



# 2024 ELECTION UPDATE

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# T-Minus 31 Days

The 2024 General Election is set to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Voters in all 50 states and the District of Columbia will cast ballots for a slate of members to the Electoral College (totaling 538 electoral votes). A simple majority of the electoral votes, or 270 or more electoral votes, is required to secure the presidency.



## Harris vs. Trump

The 2024 race to the White House has been anything but uneventful. In the months leading to Election Day, then-candidate President Joe Biden abruptly announced that he was withdrawing from contention. This announcement paved the way for Vice President Kamala Harris to formally accept the Democratic nomination. On the Republican side, former President Donald Trump formally accepted the GOP nomination days after surviving an assassination attempt.



### Democratic Nominee KAMALA HARRIS

- AGE: 59
- POSITION: Current Vice President of the United States, former U.S. Senator, former California Attorney General
- RUNNING MATE: Minnesota Governor Tim Walz



### Republican Nominee DONALD TRUMP

- AGE: 78
- POSITION: Former President of the United States, businessman, real estate mogul
- RUNNING MATE: U.S. Senator of Ohio JD Vance

Real Clear Politics (“RCP”) places 215 electoral votes for Harris in the categories of “Solid,” “Likely,” and “Leaning” Democratic; 219 electoral votes for Trump in the categories of “Solid,” “Likely,” and “Leaning” Republican; and 104 electoral votes in the “Toss Ups” category.

Below is a look at the latest RCP average of polls from the swing states. The number in parentheses indicates the number of electoral votes.

Arizona (11) – Trump +2.1

Nevada (6) – Harris +1.1

Georgia (16) – Trump +1.5

North Carolina (16) – Trump +0.7

Michigan (15) – Harris +1.4

Pennsylvania (19) – Trump +0.1

Minnesota (10) – Harris +4.7

Wisconsin (10) – Harris +0.6

The winner of the presidential election will be sworn into office on January 20, 2025.



# SENATE RACES

## Senate Democrats Face An Uphill Battle to Maintain Their Majority

The current composition of the Senate is 51 Democrats (including 4 Independents) and 49 Republicans. In the event of a 50-50 tie the Vice President is the deciding vote. There are 34 Senate seats up this election, including a special election in Nebraska. Senate Democrats or Independents hold 23 of those 34 seats. Current projections show Republicans likely to flip control of the Senate in 2024. According to Real Clear Politics (“RCP”), 5 of the 34 Senate races in 2024 are considered “Toss Ups.”

### COMPETITIVE SENATE RACES

(\*=*Incumbent*)

#### ARIZONA

Ruben Gallego (D) vs. Kari Lake (R)

Open Seat, Leans Dem

RCP Average: Gallego +7.6

#### MARYLAND

Angela Alsobrooks (D) vs. Larry Hogan (R)

Open Seat, Leans Dem

RCP Average: Alsobrooks +7.6

#### FLORIDA

Rick Scott (R)\* vs. Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (D)

Toss Up

RCP Average: Scott +4.3

#### NEVADA

Jacky Rosen (D)\* vs. Sam Brown (R)

Leans Dem

RCP Average: Rosen +8.5

#### MICHIGAN

Elissa Slotkin (D) vs. Mike Rogers (R)

Open Seat, Toss Up

RCP Average: Slotkin +3.0

#### NEW MEXICO

Martin Heinrich (D)\* vs. Nella Domenici (R)

Leans Dem

RCP Average: Heinrich +10.0

#### OHIO

Sherrod Brown (D)\* vs. Bernie Moreno (R)

Toss Up

RCP Average: Brown +3.7

#### MONTANA

Jon Tester (D)\* vs. Tim Sheehy (R)

Leans Republican

RCP Average: Sheehy +5.8

#### PENNSYLVANIA

Bob Casey (D)\* vs. Dave McCormick (R)

Toss Up

RCP Average: Casey +4.0

#### TEXAS

Ted Cruz (R)\* vs. Colin Allred (D)

Leans Republican

RCP Average: Cruz +5.0

#### WISCONSIN

Tammy Baldwin (D)\* vs. Eric Hovde (R)

Toss Up

RCP Average: Baldwin +3.5

# HOUSE RACES

The current composition of the U.S. House of Representatives is 220 Republicans, 212 Democrats, and 3 vacant seats. All 435 congressional seats will be up for election.

