retaining overwhelming majorities in the legislature.