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## Balance of Power

	DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS	UNCALLED
Presidential	226	<b>312</b>	0
Senate	47	<b>52</b>	1
House	211	<b>218</b>	6
Governor	23	<b>27</b>	0

Majority Party in Bold

## Presidential Results

### Electoral College

	REPUBLICAN	VOTES	DEMOCRAT	VOTES
2024	<b>Trump</b>	<b>312</b>	Harris	226
2020	Trump	232	<b>Biden</b>	<b>306</b>
2016	<b>Trump</b>	<b>304</b>	Clinton	227
2012	Romney	206	<b>Obama</b>	<b>332</b>
2008	McCain	173	<b>Obama</b>	<b>365</b>
2004	<b>Bush</b>	<b>286</b>	Kerry	251

### National Popular Vote

	REPUBLICAN	VOTES	DEMOCRAT	VOTES
2024	<b>Trump</b>	<b>50%</b>	Harris	48%
2020	Trump	47%	<b>Biden</b>	<b>51%</b>
2016	Trump	46%	<b>Clinton</b>	<b>48%</b>
2012	Romney	47%	<b>Obama</b>	<b>51%</b>
2008	McCain	46%	<b>Obama</b>	<b>53%</b>
2004	<b>Bush</b>	<b>51%</b>	Kerry	48%

## CALENDAR

<b>Nov. 20</b>	Alaska Releases Ranked Choice Results
<b>Dec. 5</b>	California Ballot Canvas Ends
<b>Dec. 11</b>	Deadline for Governors to Appoint Electors
<b>Dec. 17</b>	Electors Vote in the States
<b>Jan. 3</b>	New Congress Sworn In
<b>Jan. 20</b>	Inauguration Day

## 2024 Election Results: Few Surprises

By Nathan L. Gonzales & Jacob Rubashkin

Donald Trump was elected president, but it was not 2016 all over again. Unlike eight years ago, the former president had an irrefutable chance of winning, even after Democrats pushed aside President Joe Biden for Vice President Kamala Harris. And unlike 2016, Trump's victory was large enough to have some coattails.

With the White House, Senate, and House in hand next year, Republicans have claimed a mandate even though the 2024 results were more of rejection of Democratic leadership by voters concerned about the strength of the economy and security. And Harris couldn't overcome voters' collective amnesia about the state of the country four years ago compared to today.

The surprise was in the breadth of Trump's victory across the country and across myriad demographic groups. His convincing win should be enough to force Democrats to reflect on the party's message, messengers, policies and brand. And once again, pollsters will have to understand how surveys underestimated Trump, now for a third time.

### Presidential

Trump swept the seven toss-up states (Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin) for a total of 312 Electoral College votes, eight more than he received in 2016. But Trump's ability to narrow his losing margin in Democratic states, including Illinois and New Jersey, and engineer blowout wins in Florida and Texas, helped him become the first Republican to finish ahead in the national popular vote since President George W. Bush in 2004. It's a sobering result for Democrats who believed their national advantage was a guarantee.

### Senate

As expected, Republicans won control of the Senate. Buoyed by a favorable map and strong performance from Trump at the top of the ticket, Republicans gained three or four seats, depending on the final outcome in Pennsylvania. But either one falls into our projected range. While most Democratic candidates overperformed Harris, Trump's big wins pulled GOP candidates across the line in Ohio and likely Pennsylvania, and nearly in Wisconsin, Michigan, Nevada and Arizona. The collective effort gives the party a little breathing room ahead of a potentially tough midterm election.

### House

And as expected, the House majority came down to a handful of districts. Republicans will retain a narrow majority although the final margin won't be known until the last batch of races are called. Whether it's no net change or either party gaining a seat, the result will fall within our projected range. Trump's strong performance in Pennsylvania alone might have single-handedly kept the House in Republican hands.

# Electoral Implications of Trump's Cabinet Picks

By Jacob Rubashkin

President-elect Donald Trump is wasting little time filling out key positions in his incoming administration, and so far he is drawing heavily on GOP elected officials. That means vacancies, and at least a handful of special elections in early 2025.

In 2017 and 2018, special elections to the House and Senate served as early warning signs for voters' unhappiness with Trump and the GOP, and presaged a strong midterm performance for Democrats.

This year, a narrowly divided House of Representatives will be made even more so in the early, most crucial days of the administration after Trump tapped at least two congressmembers.

Speaker Mike Johnson could find himself with as narrow as a 218-215 seat majority for several months.

## New York's 21st District

Trump announced Rep. Elise Stefanik as his pick for ambassador to the United Nations. Assuming Senate confirmation, that will create a vacancy in the 21st District, a large North Country seat that borders Vermont and Canada.



Elise Stefanik

Tom Williams/CQ Roll Call

Stefanik's seat was among the most competitive in the nation in the late 2000s, when Democrat Bill Owens flipped it in a 2009 special election and ground out two more tough wins in 2010 and 2012.

Even under its current lines, Barack Obama would have won the district twice by small margins.

But over the past decade the North Country has veered sharply rightward. Trump would have carried the district by 18 points in 2016, 15 points in 2020, and in the neighborhood of 21 points in 2024. (More precise percentages will be available after vote counts are certified.)

New York does not hold primaries for its special elections. Instead, party leaders from the 15 counties that make up the district will pick their respective nominees. That likely gives Stefanik outsized influence

on the next GOP nominee.

*Politico* reported that state assembly members Chris Tague and Robert Smullen are interested, as are Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin and state Sen. Dan Stec. 19th District U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro, who lost a close race last week in the 19th District, isn't ruling out a run in the 21st either.

The current partisan lean of the district makes it unlikely Democrats can make a serious play for the seat, but the most intriguing candidate might be state assemblyman Billy Jones, a former corrections officer who has represented a swing district on the Canadian border since 2017.

Under state law, the governor must schedule a special election to take place at most 90 days after a vacancy. If Stefanik resigns at the start of the Trump administration, that would mean a mid-April election.

