

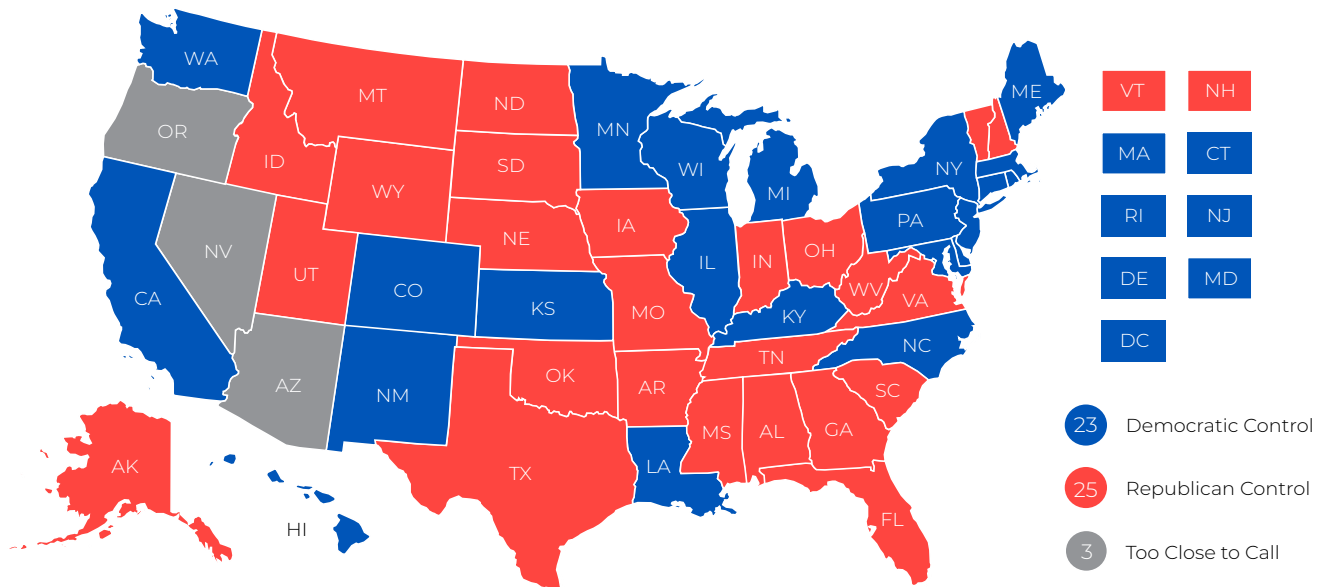


2022 EXECUTIVE ELECTION RESULTS

GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Incumbents prevailed in gubernatorial races across the country. Democrats were able to defend vulnerable governors in **Kansas** and **Wisconsin**, while Republicans protected their incumbents in **Florida**, **Georgia** and **Texas** from high-profile and well-funded challengers. Democrats were also able to protect their open seat in **Pennsylvania**, with Attorney General Josh Shapiro prevailing over state Sen. Doug Mastriano. Democrats also had easy flips in **Maryland** and **Massachusetts**, where popular Republican governors were stepping down. Both of those states are now Democratic trifectas. The interesting races can be found in **Arizona**, **Nevada** and **Oregon** where results are still pending. Democrats are hoping to pick up another flip in **Arizona**, while Republicans are hoping to unseat **Nevada** incumbent Gov. Steve Sisolak and win another blue state governorship in **Oregon**.

POST-ELECTION GUBERNATORIAL PARTY CONTROL





ALABAMA

According to [NBC News](#), Republican incumbent Gov. Kay Ivey won by a large margin over challenger Yolanda Flowers receiving 67 percent of the vote to Flowers 29 percent. Flowers' campaign was plagued with funding issues and a loss of momentum towards the end of the race.

ALASKA

Republican incumbent Gov. Mike Dunleavy held his own against challengers Democrat Les Gara and former Gov. Bill Walker who ran as an Independent, securing 52 percent of the vote, as reported by [The New York Times](#). Trailing Governor Dunleavy, Democrat Les Gara has about 23 percent of the vote and former Gov. Bill Walker rounds out third with 20 percent of the 80 percent of votes reported. According to [Alaska Public Media](#), if Governor Dunleavy's share of the vote remains over 50 percent, he will win a second term as governor outright, without need for employing the [ranked choice voting system](#) approved by voters in 2020.

