



# Election 2020 Viewing Guide

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**BCW and Prime Policy Group are pleased to present our Election 2020 Viewing Guide - a state-by-state, play-by-play resource that cuts to the critical information for following one of the most historic elections in U.S. history.**

The 2020 election—culminating on November 3—is the 59<sup>th</sup> occasion that Americans cast ballots to determine the election of the president and vice president of the United States. Also featured on the ballot are majority control of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and nearly 6,000 state races, the outcomes of which will influence the composition of congressional districts for the next decade.

The environment in which this election has progressed is unprecedented. Our country is confronted with the COVID-19 pandemic, economic uncertainty, civil unrest and anguish, debilitating natural disasters and the constant struggle to contain foreign interference in our democratic institutions. These challenges have added unfamiliar and extraordinary dimensions to one of the most incomparable elections in modern American history.

What’s at stake is also historic. The outcomes from this election will shape some of the most significant policy debates of our generation: reforms to the tax code, the accessibility of economic opportunity, environmental justice, the role of the U.S. in the world, health care, racial justice and equality, immigration and manufacturing, just to name a few.

Passions are high throughout the country, and the days following November 3 may be confusing to some and exasperating to many. The expected record voter turnout, coupled with the prevalence of mail-in voting, increase the chance that we may not know the winner of the presidential election on election night.

In chronological order of poll closings, the Election 2020 Viewing Guide walks through election night as it unfolds, providing key information and insights for each state—bellwether areas to watch, key races in play and timing for processing mail-in ballots that will help forecast which states may be delayed in reporting results. Its intent is to help synthesize what you need to know and when, so you can track and analyze in real-time both the developments and what’s at stake.

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## VOTE TRACKING CONSIDERATIONS



### Pace of Tabulation Will Vary

States with longer pre-processing times for mail-in ballots (e.g. AZ, FL, NC) may be better equipped to deliver results more quickly on election night; states like PA and WI, which cannot begin processing until Election Day, may lag.



### Beware of Misleading Early/Late Results

States do not report votes in a uniform fashion; those reporting mail-in ballots first may skew the initial tally toward Democrats, while Republicans may get an early jump in states that initially report rural or in-person vote totals.

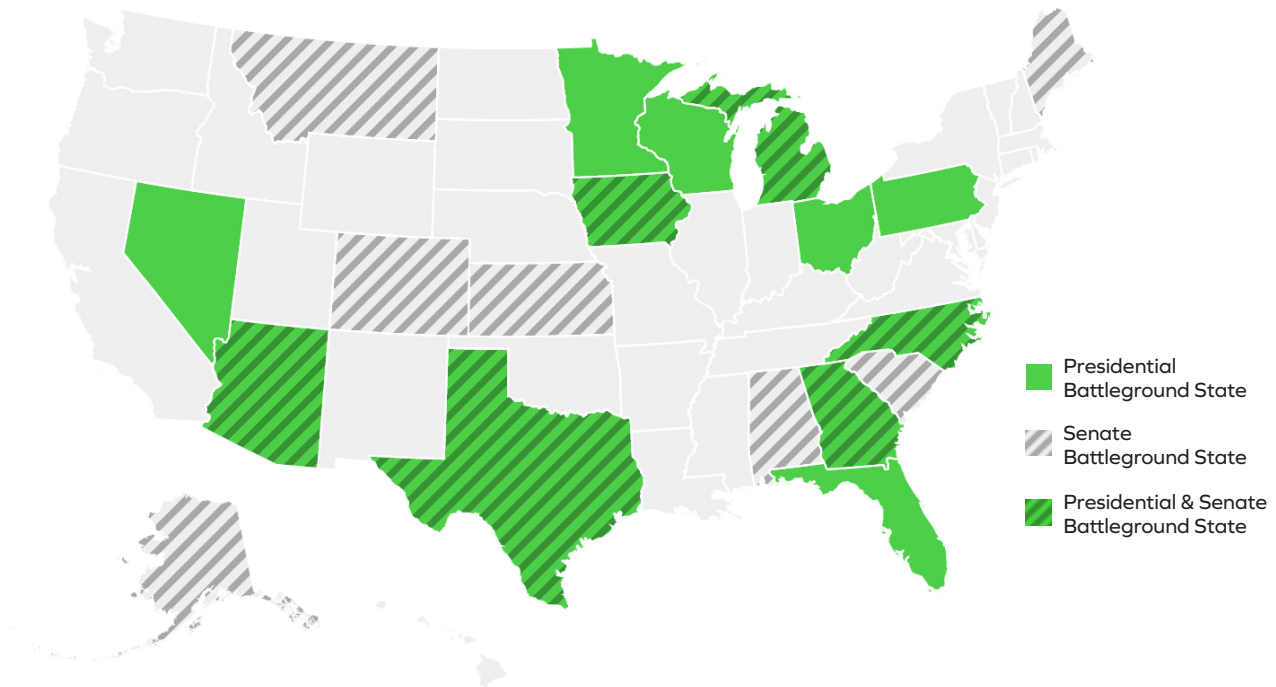


### Projections vs. Certifications

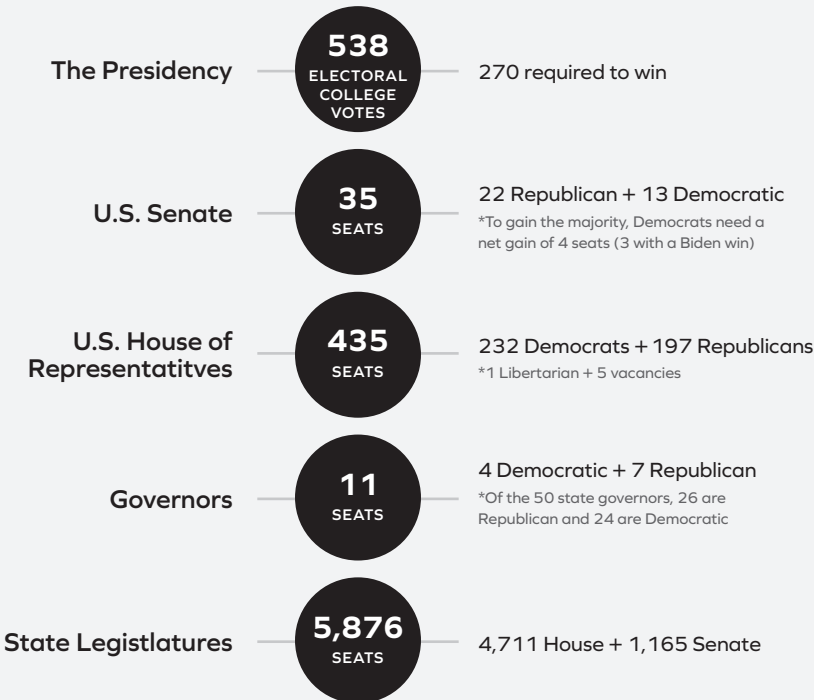
While news organizations will project winners of various races and states to the extent the data allows, the results are not official until certified by state officials in the weeks following Election Day; a candidate’s claim of victory does not make it so.

