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2026 House Overview: Republicans vs. History

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The president's party typically loses House seats in midterm elections, and Republicans don't have many to spare. But President Donald Trump and the GOP are still riding high from 2024 and are confident that they'll maintain their majority in 2026.

Republicans need to buck a bipartisan trend going back nearly 90 years. The president's party has lost House seats in 20 of the past 22 midterm elections and the fewest number of seats lost in those cycles was five (in 1986) and four (in 1962). House Democrats need a net gain of just three seats.

While Republicans on Capitol Hill have worked with Trump on an aggressive agenda, the party believes they are simply enacting a mandate approved by voters last year. And Republicans have a hard time envisioning losing to a Democratic Party that is leader-less, message-less, and viewed as culturally out of step.

But Republicans are testing voters' intentions with Medicaid changes in the so-called "one, big, beautiful bill." Whether it's characterized as benefit cuts decried by Democrats or eligibility cuts promised by Republicans among immigrants in the country illegally and those physically able to work, millions of people will likely lose coverage. Only the implementation of the changes and time will determine which party is correct.

Midterm elections are typically a referendum on the party in power, so if voters feel confident in the direction of the country, then the GOP has a chance to maintain control. But if a majority of voters decides that the country is on the wrong track and that "one, big, beautiful" piece of legislation is partially to blame, it would be hard for Republicans to escape accountability. Since it passed the House by a single vote, any GOP incumbent could be characterized as having cast "the deciding vote."

With a difficult path to the majority for Senate Democrats, the House majority remains on track to be the most consequential battle of 2026. And any arguments about a political wave shouldn't miss that one isn't necessary for the GOP to lose control.

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2026 House Ratings

Toss-Up (3D, 7R)

AZ 6 (Ciscomani, R)	MI 7 (Barrett, R)
CA 13 (Gray, D)	NC 1 (Davis, D)
CA 45 (Tran, D)	NY 17 (Lawler, R)
CO 8 (Evans, R)	PA 7 (Mackenzie, R)
IA 1 (Miller-Meeks, R)	VA 2 (Kiggans, R)

Tilt Democratic (7D)

CA 47 (Min, D)
ME 2 (Golden, D)
MI 8 (McDonald Rivet, D)
NM 2 (Vasquez, D)
NY 4 (Gillen, D)
TX 34 (Gonzalez, D)
WA 3 (Perez, D)

Tilt Republican (6R)

AZ 1 (Schweikert, R)
MI 10 (Open; James, R)
NE 2 (Bacon, R)
NJ 7 (Kean Jr., R)
PA 10 (Perry, R)
WI 3 (Van Orden, R)

Lean Democratic (16D)

CA 21 (Costa, D) NV 1 (Titus, D)
CA 27 (Whitesides, D) NV 3 (Lee, D)
CA 49 (Levin, D) NV 4 (Horsford, D)
CA 9 (Harder, D) NY 19 (Riley, D)
FL 23 (Moskowitz, D) NY 3 (Suoizzi, D)
IN 1 (Mrvan, D) TX 28 (Cuellar, D)
MN 2 (Craig, DFL) VA 7 (Vindman, D)
NH 1 (Open; Pappas, D)
NJ 9 (Pou, D)

Lean Republican (5R)

CA 22 (Valadao, R)
CA 40 (Kim, R)
CA 41 (Calvert, R)
IA 3 (Nunn, R)
PA 8 (Bresnahan, R)

Likely Democratic (8D)

CA 25 (Ruiz, D) PA 17 (Deluzio, D)
IL 17 (Sorensen, D)
MI 3 (Scholten, D)
NH 2 (Goodlander, D)
NY 18 (Ryan, D)
NY 22 (Mannion, D)
OR 5 (Bynum, D)#

Likely Republican (11R)

AK AL (Begich, R) PA 1 (Fitzpatrick, R)
AZ 2 (Crane, R) TX 15 (De La Cruz, R)
CA 3 (Kiley, R) VA 1 (Wittman, R)
CO 5 (Crank, R) WI 1 (Steil, R)
FL 13 (Luna, R)
IA 2 (Hinson, R)
MI 4 (Huizenga, R)

Pending New Map (3D)

OH 1 (Landsman, D)
OH 9 (Kaptur, D)
OH 13 (Sykes, D)

	GOP	DEM
Solid	181	176
Likely/Lean/Tilt	22	31
Total	203	207
Toss-up	10	
Ohio map TBD	15	
Needed for majority	218	

*Takeovers in Italics, # moved benefiting Democrats, * moved benefiting Republicans*

CALENDAR

June 10	New Jersey Gubernatorial Primary
July 15	Arizona's 7th Special Election Democratic Primary
Nov. 4	Texas' 18th District Special Primary
Nov. 4	New Jersey & Virginia Gubernatorial Elections

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Alabama Governor & Senate. Sen. Tommy Tuberville made official his intention to run for governor rather than seek a second term in Washington, DC. That shook up Yellowhammer State politics, and the dust is still settling. State Attorney General Steve Marshall, Navy SEAL veteran Jared Hudson, and Birmingham investor Jeremy Spratling are already in the race. But former state Secretary of State John Merrill, Rep. Barry Moore, former commissioner of the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs Kent Davis, former Rep. Mo Brooks, and former Tuberville staffer Morgan Murphy have all expressed openness to running. Bruce Pearl, the Auburn basketball coach, is also a potential candidate. Solid Republican.

Georgia Governor. State Rep. Derrick Jackson is jumping into the Democratic primary for governor. The marketing manager for General Electric also ran for lieutenant governor in 2022. He joins former Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms and state Sen. Jason Esteves in the primary. More candidates could join, including two-time nominee Stacey Abrams and former DeKalb County CEO Michael Thurmond. Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr is a top contender on the Republican side but he won't have the field to himself. Battleground.

Iowa Senate. When an attendee at a town hall hosted by Sen. Joni Ernst expressed fear that "people are going to die" if the GOP's reconciliation bill passes and cuts Medicaid, Ernst responded "we all are going to die." That quip made national headlines and prompted Ernst to double down in a non-apology video filmed in a cemetery in which she told viewers if they wanted eternal life they needed to accept Jesus. Ernst's comments prompted state Rep. J.D. Scholten to move up his plans to launch a Senate campaign to this week. The professional baseball pitcher rose to national prominence when he nearly toppled Rep. Steve King in the 4th District in 2018; he lost a wider race against Randy Feenstra in 2020. Veteran and mechanic Nathan Sage is already in the race as a Democrat. Ernst beat back a tough challenge in 2020 and Iowa has become a reliably Republican state, but if anyone knows the damage a bad gaffe can do for a candidate, it's Ernst. Solid Republican.

Texas Senate. Sen. John Cornyn faces a difficult path to renomination next year. State Attorney General Ken Paxton is already in the race and in the lead. Four polls publicly released in May found Cornyn trailing Paxton by between 9 and 22 points, and private polling shows Paxton ahead by margins

2026 Senate Ratings

BATTLEGROUND

Democratic-Held (4)

- Jon Ossoff (D-Ga.)
- MI Open (Gary Peters, D)
- MN Open (Tina Smith, DFL)
- NH Open (Jeanne Shaheen, D)

Republican-Held (2)

- Susan Collins (R-Maine)
- Thom Tillis (R-N.C.)

Solid Democratic (9)

- IL Open (Dick Durbin, D)
- John Hickenlooper (D-Colo.)
- Chris Coons (D-Del.)
- Ed Markey (D-Mass.)
- Cory Booker (D-N.J.)
- Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.)
- Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.)
- Jack Reed (D-R.I.)
- Mark Warner (D-Va.)