ARIZONA

A winner has not yet been declared in the state and [AZ Central](#) shows Katie Hobbs as leading GOP nominee Kari Lake by less than one percent with only 70 percent of votes counted in a race that has continued to narrow. It is likely final results will not be determined for another day or two. According to [AZ Central](#), Republicans are confident that their strong turnout on election day will ultimately boost Lake to victory. Meanwhile, Democrats remain confident that a clear path to a Hobbs victory remains. Lake has already called the results into question and said, "voters deserve to know on election night" who won. Hobbs will need to garner a large percentage of outstanding votes in order to maintain her lead.

ARKANSAS

Republican Sarah Huckabee Sanders is the first woman elected as governor of the state, according to [Fox16.com](#). Huckabee Sanders earned a decisive win bringing in 63 percent of votes with Democratic challenger Chris Jones coming in second with 35 percent of the vote and Independent Ricky Harrington Jr. finishing last with 1.8 percent of the vote.

CALIFORNIA

Democratic incumbent Gov. Gavin Newsom has won re-election over Republican challenger state Sen. Brian Dahle in a race that was called in Newsom's favor soon after voting ended. Newsom currently enjoys a 15 point lead over Dahle with a little under half of the votes counted. Governor Newsom had also handily won an effort led by state Republicans to recall him in 2021, according to the [San Francisco Chronicle](#).

COLORADO

Democratic incumbent Gov. Jared Polis won a second term against Republican candidate Heidi Ganahl with over 57 percent of the vote, according to the [secretary of state](#). Upon his win, Governor Polis thanked his Republican opponent and "extended good will to those who voted against him," according to the [Associated Press](#).



CONNECTICUT

Democratic incumbent Gov. Ned Lamont easily won the governor's race against Republican Bob Stefanowksi by a 55.7-44.3 percent margin. This will be Governor Lamont's second term. According to the [Hartford Courant](#), Lamont was named the winner around 9:30 PM on election night and Stefanowksi conceded the following morning.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Democratic incumbent Mayor Muriel Bowser handily won the district's mayoral race with over 77 percent of the vote, becoming only the second person to win a third term as mayor in the nation's capitol, reports [The Washington Post](#).

FLORIDA

Republican incumbent Gov. Ron DeSantis won another term against his Democratic challenger, former Gov. Charlie Christ, with over 59 percent of the vote compared to Christ's 40 percent. According to [Bloomberg](#), Governor DeSantis' victory further solidifies the Republican party's control of the state's government. Of particular note was the governor's surprisingly strong numbers in the Miami-Dade area, a traditional Democratic stronghold. According to [Forbes](#), DeSantis enjoyed an 11.4 percentage point lead over Christ, a shift that may auger the end of the democrat's dominance in South Florida.

GEORGIA

Republican incumbent Gov. Brian Kemp has defeated his Democratic challenger Stacey Abrams in what was one of the most tightly contested gubernatorial races this year, according to [The Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#). Governor Kemp will retain his office through 2026, when he will be term limited.

HAWAII

Democratic Lt. Gov. Josh Green has won against Republican Duke Aiona, a former lieutenant governor. According to [Honolulu Civil Beat](#), Green and his running mate, state Rep. Sylvia Luke, bested Republicans Duke Aiona and Seaula Jr. Tupa'i 63.9 percent to 34.7 percent.

IDAHO

Republican incumbent Gov. Brad Little will spend another term in office. Governor Little earned 60.5 percent of the vote, nearly tripling his Democratic opponent Stephen Heidt who earned 20.3 percent of the vote with Independent Ammon Bundy coming in third with 17.2 percent, according to the [secretary of state](#). According to the [Idaho Press](#), Little hit on familiar themes including tax cuts, increasing education funding and criticisms of President Joe Biden. His Democrat opponent Stephen Heidt wanted to decriminalize cannabis, protect abortion rights and provide grocery and property tax relief. Little had refused to participate in any debates but, given no incumbent governor has been voted out since 1970, he had a relatively easy path to re-election in this deeply conservative state.



ILLINOIS

Democratic incumbent Gov. J.B. Pritzker was re-elected against Republican Sen. Darren Bailey with 54 percent of the vote to Bailey's 43 percent, reported the [Associated Press](#). Governor Pritzker was expected to keep the seat but strong debate performances by Senator Bailey were enough to keep his odds alive. Democrats now retain their trifecta in the state. In his victory speech, Pritzker targeted Trump leading some to speculate that he is eyeing a run for the presidency in 2024, according to the [Chicago Tribune](#).