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## 2020 BATTLEGROUND MAP



## WHAT'S AT STAKE



## VIEWING GUIDE KEY

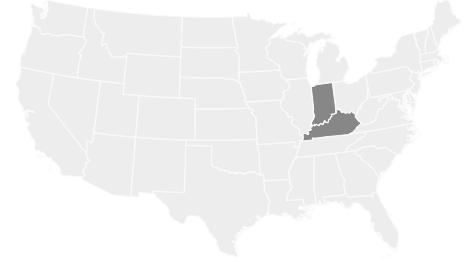
Within this guide, the following information is provided for each state.

- **Ballot Processing and Certification**  
Date when states can begin processing ballots received by mail (before November 3 or only on Election Day), as well as when a state will certify its election results
- **Bellwethers**  
Areas of interest within the state that will help to determine the election outcome
- **Key Ballot Initiatives**  
Initiatives that may impact state and local laws and regulations, or have national significance
- **Key Races**  
A look at consequential federal and state races

\*Source: <https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/state-elections-2020-voting-preview-magazin2020.aspx>

**POLLS CLOSE IN: INDIANA\* (EST) KENTUCKY\* (EST)**

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**INDIANA**  
Eastern Time Zone

**11**  
Electoral College Votes  
**Trump +19%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory  
**2,757,828**  
Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 24

**Key Races**

- IN-5: With the retirement of Susan Brooks (R), the race is considered a pick up opportunity for Democrats

**Bellwethers**

- Vigo County: Predicted every President since 1892



**KENTUCKY**  
Eastern Time Zone

**8**  
Electoral College Votes  
**Trump +29.8%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory  
**1,924,149**  
Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

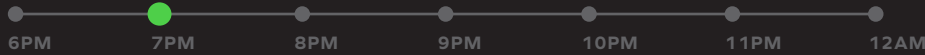
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- Certification: November 23

**Key Races**

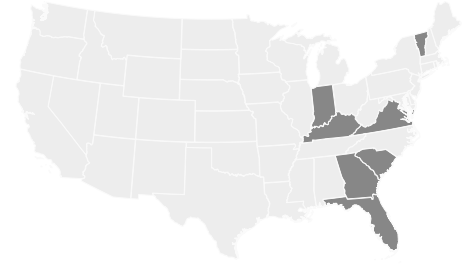
- Senate: Majority Leader McConnell won in 2014 by 16% and is favored against a well-funded Democrat

**Key State Ballot Initiatives**

- Adding Marsy's Law, a Victims Rights Amendment, to the state constitution



**POLLS CLOSE IN:** **FLORIDA\*** (EST) **KENTUCKY** (CT) **VERMONT**  
**GEORGIA** **SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**INDIANA** (CT) **VIRGINIA**



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**FLORIDA**  
Eastern Time Zone

**29**  
Electoral College Votes  
**Trump +1.2%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory  
**9,501,617**  
Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 17

**Key State Ballot Initiatives**

- Allowing all voters regardless of political party affiliation to vote in primaries
- Raising the minimum wage incrementally

**Key Races**

- FL-26: Republicans will look to re-capture this south Florida district
- Florida State House and Senate: Control of both chambers is up for grabs, and Democrats will be trying to flip enough seats in one to break Republicans' trifecta

**Bellwethers**

- Pinellas County: One of the swingiest of swing counties in the swingiest of swing regions (the I-4 corridor)
- Collier County: Trump won this county in 2016, but it has a large percentage of college educated voters. If Democrats are doing well with this group, as polling suggests, it will show up here
- Seminole County: Long a Republican stronghold, Seminole is the only county in the urban core of Orlando that Clinton didn't win in 2016
- The Panhandle: Republicans will look to stockpile votes in these (mostly) very red counties



**GEORGIA**

**16**  
Electoral College Votes  
**Trump +7.1%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory  
**9,501,617**  
Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 20

**Key Races**

- Senate (Georgia races must be won with 50% + 1 vote. If no candidate reaches that threshold, a run-off will be held in January 2021.)
  - Perdue (R) vs. Ossoff (D): The race has been close all cycle and represents Democrats' better of the two opportunities to win a GA Senate seat outright on Election Day
  - Warnock (D) vs. Loeffler (R) vs. Collins (R) vs. The Field: The special election to determine who will fill the last two years of former Sen. Johnny Isakson's term is headed for a run-off; Rev. Raphael Warnock (D) will likely fill one of the spots with the other likely to be filled by either Sen. Kelly Loeffler or Rep. Doug Collins, both Republicans
- House:
  - GA-6: Republicans are looking to flip this district back into their control after a 2018 mid-term defeat
  - GA-7: Democrats' came within 433 votes of defeating an incumbent in 2018 and are now trying to flip this open seat
- Georgia State House and Senate: Control of both chambers is up for grabs, and Democrats will be trying to flip enough seats in one - most likely the Senate - to break Republicans' trifecta

**Bellwethers**

- Gwinnett and Cobb Counties: Once traditional Republican strongholds, these are quickly diversifying suburban counties where Democrats are looking to echo their 2018 successes
- Peach County: One of the few swing counties in the state, Democrats will need Black voters to turn out in Obama-era levels if they want to win