Solid Republican (20)

- AL Open (Tommy Tuberville, R)
- KY Open (Mitch McConnell, R)
- Dan Sullivan (R-Ak.)
- Tom Cotton (R-Ark.)
- Ashley Moody (R-Fla.)
- Jim Risch (R-Idaho)
- Joni Ernst (R-Iowa)
- Roger Marshall (R-Kan.)
- Bill Cassidy (R-La.)
- Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.)
- Steve Daines (R-Mont.)
- Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.)
- Jon Husted (R-Ohio)
- Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.)
- Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.)
- Mike Rounds (R-S.D.)
- Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.)
- John Cornyn (R-Texas)
- Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.V.)
- Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.)

in the high teens. Cornyn and his allies believe that they can use Paxton's personal baggage and legal issues to level the playing field but there's no doubt the incumbent is starting from behind. GOP Rep. Wesley Hunt is also still considering a bid, and could emerge as a Paxton alternative if Cornyn drops out. No Democrats are currently in the race but former Rep. Colin Allred (the 2024 nominee), Dallas state Sen. Nathan Johnson, and astronaut Terry Virts are all considering bids. Given the uncertainty surrounding the GOP nomination and the potential for a flawed nominee in Paxton, this race has some upside for Democrats. Solid Republican, for now.



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Alaska.

At-Large, Nick Begich, R, elected 51%. Trump 55%. It looks increasingly like former Rep. Mary Peltola will run for governor rather than for her old seat, so Democrats are searching for a challenger. Potential candidates include former Lt. Gov. Valerie Davidson, now the president of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Marine veteran/state trooper/ Anchorage Assemblyman Zac Johnson, and US Army veteran Kyle Kaiser, who works for a company that helps prepare veterans for the workforce. State Sen. Forrest Dunbar, an attorney and Army veteran, is also talking about running; he ran for the seat in 2014. Like Peltola, Davidson is Yup'ik and has deep ties to the state's Native community. Likely Republican.

Arizona.

1st District (Northeastern Phoenix and Scottsdale) David Schweikert, R, re-elected 52%. Trump 51%. Former state Rep. Amish Shah and former newscaster Marlene Galán-Woods are both running for this seat again — Shah won the 2024 primary in which Galán-Woods placed a close third. Also in the field are media executive Rick McCartney, administrative law judge Brian Del Vecchio, and entrepreneur Jonathan Treble, who founded a company that sells printers and coffeemakers to multi-family housing units. Mark Robert Gordon, a voting rights attorney and DNC member, is likely to get into the race in July. Jimmy McCain, the Army veteran and son of the late Sen. John McCain, doesn't appear likely to run. Tilt Republican.

2nd District (Northeastern Arizona) Eli Crane, R, re-elected 54%. Trump 57%. Jonathan Nez, the 2024 nominee and a former Navajo Nation president, is seriously considering running again but isn't sold on it and may also run for any of several statewide positions. Likely Republican.

5th District (Southeastern Phoenix suburbs of Gilbert and Chandler) Open; Andy Biggs, R, running for governor. Trump 59%.

Former state Rep. Travis Grantham and former Arizona Cardinals kicker Jay Feely are the two most notable candidates in the race to succeed Biggs. State Sen. Jake Hoffman, one of Trump's fake electors in 2020, could also run. Hoffman's indictment in the fake elector scheme was recently overturned though state Attorney General Kris Mayes could seek new charges. Pinal County Sheriff Mark Lamb is another potential candidate. State Rep. Justin Olson sounds unlikely to run. Solid Republican.

6th District (Southeastern Arizona and eastern Tucson area) Juan Ciscomani, R, re-elected 50%. Trump 49.7%. Jo Mendoza, who served as a drill instructor in the Marines, is the most notable Democrat running, and raised an impressive \$816,000 in her first two months. Immigration attorney Mo Goldman is also running. This district will be a top target for Democrats but some strategists acknowledge Ciscomani will be hard to defeat. Toss-up.



Jay Feely

Courtesy Feely Campaign

7th District (Southwestern Arizona and western Tucson area) Vacant; Raúl Grijalva, D, died in office. Harris 60%. Grijalva's daughter Adelita Grijalva is the frontrunner to succeed him in a special election later this year. First the former Pima County supervisor has to get past former state Rep. Daniel Hernandez and social media influencer Deja Foxx in the July 15 Democratic primary. The special general election will be on Sept. 23. Solid Democratic.

9th District (Western Arizona and western Phoenix exurbs) Paul Gosar, R, re-elected 65%. Trump 65%. Gosar has said he's running for re-election but some Republicans are concerned that his health will preclude him from serving another term. Solid Republican.

California.

3rd District (Northeastern Sacramento suburbs and Lake Tahoe to Death Valley) Kevin Kiley, R, re-elected 56%. Trump 50%. Democrats need a strong nominee and favorable political environment to make a serious run at this seat. Nevada County Supervisor Heidi Hall is running



Heidi Hall

Courtesy Hall Campaign

but Truckee Town Councilmember Courtney Henderson could run as well. Hall lost a 2014 race to GOP Rep. Doug LaMalfa in the 1st District. Likely Republican.

9th District (Stockton area) Josh Harder, D, re-elected

52%. Trump 49%. Former Stockton Mayor Kevin Lincoln is moving toward a rematch against Harder after falling a few points short in 2024. Lincoln, a Marine veteran and pastor, may make some significant changes to his campaign team ahead of a second run. Lean Democratic.

13th District (Mid-Central Valley) Adam Gray, D, elected 50%. Trump 51%. Ceres Mayor Javier Lopez is running against Gray as a Republican. The fire suppression business owner has the backing of former Rep. John Duarte, who went 1-1 against Gray in two of 2022 and 2024's closest races. Toss-up.

21st District (Fresno area) Jim Costa, D, re-elected 53%. Harris 51%. Costa's re-election and the presidential race were unexpectedly close in 2024. Republicans would like to turn up the heat on the 72 year-old congressman, but don't have a serious challenger yet. Lean Democratic.

22nd District (Southern Central Valley and eastern Bakersfield area) David Valadao, R, re-elected 53%. Trump 52%. Visalia Unified School District trustee Randy Villegas, who is also a professor at the College of the Sequoias, is running against Valadao as a Democrat. But state Rep. Jasmeet Bains, a physician who represents part of Kern County, is also looking at running. While Villegas associates with the more progressive Working Families Party, Bains is more in the mold of previous nominee Rudy Salas and has broken with Democrats in the state legislature on fossil fuel and criminal justice issues. Valadao also has to keep his eye out for a more conservative challenger in the primary. Lean Republican.

25th District (Eastern Riverside County and Imperial County) Raul Ruiz, D, re-elected 56%. Harris 50%. Hemet City Councilman Joe Males is hoping to take advantage of shifting political trends among the Hispanic voters in the district that held Harris to a 2.5-point victory in 2024. Likely Democratic.

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27th District (Santa Clarita, Lancaster, and Palmdale in northern Los Angeles County) George Whitesides, D, elected 51%. Harris 51%. Santa Clarita Councilman Jason Gibbs is taking steps toward running as a Republican here but he's got a long way to go to convince national Republicans he's the right candidate to take on Whitesides, whose self-funding capability plus the district's partisan lean makes him a tough out. Lean Democratic.

32nd District (Western San Fernando Valley) Brad Sherman, D, re-elected 66%. Harris 64%. Sherman faces a challenge from fellow Democrat Jake Rakov, a campaign operative who has worked for Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont, 2020 presidential candidate Tom Steyer — and Brad Sherman, as his deputy communications director from 2017 to 2018. Talent agent Christopher Ahuja is also running. And Jake Levine, the former National Security Council senior director for climate and energy in the Biden administration, is considering a run. He's the son of former congressman Mel Levine, who held a previous version of this district in the 1980s. Solid Democratic.



Brad Sherman

40th District (Eastern Orange County) Young Kim, R, re-elected 55%. Trump 49.5%. After two cycles of attracting little Democratic attention, Kim has a half-dozen opponents already, with more potentially on the way. Art dealer Esther Kim Varet, Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce leader Christina Gagnier, 2024 nominee/former fire chief Joe Kerr, entertainment executive Ninah Linh, and consultant and community advocate Paula Swift are all running. And state Democratic party committeeman Perry Meade may join the field soon; he has worked for former Rep. Katie Porter and is close with DNC vice chairman David Hogg. Kerr begins the race with name ID from his previous run, while Kim Varet has the capacity to self-fund and is the fundraising leader. There's plenty of time for this race to develop. Lean Republican.