## Ohio Senate

With Ohio Sen. J.D. Vance's election as vice president, Republican Gov. Mike DeWine will appoint a replacement to the vacant Senate seat.

DeWine's appointee will serve until Nov. 2026, when the state will hold a special election for the remaining two years of Vance's term. The governor, a Republican, has not tipped his hand on who he plans to appoint. But he has said he is not interested in a caretaker and wants his appointee to run for a full term in 2028.

Already, one contender has ruled himself out: Vivek Ramaswamy, the Cincinnati entrepreneur who will co-lead a government spending commission organized by Trump next year. But there is no shortage of ambitious Ohio Republicans who want to be senators. State Sen. Matt Dolan and Secretary of State Frank LaRose both ran for Senate this year. Lt. Gov. Jon Husted, Rep. Warren Davidson, and former state party chairwoman Jane Timken are all possibilities as well.

While Democrats have fallen short in the last two Ohio Senate races, the 2026 map presents few offensive targets and it's possible the political environment is favorable enough that Ohio develops into a legitimate opportunity.

Democratic Sen. Sherrod Brown, who just lost his re-election by 4 points, didn't rule out a bid in two years. But at 72 he would likely be signing up for back-to-back runs at 74 and 76 years old, including one in

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a presidential year.

Rep. Emilia Sykes is another compelling option for Democrats — she’s young, has won two tough elections in an Akron-area swing seat, and would make history as Ohio’s first woman senator and first Black senator. And former Rep. Tim Ryan, who lost to Vance in 2022, could have another go at it as well.

### Florida’s 1st District

Trump’s announcement that controversial Rep. Matt Gaetz would be his nominee for Attorney General caught Senate Republicans off guard, and it’s not obvious he will be confirmed, given his unpopularity in Congress and — reportedly — a looming House Ethics Committee report digging into allegations of sexual misconduct.



Matt Gaetz

Tom Williams/CQ Roll Call

Gaetz upped the ante by resigning his seat this week (which may also prevent the release of the Ethics report), so whether or not he is confirmed, there will be a special election in the 1st District.

Florida law gives GOP Gov. Ron DeSantis wide latitude in setting the timeline for a special election. In 2022, DeSantis used that power to delay a special election in a Democratic seat for nearly a year following the death of Rep. Alcee Hastings.

Because this is a seat the GOP is certain to hold, and Republicans’ House majority will likely be slim, DeSantis will act much more quickly this time. The last time a Solid Republican Florida seat held a special election was in 2014 when Rep. Trey Radel resigned in late January. Gov. Rick Scott set a late April special primary election and late June general election.

But DeSantis has signaled he wishes to expedite that process and Speaker Johnson has talked a big game about filling the seat by January. That seems unlikely, given federal laws requiring 45 days of early voting for military and overseas ballots (the 1st has a significant military population) in both the primary and general elections, and a two-week qualifying period.

Under those constraints, the earliest the seat could be filled would be late February, with a primary in mid-January.

The 1st is one of the most Republican districts in the state, so the winner of the GOP primary would be assured a win in the general election as well.

### Florida’s 6th District

Republican Rep. Michael Waltz is Trump’s choice as National Security Advisor. Waltz has represented Florida’s 6th District since 2019.

The 6th is a rock-ribbed Republican seat that voted for Trump by 23 points in 2016 and likely by a margin closer to 30 points in 2024.

Looking at previous special elections such as the Radel vacancy, if Waltz resigns after Trump’s inauguration, a special election could take place in June, with the all-important primary in April. If Waltz were to formally announce his resignation now, like Gaetz did, DeSantis might be able to schedule a special general election earlier. But he has not made his plans clear yet.

### Florida Senate

Florida Sen. Marco Rubio is Trump’s pick for secretary of state. The onetime presidential candidate won a dominant re-election in 2022 and Florida has become a reliably Republican state over the last six years.

If Rubio is nominated and confirmed, DeSantis would appoint a replacement to serve until Nov. 2026, when a special election would take place for the remainder of the term. The winner of that special election would then have to run for a full term in 2028.

The list of Republicans who DeSantis could appoint is long, and includes a half-dozen or more congressmembers and statewide elected officials. There’s also chatter that DeSantis could appoint his chief of staff, James Uthmeier, as a caretaker. Then DeSantis could himself run in the 2026 special election, when he will be term-limited as governor. West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin made a similar move in 2010.

But DeSantis may come under pressure to appoint Lara Trump, the president-elect’s daughter-in-law and current co-chair of the Republican National Committee, instead.

### South Dakota Governor

South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem is Trump’s choice to lead the Department of Homeland Security. If confirmed, she will resign her position and Lt. Gov. Larry Rhoden will serve out the remainder of her term until the 2026 election.



Kristi Noem

Courtesy, Office of the Governor

Rhoden, a former state legislator, ran for U.S. Senate in 2014 and was the choice of Tea Party organizations in the GOP primary, but he was defeated by former Gov. Mike Rounds. As the

incumbent, Rhoden would carry some advantages into the 2026 GOP gubernatorial primary. But there are six other statewide elected officials who could take a look at the race, most notably state Attorney General Marty Jackley, who lost the 2018 GOP primary to Noem. **IE**

## Defeated House Incumbents

DEFEATED IN PRIMARY	DEFEATED IN GENERAL
Jamaal Bowman (D-NY)	Yadira Caraveo (D-CO)
Cori Bush (D-MO)	Matt Carwright (D-PA)
Jerry Carl (R-AL)	Laurie Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR)
Bob Good (R-VA)	Anthony D’Esposito (R-NY)
	Mike Garcia (R-CA)
	Marc Molinaro (R-NY)
	Susan Wild (D-PA)
	Brandon Williams (R-NY)
	Mary Peltola (D-AK)*
	Michelle Steel (R-CA)*
	John Duarte (R-CA)*
	Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA)*