## SOUTH CAROLINA

**9**  
Electoral College Votes

**Trump +14.2%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**2,103,027**  
Votes Cast in 2016

### Ballot Processing and Certification

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 11

### Key Races

- Senate: Perhaps the most surprisingly competitive Senate race this election cycle, Sen. Lindsay Graham (R) is attempting to hold off Jaime Harrison (D), who has smashed Senate fundraising records
- SC-1: Republicans are looking to flip this district back into their control after a 2018 defeat, though Rep. Joe Cunningham has shown surprising strength and is favored to keep it
- SC State Senate: Control of the State Senate is potentially up for grabs, with Democrats attempting to flip 4 seats in Charleston County to bring control of the body to a 23-23 tie

### Bellwethers

- Atlantic Coast: This part of the state, which includes population-heavy Charleston County, will be pivotal in both the Senate race and the only competitive House race.
- Charlotte suburbs: The fast-growing metropolitan area crosses over the NC-SC border to include Chester, Lancaster and York counties in South Carolina. Democratic candidates will be looking to see if this area follows the voting patterns of similar suburban areas.



## VIRGINIA

**13**  
Electoral College Votes

**Clinton +5.4%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**3,982,752**  
Votes Cast in 2016

### Ballot Processing and Certification

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 16

### Key State Ballot Initiatives

- Creating a non-partisan Redistricting Commission

### Key Races

- Senate: Senate: Mark Warner is almost certain to win his third term in Congress
- VA-02: VA-02: Elaine Luria (D) is a slight favorite to retain this Tidewater-area House seat
- VA-05: Democrats are hoping to flip this district that runs from the DC suburbs to the North Carolina state line. The Republican incumbent was defeated at a controversial drive-thru primary.
- VA-07: Republicans' best pick-up opportunity in Virginia might be this district won by former CIA officer Abigail Spanberger



## VERMONT

**3**  
Electoral College Votes

**Clinton +26.4%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**315,067**  
Votes Cast in 2016

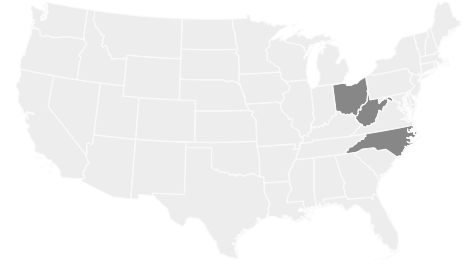
### Ballot Processing and Certification

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 10

### Key Races

- Governor: Phil Scott (R) is seeking—and favored to win—a third term

**POLLS CLOSE IN:** NORTH CAROLINA OHIO WEST VIRGINIA



## NORTH CAROLINA

**15**  
Electoral College Votes  
**Trump +3.6%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**4,741,564**  
Votes Cast in 2016

### Ballot Processing and Certification

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 24

### Bellwethers

- Suburban Areas in The Triangle (Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill), The Triad (Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and High Point) and Charlotte (Cabarrus and Union Counties): To win, Trump will need to hold the suburban counties he carried in 2016
- Robeson County: Historically a Democratic stronghold, Trump won this county in 2016

### Key Races

- Senate: Sen. Thom Tillis (R) is looking to keep this seat, but has faced a tough challenge from Democrat Cal Cunningham, who has found himself embroiled in a personal scandal; the race is considered a toss-up
- House: Two seats, NC-02 and NC-06, are likely Democratic flips because of court-ordered redistricting
  - NC-08: Perhaps the most competitive in the state, Rep. Richard Hudson is attempting to fend off Pat Timmons-Goodson in this central North Carolina district
- North Carolina House: Like the federal election map, the state House district map has been redrawn for 2020. In order to take control of the body, Democrats will need to pick up 6 seats (5 seats to be in a tie for control).



## OHIO

**18**  
Electoral College Votes  
**Trump +8.1%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**5,176,528**  
Votes Cast in 2016

### Ballot Processing and Certification

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 24

### Key Races

- OH-01: Democrat Kate Schroeder is looking to knock off 12-term congressman Steve Chabot; this suburban Cincinnati race is considered a toss-up

### Bellwethers

- Cuyahoga County: Cleveland will be key for Biden to flip the state
- Mahoning Valley: This area became key to Trump's victory in 2016, even as he lost cities like Akron and Canton; Democrats will need to cut into Trump's margins among white voters here
- Delaware County: A northern suburb of Columbus that had voted for Republican presidential candidates for decades, Biden will look to expand inroads made by Clinton
- Northwest Ohio: Counties like Lucas, Erie, Ottawa and Wood, Sandusky and Stark will prove critical; many of these are Obama > Trump counties that Biden will look to recapture



## WEST VIRGINIA

**5**  
Electoral College Votes  
**Trump +41.7%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

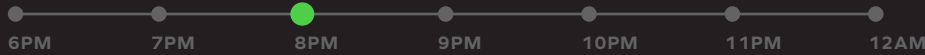
**721,231**  
Votes Cast in 2016

### Ballot Processing and Certification

- Processing begins on Election Day
- Certification: December 3

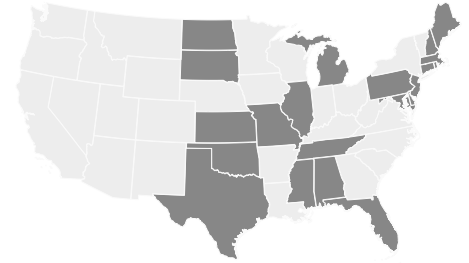
### Key Races

- Governor: Republican Gov. Jim Justice has long been heavily favored to win re-election, but recent polling has seen the race tightening



**POLLS CLOSE IN:**

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|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>ALABAMA</b>       | <b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>   | <b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>       |
| <b>CONNECTICUT</b>   | <b>MICHIGAN^ (EST)</b> | <b>RHODE ISLAND</b>       |
| <b>DELAWARE</b>      | <b>MISSISSIPPI</b>     | <b>SOUTH DAKOTA* (CT)</b> |
| <b>FLORIDA* (CT)</b> | <b>MISSOURI</b>        | <b>TENNESSEE</b>          |
| <b>ILLINOIS</b>      | <b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>   | <b>TEXAS* (CT)</b>        |
| <b>KANSAS* (CT)</b>  | <b>NEW JERSEY</b>      | <b>WASHINGTON, DC</b>     |
| <b>MAINE</b>         | <b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>    |                           |
| <b>MARYLAND</b>      | <b>OKLAHOMA</b>        |                           |