41st District (Southern Riverside suburbs to Palm Springs) Ken Calvert, R, re-elected 52%. Trump 52%. Seven Democrats are running against Calvert though not all are credible. Former OneRepublic bassist Tim Myers is the most notable but national strategists have also been impressed with economist Brandon Riker. Physician Tiffanie Tate, an OBGYN and radio host, is running as well and could receive support from 314 Action and EMILY's List. President of the Nuview Union School District Board Abel Chavez and elections attorney Anuj Dixit are also running. Lean Republican.

45th District (Western Orange County) Derek Tran, D, elected 50%. Harris 49%. Former Rep. Michelle Steel, who lost to Tran in one of 2024's closest races, is mulling a comeback bid and freezing the GOP field while she comes to a decision. If Steel does run she is likely to clear the field, but she could also run in the 47th District, for a local office, or pursue a job in the Trump administration. If she does not run, Orange County Supervisor Janet Nguyen is interested in running. State Assemblyman Tri Ta seems less likely to run but would be a compelling candidate. Toss-up.

47th District (Coastal Orange County and Irvine) Dave Min, D, elected 51%. Harris 50%. Michelle Steel, who represented the 45th District but lives in the 47th and previously represented some of that district, is freezing GOP developments, though she's less likely to run here. State Sen. Tony Strickland (who ran for Congress in 2012 and 2014) could run. And 2022 controller nominee Lanhee Chen, who won the 47th by 9 points in that race, could also run. Tilt Democratic.

49th District (Coastal southern Orange and northern San Diego counties) Mike Levin, D, re-elected 52%. Harris 52%. San Diego Supervisor Jim Desmond seems like the consensus GOP pick to run against Levin. He raised \$423,000 in his first three months as a candidate. Lean Democratic.

Colorado.

3rd District (Pueblo area and Western Slope) Jeff Hurd, R, elected 51%. Trump 54%. Snowmass, Colorado venture capitalist Alex Kelloff is running against Hurd as a Democrat. But it will be an uphill climb for the co-founder of Armada Skis, especially because he doesn't have Lauren Boebert to fundraise against. Solid Republican.

4th District (Eastern Colorado and Denver exurbs) Lauren Boebert, R, re-elected 54%. Trump 58%. Boebert's national profile means this race will attract plenty of attention and Democratic small dollar donations but it doesn't currently sit on the battlefield. 2024 nominee Trisha Cavallrese is running again, but so is retired Rear Admiral Eileen Laubacher, who most recently served as Senior Director for South Asia at the National Security Council under President Biden. Solid Republican.

5th District (Colorado Springs area) Jeff Crank, R, elected 55%. Trump 53%. One of the few districts where Harris improved upon Biden's 2020 performance, the 5th is still difficult territory for Democrats but in a wave year could be competitive. Jessica Killin, a longtime Democratic political operative who was most recently Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff's chief of staff and also served as a captain in the US Army, has assembled a campaign team and is preparing a launch. She is a Colorado native and also considered a bid in the 8th District. Likely Republican.

8th District (Northern Denver suburbs and Greeley area) Gabe Evans, R, elected 49%. Trump 49.6%. More and more Democrats are



Gabe Evans

lining up to take on Evans, who is one of the most vulnerable Republicans in the country. Former Rep. Yadira Caraveo (who lost narrowly to Evans last year), state Rep. Manny Rutinel, state Sen. Shannon Bird, state Treasurer Dave Young and former

Colorado Education Association president Amie Baca-Oehlert are all in the race. Caraveo's mental health challenges have received renewed scrutiny since she announced her campaign, with recent stories detailing two 2024 suicide attempts and accusations of staff mistreatment, and some national Democrats are concerned that she can't win a general election. Caraveo's vulnerabilities are drawing more candidates into the race, but that has actually increased the odds that the former congresswoman, who begins the race with high name ID and a national fundraising network, can win the nomination. Toss-up.

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Florida.

7th District (Northern Orlando suburbs and part of Daytona Beach area) Cory Mills, R, re-elected 57%. Trump 56%. Democrats desperately want to take on Mills, who is dealing with the fallout over a potential domestic violence incident in Washington, DC, and an open Ethics Committee investigation into his munitions business and campaign finance practices. 2024 Democratic nominee Jennifer Adams is running again. But national strategists are more excited about attorney Noah Widmann, whose compelling life story could make him an attractive candidate. Marialana Kinter, who served as a nuclear reactor supervisor in the Navy, is also running. Solid Republican.

13th District (Part of St. Petersburg and suburbs) Anna Paulina Luna, R, re-elected 55%. Trump 55%. 2024 nominee Whitney Fox doesn't seem interested in running again, but Democrats haven't given up on giving Luna a real race. While the dream candidate for some strategists is retired Rear Admiral John Kirby, he has resisted recruitment efforts before. Former state Rep. Ben Diamond is another potential candidate; he briefly ran for this seat in 2022. And Liz Dahan, the business consultant and former Democratic staffer who lost to Fox in the 2024 primary, could run again. Likely Republican.

19th District (Fort Myers and Cape Coral area) Open; Byron Donalds, R, running for governor. Trump 64%. Conservative talk radio mogul Jim Schwartzel, Marine Corps aviator Mike Pedersen and perennial Illinois candidate/dairy magnate Jim Oberweis are both running to succeed Donalds in a GOP primary that could attract several more colorful characters. Former New York Rep. Chris Collins (who pled guilty to financial crimes and was later pardoned by Trump), former North Carolina Rep. Madison Cawthorn (whose brief time as a GOP rising star came to an end when various controversies contributed to his loss in a 2022 GOP primary) and two other unsuccessful Illinois candidates, Catalina Lauf and Jack Lombardi, have all expressed interest in running. Solid Republican.

20th District (Inland Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach areas) Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, D, re-elected unopposed. Harris 69%.

The House Ethics Committee recently indicated there is another open investigation into Cherfilus-McCormick's brief tenure. Cherfilus-McCormick is already the subject of an investigation for conduct first uncovered by *Inside Elections* in 2022.

And her family's health care company recently agreed to pay back nearly \$6 million it improperly received from the state of Florida in 2021 — money that may have helped Cherfilus-McCormick self-fund her successful campaign that year. Community activist and perennial candidate Elijah Manley is running against her in the Democratic primary, and raised \$273,000 through March 31, while the incumbent raised just \$17,000. Solid Democratic.

23rd District (Coastal Fort Lauderdale area) Jared Moskowitz, D, re-elected 52%. Harris 50%. Republicans are eager to capitalize on

political shifts that have turned Moskowitz's once-safely Democratic district into competitive territory. Former state Rep. George Moraitis, perennial candidate Joe Kaufman (the nominee for this seat in 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2024), and former Texas' 26th District candidate Raven Harrison have all launched bids. State Rep. Chip LaMarca is also considering a run. And Boca Raton Mayor Scott Singer is a potential candidate. Lean Democratic.

27th District (Miami and southern suburbs) María Elvira Salazar, R, re-elected 60%. Trump 57%. Former Key Biscayne Mayor Mike Davey is running again in the Democratic primary after narrowly losing the nomination in 2024. Miami environmental services CEO Richard Lamondin is also running, but this district is not a target for national Democrats. Solid Republican.

Georgia.

1st District (Coastal Georgia) Open; Buddy Carter, R, running for Senate. Trump 58%. Chatham County Commissioner Patrick Farrell and Bryan County Commissioner Carter Infinger are running in the GOP



Patrick Farrell

primary to succeed Carter. So is Kandiss Taylor, the chair of the 1st District Republican Party and a longshot candidate for Senate in 2020 and governor in 2022. State Reps. Jesse Petrea and James Burchett are also potential candidates. And insurance

executive Jim Kingston, the son of former Rep. Jack Kingston, could run as well. Solid Republican.