\*Uncalled but in danger of losing

# 2024 House Results

## Uncalled Districts

DISTRICT	INCUMBENT	RATING
California's 13th	John Duarte, R	Tilt Democratic
Iowa's 1st	Mariannette Miller-Meeks, R	Tilt Democratic
Ohio's 9th	Marcy Kaptur, D	Tilt Democratic
California's 45th	Michelle Steel, R	Toss-up
Maine's 2nd	Jared Golden, D	Toss-up
Alaska's At-Large	Mary Peltola, D	Tilt Republican

Competitive Districts won by Democrats			Competitive Districts won by Republicans		
DISTRICT	INCUMBENT	RATING	DISTRICT	INCUMBENT	RATING
California's 27th	Mike Garcia, R	Toss-up	Nebraska's 2nd	Don Bacon, R	Tilt Democratic
California's 47th	Open; Katie Porter, D	Toss-up	Pennsylvania's 7th	Susan Wild, D	Tilt Democratic
Washington's 3rd	Marie Gluesenkamp-Perez, D	Toss-up	Pennsylvania's 8th	Matt Cartwright, D	Tilt Democratic
Michigan's 8th	Open; Dan Kildee, D	Tilt Democratic	Arizona's 6th	Juan Ciscomani, R	Toss-up
New York's 19th	Marc Molinaro, R	Tilt Democratic	California's 22nd	David Valadao, R	Toss-up
New York's 4th	Anthony D'Esposito, R	Tilt Democratic	Colorado's 8th	Yadira Caraveo, D	Toss-up
North Carolina's 1st	Don Davis, D	Tilt Democratic	Arizona's 1st	David Schweikert, R	Tilt Republican
Oregon's 5th	Laurie Chavez-DeRemer, R	Tilt Democratic	California's 41st	Ken Calvert, R	Tilt Republican
Virginia's 7th	Open; Abigail Spanberger, D	Tilt Democratic	Iowa's 3rd	Zach Nunn, R	Tilt Republican
California's 49th	Mike Levin, D	Lean Democratic	Michigan's 7th	Open; Elissa Slotkin, D	Tilt Republican
Connecticut's 5th	Jahana Hayes, D	Lean Democratic	New Jersey's 7th	Tom Kean, Jr., R	Tilt Republican
Maryland's 6th	Open; David Trone, D	Lean Democratic	New York's 17th	Mike Lawler, R	Tilt Republican
New Mexico's 2nd	Gabe Vasquez, D	Lean Democratic	Pennsylvania's 10th	Scott Perry, R	Tilt Republican
New York's 22nd	Brandon Williams, R	Lean Democratic	Virginia's 2nd	Jen Kiggans, R	Tilt Republican
Ohio's 13th	Emilia Sykes, D	Lean Democratic	Wisconsin's 3rd	Derrick Van Orden, R	Tilt Republican
Texas' 34th	Vicente Gonzalez, D	Lean Democratic	Colorado's 3rd	Open; Lauren Boebert, R	Lean Republican
Alabama's 2nd	Open; Barry Moore, R	Likely Democratic	Michigan's 10th	John James, R	Lean Republican
California's 9th	Josh Harder, D	Likely Democratic	Montana's 1st	Ryan Zinke, R	Lean Republican
Illinois' 17th	Eric Sorensen, D	Likely Democratic	Arizona's 2nd	Eli Crane, R	Likely Republican
Indiana's 1st	Frank Mrvan, D	Likely Democratic	California's 3rd	Kevin Kiley, R	Likely Republican
Louisiana's 6th	Open; Garret Graves, R	Likely Democratic	California's 40th	Young Kim, R	Likely Republican
Michigan's 3rd	Hillary Scholten, D	Likely Democratic	Florida's 13th	Anna Paulina Luna, R	Likely Republican
Minnesota's 2nd	Angie Craig, D	Likely Democratic	Florida's 27th	Maria Salazar, R	Likely Republican
Nevada's 3rd	Susie Lee, D	Likely Democratic	New York's 1st	Nick LaLota, R	Likely Republican
New Hampshire's 1st	Chris Pappas, D	Likely Democratic	North Carolina's 13th	Open; Wiley Nickel, D	Likely Republican
New York's 18th	Pat Ryan, D	Likely Democratic	North Carolina's 14th	Open; Jeff Jackson, D	Likely Republican
Oregon's 4th	Val Hoyle, D	Likely Democratic	North Carolina's 6th	Open; Kathy Manning, D	Likely Republican
Pennsylvania's 17th	Chris Deluzio, D	Likely Democratic	Pennsylvania's 1st	Brian Fitzpatrick, R	Likely Republican
Texas' 28th	Henry Cuellar, D	Likely Democratic	Texas' 15th	Monica De La Cruz, R	Likely Republican
			Wisconsin's 1st	Brian Steil, R	Likely Republican

# 2024 House Results Recap

## Alaska.

**At-Large District. Mary Peltola, D, re-elected 55%.** We won't know the winner of this race until Nov. 20, when the state tabulates its ranked-choice ballots, but Peltola is the clear underdog against entrepreneur Nick Begich, who leads in the initial returns, 49-46 percent. Peltola will need to win late ballots by an overwhelming margin to have a chance at overtaking Begich once votes from minor candidates are re-allocated.

## Arizona.

**1st District (Northeastern Phoenix and Scottsdale) David Schweikert, R, re-elected 50%.** Schweikert muscled out another term against physician and former Democratic state Rep. Amish Shah, 52-48 percent.

**2nd District (Northeastern Arizona) Eli Crane, R, elected 54%.** Crane beat back former Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez by 8 points, 54-46 percent, after this race saw some late attention.

**6th District (Southeastern Arizona and eastern Tucson area) Juan Ciscomani, R, elected 51%.** Former state Rep. Kirsten Engel conceded to Ciscomani in this hard-fought rematch — the Republican led by 1.8 points, the same margin he beat Engel by in 2022.

## California.

**3rd District (Northeastern Sacramento suburbs and Lake Tahoe to Death Valley) Kevin Kiley, R, elected 54%.** Kiley easily defeated former California Deputy Secretary for Forest and Wildland Resilience Jessica Morse; he led by 56-44 percent with 74 percent of the vote counted.