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**ALABAMA**

**9**  
 Electoral College Votes  
**Trump +27.7%**  
 2016 Presidential Margin of Victory  
**2,123,372**  
 Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Processing begins on Election Day
- Certification: November 25

**Key Races**

- Senate: Sen. Doug Jones' (D) victory here in 2017 is unlikely to be repeated this year with former Auburn football coach and political newcomer Tommy Tuberville (R) likely to flip the seat

**Key State Ballot Initiatives**

- Allowing for "stand your ground" rights in churches in some jurisdictions
- Requiring U.S. citizenship to vote in any election in Alabama



**CONNECTICUT**

**7**  
 Electoral College Votes  
**Clinton +13.7%**  
 2016 Presidential Margin of Victory  
**1,644,920**  
 Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: December 3

**Key Races**

- Connecticut Democrats are favored to maintain their trifecta at the state level



**DELAWARE**

**3**  
 Electoral College Votes  
**Clinton +11.4%**  
 2016 Presidential Margin of Victory  
**443,814**  
 Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 5



**ILLINOIS**

**20**  
 Electoral College Votes  
**Clinton +16.8%**  
 2016 Presidential Margin of Victory  
**5,594,420**  
 Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: December 4

**Key Races**

- IL-13: Rep. Rodney Davis (R) finds himself again in a toss-up race against Betsy Dirksen Londrigan
- IL-17: Republicans are attempting to defeat four-term Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (D) in this western Illinois district

**Key State Ballot Initiatives**

- Limitations on income tax



**KANSAS**  
Central Time Zone

**6**  
Electoral College Votes  
**Trump +20.5%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**1,194,755**  
Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: December 1

**Bellwethers**

- Kansas City and Topeka Suburbs: Democrats will look to maintain the gains they made here in 2018 that helped them win the gubernatorial race. This area is key to both the Senate race, as well as two House races.

**Key Races**

- Senate: With Sen. Pat Roberts' (R) retirement, Kansas Republicans are attempting to maintain control of this seat – Democrats haven't won a Senate race in the state since 1932. Rep. Roger Marshall (R) is facing Barbara Bollier, a Democratic state senator.
- KS-02: First-term congressman Steve Watkins (R) lost his primary to Jake LaTurner, who will now face Michelle De La Isla, the Mayor of Topeka; this race is considered a toss-up
- KS-03: Rep. Sharice Davids (D) seems to have solidified control over this seat that she won in 2018, but Republicans remain bullish



**MAINE**

**4** (2 statewide + 1 per congressional district)  
Electoral College Votes

**Clinton +2.9%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**747,927**  
Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 23

**Bellwethers**

- Ranked Voting: For the first time, Mainers will use ranked choice voting to determine the winner of its presidential race, as well as the state's U.S. Senate seat
- Upstate: The largest and most conservative part of Maine, which encompasses the state's 2<sup>nd</sup> congressional district, is responsible for an electoral college vote

**Key Races**

- Senate: Sen. Susan Collins (R) is seeking a fifth term, and she faces Democrat Sara Gideon; this race is likely to be one of the closest in the country, and Gideon is thought to be a slight favorite
- ME-02: Rep. Jared Golden (D) is attempting to win a second term in this district that President Trump won in 2020.
- State House and Senate: Maine is the only opportunity that Republicans have in 2020 to break a Democratic trifecta, although it is unlikely



**MASSACHUSETTS**

**11**  
Electoral College Votes  
**Clinton +27.2%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**3,325,046**  
Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 18

**Key Races**

- Senate: After beating Rep. Joe Kennedy III in a primary, Sen. Ed Markey (D) is expected to cruise to victory

**Key State Ballot Initiatives**

- "Right to Repair"
- Enacting a ranked-choice voting system



**MARYLAND**

**10**  
Electoral College Votes  
**Clinton +26.4%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**2,781,446**  
Votes Cast in 2016

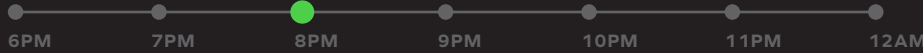
**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: December 8

**Key State Ballot Initiatives**

- Expanding sports betting





**MICHIGAN**  
Eastern Time Zone

**16**  
Electoral College Votes  
**Trump +0.3%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory  
**4,824,260**  
Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Pre-processing before Election Day for cities with population over 25,000
- Certification: November 23

**Key Races**

- Senate: Sen. Gary Peters (D) is seeking a second term and is running against John James (R) in one of the only pick-up opportunities for Republicans; polling indicates this will be a close race, though Peters is a slight favorite
- MI-03: Rep. Justin Amash's decision not to seek another term has resulted in this race being a toss-up; Peter Meijer (R) is facing Hillary Scholten (D)
- MI-06: Long-serving Rep. Fred Upton (R) is facing a tough reelection in this southwestern Michigan district against Jon Hoadley (D)
- Michigan State House: Democrats are attempting to flip four seats for control of the chamber

**Bellwethers**

- Macomb County: A suburb of Detroit, it is one of the many Obama > Trump counties across the Midwest. If Biden is improving upon Clinton's numbers in suburban districts, it may show up here.
- Kent County: Long a Republican stronghold, Democrats have a reasonable chance to flip the Grand Rapids-area this year; Trump carried it with fewer votes than Mitt Romney in 2012
- Western Michigan: While Trump is likely to carry the region, Democrats hope to build upon inroads made here in recent years
- Flint: Democrats will need to improve turnout in cities like Flint; while Clinton won the region, significantly fewer people voted for her than President Obama four years earlier

**Key State Ballot Initiatives**

- Requiring a search warrant to access a person's electronic data



**MISSISSIPPI**

**6**  
Electoral College Votes  
**Trump +17.8%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory  
**1,211,088**  
Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Processing begins on Election Day
- Certification: November 13

**Key Races**

- Senate: Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R) faces a rematch against former U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy to serve a full term; Hyde-Smith is favored to win, but Espy is keeping it closer than expected

**Bellwethers**

- The Delta: Mike Espy's Senate campaign will depend on historic turnout from this area of the state that has a significant Black population
- Hinds County: The home of Mississippi's capital of Jackson, Espy will need to increase turnout here to have any chance to win.