6th District (Part of northeastern Atlanta suburbs) Lucy McBath, D, re-elected 75%. Harris 75%. McBath paused her long-awaited gubernatorial run because of her husband's health issues, scuttling any hope former Cobb County Commissioner Jerica Richardson, former state Rep. Mandisha Thomas, or state Sen. Sonya Halpern would have of winning this seat. Solid Democratic.

9th District (Northeastern Georgia and northeastern Atlanta exurbs) Andrew Clyde, R, re-elected 69%. Trump 67%. Gainesville Mayor Sam Couvillon is running against Clyde in the GOP primary, and outraised the incumbent by more than \$200,000 over the first three months of the year. Couvillon is running as a conservative but one who will make fewer headlines than Clyde, a gun store owner who has frustrated some members of the district's business community. Solid Republican.

13th District (Western and southern Atlanta suburbs) David Scott, D, re-elected 72%. Harris 71%. At 79, Scott has faced questions about his health and abilities for more than a year. He faces three primary challengers: state Sen. Emanuel Jones, former Gwinnett School Board member Everton Blair and state Rep. Jasmine Clark, an assistant teaching professor at Emory University who has her Ph.D. in Microbiology and Molecular Genetics. Scott has won underwhelming primary victories and this may be his toughest re-election yet. A majority is required for any candidate to avoid a runoff. Solid Democratic.



Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick

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Illinois.

2nd District (Southern Chicago suburbs, far Southeast Chicago, and east central Illinois) Open; Robin Kelly, D, running for Senate. Harris 66%. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago commissioner Yumeka Brown, state Sen. Robert Peters, and non-profit worker Eric France are all running, while Matteson Mayor Sheila Chalmer-Currin and Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller have formed exploratory committees. Peters has an endorsement from Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and DNC vice chairman David Hogg. But Miller may have support from Kelly. Solid Democratic.

7th District (West Side and downtown Chicago) Danny Davis, D, re-elected 83%. Harris 82%. State Rep. La Shawn Ford has filed paperwork to run for the seat. Davis, in questionable health, indicated to Axios he would run for re-election but has not launched a campaign. He barely cleared 50 percent in his last two primaries. Solid Democratic.

8th District (Western outer suburbs of Chicago) Open; Raja Krishnamoorthi, D, running for Senate. Harris 53%. With multiple credible Democratic candidates, the winner might only need a small plurality of the primary vote to prevail. Cook County Commissioner Kevin Morrison is running, raised good early money and secured an endorsement from Rep. Eric Sorensen. Morrison is a former Krishnamoorthi staffer who was the first openly LGBTQ member of the county commission. Hanover Park Village Trustee Yasmeen Bankole, who also worked for Krishnamoorthi and Sen. Dick Durbin, is running and considered a serious candidate. State Sen. Cristina Castro is also expected to enter the race and be in the top tier.

Businesswoman Sanjyot Dunung is running and is more of an unknown but has been endorsed by ASPIRE PAC, which supports Asian American candidates. Business consultant/former Krishnamoorthi donor Neil Khot could run and potentially spend some of his own money. Attorney / Army reserve officer Dan Tully is another potential candidate. And management consultant Junaid Ahmed, who challenged Krishnamoorthi from the left in the 2024 Democratic primary, losing 70-30 percent, just launched his campaign.

State Rep. Michelle Mussman doesn't look interested but would be a serious candidate. Schaumburg Area Democrats chairman Mike Cudzik could play a key role in the race with an endorsement. Solid Democratic.

9th District (Parts of northern Chicago, inner and outer northwestern suburbs, and the North Shore) Open; Jan Schakowsky, D, not seeking re-election. Harris 68%.

Evanston Mayor Daniel Biss, a former state senator and 2018 gubernatorial primary runner-up, is the early frontrunner in a primary that also includes state Sen. Laura Fine, influencer / media researcher Kat Abughazaleh, and environmental health safety professional Justin Ford. Biss said he raised \$350,000 in his first 24 hours and has a progressive following from his 2018 bid. Fine has support from many of her colleagues in the legislature, and Abughazaleh has



Daniel Biss

Courtesy Biss Campaign

worked to parlay her large social media following into donations and grassroots energy. But her ties to the state and district are tenuous. Solid Democratic.

17th District (North-central Illinois cities from Rockford to Quad Cities area to Bloomington) Eric Sorensen, D, re-elected 54%. Harris 51%. National Republicans haven't found an answer to Sorensen even as they continue to believe the meteorologist is out of step with the district. Likely Democratic.

Indiana.

1st District (Northwestern Indiana) Frank Mrvan, D, re-elected 53%. Harris 49.6%. While the district has trended toward the GOP at the presidential level (Hillary Clinton won it by 12 points, Biden by 8 points and Harris by a fraction of a percent), Republicans haven't been able to knock out Mrvan. Robert Ordway, a senior policy advisor to GOP Gov. Mike Braun, could run. But this seat is clearly more difficult for



Beau Baird

Republicans than it looks on paper. Lean Democratic.

4th District (Western Indianapolis suburbs and part of west-central Indiana) Jim Baird, R, re-elected 65%. Trump 65%. GOP insiders

don't expect the congressman to seek

re-election. He just turned 80 years old and his son, state Rep. Beau Baird, is getting around the district like a potential congressional candidate. Solid Republican.

Iowa.

1st District (Southeastern Iowa) Marianette Miller-Meeks, R, re-elected 50%. Trump 54%. Former state Rep. Christina Bohannon is targeting a summer launch for her third bid against Miller-Meeks after losing by just a few hundred votes last year and should clear the Democratic field. Miller-Meeks will have to navigate a primary challenge from David Pautsch, who held her to a 12-point victory in the 2024 primary despite spending just \$40,000. Toss-up.

2nd District (Northeastern Iowa) Ashley Hinson, R, re-elected 57%. Trump 54%. After taking a pass on targeting Hinson in 2024, national Democrats are cautiously optimistic that former U.S. Attorney Kevin Techau can make this race interesting. Techau, who served as the US Attorney for Northern Iowa in the Obama administration and as the state's commissioner of public safety under Gov. Tom Vilsack, is also a 27-year Air Force veteran. Likely Republican.

3rd District (Des Moines and southwestern Iowa) Zach Nunn, R, re-elected 52%. Trump 52%. A two-person primary is brewing on the Democratic side between state Sen. Sarah Trone Garriott and state House Minority Leader Jennifer Konfrst. Garriott is a Lutheran minister and Konfrst is a journalism professor at Drake University. GOP strategists need to make sure Nunn runs here instead of jumping to the 4th District, where GOP Rep. Randy Feenstra is leaving behind a solidly Republican seat to run for governor. An open 3rd District seat would be more difficult to hold for the GOP. Lean Republican.

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4th District (Northwestern Iowa) Open; Randy Feenstra, R, running for governor. Trump 65%. State Sen. Lynn Evans is running but the GOP field is likely to grow because of the open seat. State Rep. Matt Windschitl is a Marine Corps veteran who served in Iraq, works for a beer distribution company, his family owns a gun shop and he has one of the best beards in politics. But Windschitl endorsed Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis in the 2024 presidential primary, so Trump supporters might look for another option. Siouxland Chamber of Commerce President Chris McGowan is seriously looking at a run. State Rep. Henry Stone is also mentioned. Solid Republican.

Kentucky.

6th District (Greater Lexington area) Open; Andy Barr, R, running for Senate. Trump 57%. With Barr running for Senate, there are potentially competitive primaries

brewing on both sides of the aisle. State Rep. Ryan Dotson is already in the GOP primary but could be joined by state Sen. Amanda Mays Bledsoe and former state Senate Majority Leader Damon Thayer. State Reps. Matt Lockett



Amanda Mays Bledsoe

Courtesy Kentucky Senate

and Deanna Frazier Gordon are also interested. On the Democratic side, former state Rep. Cherlynn Stevenson is already running but much of the speculation has centered on two other potential candidates: former state House Majority Leader Rocky Adkins and Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman. But both would prefer to run for governor in 2027, say Kentucky Democrats, but could be convinced to run here. Solid Republican.

Maine.