IOWA

Republican incumbent Gov. Kim Reynolds won against political newcomer Democrat Deidre DeJear with over 58 percent of the vote, according to the [secretary of state](#). Governor Reynolds is the first woman to be re-elected governor in the state's history, reports [KCCI](#).

KANSAS

Democratic incumbent Gov. Laura Kelly eked out a win against Republican Attorney General Derek Schmidt, reports [Business Insider](#). According to the [secretary of state](#), Governor Kelly holds 49 percent of the vote to Schmidt's 48 percent.

MAINE

Democratic incumbent Gov. Janet Mills won with 62 percent of the vote, according to [WABI5](#). The Republican challenger and ex-governor Paul LePage won 43 percent of the vote and Independent Sam Hunkler won two percent of the vote. Maine will continue to have a Democratic trifecta.

MARYLAND

Democrat Wes Moore beat Republican nominee Del. Dan Cox with 59 percent of the vote to Cox's 37 percent. Cox, who failed to get the endorsement of Republican Gov. Larry Hogan, did not concede on election night despite the [Associated Press](#) calling the election for Moore; Cox did concede the following day. Moore, who will be the state's first African American governor, was consistently ahead in the polls and won by a similar margin as predicted, according to [FiveThirtyEight](#).

MASSACHUSETTS

[MassLive](#) called the governor's race for Democrat Maura Healey, the state's current attorney general, shortly after polls closed. Healy beat Republican Geoff Diehl and Libertarian Kevin Reed, winning 63.3 percent of the vote. She is the first woman governor of Massachusetts and the first openly lesbian governor. Her election moves Massachusetts to a Democratic trifecta.



MICHIGAN

Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer easily won re-election defeating GOP nominee Tudor Dixon by a nearly 10 percent margin, [Mlive](#) reports. According to the [Detroit Free Press](#), Governor Whitmer enjoyed a significant financial advantage throughout the race and was able to blanket the airwaves with ads highlighting Dixon's support of a near total abortion ban. Dixon focused on Whitmer's pandemic response, as well as social issues such as critical race theory and public safety issues. Whitmer sought to portray herself as a bipartisan problem solver touting her investments in childcare, increased education funding and electric vehicle manufacturing incentives.

MINNESOTA

Democratic Gov. Tim Walz defeated GOP nominee Scott Jensen, a doctor and former state senator. The race had focused on many familiar national themes with Jensen attacking Governor Walz over the increase in violent crime and rising inflation proposing the potential elimination of the state's income tax. Walz had highlighted the issue of abortion and taken aim at Jensen's shifting stance on the issue. Walz had a significant fundraising advantage in the race with nearly four times the amount of cash on hand as Jensen at one point. According to [FOX9](#), Jensen previously refused to concede but conceded after midnight Wednesday.

NEBRASKA

Republican Jim Pillen defeated his Democratic opponent, current state Sen. Carol Blood, to become the next governor. According to [Nebraska Public Media](#), his four big priorities are passing a stricter abortion ban, reversing brain drain, shrinking government and aiding agriculture.

Pillen will likely have a large impact on the U.S. Senate. Republican U.S. Sen. Ben Sasse is expected to resign to become president of the University of Florida and Republican Gov. Pete Ricketts has said he will leave the decision for a replacement up to the next governor, reports the [Nebraska Examiner](#).

NEVADA

The governor's race is still too close to call with [USA Today](#) showing Republican Joe Lombardo leading Democratic incumbent Gov. Steve Sisolak by just under five percent of total votes. According to [The Nevada Independent](#), remaining uncounted ballots consist of mail-in ballots in Democratic leaning Clark County as well as hotly contested Washoe County. It could be several days before final results are known.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Republican incumbent Gov. Chris Sununu won a rare fourth term against Democratic state Sen. Tom Sherman with 56 percent of the vote, reports [New Hampshire Public Radio](#). Governor Sununu was widely expected to win and Senator Sherman's critiques on the state's newly enacted abortion ban ended up failing to move the needle.



NEW MEXICO

Democratic incumbent Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham won re-election over Republican nominee Mark Ronchetti by a 51.9 percent to 45.6 percent margin, [KOAT](#) reports. Governor Lujan Grisham ran on a platform focusing on abortion access, defense of her disaster response, investment in social programs and public education spending. Ronchetti focused on the issues of crime, public education (particularly early literacy), abortion bans, immigration and border protection. The last incumbent loss was in 1994.