**9th District (Stockton area) Josh Harder, D, re-elected 55%.** Harder wasn't immune to unfavorable shifts in the Central Valley, and only narrowly defeated Stockton Mayor Kevin Lincoln, 52-48 percent. The AP has not called the race but Lincoln conceded.

**13th District (Mid-Central Valley) John Duarte, R, elected 50%.** One of the last remaining uncalled races is coming down to the wire yet again. Duarte defeated former state assemblyman Adam Gray by a few hundred votes in 2022 and leads him by 1,764 votes in this race, but with as much as 15 percent of the vote left to be counted.

**22nd District (Southern Central Valley and eastern Bakersfield area) David Valadao, R, re-elected 52%.** Valadao lived up to his survivor reputation by defeating former state assemblyman Rudy Salas, 53-47 percent, in a race that some Democrats felt was closing their way.

**27th District (Santa Clarita, Lancaster, and Palmdale in northern Los Angeles County) Mike Garcia, R, re-elected 53%.** A rare bright spot for California Democrats came in this seat, where former NASA chief of staff George Whitesides ousted Garcia, 51-49 percent. Garcia had won three straight races against former state Assemblywoman Christy Smith.

**40th District (Eastern Orange County) Young Kim R, re-elected 57%.** Kim never was in danger of losing to former fire department captain Joe Kerr, who raised little money and received less outside support. Kim won, 56-44 percent.

**41st District (Southern Riverside suburbs to Palm Springs) Ken Calvert, R, re-elected 52%.** The congressman prevailed over Democrat

Will Rollins in one of the last dozen races called by the Associated Press.

**45th District (Western Orange County) Michelle Steel, R, re-elected 52%.** The congresswoman held a narrow lead among the first ballots



Derek Tran

counted in the race, but Democrat Derek Tran has been making up ground and it looks like he'll end up unseating the incumbent. But this race has not yet been called by the AP.

**47th District (Coastal Orange County and Irvine)**

**Open; Katie Porter, D, ran for U.S. Senate.** Republicans were excited about Orange County businessman/former state legislator Scott Baugh's campaign, especially with the open seat and after Democrat Dave Min had to win a bloody primary. But Baugh fell short for the second time in a row, losing 51-49 percent.

**49th District (Coastal southern Orange and northern San Diego counties) Mike Levin, D, re-elected 53%.** Levin's victory was not a guarantee after self-funding Republican car dealer Matt Gunderson picked up some momentum in the fall. The Democrat needed help from House Majority PAC but eked out a 4-point win, 52-48 percent.

## Colorado.

**3rd District (Pueblo area and Western Slope) Open; Lauren Boebert, R, running in 4th District.** GOP attorney Jeff Hurd overcame a significant spending deficit to defeat Democrat Adam Frisch, a former Aspen city councilman, by 5 points, 51-46 percent.

**8th District (Northern Denver suburbs and Greeley area) Yadira Caraveo, D, elected 48%.** One of two nailbiters to go against Democrats, the 8th voted narrowly for state Rep. Gabe Evans over Caraveo. Evans won 49 percent to Caraveo's 48.2 percent, a less than 3,000 vote difference. Minor party candidates took nearly 3 percent and this is the second consecutive election in which the winning candidate failed to crack 50 percent.

## Connecticut.

**5th District (Northern Fairfield County and northwestern Connecticut) Jahana Hayes, D, re-elected 50%.** Hayes improved upon her 2022 performance to defeat former state Sen. George Logan, 53-47 percent, despite persistent Democratic worries about her fundraising abilities.

## Florida.

**13th District (Part of St. Petersburg and suburbs) Anna Paulina Luna, R, elected 53%.** Former Pinellas County Transit official Whitney Fox never caught fire and a hurricane complicated her campaign. Luna won by 10 points, 55-45 percent.

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**27th District (Miami and southern suburbs) Maria Elvira Salazar, R, re-elected 57%.** Salazar beat school board member Lucia Baez-Geller by 20 points while Trump carried the district by 14 points, an improvement from when it was tied in 2020.

**Iowa.**

**1st District (Southeastern Iowa) Marianette Miller-Meeks, R, re-elected 53%.** Coming into Election Day as a slight underdog, the congresswoman finished ahead of Democrat Christina Bohannon, 50.1-49.9 percent, in a rematch of their 2022 race. The race has not been called by the AP and is moving to a recount, as allowed by law.

# New Republican House Members

## Candidates Who Won Open Seats or Defeated Incumbent Members

STATE	DISTRICT	NAME	PARTY
AK	A-L	Nick Begich*	R
AZ	8th	Abe Hamadeh	R
CO	3rd	Jeff Hurd	R
CO	5th	Jeff Crank	R
CO	8th	Gabe Evans	R
FL	8th	Mike Haridopolos	R
GA	3rd	Brian Jack	R
IN	3rd	Marlin Stutzman	R
IN	6th	Jefferson Shreve	R
IN	8th	Mark Messmer	R
KS	2nd	Derek Schmidt	R
MI	7th	Tom Barrett	R
MO	3rd	Bob Onder	R
MT	2nd	Troy Downing	R
NC	6th	Addison McDowell	R
NC	8th	Mark Harris	R
NC	10th	Pat Harrigan	R
NC	13th	Brad Knott	R
NC	14th	Tim Moore	R
ND	At-Large	Julie Fedorchak	R
OH	2nd	David Taylor	R
PA	7th	Ryan Mackenzie	R
PA	8th	Rob Bresnahan	R
SC	3rd	Sheri Biggs	R
TX	12th	Craig Goldman	R
TX	26th	Brandon Gill	R
UT	3rd	Mike Kennedy	R
VA	5th	John McGuire	R
WA	5th	Michael Baumgartner	R
WI	8th	Tony Wied	R
WV	2nd	Riley Moore	R

**3rd District (Des Moines and southwestern Iowa) Zach Nunn, R, elected 50%.** Nunn beat back former Biden administration official and Army veteran Lanon Baccam, 52-48 percent, despite Democratic optimism in the leftward trend of this district.