2nd District (Northern Maine) Jared Golden, D, re-elected 50%. Trump 54%. Golden ended speculation about his future last month when he announced he would forgo bids for governor or Senate in favor of running for re-election. He may face a primary challenge from state Auditor Matt Dunlap, who ran for Senate in 2012. Waiting in the general election is likely to be former Gov. Paul LePage, the bombastic former Waterville mayor who won two plurality victories in 2010 and 2014 but fell well short of victory in his 2022 comeback attempt. Austin Theriault, the 2024 nominee, is not running again. Tilt Democratic.

Massachusetts.

9th District (Cape Cod and South Shore) Bill Keating, D, re-elected 56%. Harris 54%. This is the least Democratic of the Bay State's nine districts. Harris won it by 11 points while Sen. Elizabeth Warren won it by 2 percent. Mattapoissett Select Board member Tyler Macallister is considering a run; the harpoon fisher and charter boat captain currently stars on the Discovery Channel reality show *Harpoon Hunters*. Solid Democratic.

Michigan.

3rd District (Grand Rapids and Muskegon areas) Hillary Scholten, D, re-elected 54%. Harris 53%. Few, if any, Republicans seem interested in running here. Tudor Dixon, the 2022 GOP gubernatorial nominee, is one potential candidate but appears focused on running statewide. State

House Majority Leader Brian Posthumous has his eye on running for secretary of state, and his sister Lisa Posthumous-Lyons, the Kent County Clerk, probably won't seek higher office. Likely Democratic.

4th District (Southwestern Michigan) Bill Huizenga, R, re-elected 55%. Trump 52%. Huizenga continues to make noise about running for Senate even as the NRSC and Senate leadership have coalesced around former Rep. Mike Rogers in that GOP primary and sought to keep Huizenga in the House. If he seeks higher office, a number of Democrats could take a shot at an open seat that has trended their way over the past decade. State Sen. Sean McCann seems most likely to run; he has represented Kalamazoo since 2011. Other candidates include Kalamazoo County Sheriff Richard Fuller and Christian Birky, a venture capitalist focused on sustainable apparel.

If Huizenga doesn't run, state Rep. Matt Longjohn may try again after running for a previous version of the district in 2018, but he just won his state legislative seat and may not want to give it up quite yet. 2024 nominee/attorney Jessica Swartz is already in the race, as is Diop Harris, a former Senate Banking Committee staffer who is targeting a Juneteenth official launch but is already raising money. On the Republican side, state Sen. Mark Huizenga could be a compelling candidate. State Sen. Roger Victory is also taking a look. Likely Republican.

7th District (Lansing area and northwestern Detroit exurbs) Tom Barrett, R, elected 50%. Trump 49.8%. State Sen. Sarah Anthony had been the first name on most Democrats' minds for this district but appears less and less interested in running. More seriously considering bids are former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Bridget Brink and Navy SEAL veteran Matt Masdaam, who has support from members of Sen. Elissa Slotkin's team (Slotkin previously represented the district). Also in the mix are former state Rep. Donna Lasinski and East Lansing dentist Lisa Knowles. Former Michigan basketball player Jon Horford doesn't seem likely to run here after previously considering it. Andrew Lennox, a Veterans Affairs Department staffer who was laid off by DOGE earlier this year, had flirted with a bid but looks unlikely to run. Toss-up.

8th District (Flint and Tri-Cities areas) Kristen McDonald Rivet, D, elected 51%. Trump 50%. GOP recruitment is off to a slow start here. The two most obvious candidates, state Reps. Timmy Beson and Bill Schuette, both appear more interested in running for the vacant state Senate seat McDonald Rivet left behind when she was elected to Congress. Tilt Democratic.

10th District (Macomb County) Open; John James, R, running for governor. Trump 52%. The Democratic primary is big and could get bigger now that neither nominee from 2024, James or Democrat Carl Marlinga, are running. Attorney Christina Hines, Pontiac Mayor Tim Greimel, and former Commerce Department lawyer Eric Chung are already running. Tripp Adams, an Army and Navy veteran who also worked as an attorney and as president of the Truman National Security Project is a potential candidate, and former Rep. Andy Levin hasn't indicated if he has decided on which of five offices he'll run for.

The GOP side is far less developed. The most obvious candidate might be state Rep. Joe Aragona, but he isn't sold on a bid. Former Rep. Mike Bishop has also floated his own name; he lost to Slotkin in a neighboring district in 2018. Former state Rep. Rocky Raczowski has been poking around; he was the GOP nominee for Senate in 2002 and for a House seat in 2010. Other potential candidates include Macomb County Clerk Anthony Forlini, Mike Bouchard Jr. (the son of the Oakland County Sheriff/2006 Senate nominee), and Police Officers Association

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of Michigan President James Tiginelli. 2020 GOP nominee Eric Eschaki could make another bid as well — he briefly sought the seat in 2022 before James entered the race. Tilt Republican.

11th District (Northwestern Detroit suburbs) Open; Haley Stevens, D, running for Senate. Harris 57%. State Sen. Jeremy Moss is the only Democrat who is actively seeking the Democratic nomination to succeed Stevens but he may not have the field to himself. Former GOP Rep. Dave Trott, who held a previous version of the seat, has floated running as an independent



Jeremy Moss

Courtesy Moss Campaign

or a Democrat. He endorsed Biden in 2020 and Harris in 2024. Former Rep. Andy Levin, who lost the Democratic primary for this seat in 2022, may run, and so may Oakland County Commissioner Dave Woodward. University of Michigan Regent Jordan Acker endorsed Moss and will not run himself. Solid Democratic.

13th District (Detroit and southwestern suburbs) Shri Thanedar, D, re-elected 69%. Harris 69%. Thanedar faces a primary challenge from state Rep. Donavan McKinney and former state Sen. Adam Hollier. McKinney has endorsements from Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and Detroit Rep. Rashida Tlaib. In 2022, Hollier was the preferred candidate of pro-Israel groups and placed second in the Democratic primary. He failed to make it on the ballot in 2024 and will need to run a tighter ship to take on Thanedar this year. The presence of more challengers makes it more likely that the eccentric, wealthy incumbent can squeak out another victory, but he's got his work cut out for him. Solid Democratic.

Minnesota.

2nd District (Southern Minneapolis-St. Paul suburbs) Open; Angie Craig, DFL, running for Senate. Harris 52%. State Sen. Matt Klein and former state Sen. Matt Little are both running to succeed Craig in the DFL primary, but the field could grow to include a familiar face if 2018/2020 1st District nominee Dan Feehan jumps in. The former Defense Department official and Army veteran lost two close races and now works as a consultant. Also sizing up the field is state Rep. Kaela Berg. And former state Sen. Melissa Lopez Franzen, who quickly ended her Senate campaign after failing to gain traction, could land here as well. Marine veteran Tyler Kistner is running as a Republican — he lost two close races to Craig in 2020 and 2022. Republican Joe Teirab, the 2024 nominee, could run again as well. Lean DFL.

Montana.

1st District (Western Montana) Ryan Zinke, R, re-elected 52%. Trump 54%. It's all quiet on Montana's western front as Democrats seem unlikely to challenge Zinke's hold on the district this cycle. Solid Republican.

Nebraska.

2nd District (Greater Omaha Area) Don Bacon, R, re-elected 51%. Harris 52%. Bacon sent a corner of the political world into a tizzy when he suggested he might retire rather than seek a sixth term. If he bows

out, this district would become Democrats' best pickup opportunity in the country. Even if he runs again, Democrats will try hard to unseat him as the 2nd is the most Democratic district held by a Republican. Denise Powell, the cofounder of Women Who Run Nebraska, is already running and raised \$215,000 in her first day. State Sen. John Cavanaugh, whose father held this seat in the 1970s, is also running. Former Veterans Affairs Department official Kishla Askins, who served as a medical officer in the Navy and Marine Corps, is also considering a bid, as is Douglas County clerk of the district court Crystal Rhoades. The field could grow if Bacon retires: Tony Veland, a two-time national champion on the Nebraska Cornhuskers football team and a Super Bowl XXXII winner with John Elway and the Denver Broncos, has had his name thrown around.