NEW YORK

Democrats secured victory as Democratic incumbent Gov. Kathy Hochul defeated her Republican opponent, Rep. Lee Zeldin, reports [The New York Times](#). With her victory, Governor Hochul has become the first woman in the state to win a full four-year term in the governor's office; she assumed the governor's mansion in mid-2021 after the resignation of former Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

OHIO

Republican incumbent Gov. Mike DeWine won re-election against Democratic Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley by 26 percentage points. Governor DeWine campaigned largely on the economy and inflation, where Whaley focused on abortion and her history with gun control, after a 2019 mass shooting in Dayton, [The Columbus Dispatch](#) reports. With DeWine's victory, Ohio will maintain their Republican trifecta.

OKLAHOMA

According to the [Election Board](#), Republican incumbent Gov. Kevin Stitt won re-election, beating Democrat Public Instruction Superintendent Joy Hofmeister, 55.5 percent to 41.8 percent. After the race appeared to narrow in the final weeks, Governor Stitt was helped with a late infusion of advertising from the Republican Governor's Association and by spending nearly \$2 million of his own money, boosting his fundraising totals to more than \$10 million, reports the [Associated Press](#). He particularly campaigned on state savings, funding for public school and an early end to COVID-19 closures, which aided the Oklahoma economy and kept the unemployment rate low. With Stitt's victory, Oklahoma will maintain their Republican trifecta.

OREGON

Democrat Tina Kotek has the lead over Republican challenger Christine Drazen and Independent Betsy Johnson; however, the race has not been officially called, according to [Central Oregon Daily News](#). Kotek currently leads Drazen 46.7 percent to 43.9 percent. Due to recent changes in the state's election law that allows for ballots to be counted if they are postmarked by election day, it could be several days before the race is decided.



PENNSYLVANIA

Democratic Attorney General Josh Shapiro won the open governor's seat over Republican state Sen. Doug Mastriano with 55.6 percent of the vote, reports [The New York Times](#). Attorney General Shapiro was heavily favored to succeed term-limited former Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf after being the state's attorney general since 2017. Senator Mastriano, who attended the January 6 rally at the U.S. Capitol and is an ardent Trump supporter, refused to concede the election on Tuesday night, reports [Politico](#), saying he will wait until every vote is counted.

RHODE ISLAND

Democratic incumbent Gov. Daniel McKee handily defeated his Republican opponent Ashley Kalus, securing his first full term in office, according to [The Providence Journal](#). Governor McKee ascended to the office in early 2021 from his previous position as lieutenant governor, after former Democratic Gov. Gina Raimondo was tapped to become the next U.S. Secretary of Commerce.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Republican incumbent Gov. Henry McMaster defeated his opponent, former Democratic U.S. Rep. Joe Cunningham, reports [ABC25 Columbia](#). The win marks Governor McMaster's second full-term after he initially assumed office in 2017 when then-governor Nikki Haley resigned to become the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The [Mitchell Daily Republic](#) reports Republican incumbent Gov. Kristi Noem was the clear winner. As predicted, Governor Noem took the majority of votes, leading Jamie Smith by almost 27 percent. Abortion was a key issue of the election, reports the [Argus Leader](#), given Noem's ban during her previous term.

TENNESSEE

As expected, Republican incumbent Gov. Bill Lee cruised to victory over Democratic nominee Dr. Jason Martin. According to [The Tennessean](#), the race was called within minutes of the polls closing with Governor Lee winning with 65 percent of the vote and carrying all but two counties. Lee was not active on the campaign trail and did not debate Martin. Lee has been popular throughout his first term and was not expected to lose in a state that has not voted out an incumbent governor since 1978.

TEXAS

Republican incumbent Gov. Greg Abbott won re-election with 54.8 percent of the vote. The ever-hopeful Democrat Beto O'Rourke received 43.8 percent of the vote. Much to Democrats' frustration, Governor Abbott has remained fairly popular throughout his eight-year term, per [Texas Monthly](#). O'Rourke came within three percent of winning in 2018. This year he lost by over 12 percentage points, giving the Republicans a decisive win.



VERMONT

As anticipated, Republican Gov. Phil Scott has been elected for another term. [NBC5](#) reported Governor Scott winning 71.3 percent of votes compared to 24.8 for Democratic nominee Brenda Siegel. According to [VTDigger](#), Scott largely campaigned on the status quo and did not offer any new policy ideas during the campaign.