**Illinois.**

**17th District (North-central Illinois cities from Rockford to Quad Cities area to Bloomington) Eric Sorensen, D, elected 52%.** Retired Judge Joe McGraw fell 8 points short of ousting Sorensen, a former weatherman, 54-46 percent.

**Indiana.**

**1st District (Northwestern Indiana) Frank Mrvan, D, re-elected 53%.** National Republicans did not invest in this race as heavily as in 2022, and Mrvan won a more comfortable victory over trucking company CEO Randy Niemeyer, 53-45 percent.

**Maine.**

**2nd District (Northern Maine) Jared Golden, D, re-elected 53%.** It could take a week to know the final results of Maine’s ranked-choice instant runoff tabulation. Golden leads opponent Austin Theriault, a GOP state representative, by a few hundred votes but is short of the majority needed to win outright. Once the state processes 12,000 ballots with write-ins or blanks, we’ll know who won this nailbiter.

**Maryland.**

**6th District (Western Maryland and northwestern D.C. exurbs) Open; David Trone, D, ran for Senate.** It wasn’t pretty but former Commerce Department official April McClain-Delaney, whose husband John Delaney represented this seat for six years, eked out a 4-point win over former state Del. Neil Parrott, 52-48 percent.

**Michigan.**

**3rd District (Grand Rapids and Muskegon areas) Hillary Scholten, D, elected 55%.** Western Michigan’s leftward march continued with Scholten’s 10-point win over GOP opponent Paul Hudson, an attorney and former state Supreme Court candidate.

**7th District (Lansing area and northwestern Detroit exurbs) Open; Elissa Slotkin, D, running for U.S. Senate.** After losing to Slotkin in 2022, former state Sen. Tom Barrett won her open seat, 50-47 percent, over former Democratic state Sen. Curtis Hertel.

**8th District (Flint and Tri-Cities areas) Open; Dan Kildee, D, did not seek re-election.** State Sen. Kristin McDonald Rivet won a comfortable victory over three-time nominee Paul Junge, 51-45 percent, giving Democrats a crucial hold in the Wolverine State.

**10th District (Macomb County) John James, R, elected 49%.** Unlike in 2022, former Macomb County judge Carl Marlinga received support from national Democrats this year. But the environment in Michigan was much better for Democrats in 2022, when Marlinga came 1,600 votes away from winning. This year he lost by 6 points, 51-45 percent.

**Minnesota.**

**2nd District (Southern Minneapolis-St. Paul suburbs) Angie Craig, DFL, re-elected 51%.** Veteran and former assistant U.S. Attorney Joe Teirab had a compelling profile and fundraising chops but Craig is a tenacious campaigner and beat him by a wide, 56-43 percent margin.

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## Montana.

**1st District (Western Montana) Ryan Zinke, R, elected 49.6%.** While Zinke has some vulnerabilities and ran behind Trump (who won the district by 12 points), the partisan lean of the seat was more than enough to carry him to a 52-45 percent victory over Democratic attorney and former Olympian Monica Tranel.

## Nebraska.

**2nd District (Greater Omaha area) Don Bacon, R, re-elected 52%.** One of the only upsets this year came when Bacon defeated state Sen. Tony Vargas by 2 points, 51-49 percent, despite Harris carrying the district at the top of the ticket. Bacon was a slight underdog, and Democratic and Republican polling had him down heading into Election Day. But Harris only won by 4 points, giving Bacon enough room to outwork Vargas.

## Nevada.

**3rd District (Southwestern Las Vegas area) Susie Lee, D, re-elected 52%.** Trump may have carried this district but underfunded GOP commentator Drew Johnson fell short against Lee, 51-49 percent.

## New Hampshire.

**1st District (Eastern New Hampshire) Chris Pappas, D, re-elected 54%.** Harris only narrowly won this district, by 2 points, but Pappas enjoyed a more comfortable 54-46 percent win over former executive councilor Russell Prescott.

## New Jersey.

**7th District (Southwestern New York City suburbs and exurbs) Tom Kean Jr., R, elected 51%.** National Democrats embarked on a late spending mission to boost former New Jersey Working Families Alliance director Sue Altman, but she fell short of Kean by 6 points, 52-46 percent.

## New Mexico.

**2nd District (Southern New Mexico and western Albuquerque area) Gabe Vasquez, D, elected 50%.** Trump likely carried this district due to big shifts among Hispanic and Latino voters, but Vasquez improved upon his 2022 showing against former Rep. Yvette Herrell. He beat her by 4 points, 52-48 percent, after eking out a 1,350-vote win last cycle.

## New York.

**1st District (Eastern Long Island and north shore of Suffolk County) Nick LaLota, R, elected 54%.** A significant pro-Trump shift on Long Island made former CNN anchor and Daily Beast editor John Avlon a serious underdog for most of the year. He lost, 56-44 percent.

**4th District (Southern Nassau County) Anthony D'Esposito, R, elected 52%.** Trump did significantly better in this district than in 2020, but that wasn't quite enough to save D'Esposito, who suffered from embarrassing scandals in the weeks ahead of Election Day. Former Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen avenged her 2022 loss with a 51-49 percent victory.

**17th District (Lower Hudson Valley) Mike Lawler, R, elected 50%.** Democratic hopes faded down the stretch in this district, which began

the cycle as one of the party's top pickup opportunities. Lawler defeated former Rep. Mondaire Jones by 6 points, 52-46 percent.

**18th District (Upper Hudson Valley) Pat Ryan, D, re-elected 51%.** Ryan put up one of the best performances of any House Democrat, easily brushing past former NYPD detective Alison Esposito by 14 points, 57-43 percent, even as the district essentially deadlocked at the presidential level. Ryan is one to watch.