**Key State Ballot Initiatives**

- Legalizing medical marijuana
- Replacing the state flag



**MISSOURI**

**10**  
Electoral College Votes  
**Trump +18.5%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory  
**2,827,673**  
Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: December 8

**Key Races**

- MO-02: Four-term Congresswoman Ann Wagner (R) faces a tough race against Jill Schupp in this suburban St. Louis district; after winning by 21 points in 2016, Wagner saw her victory shrink to only four points in 2018

**Key State Ballot Initiatives**

- Eliminating the non-partisan state demographer (approved in 2018) for redistricting and returning to bipartisan commission appointed by the governor
- Institutes term limits on state executive offices

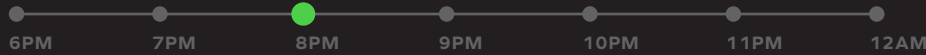


**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**4**  
Electoral College Votes  
**Clinton +0.3%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory  
**744,296**  
Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: Not Specified



## NEW JERSEY

**14**  
Electoral College Votes  
**Clinton + 14%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory  
**3,906,723**  
Votes Cast in 2016

### Ballot Processing and Certification

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: December 8

### Key Races

- NJ-02: Rep. Jeff Van Drew (R) changed parties this year and many assumed that he would coast to victory in this Republican-leaning district; instead, he is in a close race with Amy Kennedy
- NJ-03: Rep. Andy Kim (D), who won a very close race in 2018 and is slightly favored in 2020, faces David Richter (R)

### Key State Ballot Initiatives

- Postponing state legislative redistricting until after the November 2021 election
- Legalizing recreational marijuana



## NORTH DAKOTA

**3**  
Electoral College Votes  
**Trump + 35.8%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory  
**344,360**  
Votes Cast in 2016

### Ballot Processing and Certification

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 20



## OKLAHOMA

**7**  
Electoral College Votes  
**Trump + 36.4%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory  
**1,452,992**  
Votes Cast in 2016

### Ballot Processing and Certification

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 10

### Key Races

- OK-05: Perhaps the most surprising victory in 2018, Rep. Kendra Horn (D) is defending her seat against Stephanie Bice (R); the race is a toss-up

### Key State Ballot Initiatives

- Prohibiting former felony convictions from being used in calculating future punishments
- Decreasing payments to the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund and directs state legislature to appropriate money from the Fund to secure federal matching funds for Oklahoma's Medicaid expansion



## PENNSYLVANIA

**20**  
Electoral College Votes  
**Trump + 0.7%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory  
**6,166,708**  
Votes Cast in 2016

### Ballot Processing and Certification

- Processing begins on Election Day
- Certification: November 11

### Key Races

- PA-01: One of the few Republicans occupying districts that were won by Hillary Clinton in 2016, Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick is a slight favorite over Christina Finello (D)
- PA-10: Rep. Scott Perry (R) is seeking a fifth term against Eugene DePasquale (D); this race is considered a toss-up
- Pennsylvania State House and Senate: Democrats see opportunities to win back power in both chambers this year and gain a trifecta

### Bellwethers

- Philadelphia: Clinton underperformed President Obama's margins; Democrats will need to see increased turnout here
- Lackawanna County: Home to Scranton, Vice President Biden's birthplace, Democrats will look to improve on Clinton's thin margin here
- Beaver County: The exurbs of Pittsburgh voted for President Trump in 2016 and are one of the areas that Democrats are targeting for improvement
- Luzerne and Schuylkill Counties: Trump strongholds, he will look to run up the score in these rural, mostly white counties to counteract Democratic gains in the suburbs

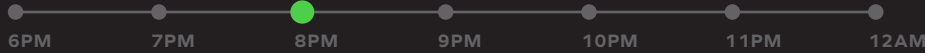


## RHODE ISLAND

**4**  
Electoral College Votes  
**Clinton + 15.5%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory  
**464,144**  
Votes Cast in 2016

### Ballot Processing and Certification

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: Not specified



**SOUTH DAKOTA**  
Central Time Zone

**3**  
Electoral College Votes  
**Trump +29.8%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory  
**370,093**  
Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 10

**Key State Ballot Initiatives**

- Legalizing sports betting within city of Deadwood
- Legalizing recreational marijuana
- Establishing a medical marijuana program



**TENNESSEE**

**11**  
Electoral College Votes  
**Trump +26%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory  
**2,508,027**  
Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: Not specified



**TEXAS**  
Central Time Zone

**38**  
Electoral College Votes  
**Trump +9%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory  
**8,969,226**  
Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: December 3

**Bellwethers**

- Tarrant County: Home to Fort Worth, the county went blue in 2018 and will be a major battleground for the both federal and state races
- Houston Area: Harris and Fort Bend Counties both voted for Clinton in 2016 and offer Democrats the opportunity to pick up votes to offset Trump's strength in rural areas
- Rio Grande Valley: The southern tip of Texas voted heavily for Clinton in 2016 but Republicans believe they have opportunities to get votes from more socially conservative Hispanics here
- The Panhandle: The friendliest region to Trump, he will seek to stockpile votes in areas like Coke, Howard, Scurry and Wheeler Counties in order to offset losses elsewhere

**Key Races**

- Senate: Majority Whip John Cornyn (R) is seeking a fourth term against MJ Hegar; the race has tightened considerably, but Cornyn is a slight favorite to win
- TX-21: Rep. Chip Roy (R) is seeking a second term in this district outside of Austin, though the race is considered a toss-up; Roy faces Wendy Davis (D)
- TX-22: With Rep. Pete Olson (R) retiring, this suburban Houston district pits Sri Preston Kulkarni (D) against Troy Nehls (R); Kulkarni is a slight favorite to flip the district
- TX-23: Republican Rep. Will Hurd chose not to run for re-election after eking out a victory in 2018; his opponent from that race, Gina Ortiz Jones (D), will face Tony Gonzales (R)
- TX-24: Democrats are seeking to flip this suburban district, after the retirement of Rep. Kenny Marchant (R); Candace Valenzuela (D) faces Beth Van Duyne (R) in this toss-up race
- Texas State House: After picking up a number of seats in 2018, Democrats believe that they can flip the 9 seats necessary to claim the Texas House