WISCONSIN

In one of the closest watched races this election season, according to [NBC News](#) projections, Democratic incumbent Gov. Tony Evers defeated his challenger, Republican Tim Michels. With 50.9 percent of the vote, Governor Evers narrowly surpassed Michels' 48 percent. The election was of particular importance in light of the Republican party's control of both legislative chambers. During the campaign, the governor emphasized preserving reproductive rights, the place of race-related education in public schools, as well as the need for more effective gun control.

WYOMING

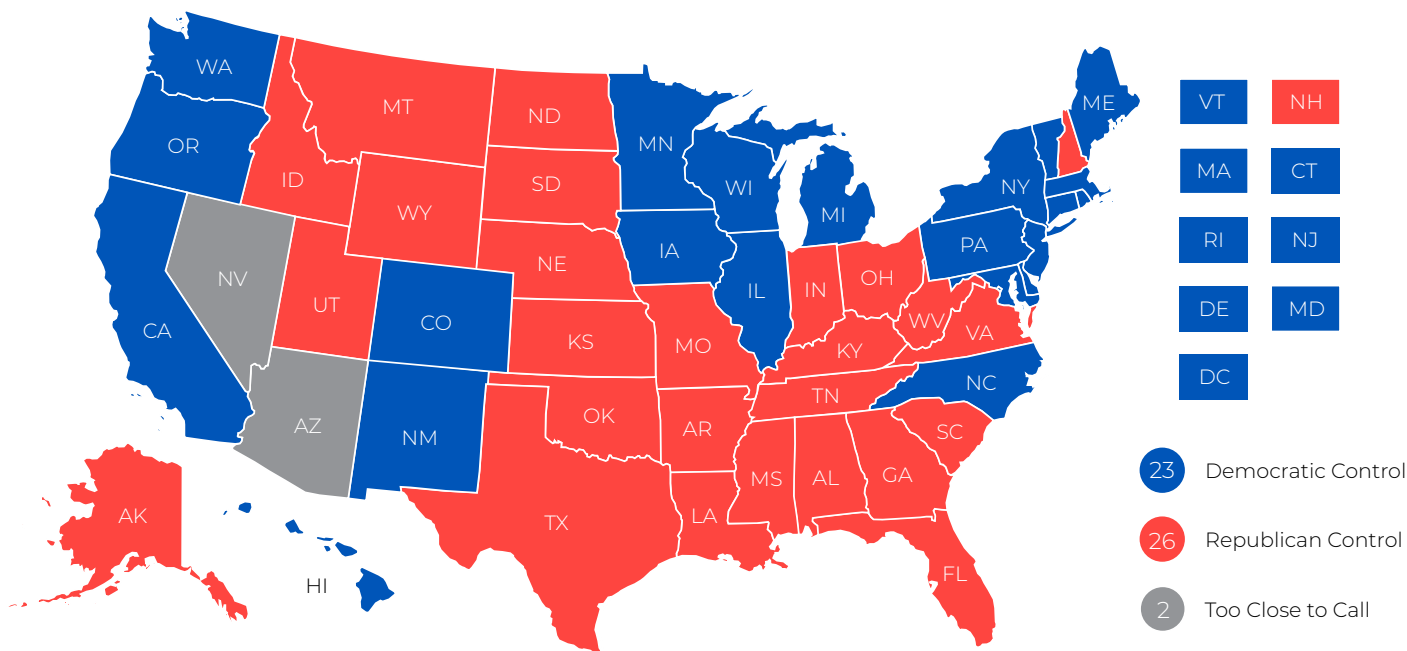
Republican incumbent Gov. Mark Gordon soundly defeated Democratic challenger Theresa Livingston, winning more than 74 percent of the vote, according to [NBC News](#). Governor Gordon's campaign emphasized management of the pandemic and diversifying the state's economy by developing new uses for coal and nuclear energy. According to the [Associated Press](#), the governor reiterated his commitment to "keep a very frugal budget."



ATTORNEYS GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

Thirty states held elections for attorney general this year with Democrats holding 16 of the seats up for election. Much like the races up and down the ballot, the races for attorney general were dominated by discussions of abortion, election security and state responses to the pandemic. It was a good night for incumbents with most securing large victories with only one, **Nevada** Democratic Attorney General Aaron Ford, in a race that is still too close to call. Other races that were too close to call include Arizona, where Democrats hold on to a narrow lead, which would be the only real flip this cycle if the result holds.