On the GOP side, 2014/2024 candidate Dan Frei may run again. The financial services salesman narrowly lost to Bacon in 2014 and by 24 points in 2024. Former state Sen. Brett Lindstrom could also run; the former Cornhusker quarterback sought this seat back in 2012 and also ran for governor in 2022. Tilt Republican, but if Bacon retires it will move in Democrats' favor.

Nevada.

1st District (Eastern Las Vegas area) Dina Titus, D, re-elected 52%. Harris 50%. Former state Assemblyman Jim Marchant is running after losing a 2020 bid for the 4th District, a 2022 campaign for Secretary of State, and in the 2024 GOP Senate primary. Republicans probably need a better candidate to make Titus sweat but have struggled to recruit in this district. Lean Democratic.

3rd District (Southwestern Las Vegas area) Susie Lee, D, re-elected 51%. Trump 49.5%. National GOP strategists are excited about



Susie Lee

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Marty O'Donnell, the composer best known for writing the soundtrack to the Halo video game, and his ability to self-fund a campaign. But O'Donnell spent \$500,000 of his own money to come in fourth in the 2024 GOP primary. Last

year's nominee, Drew Johnson, is running for state treasurer this cycle, but real estate agent Tera Anderson is in the primary. Lean Democratic.

4th District (Northern Las Vegas area and rural central Nevada) Steven Horsford, D, re-elected 53%. Harris 50%. Air Force veteran and financial planner David Flipppo is running again after narrowly losing the GOP primary in 2024. He'll face Cody Whipple, who owns a telecom company and has backing from former Rep. Cresent Hardy. Lean Democratic.

New Hampshire.

1st District (Eastern New Hampshire) Open; Chris Pappas, D, running for Senate. Harris 50%. Former Portsmouth City Councilor Stefany Shaheen launched a bid for the Democratic nomination to succeed Pappas, who is himself running to succeed Stefany's mother, Jeanne. Her name ID and the elder Shaheen's popularity probably makes her the frontrunner against Maura Sullivan, the Marine veteran

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and former Obama administration official who placed second to Pappas in the 2018 Democratic primary. Harvard lecturer and Hampton selectwoman Carleigh Beriont is also running, and state Rep. Alice Wade has formed an exploratory committee.

The GOP field is far less settled. Chris Bright, who ran for the Republican nomination in 2024, is running again. So might ironworkers owner Hollie Noveletsky, Manchester alderman Joseph Levasseur, who both ran in 2024, and former Executive Councillor Russell Prescott, the 2024 nominee. State Rep. Brian Cole and outgoing state Attorney General John Formella are also potential candidates. Lean Democratic.

2nd District (Western and northern New Hampshire) Maggie Goodlander, D, elected 53%. Harris 51%. Lily Tang Williams, the 2024 nominee for this seat and a perennial candidate as a Libertarian and Republican in New Hampshire and Colorado, is running again. Likely Democratic.

New Jersey.

7th District (Southwestern New York City suburbs and exurbs) Tom Kean Jr., R, re-elected 52%. Trump 49.6%. Former Navy helicopter pilot Rebecca Bennett has established herself early in the Democratic primary, but there's plenty of time for the field to develop. Former Small Business Administration chief of staff Michael Roth, former Summit Council President Greg Vartan, and chair of the Morris County Democratic Party Hispanic Caucus Brian Varela are also running. And Saint Peter's University Professor Beth Adubato, who comes from a prominent New Jersey political family, is preparing to enter the race.

Tina Shah, a physician who served as a White House Fellow during the Trump administration and as a senior adviser in the Biden administration, is also considering a bid. She passed on running for this seat in 2024. Former Rep. Tom Malinowski, who lost to Kean in 2022 and is now the Hunterdon County Democratic chairman, told *Inside Elections* he has "no plans" to run for the 7th. Tilt Republican.

9th District (Urban North Jersey and western New York City suburbs) Nellie Pou, D, elected 51%. Trump 49%. Republicans would like to give Pou a real race after Trump unexpectedly won the district in 2024, but the GOP bench in the district is non-existent. With three-time nominee Billy Prempeh running again, it's possible the Air Force veteran and Q-Anon adherent will win the primary a fourth time and take the race off the map. Woodcliff Lake Mayor Carlos Rendo lives outside the district but could run; he was the lieutenant governor nominee in 2017. Lean Democratic.

New Mexico.

2nd District (Southern New Mexico and western Albuquerque area) Gabe Vasquez, D, re-elected 52%. Trump 50%. Republicans are confident this is going to be a serious race, but a serious challenger has yet to emerge. State Sen. Gabriel Ramos, who was a Democrat until last year, is a potential candidate. Tilt Democratic.

New York.

1st District (Eastern Long Island and north shore of Suffolk County) Nick LaLota, R, re-elected 55%. Trump 54%. John Avlon, the former CNN anchor who lost to LaLota by 10 points in 2024, could run again. But Democrats have struggled to figure out the keys to success in Suffolk County. State Assemblyman Steve Stern has been a rumored congressional candidate for over a decade but has never gone for it.

Former Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone would be a dream candidate for Democrats but there's no indication he's interested. Solid Republican.

2nd District (South shore of Suffolk County) Andrew Garbarino, R, re-elected 59%. Trump 56%. Democrats haven't seriously contested this district since 2020, and conditions have only worsened on Long Island since then. Former Suffolk County Executive Patrick Halpin is thinking about running and could be an intriguing candidate for Democrats. Now a managing director at Mercury Public Affairs, Halpin is also the chairman of the Suffolk Water Authority. But the environment will need to improve before Democrats can think seriously about this seat. Solid Republican.

3rd District (Northern Nassau County) Tom Suozzi, D, re-elected 52%. Trump 51%. Former state Rep. Mike LiPetri may want a rematch against Suozzi after coming unexpectedly close to ousting the incumbent in 2024. While LiPetri is liked by the local party establishment, he may still have to get past New York City Councilwoman Vickie Paladino in the GOP primary. State Assemblyman Jake Blumencranz could also run. Lean Democratic.

4th District (Southern Nassau County) Laura Gillen, D, elected 51%. Harris 50%. Former Rep. Anthony D'Esposito was nominated to be



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Anthony D'Esposito

the inspector general of the Department of Labor and has yet to be confirmed, but local and national sources say he's still considering a rubber match against Gillen and that he would clear the primary field next year if he goes for it. If D'Esposito passes

on a bid, Hempstead Town Supervisor Don Clavin or state Sen. Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick could run. Tilt Democratic.

17th District (Lower Hudson Valley) Mike Lawler, R, re-elected 52%. Harris 49.9%. The Democratic primary is big and getting bigger. Rockland County Legislator Beth Davidson, veteran and former Biden administration official Cait Conley, Tarrytown Village Trustee Effie Phillips-Staley, local nonprofit CEO Jessica Reinmann, journalist Mike Sacks, former Briarcliff Mayor Peter Chatzky, and former FBI agent John Sullivan are all running. Davidson has the most substantial ties to the district and early endorsements from local political leaders and has attracted the most fire from Republicans. Conley's resume is great on paper but her campaign has struggled to hit the ground running and she parted ways with her campaign manager and spokesperson after an embarrassing story about her launch video being filmed in Virginia. MTA board member and management consultant Neal Zuckerman has floated his name but seems less likely to run. Brown professor/former Burlington, Vermont police chief Brandon del Pozo will not run.

At the beginning of the year Lawler appeared ready to run for governor, but his path may be complicated by the implosion of Rep. Elise Stefanik's nomination to the United Nations. Now Stefanik is floating a run for governor and would likely secure Trump's support in that contest. There's no love lost between the two House colleagues but it's not obvious either wants to run against each other in what

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could become a bruising primary. If Lawler runs for re-election, this district is a good pickup opportunity for Democrats given its partisan lean. If he leaves to run for governor, it becomes the best chance at a flip in the country. State Rep. Matt Slater and Clarkstown Supervisor George Hoehmann are the most obvious candidates to run for the GOP nomination. Toss-up.