**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**3**  
Electoral College Votes  
**Clinton +86.8%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory  
**311,268**  
Votes Cast in 2016

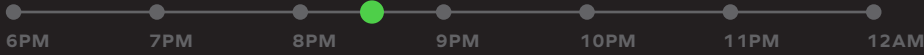
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- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 24

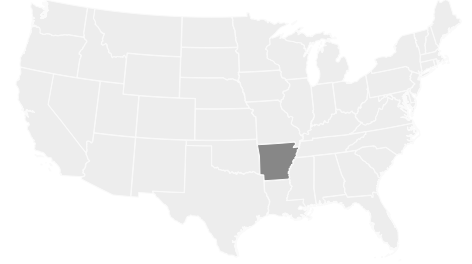
**Key State Ballot Initiatives**

- De-prioritizing investigations and arrests related to theogenic plants and fungi

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**POLLS CLOSE IN: ARKANSAS**



**ARKANSAS**

**6**

Electoral College Votes

**Trump +26.9%**

2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**1,130,635**

Votes Cast in 2016

#### Ballot Processing and Certification

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 18

#### Key Races

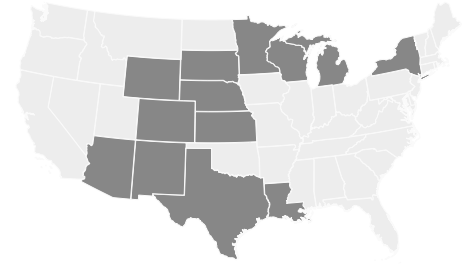
- AR-02: Republican French Hill is seeking a fourth term in this central Arkansas district that includes the state capital and its suburbs. He faces Joyce Elliott (D).

**POLLS CLOSE IN:**

**ARIZONA**  
**COLORADO**  
**KANSAS^ (MT)**  
**LOUISIANA**  
**MICHIGAN\* (CT)**

**MINNESOTA**  
**NEBRASKA**  
**NEW MEXICO**  
**NEW YORK**  
**SOUTH DAKOTA^ (MT)**

**TEXAS^ (MT)**  
**WISCONSIN**  
**WYOMING**



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**ARIZONA**

**11**  
 Electoral College Votes  
**Trump +3.5%**  
 2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**2,605,157**  
 Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 30

**Bellwethers**

- Maricopa County: The Phoenix area is responsible for the majority of ballots cast in the state; Democrats hope to continue the blue-ing on the county, which would make them favorites to win the state

**Key State Ballot Initiatives**

- Legalizing recreational marijuana
- Increasing tax on incomes exceeding \$250,000 to fund schools and teacher salaries

**Key Races**

- Senate: Sen. Martha McSally (R), who was appointed by Arizona's governor upon the death of Sen. John McCain, has consistently polled behind Mark Kelly (D), a former astronaut and the husband of former Rep. Gabby Giffords; Kelly is favored to flip this seat
- AZ-06: Rep. David Schweikert (R) is attempting to win a sixth term in this suburban district. He faces Hiral Tipirneni (D). The race is considered a toss-up.
- Arizona State House and Senate: Democrats believe they have a good chance to flip both chambers of Arizona's legislature; they need to pick up two seats to gain control of the House and three in the Senate



**COLORADO**

**9**  
 Electoral College Votes  
**Clinton +4.9%**  
 2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**2,780,247**  
 Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 30

**Key State Ballot Initiatives**

- Allowing for increased state debt through transportation revenue anticipation notes in order to address critical transportation needs

**Key Races**

- Senate: Sen. Cory Gardner (R) is seeking a second term, but he is the underdog in this race against former Colorado governor John Hickenlooper (D)
- CO-03: Rep. Scott Tipton (R) was defeated in the primary, so gun-rights activist Lauren Boebert (R) faces Diane Mitsch Bush (D). Boebert is a slight favorite to win.



**LOUISIANA**

**8**  
 Electoral College Votes  
**Trump +19.7%**  
 2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**2,029,032**  
 Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Processing timeline varies
- Certification: November 10

**Key Races**

- Senate: Sen. Bill Cassidy (R) is running for a second term and expected to win; if he doesn't achieve 50% +1 of the vote the election will proceed to a December 5 runoff



## MINNESOTA

**10**

Electoral College Votes

**Clinton +1.5%**

2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**2,945,233**

Votes Cast in 2016

### Ballot Processing and Certification

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 24

### Bellwethers

- Twin Cities Suburbs: Democrats have consistently run up big margins in the urban centers of Minneapolis and St. Paul; in 2018 they were able to carry the outer suburbs and exurbs here at levels that offset Republican votes in rural areas
- Iron Range: This region was reliably Democratic until 2010 and Trump was able to sweep it entirely in 2016; Republicans will need to increase their vote share here to flip the state
- Southeastern Minnesota: This area swung hard to the right in 2016, when Clinton won only the area surrounding Rochester; however, Democrats reversed their fortunes in 2018 and won back cities including Winona and Mankato, although the area elected a Republican to the U.S. House

### Key Races

- Senate: Sen. Tina Smith (DFL) is seeking her first full term after being appointed to the seat following the resignation of Sen. Al Franken; she is a slight favorite over former Rep. Jason Lewis (R)
- MN-01: Republican Rep. Jim Hagedorn is seeking a second term in a rematch with Dan Feehan (DFL), whom Hagedorn defeated by less than 1500 votes in 2018; the race is considered a toss-up
- MN-07: Rep. Collin Peterson (DFL) is seeking to defend his large, rural western Minnesota district against Michelle Fischbach (R), the former Lieutenant Governor of the state; the race is rated a toss-up
- Minnesota State Senate: Democrats have placed high priority on flipping two seats for control of the chamber; this would give them a trifecta in the state heading into redistricting