**19th District (Southeastern upstate New York) Marc Molinaro, R, elected 51%.** Molinaro faced his opponent from 2022, attorney Josh Riley, in a slightly altered district. This cycle, Riley prevailed by a narrow margin, with 50.7 percent to the incumbent's 49.3 percent.

**22nd District (Syracuse and Utica areas) Brandon Williams, R, elected 51%.** Williams was long seen as the most vulnerable Republican on the map, and his 9-point loss to state Sen. John Mannion, the largest defeat for any incumbent this year, confirms that designation.

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# New Democratic House Members

## Candidates Who Won Open Seats or Defeated Incumbent Members

STATE	DISTRICT	NAME	PARTY
AL	2nd	Shomari Figures	D
AZ	3rd	Yassamin Ansari	D
CA	12th	Lateefah Simon	D
CA	16th	Sam Liccardo	D
CA	27th	George Whitesides	D
CA	29th	Luz Rivas	D
CA	30th	Laura Friedman	D
CA	31st	Gil Cisneros	D
CA	47th	Dave Min	D
DE	AL	Sarah McBride	D
LA	6th	Cleo Fields	D
MD	2nd	Johnny Olszewski	D
MD	3rd	Sarah Elfreth	D
MD	6th	April McClain-Delaney	D
MI	8th	Kristin McDonald-Rivet	D
MN	3rd	Kelly Morrison	DFL
MO	1st	Wesley Bell	D
NH	2nd	Maggie Goodlander	D
NJ	3rd	Herb Conaway	D
NJ	9th	Nellie Pou	D
NY	4th	Laura Gillen	D
NY	16th	George Latimer	D
NY	19th	Josh Riley	D
NY	22nd	John Mannion	D
OR	3rd	Maxine Dexter	D
OR	5th	Janelle Bynum	D
TX	18th	Sylvester Turner	D
TX	32nd	Julie Johnson	D
VA	7th	Eugene Vindman	D
VA	10th	Suhas Subramanyam	D
WA	6th	Emily Randall	D

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## North Carolina.

**1st District (Inland northeastern North Carolina) Don Davis, D, elected 52%.** Davis leaned on his deep roots in the district to outpace retired Col. Laurie Buckhout by 1 point, 49-48 percent, even as Trump carried the district. A Libertarian took 3 percent.

## Ohio.

**9th District (Toledo area and northwestern Ohio) Marcy Kaptur, D, re-elected 57%.** Kaptur has been a GOP target for four years now, but she's poised to pull out another victory, 48.1-47.8 percent, over Republican state Sen. Derek Merrin. The race has not been called yet by the AP.

**13th District (Akron and Canton areas) Emilia Sykes, D, elected 53%.** Former GOP state Sen. Kevin Coughlin didn't raise much money but came within 2 points of defeating Sykes, 51-49 percent.

## Oregon.

**4th District (Southern Willamette Valley and southern coast) Val Hoyle, D, elected 51%.** GOP attacks on Hoyle's record as labor commissioner didn't land, and the incumbent outpaced Air Force veteran Monique DeSpain by 8 points, 52-44 percent.

**5th District**

**(Southern Portland suburbs and central Oregon) Lori Chavez-DeRemer, R, elected 51%.** Democratic state Rep. Janelle Bynum defeated the congresswoman for a third time, after previously beating her in two state legislative races.



Janelle Bynum

Courtesy Bynum Campaign

## Pennsylvania.

**1st District (Northern Philadelphia suburbs) Brian Fitzpatrick, R, re-elected 55%.** Fitzpatrick turned back Army veteran Ashley Ehasz a second time, this year by a 13 point margin that likely makes him one of the top over-performers among House Republicans.

**7th District (Lehigh Valley) Susan Wild, D, re-elected 51%.** Despite leading in public and private polling in the months before Election Day, Wild fell to state Rep. Ryan Mackenzie by 1 point, 50.5-49.5 percent, likely felled by Harris's underwhelming performance at the top of the ticket.

**8th District (Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and northeastern Pennsylvania) Matt Cartwright, D, re-elected 51%.** Wild's neighbor to the north also lost after consistently leading in polls ahead of Election Day. Construction company CEO Rob Bresnahan won, 51-49 percent, as Trump carried the district by nearly 9 points.

**10th District (Harrisburg and York areas) Scott Perry, R, re-elected 54%.** The combination of Perry's own unique vulnerabilities and a strong campaign run by former WGAL anchor Janelle Stelson resulted in the former Freedom Caucus chairman's closest race yet. Perry squeezed out a 1.4-point victory and will be on defense next cycle as well.

**17th District (Western and northern Pittsburgh suburbs) Chris Deluzio, D, elected 53%.** Harris's resilience in Allegheny County, where

she exceeded Biden's performance, lessened the pressure on Deluzio, who still ran ahead of the top of the ticket to defeat state Rep. Rob Mercuri by 8 points, 54-46 percent.

## Texas.

**15th District (Rio Grande Valley to the outer San Antonio metro area) Monica De La Cruz, R, elected 53%.** Trump continued to gain support in the Rio Grande Valley this year, placing this district well out of reach for Democrats. De La Cruz beat local business owner Michelle Vallejo by 14 points, 57-43 percent.

**28th District (Laredo and eastern San Antonio suburbs) Henry Cuellar, D, re-elected 57%.** A federal corruption indictment seems to have taken the shine off of Cuellar, and Trump's strength in South Texas made this race one to watch. Cuellar defeated underfunded Navy veteran Jay Furman by just 4 points, 52-48 percent. If Cuellar is convicted and resigns next year, Republicans could flip this seat in a special election.

**34th District (Eastern Rio Grande Valley) Vicente Gonzalez, D, elected 53%.** This district may have seen the biggest shift in presidential results from 2020 (when it voted for Biden by 15 points) to 2024 (when it voted for Trump by 5 points). That wasn't quite enough for former Rep. Mayra Flores to knock off Gonzalez, who prevailed by 2.6 points.