18th District (Upper Hudson Valley) Pat Ryan, D, re-elected 57%. Harris 51%. This district is a lower priority for Republicans and no candidates have emerged yet. Former state assembly candidate Tom Lapolla and Fishkill town board member John Forman are potential candidates. Likely Democratic.

19th District (Southeastern upstate New York) Josh Riley, D, elected 51%. Harris 50%. Republicans are hunting for a candidate to take on Riley but have no obvious options, unless Molinaro only stays a short while as Trump's administrator of the Federal Transit Administration. Former Binghamton Mayor Rich David is running for Broome County clerk and is focused on that race. Broome County Sheriff Fred Akshar II could run but has some personal baggage. Lean Democratic.

21st District (North Country and part of Albany area) Elise Stefanik, R, re-elected 62%. Trump 60%. There won't be a special election for this seat after Trump abruptly pulled Stefanik's nomination as Ambassador to the United Nations. It may still be an open seat if Stefanik runs for governor, but Republicans have less to worry about in a traditional election than a summer special. While Democratic farmer Blake Gendebien has raised a significant sum and had \$2 million in the bank on March 31, he needed the unique circumstances of a special election to be truly competitive. Move from Likely Republican to Solid Republican.

22nd District (Syracuse and Utica areas) John Mannion, D, elected 55%. Harris 54%. Former state Assemblyman John Salka is running as a Republican. State Assemblyman John Lemondes Jr. is also making calls ahead of a potential run. But GOP sources aren't bullish on winning back this seat any time soon. Likely Democratic.

North Carolina.

1st District (Inland northeastern North Carolina) Don Davis, D, re-elected 49.5%. Trump 51%. Rocky Mount Mayor Sandy Roberson is running after narrowly losing the 2022 GOP primary. He is personally wealthy and self-funded with \$1 million that year. There's always a danger for Republicans that Sandy Smith, the 2022 nominee and 2024 primary runner-up, may run again. She has significant baggage that has prompted national Republicans to spend against her in primaries before. Toss-up.

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Ohio.

Democrats and Republicans alike are waiting to see how aggressive state lawmakers will be in their mid-decade redrawing of Ohio's congressional map. The conventional wisdom is that the GOP-controlled legislature will ultimately target longtime Rep. Marcy



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Emilia Sykes

Kaptur in the 9th District and Akron-area Rep. Emilia Sykes in the 13th District.

Kaptur, one of Democrats' longest-serving members, was drawn into a highly competitive district in 2022 but ground out wins

including a 0.64-point victory in 2024. It's not obvious how much more Republican her district can become without intruding on the neighboring GOP members but Republicans will try to make her life more difficult. Air Force National Guard Lt. Col. Alea Nadeem is in the race and has a compelling life story. State Rep. Josh Williams, state Senate President Rob McColley, state Rep. Haraz Ghanbari, and former state Rep. Derek Merrin (who lost to Kaptur in 2024) could all run as well. But Republicans will try to minimize the messiness of the primary after two cycles in which Kaptur capitalized on internal GOP discord.

Sykes' district may be easier to dismantle for Republicans. Former state Sen. Kevin Coughlin, who lost narrowly to Sykes in 2024, is already running again.

In the 1st District, Democrat Greg Landsman's position may be more secure as the compact and favorable nature of his district could protect him from an aggressive redraw.

Oregon.

5th District (Southern Portland suburbs and central Oregon) Janelle Bynum, D, elected 48%. Harris 52%. There's no buzz about challenging Bynum, Andrea Salinas in the 6th District or Val Hoyle in 4th, even among the most optimistic Republicans. That could change if Democratic Sen. Jeff Merkley decides not to run for re-election and any of the Democratic trio leave their seats open to run for the Senate. With incumbents running, these seats don't look vulnerable. Move from Lean Democratic to Likely Democratic.

Pennsylvania.

1st District (Northern Philadelphia suburbs) Brian Fitzpatrick, R, re-elected 56%. Harris 49.7%. Bucks County Commissioner Bob Harvie is running and likely to clear the Democratic field of any serious opponents. But Democrats have been burned too many times by this district. Likely Republican.

7th District (Lehigh Valley) Ryan Mackenzie, R, elected 51%. Trump 51%. Northampton County Executive Lamont McClure and former PPL executive Carol Obando-Derstine are running in the Democratic primary. McClure has deep political roots in the region but has gotten off to a slow start fundraising, while Obando-Derstine is a first-time candidate but has the backing of former Rep. Susan Wild. Former Department of Justice attorney Ryan Crosswell is moving toward a bid but he'll have to explain

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his lack of ties to the region and why he was a Republican until a few months ago. Toss-up.

8th District (Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and northeastern Pennsylvania) Rob Bresnahan, R, elected 51%. Trump 54%. Former Rep. Matt Cartwright will not seek a rematch against Bresnahan, according to a report in *Punchbowl*. Scranton Mayor Paige Cagnetti is the next most obvious candidate but it's not clear she's interested in running. Lean Republican.

9th District (Northern Tier and part of Coal Country) Dan Meuser, D, re-elected 71%. Trump 68%. Meuser is floating a run for governor against Democrat Josh Shapiro. The GOP primary would be the real contest in this heavily Republican seat. Solid Republican.

10th District (Harrisburg and York areas) Scott Perry, R, re-elected 51%. Trump 52%. Former WGAL newscaster Janelle Stelson is expected to announce her

candidacy later this summer and have a clearer path to the nomination. In 2024, she won a competitive primary with 44 percent before losing the general election to Perry by just more than 1 point. In a

midterm election with Trump in the White House and popular Democratic Gov. Josh Shapiro at the top of the ticket, Democrats are excited about this race. Tilt Republican.

17th District (Western and northern Pittsburgh suburbs) Chris Deluzio, D, re-elected 54%. Harris 52%. Republicans haven't found a candidate to take on Deluzio yet. Likely Democratic.



Scott Perry

Tom Williams/CQ Roll Call

South Carolina.

1st District (Coastal South Carolina and Charleston suburbs) Nancy Mace, R, re-elected 58%. Trump 56%. Mace never wants for national media coverage, recently convening a hearing to repeat allegations of sexual assault against her former fiancé and three other men and display what she says are nude images of herself taken without her consent. She still seems set on a run for governor but even an open seat would be a tough race for Democrats. Mount Pleasant Town Councilwoman GM Whitley has sparred with Mace online and is considering a run; state Rep. Spencer Wetmore is another potential candidate. Solid Republican.

5th District (Charlotte suburbs and rural north-central South Carolina) Ralph Norman, R, re-elected 64%. Trump 61%. Norman has said he's "65 percent" likely to run for governor next year and told *Punchbowl* he would announce his intentions sometime this month. Republicans would be heavily favored to keep this seat. Solid Republican.

Tennessee.

5th District (Southern Nashville and southern and eastern suburbs) Andy Ogles, R, re-elected 57%. Trump 58%. Trump finished ahead of Harris by 18 points, but that didn't stop Democrats from putting Ogles on their target list. State Rep. Bob Freeman and Columbia Mayor Chaz Molder are potential candidates, but Republicans will have to make a couple mistakes for this to be competitive. Solid Republican.

6th District (Eastern Nashville and eastern suburbs and rural areas) Open; John Rose, R, running for governor. Trump 67%. There's likely to

be a competitive primary for the open seat with Rose waging a longshot bid for governor (Sen. Marsha Blackburn is the favorite). Van Hilleary, who represented the area in Congress from 1995 to 2003 and has worked as Rose's chief of staff since 2018, is a top contender but could be joined in the race by state Rep. Johnny Garrett. Retired Marine Corps sergeant major/Bridgestone manager Jon Henry is running but isn't included in the top tier. He finished fourth in the 2020 Senate primary with 1.2 percent. Solid Republican.