## NEBRASKA

**5** (2 statewide + 1 per congressional district)  
Electoral College Votes

**Trump +25%**

2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**844,227**

Votes Cast in 2016

### Ballot Processing and Certification

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 30

### Bellwethers

- 2nd Congressional District: Like Maine, Nebraska awards an electoral college vote per congressional district; Democrats believe that they have a chance to win the region that includes Omaha and its suburbs

### Key State Ballot Initiatives

- Capping payday lending interest rates
- Legalizing, regulating and taxing gambling at horse racetracks

### Key Races

- NE-02: Rep. Don Bacon is attempting to win a third term in this race against Kara Eastman (D); this race is considered a toss-up
- Nebraska Unicameral Legislature: Republicans are hoping to gain enough seats in this body to gain a supermajority



## NEW MEXICO

**5**

Electoral College Votes

**Clinton +8.3%**

2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**798,319**

Votes Cast in 2016

### Ballot Processing and Certification

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 24

### Key Races

- NM-02: First-term Rep. Xochitl Torres Small (D) is facing a rematch with Yvette Herrell in this southern New Mexico district; this race is rated as a toss-up

### Key State Ballot Initiatives

- Adjusting the date and term for non-statewide officeholders
- Issuing bonds for public education, public libraries and senior citizen facility improvements



## NEW YORK

**29**

Electoral College Votes

**Clinton +22.5%**

2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**7,721,453**

Votes Cast in 2016

### Ballot Processing and Certification

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: December 7

### Key Races

- NY-02: With the retirement of longtime congressman Peter King (R), Democrats see an opening to flip the district; the race between Jackie Gordon (D) and Andrew Garbarino (R) is a toss-up
- NY-11: First-term congressman Max Rose (D) is trying to hold onto this Staten Island district; he faces Nicole Malliotakis (R) in this toss-up race

### Key Races, cont.

- NY-22: Rep. Anthony Brindisi (D) faces a rematch against Claudia Tenney (R) in this central New York district; it is a toss-up
- NY-24: In a toss-up race, Rep. John Katko (R) is attempting to win a fourth term in this district that includes Syracuse and its suburbs; he faces Dana Balter (D)
- New York State Senate: Republicans are attempting to win back enough seats to break Democrats' hold on this chamber and eliminate their trifecta. Before 2018, Republicans had an alliance with the breakaway Independent Democratic Conference that gave them control over the chamber.



**WISCONSIN**

**10**

Electoral College Votes

**Trump +0.7%**

2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**2,976,150**

Votes Cast in 2016

#### Ballot Processing and Certification

- Processing begins on Election Day
- Certification: December 1

#### Key Races

- WI-03: Long-time Democratic Congressman Ron Kind is facing a tough reelection in this western Wisconsin district; he is slightly favored over Derrick Van Orden (R)
- Wisconsin Assembly and Senate: Republicans feel that they have a chance to achieve a supermajority in both the state Assembly and Senate, though those chances seem to have diminished as Election Day approaches

#### Bellwethers

- Milwaukee: The biggest city in the state and the surrounding county by the same name contain about 15% of all voters in the state; Democrats look to rebound to Obama-era voting levels to help flip the state
- The WOW: Washington, Ozaukee and Waukesha counties are Democratic targets for improvement over 2016; upping vote totals here would offset Trump's expected strength in the rural areas
- Northwestern Wisconsin: This area of the state, which has voted reliably for Republicans for the last decade, is expected to be an area of strength for Trump



**WYOMING**

**3**

Electoral College Votes

**Trump 46.3%**

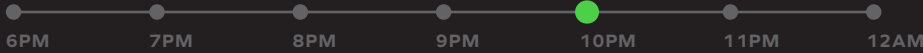
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**255,849**

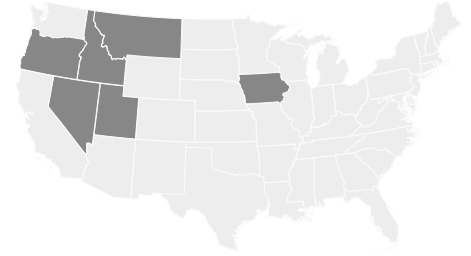
Votes Cast in 2016

#### Ballot Processing and Certification

- Processing begins on Election Day
- Certification: November 11



**POLLS CLOSE IN:** IDAHO\* (MT) MONTANA NEVADA OREGON\* (MT) IOWA NEVADA UTAH



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**IDAHO**  
Mountain Time Zone

**4**  
Electoral College Votes

**Trump +31.7%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**690,433**  
Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 18



**IOWA**

**6**  
Electoral College Votes

**Trump +9.4%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**1,566,031**  
Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 30

**Bellwethers**

- Eastern Iowa: Iowa has more counties that flipped Obama > Trump than any other state; Democrats will need to have high turnout in cities like Iowa City, while Republicans will look to maintain or even grow their support in rural areas

**Key State Ballot Initiatives**

- Convening a state constitutional convention

**Key Races**

- Senate: Sen. Joni Ernst (R) is seeking a second term but has faced tough competition from Theresa Greenfield (D); Greenfield is thought to be a slight favorite
- IA-01: Rep. Abby Finkenauer (D) is seeking a second term against Ashley Hinson (R) in this northeastern Iowa district that includes Cedar Rapids
- IA-02: Rep. Dave Loebsack (D) chose to retire rather than run again in this southeastern Iowa district; Rita Hart (D) and Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R) are running to replace him
- Iowa State House: Republicans have a trifecta in Iowa, but Democrats feel like they have a chance to net four seats to capture the House



**MONTANA**

**3**  
Electoral College Votes

**Trump +22.2%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**501,822**  
Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 30

**Key State Ballot Initiatives**

- Allowing for legal purchase, use, and possession of marijuana
- Taxing non-medical marijuana at 20 percent
- Revising firearms law to disallow local governments from regulating concealed weapons

**Key Races**

- Senate: Sen. Steve Daines (R) is running for a second term against current governor Steve Bullock (D); Daines is considered a slight favorite
- At-Large: With current Rep. Greg Gianforte (R) running for governor, the race for Montana's sole congressional seat is between Kathleen Williams (D) and Matt Rosendale (R); the race is considered a toss-up
- Governor: Rep. Greg Gianforte (R) faces Lt. Gov. Mike Cooney (D) in perhaps the only truly competitive governor's race this cycle; the race is considered a toss-up