RCP currently lists 196 seats as “Solid,” “Likely,” or “Leaning” Democratic, 207 seats as “Solid,” “Likely,” or “Leaning” Republican, and 32 seats labeled “Toss Ups.” The current projections show the Democrats flipping the House.

## KEY COMPETITIVE HOUSE RACES

(\* = Incumbent)

### ALASKA

#### AT-LARGE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Mary Peltola (D)\* vs. Eric Hafner (D)  
vs. Nick Begich (R) vs. John Howe (Alaska  
Independence Party)

RCP Race: Leans Democratic

### MICHIGAN

#### MI-03

Hillary Scholten (D)\* vs. Paul Hudson (R)

RCP Race: Leans Democratic

#### MI-07

Curtis Hertel (D) vs. Tom Barrett (R)

RCP Race: Toss Up

#### MI-08

Kristen McDonald Rivet (D) vs. Paul Junge (R)

RCP Race: Toss Up

#### MI-10

John James (R)\* vs. Carl Marlinga (D)

RCP Race: Leans Republican

### ARIZONA

#### AZ-01

David Schweikert (R)\* vs. Amish Shah (D)

RCP Race: Toss Up

#### AZ-06

Juan Ciscomani (R)\* vs. Kirsten Engel (D)

RCP Race: Toss Up

### OREGON

#### OR-05

Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R)\* vs. Janelle Bynum (D)

RCP Race: Toss Up

#### OR-06

Andrea Salinas (D)\* vs. Mike Erickson (R)

RCP Race: Leans Democratic

### WASHINGTON

#### WA-03

Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D)\* vs. Joe Kent (R)

RCP Race: Toss Up

#### WA-08

Kim Schrier (D)\* vs. Carmen Goers (R)

RCP Race: Toss Up

# Native Candidates Running in Federal Elections

The 2024 Election includes a record nine Native American/Alaska Native candidates that have advanced to the General Election. The only incumbent in a competitive race is Representative Mary Peltola (D-AK).

## Incumbents



### Representative Sharice Davids (D-KS-03)

Representative Sharice Davids (*Ho-Chunk Nation*) has served Kansas' 3rd Congressional District since 2018. Representative Davids is the Co-Chair of the bipartisan Congressional Native American Caucus and serves on the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, Agriculture Committee, and Small Business Committee. She is the sponsor of legislation to establish a formal commission to investigate, document, and acknowledge past injustices of the federal government's Indian Boarding School Policies and has cosponsored 35 tribal bills. Her race is labeled "Likely Democratic."

### Representative Tom Cole (R-OK-04)

Representative Tom Cole (*Chickasaw Nation*) has served Oklahoma's 4th Congressional District since 2003. Representative Cole is the Co-Chair of the bipartisan Congressional Native American Caucus and Chair of the powerful House Appropriations Committee. He is the sponsor of legislation to address the Supreme Court's *Carcieri* decision, which deals with the Secretary of the Interior's authority to place land into trust for certain Indian tribes. Representative Cole also cosponsored nearly 24 tribal bills. His race is labeled "Solid Republican."



### Representative Mary Peltola (D-AK-AL)

Representative Mary Peltola (*Yup'ik*) has served Alaska's At-Large Congressional District since 2022. Representative Peltola is Co-Founder of the American Seafood Caucus and serves on the House Natural Resources Committee and Transportation & Infrastructure Committee. She is the sponsor of legislation to extend the Alaska Native Vietnam Veteran Land Allotment Program and has cosponsored 22 tribal bills. Her race is labeled "Leans Democratic."