7th District (Western Nashville and western suburbs and rural areas) Mark Green, R, re-elected 60%. Trump 60%. In September, the congressman's wife publicly accused him of having an extramarital affair, leading to their separation. That situation has fueled talk that Green won't seek another term. The most important fight to replace him will take place on the Republican side. Solid Republican.

Texas.

15th District (McAllen in the Rio Grande Valley to the outer San Antonio metro area) Monica De La Cruz, R, re-elected 57%. Trump 59%. Democrats are excited about Tejano music star Bobby Pulido, who has expressed interest in running. But don't expect further developments any time soon: Pulido is on tour until the end of the year. Likely Republican.

18th District (Parts of central and northern Houston) Vacant; Sylvester Turner, D, died in office. Harris 69%. The special election to replace Turner won't take place until November. All candidates will appear on the same ballot, and if nobody gets more than 50 percent (likely given the large field) the top two vote-getters will advance to a runoff six weeks later, meaning the seat may not be filled until the end of 2025.

Former Harris County Attorney Christian Menefee has support from



Christian Menefee

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much of the local political establishment but has to get through former Houston councilwoman Amanda Edwards, who ran for this seat in 2024. Also in the race are state Rep. Jolanda Jones, energy lobbyist Zoe Cadore, social media

influencer Isaiah Martin, and former state legislative staffer James Joseph. The filing deadline isn't until Sept. 3 so the field may expand or shrink. Solid Democratic.

23rd District (San Antonio suburbs to El Paso suburbs) Tony Gonzales, R, re-elected 62%. Trump 57%. Gonzales beat back a primary challenge from gun manufacturer and YouTuber Brendan Herrera last cycle, eking out a 354-vote win after his allies spent \$4 million attacking Herrera. This cycle, tooling sales engineer/Marine veteran Zeke Enriquez is running to Gonzales' right and the race could again develop into a headache for the incumbent. Solid Republican.

28th District (Laredo and eastern San Antonio suburbs) Henry Cuellar, D, re-elected 53%. Trump 53%. Cuellar's trial on federal bribery charges has been delayed until September and could be pushed back more. Some Republicans harbor hope that he will switch parties, and there's the potential for a special election sometime this term if

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he is convicted and resigns. Former Rep. Mayra Flores, who briefly represented a neighboring district in 2022, is running as a Republican but national GOP strategists are looking for other options after she lost her last two races. Two recent party-switchers are top of mind: State Rep. Ryan Guillen, who represents Starr County and became a Republican in 2021, and Webb County Judge Tano Tijerina, who switched parties in 2024. Navy veteran Jay Furman is running; he lost to Cuellar last year. Lean Democratic.

34th District (Eastern Rio Grande Valley) Vicente Gonzalez, D, re-elected 51%. Trump 52%. Former Rep. Mayra Flores is running against Cuellar, leaving this field wide open. Republicans are actively recruiting but nobody appears close to launching a campaign. Tilt Democratic.

Utah.

Utahns and national strategists continue to wait for updates in a court case that could result in a more competitive Salt Lake County district.

Virginia.

1st District (Western Chesapeake Bay and suburbs north and west of Richmond) Rob Wittman, R, re-elected 56%. Trump 52%. This district has steadily marched leftward, from voting for Trump by 13 points in 2016 to 6 points in 2020 and 4 points in 2024. So it's a race to watch, particularly if the midterm cycle is trending away from Republicans. Chesterfield Clerk of the Court Amanda Pohl is the first candidate to announce. Otherwise, Democratic recruitment is on hold considering this year's state-level races, but if Henrico County Commonwealth's Attorney Shannon Taylor loses the June 25 Democratic primary for state attorney general she'll be encouraged to run here. Likely Republican.

2nd District (Suburban Hampton Roads) Jen Kiggans, R, re-elected 51%. Trump 49.3%. Democrats are looking for a candidate who can appeal to the district's two main constituencies: military-heavy Virginia Beach and predominantly Black and rural Southside. But similar to the 1st District, recruitment could depend on this year's state-level races. Former state Del. Jay Jones is a possibility if he loses the race for attorney general. State Sen. Aaron Rouse, a former football standout at Virginia Tech who succeeded Kiggans in the state Senate, is currently running for lieutenant governor. US Navy veteran/attorney/Lockheed Martin director James Osyf, Air Force veteran/state Del. Michael Feggans, former Virginia First Lady Pam Northam and even former Rep. Elaine Luria have all been mentioned as well. Toss-up.

7th District (Southern D.C. exurbs) Eugene Vindman, D, elected 51%. Harris 50%. Vindman has yet to attract a GOP opponent and may not until after this fall's state and local elections have concluded. Lean Democratic.

11th District (D.C. suburbs in Fairfax County) Vacant; Gerry Connolly, D, died in office. Harris 66%. GOP Gov. Glenn Youngkin called a Sept. 9 special election following Connolly's death from esophageal cancer last month. The Democrats will pick their nominee using a "firehouse primary" rather than a state-run election. Fairfax County commissioner James Walkinshaw, who served as Connolly's chief of staff and had his endorsement before he died, is running. So are state Sen. Stella Pekarisky, state Del. Irene Shin, Fairfax planning commissioner Candice Bennett, Navy veteran/defense contractor Joshua Aisen, energy attorney Amy Roma, healthcare tech executive Dan Lee, and former Commerce Department counsel Leo Martinez. Solid Democratic.

Washington.

3rd District (Southwestern Washington) Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, D, re-elected 52%. Trump 49.9%. After two consecutive losses, GOP strategists aren't sad that Trump nominated Joe Kent to lead the National Counterterrorism Center. Even though Kent has faced some scrutiny and hasn't been confirmed, he's unlikely to be the nominee again in the 3rd District. State Senate Minority Leader John Braun is receiving the most early attention as a potential challenger but Camas City Councilwoman Leslie Lewallen, who placed third in the 2024 all-party primary, might run again. And state Rep. Jim Walsh, the chairman of the state GOP, could run too. The congresswoman will likely have another tough race but the district has been trending toward Democrats even though Trump still finished ahead of Harris last cycle. Tilt Democratic.

4th District (Central Washington) Dan Newhouse, R, re-elected 53%. Trump 59%. Newhouse is one of two Republicans left in Congress



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Kshama Sawant

who voted to impeach Trump in 2021. He faces a third challenge from former NASCAR driver Jerrod Sessler. Solid Republican.

9th District (Southeastern Seattle and southern and eastern suburbs) Adam Smith, D, re-elected 65%. Harris

68%. Former Seattle Councilwoman Kshama Sawant is running against Smith. Sawant was probably the prominent socialist politician in the country — unlike members of the Democratic Socialists of America, she does not affiliate with the Democratic Party — and has won several tough races including a narrow recall election despite heavy spending from corporate interests. Solid Democratic.

Wisconsin.

1st District (Southeastern Wisconsin) Bryan Steil, R, re-elected 54%. Trump 51%. Ironworker Randy Bryce is running against Steil. The mustachioed Democrat skyrocketed to national prominence in 2018 when he launched a campaign against then-Speaker of the House Paul Ryan and raised nearly \$10 million. But Ryan chose not to seek re-election and Steil handily defeated Bryce. National Democratic strategists don't see Bryce as a credible general election candidate but are hopeful more people will take a look at running if ongoing litigation results in new, more favorable district lines. Likely Republican.

3rd District (Southwestern Wisconsin) Derrick Van Orden, R, re-elected 51%. Trump 53%. Rebecca Cooke, the 2024 Democratic nominee, is running again and off to a hot start fundraising, raising \$1 million in her first month. She faces minimal opposition from Eau Claire councilwoman Emily Berge and former Eau Claire councilwoman Laura Benjamin in the primary but is already focused on Van Orden. Tilt Republican.

7th District (Northwestern Wisconsin) Tom Tiffany, R, re-elected 64%. Trump 60%. Tiffany says he'll decide by August whether to run for governor rather than seek re-election. The Club for Growth favorite has flirted with several statewide bids for governor and Senate over the past few years. Unless ongoing redistricting legislation radically alters the shape of this seat, it will remain in Republican hands. Solid Republican.