**NEVADA**

**6**  
Electoral College Votes

**Clinton +2.4%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**1,125,385**  
Votes Cast in 2016

**Ballot Processing and Certification**

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: December 1

**Key State Ballot Initiatives**

- Proposing to double the Renewable Portfolio Standard to 50% by 2030

**Key Races**

- Nevada State Senate: Democrats are hopeful that they can reach a supermajority in this chamber

**Bellwethers**

- Early Votes: Unlike some states where it is unwise to extrapolate data from early voting, Nevada's early voting data usually provides enough information to forecast how the state will go on Election day according to Jon Ralston, the guru of all things Nevada elections
- Clark County: Home to Las Vegas and accounts for about 70% of all votes cast, Democrats will depend on stockpiling votes here to make up for losses in rural areas
- Washoe County: The second most populous county and home to Reno, this is the only true swing county in the state





**OREGON**  
Mountain Time Zone

**7**  
Electoral College Votes

**Clinton +11%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**2,001,336**  
Votes Cast in 2016

### Ballot Processing and Certification

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: December 3

### Key State Ballot Initiatives

- Allowing any municipal or state jurisdiction to enact laws relating to political campaign financing
- Increasing cigarette taxes
- Decriminalizing certain drugs and establishing a drug addiction treatment and recovery program funded by the state's marijuana tax revenue
- Legalizing psilocybin mushrooms



**UTAH**

**6**  
Electoral College Votes

**Trump +17.9%**  
2016 Presidential Margin of Victory

**1,143,601**  
Votes Cast in 2016

### Ballot Processing and Certification

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- Certification: November 23

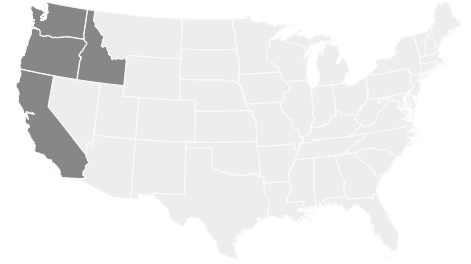
### Key Races

- UT-04: Defeating Rep. Ben McAdams (D) is one of Republicans' best opportunities to flip a house seat; he faces Burgess Owens (R), a former professional football player

### Key State Ballot Initiatives

- Amending the Utah constitution to revise a provision relating to municipal water rights and sources of water
- Amending the Utah constitution to specify certain qualifications for legislators

**POLLS CLOSE IN:** CALIFORNIA OREGON\* (PT) WASHINGTON  
IDAHO\* (PT)



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## CALIFORNIA

**55**

Electoral College Votes

**Clinton +30%**

2016 Presidential  
Margin of Victory

**14,237,884**

Votes Cast in 2016

### Ballot Processing and Certification

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: December 11

### Key State Ballot Initiatives

- Establishing different criteria for determining whether app-based transportation and delivery drivers should be classified as independent contractors or employees
- Authorizing the state to regulate kidney dialysis clinics
- Permitting consumers to limit or prevent businesses from using and sharing personal information
- Repealing Proposition 209, which prohibits consideration of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, education, or contracting
- Issuing a bond for state stem cell research institute
- Allowing local governments to establish rent control
- Restoring the right to vote for convicted felons on parole

### Bellwethers

- Orange County: Long a Republican stronghold, Democrats flipped all seven U.S. House seats in 2018

### Key Races

- CA-21: Rep. TJ Cox (D) is running for a second term against former Rep. David Valdaio (R); this central California race is rated as a toss-up
- CA-25: Rep. Mike Garcia (R) is seeking a full term after he won the special election to replace former Rep. Katie Hill (D); he faces Christy Smith (D), and the race is considered a toss-up
- CA-48: In this Orange County district, Rep. Harley Rouda (D) is looking to win a second term; Rouda is considered a slight favorite against Michelle Steel (R)
- CA-50: This San Diego-area district has a match-up between former Rep. Darrell Issa (R) and Ammar Campa-Najjar (D)



## WASHINGTON

**12**

Electoral College Votes

**Clinton +15.7%**

2016 Presidential  
Margin of Victory

**3,316,996**

Votes Cast in 2016

### Ballot Processing and Certification

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: December 3

### Key Races

- WA-03: Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler (R) is running for her sixth term in the southern Washington district and is a slight favorite over Carolyn Long (D)

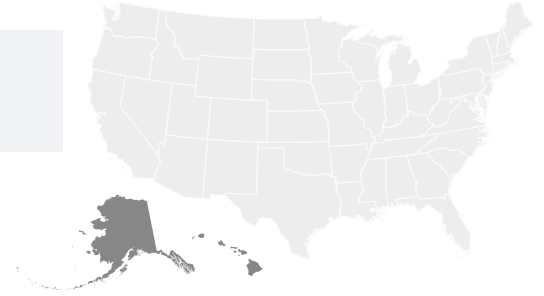
### Key State Ballot Initiatives

- Advising the legislature on either eliminating or maintaining a sales tax on certain carryout bags
- Advising the legislature on either eliminating or maintaining a tax on heavy equipment rentals
- Advising the legislature on either eliminating or maintaining an increase on the business and occupation tax on commercial airplane manufacturers

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POLLS CLOSE IN: ALASKA HAWAII



## ALASKA

3

Electoral College Votes

**Trump +14.7%**

2016 Presidential  
Margin of Victory

**318,608**

Votes Cast in 2016

### Ballot Processing and Certification

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: November 25

### Key State Ballot Initiatives

- Replacing political party primaries with an open primary system and ranked choice voting

### Key Races

- Senate: Sen. Dan Sullivan (R) is seeking a second term against Dr. Al Gross (D); Sullivan is a slight favorite in this unexpectedly competitive race
- At-Large: The Dean of the House, 24-term incumbent Rep. Don Young (R) is a slight favorite in a tough battle against Alyse Galvin
- Alaska State House and Senate: Control of both legislative chambers are up for grabs this year



## HAWAII

4

Electoral College Votes

**Clinton +32.2%**

2016 Presidential  
Margin of Victory

**428,937**

Votes Cast in 2016

### Ballot Processing and Certification

- Pre-processing before Election Day
- Certification: Not specified