## Virginia.

**2nd District (Suburban Hampton Roads) Jen Kiggans, R, elected 52%.** Heading into Election Day the two parties were sharply divided on the state of this race, with Republicans believing Kiggans had a substantial lead and Democrats seeing it as a tied ball game. In the end it was somewhere in between: Kiggans won by 4 points over Democratic Navy veteran Missy Cotter Smasal, 51-47 percent.

**7th District (Southern D.C. exurbs) Open, Abigail Spanberger, D, running for governor. Biden 52%.** An overwhelming spending advantage for retired Lt. Col. Eugene Vindman and an embarrassing campaign misstep by Republican Army veteran Derrick Anderson helped Democrats hold onto this seat. Vindman won, 51-49 percent.

## Washington.

**3rd District (Southwestern Washington) Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, D, elected 50.4%.** What looked like one of the closest races throughout the entire election cycle, between Gluesenkamp Perez and 2022 GOP nominee Joe Kent, turned into a bit of a dud for Republicans. Despite running a more professional campaign, Kent did worse than in 2022, losing to the Democrat by 4 points, 52-48 percent.

**4th District (Central Washington) Dan Newhouse, R, re-elected 67%.** Newhouse, a low-key farmer who voted to impeach Trump in 2021, survived a GOP on GOP battle against former NASCAR driver Jerrod Sessler, who was endorsed by the former president. Newhouse leads, 53-47 percent.

## Wisconsin.

**1st District (Southeastern Wisconsin) Bryan Steil, R, re-elected 54%.** Despite some early attention to this Racine-based seat, Steil defeated former Rep. Peter Barca by 10 points, 54-44 percent. Barca underperformed Harris, who only lost the district by 4.5 points.

**3rd District (Southwestern Wisconsin) Derrick Van Orden, R, elected 52%.** Boutique owner and former Democratic fundraiser Rebecca Cooke fell short of ousting Van Orden by 2.8 points, but ran well ahead of Harris — who lost the seat by 7 points.



# 2024 Senate Results Recap

**Arizona. Open; Kyrsten Sinema (I) did not seek re-election.** Rep. Ruben Gallego, a Democrat from Phoenix, defeated former news anchor and 2022 GOP gubernatorial nominee Kari Lake by 2 points, 50-48 percent, even as Trump carried the state at the top of the ticket.

**California. Open; Laphonza Butler (D) did not seek election.** Burbank Rep. Adam Schiff outpaced former LA Dodgers legend Steve Garvey by 18 points, 59-41 percent, to secure the seat once held by Sen. Dianne Feinstein.

**Delaware. Open; Tom Carper (D) did not seek re-election.** At-Large Democratic Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester breezed to a 17-point victory over Republican Eric Hansen to become Delaware's first Black senator.

**Florida. Rick Scott (R) elected 2018 (50%).** After three elections decided by 1 point or less (two for governor and one for Senate), Scott finally got a landslide victory, beating back former Rep. Debbie Mucarsel-Powell by 13 points, 56-43 percent.

**Indiana. Open; Mike Braun (R) running for governor.** GOP Rep. Jim Banks will succeed Braun after defeating Democratic psychologist Valerie McCray by 20 points, 59-39 percent. Banks did the hard work a year ago by clearing the primary.

**Maryland. Open; Ben Cardin (D) did not seek re-election.** Former Gov. Larry Hogan was the strongest candidate Republicans could hope for in Maryland but the partisan lean of the state proved too much to surmount, even with significant outside spending from a friendly super PAC. Hogan did much better than Trump but still fell to Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, 54-44 percent. Alsobrooks will make history along with Blunt Rochester as the first two Black women to serve in the Senate concurrently.



Angela Alsobrooks

Bill Clark/CQ Roll Call

**Michigan. Open; Debbie Stabenow (D) did not seek re-election.** Lansing Rep. Elissa Slotkin, a Democrat and former CIA officer, won a nailbiter over former Rep. Mike Rogers even as Harris narrowly lost the state. Slotkin led Rogers, 48.6-48.3 percent.

**Missouri. Josh Hawley (R) elected 2018 (51%).** Hawley prevailed in an often chippy contest against Democratic Marine veteran Lucas Kunce, 56-42 percent.

**Montana. Jon Tester (D) elected 2006 (49%), 2012 (49%), 2018 (50%).** The weight of the top of the ticket proved too great for Tester, the organic farmer who ground out three tough victories in years past. Navy SEAL veteran Tim Sheehy prevailed by 7 points, 53-45 percent.

**Nebraska. Deb Fischer (R), elected 2012 (58%), 2018 (58%).**

Fischer was caught off guard by populist independent Dan Osborn, a former union leader and mechanic who ran as the de facto Democratic candidate after that party chose not to field a nominee. A late burst of national Republican spending helped Fischer right the ship but she only won by 7 points, 54-46 percent, while Trump carried Nebraska by 21 points.

**Nebraska Special. Pete Ricketts (R) appointed 2023.** Ricketts, a popular former governor, sailed to a 26-point win over civil rights leader and campaign strategist Preston Love, Jr.

**Nevada. Jacky Rosen (D) elected 2018 (50%).** Trump's strength in Nevada helped boost retired Army Captain Sam Brown above his middling poll numbers but that wasn't enough to topple Rosen, who won, 48-46 percent. Another 3 percent voted for "none of these candidates."

**New Jersey. Open; George Helmy (D) not seeking election.** Rep. Andy Kim beat Republican hotelier Curtis Bashaw by 9 points, 53-44 percent, as Trump came surprisingly close to carrying New Jersey.

**Ohio. Sherrod Brown (D) elected 2006 (56%), 2012 (51%), 2018 (53%).** An 11-point win for Trump at the top of the ticket was too much for Brown to overcome, much as the senator himself had predicted in the weeks before Election Day. Car dealer Bernie Moreno beat him by 4 points, 50-46 percent.