### Representative Josh Brecheen (R-OK-02)

Representative Josh Brecheen (*Choctaw Nation*) has served Oklahoma's 2nd Congressional District since 2022. Representative Brecheen serves on the Homeland Security Committee and Budget Committee. He cosponsored two tribal bills. His race is labeled "Solid Republican."





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## Candidates



### **Yvette Herrell (R)**

Yvette Herrell (Cherokee Nation) is the Republican candidate for New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District. Herrell is challenging incumbent Democratic Representative Gabe Vasquez, who narrowly defeated her (less than 1%) in the 2022 election. Herrell previously served in the New Mexico House of Representatives and was a former U.S. Representative for New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District in 2020. This highly contested race is labeled "Toss-up."

### **Jonathan Nez (D)**

Jonathan Nez (Navajo Nation) is the Democratic candidate for Arizona's 2nd Congressional District. Nez is challenging incumbent Republican Representative Eli Crane. Nez previously served as President of the Navajo Nation. His race is labeled "Solid Republican."

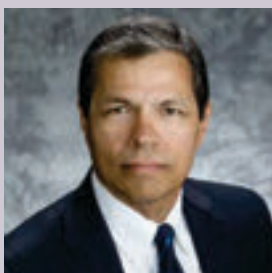


### **Sharon Clahchischilliage (R)**

Sharon Clahchischilliage (Navajo Nation) is the Republican candidate for New Mexico's 3rd Congressional District. Clahchischilliage is challenging incumbent Democratic Representative Teresa Leger Fernandez. She previously served in the New Mexico House of Representatives and currently serves on New Mexico's Public Education Commission. Her race is labeled "Solid Democratic."

### **Madison Horn (D)**

Madison Horn (Cherokee) is the Democratic candidate for Oklahoma's 5th Congressional District. Horn is challenging incumbent Republican Representative Stephanie Bice. She was defeated in the 2022 Senate election against U.S. Senator James Lankford. Her race is labeled "Solid Republican."



### **Dennis Baker (D)**

Dennis Baker (Muscogee/Euchee) is the Democratic candidate for Oklahoma's 1st Congressional District. Baker is challenging incumbent Republican Representative Kevin Hern. Baker previously served as a Tulsa Police Officer and as an FBI Special Agent. His race is labeled "Solid Republican."

# OREGON

## HOUSE

All six (6) Oregon seats in the U.S. House of Representatives are up for election in 2024.

## SENATE

Neither U.S. Senator is up for election in 2024.

## Federal Race

- Oregon has eight (8) electoral votes in the Electoral College.

## Oregon's 2nd Congressional District

Incumbent Representative Cliff Bentz has served Oregon's 2nd Congressional District since 2020. Representative Bentz serves on the House Natural Resources Committee and House Judiciary Committee. In his position as Chair of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries, Bentz oversees House bills related to Indian water rights settlements. Bentz's challenger is Democrat Dan Ruby. His race is labeled "Solid Republican."



Cliff Bentz (R)



Dan Ruby (D)



## VOTING INFORMATION

Election Day is November 5, 2024.

The last day to register for the November 5th Election is October 15th.

Oregon mails a ballot to every registered voter before the election.

Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day or returned to a ballot drop box by 8:00pm on Election Day.

Questions about the 2024 General Election?

- Visit <https://sos.oregon.gov/voting-elections>
- Call the Oregon Secretary of State – Elections Division at (866) 673-8683.

# SKO **V**OTE!



## An Election Like No Other

The confluence of voter enthusiasm, breaking news, and potentially history-making races present circumstances like no other election before this one. We all hope and pray for a smooth transition of government no matter who wins on Election Night, but indications are that there will be at least some turmoil. The degree and extent of that turmoil could be minimized by a landslide win in either direction but if not both parties are ready to litigate.

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