**Pennsylvania. Bob Casey, Jr. (D) elected 2006 (59%), 2012 (54%), 2018 (56%).** The last remaining question mark on the Senate map is the Keystone State, where Casey trails former Bridgewater CEO David McCormick. The race is likely headed to a recount and there's still uncertainty about just how many ballots remain uncounted. You would rather be McCormick than Casey, and this race could be the only upset on the Senate map this cycle.

**Texas. Ted Cruz (R) elected 2012 (56%), 2018 (51%).** Democrats truly believed this race was tied heading into Election Day but their

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## 2024 Senate Results

### New Democrats (6)

Ruben Gallego (D-AZ)  
Adam Schiff (D-CA)  
Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE)  
Angela Alsobrooks (D-MD)  
Elissa Slotkin (D-MI)  
Andy Kim (D-NJ)

### New Republicans (6)

Jim Banks (R-IN)  
Tim Sheehy (R-MT)  
Bernie Moreno (R-OH)  
Dave McCormick (R-PA)\*  
John Curtis (R-UT)  
Jim Justice (R-WV)

### Defeated Democrats (3)

Jon Tester (D-MT)  
Sherrod Brown (D-OH)  
Bob Casey, Jr. (D-PA)\*

### Defeated Republicans

# 2024 Governor Results Recap

**Delaware. Open; John Carney Jr. (D) term-limited.** New Castle County Executive Matt Meyer will be the First State's next governor after defeating former state Rep. Mike Ramone by 12 points, 56-44 percent. Carney was elected mayor of Wilmington after running unopposed in the general election.

**Indiana. Open; Eric Holcomb (R) term-limited.** Sen. Mike Braun defeated former state superintendent of education Jennifer McCormick by 13 points, 54-41 percent, with Libertarian Donald Rainwater capturing 5 percent. While a comfortable victory for Braun, he trailed the other three statewide GOP nominees considerably.

**Missouri. Open; Mike Parson (R) term-limited.** Lt. Gov. Mike Kehoe won an easy victory over state House Minority Leader Crystal Quade. Kehoe led, 59-39 percent in a race that never developed for Democrats.

**Montana. Greg Gianforte (R) elected 2020 (54%).** Gianforte easily swatted away former gun manufacturer turned gun control advocate Ryan Busse, 59-39 percent.

**New Hampshire. Open; Chris Sununu (R) did not seek re-election.** Former Sen. Kelly Ayotte completed her comeback bid with a 9-point win over former Manchester Mayor Joyce Craig, 54-44 percent, in a race that exemplified Granite Staters' penchant for splitting their tickets up and down the ballot.

**North Carolina. Open; Roy Cooper (D) term-limited.** What began the cycle as the marquee gubernatorial matchup ended in a rout after GOP Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson's campaign imploded this fall. Robinson's graphic and racist online comments ultimately sank his campaign and resulted in the worst performance for a North Carolina gubernatorial

nominee since 1980. State Attorney General Josh Stein beat him, 55-40 percent, even as Harris lost the state by 3 points.

**North Dakota. Open; Doug Burgum (R) did not seek re-election.** GOP Rep. Kelly Armstrong hung a 42-point drubbing on state Sen. Merrill Piepkorn.

**Utah. Spencer Cox (R) elected 2020 (63%).** Cox still isn't super popular



Courtesy Office of the Governor

Spencer Cox

among Republicans, and his 56 percent of the vote stands as the smallest of any GOP statewide candidate on the ballot this cycle. But even with conservative state Rep. Phil Lyman running a write in campaign that won 9 percent of the vote,

Cox easily outpaced Democratic state Sen Brian King, 56-30 percent.

**Vermont. Phil Scott (R) elected 2016 (53%), re-elected 2018 (55%), 2020 (69%) and 2022 (71%).** Scott's gravity-defying run as governor continued in typical fashion with his largest win yet, a 74-22 percent landslide over Democratic nominee Esther Charlestin, a former Middlebury selectman. That's Scott's biggest win yet, and he may have even successfully dragged his choice for lieutenant governor, John Rodgers, over the finish line in his race as well.

**Washington. Open; Jay Inslee (D) did not seek re-election.** While former Rep. Dave Reichert, who rose to fame as the swashbuckling sheriff of King County in the 2000s, was a compelling candidate for Republicans on paper, this race never developed into a serious pickup opportunity. State Attorney General Bob Ferguson beat him by 12 points, 56-44 percent.

**West Virginia. Open; Jim Justice (R) term-limited.** State Attorney General Patrick Morrisey gets some redemption after blowing the 2018 U.S. Senate race against Joe Manchin. Morrisey won a hard-fought GOP primary and sailed to victory against former Huntington Mayor Steve Williams, whose 32 percent was the best showing for a statewide Democratic candidate this year.

## 2024 New Governors

### New Democrats (3)

Matt Meyer (D-DE)  
Josh Stein (D-NC)  
Bob Ferguson (D-WA)

### New Republicans (5)

Mike Braun (R-IN)  
Mike Kehoe (R-MO)  
Kelly Ayotte (R-NH)  
Kelly Armstrong (R-ND)  
Patrick Morrisey (R-WV)

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numbers were way off the mark. Cruz cruised to a 9-point victory, 53-44 percent, over Democratic Rep. Colin Allred. That was 5 points worse than Trump's 14-point win at the top of the ticket — which was the expected gap between the two Republicans.

**Utah. Open; Mitt Romney (R) did not seek re-election.** Provo Rep. John Curtis outpaced environmentalist and skier Caroline Gleich by 31 points, 63-32 percent.

**Wisconsin. Tammy Baldwin (D) elected 2012 (51%), 2018 (55%).**

Trump won the state in a nailbiter but 54,000 Trump voters didn't cast a ballot for Republican banker Eric Hovde, who lost a tough race to Baldwin by 0.9 percent, 49.4-48.5.

**West Virginia. Open; Joe Manchin (I) did not seek re-election.**

Republican Gov. Jim Justice walked over former Wheeling Mayor Glenn Elliott, 69-28 percent, for Republicans' easiest flip of the night. Now the question is how present Justice will be on a daily basis at the Capitol.