POST-ELECTION ATTORNEY GENERAL PARTY CONTROL



ALABAMA

Republican incumbent Attorney General Steve Marshall won with a large margin, earning 68 percent of the vote against challenger, Democrat Wendell Major, who earned 32 percent, according to [NBC News](#). According to [CBS42](#), Attorney General Marshall touted his history of challenging the federal government, noting the lawsuits he filed against the Biden administration.

ARIZONA

According to [AZ Central](#), the race is too close to call. Democratic candidate Kris Mayes is leading GOP nominee Abraham Hamadeh 50.12 to 49.88 percent as of publication. Republican incumbent Mark Brnovich did not run for re-election due to term limits. Final



results may not be known until later this week. Abortion has been a key campaign issue, according to [The Washington Post](#), as well as climate, voting rights and gun control.

ARKANSAS

[KAIT8](#) states Republican Tim Griffin won the attorney general race over Democratic challenger Jesse Gibson with 66 percent of the vote. Griffin's win will give the GOP a dominate sweep in the state with the pending win of Leslie Rutledge for lieutenant governor.

CALIFORNIA

With roughly half of the votes accounted for, Democratic incumbent Attorney General Rob Bonta is leading against Republican Nathan Hochman, according to [The New York Times](#). Full results may not be known for several days. According to [NBC Bay Area](#), due to Attorney General Bonta being appointed midway through his predecessor's term he is eligible to run for re-election potentially allowing him to serve for 10 years.

COLORADO

Democratic incumbent Attorney General Phil Weiser won re-election against Republican challenger John Kellner, according to the [secretary of state](#). Kellner stated in his concession speech that his campaign helped to elevate issues of public safety, reports [9News](#). Weiser had received support from current and former Republican officials in addition to his own party's endorsement, [Colorado Politics](#) reports.

CONNECTICUT

Democratic incumbent Attorney General William Tong defeated Republican Jessica Kordas. According to [The CT Mirror](#), Attorney General Tong raked in 57 percent of the vote. Tong's incumbency advantage and Connecticut's blue tint made this race Tong's to lose. Republicans have not won the attorney general seat in Connecticut since the 1950s, reports [WTNH](#).

DELAWARE

According to the [Department of Elections](#), Democratic incumbent Attorney General Kathy Jennings won re-election against Republican Julianna Murray with over 55 percent of the vote. According to [WRDE](#), Attorney General Jennings ran on a platform based on gun safety and protecting reproductive rights. Murray, who had previously run for governor in 2020, said she would not be running for future elections, reports [WDEL](#).

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Democrat Brian Schwalb was elected attorney general. He ran uncontested in the race to replace Democratic Attorney General Karl Racine, after winning an intense democratic primary in June, according to [The Washington Post](#).



FLORIDA

Republican incumbent Attorney General Ashley Moody handedly defeated her self-described “longshot” Democratic opponent Aramis Ayala. According to [ABCActionNews](#), Attorney General Moody won by over one million votes. Moody is notably known for her close work with Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis in opposing President Joe Biden’s COVID-19 policies, as well as those involving immigration.

GEORGIA

Republican incumbent Attorney General Chris Carr won his race for re-election in what was one of the most closely watched attorney general races this cycle, reports the [Savannah Morning News](#). Attorney General Carr defeated Democratic state Senator Jen Jordan, garnering approximately 52.5 percent of the vote to retain his office for a second four-year term.

IDAHO

Former Republican Congressman Raúl Labrador defeated Democratic nominee Tom Arkoosh, who had the support of dozens of current and former Republican officials, including former Republican Gov. Phil Batt and former First Lady Lori Otter. According to [KTVB7](#), Labrador won by more 140,000 votes.

ILLINOIS

Democratic incumbent Attorney General Kwame Raoul beat Republican challenger Thomas DeVore by a sizeable margin. DeVore’s outspoken rhetoric against COVID mandates were not expected to go over well in the state’s heavily blue population center of Chicago and the results back this up. Attorney General Raoul won with 54 percent of the vote to DeVore’s 43 percent, according to the [Chicago Sun Times](#). On election night, Raoul called Illinois “an oasis here in the Midwest” in response to overwhelming democratic wins in the state, according to [Axios Chicago](#). In his concession speech DeVore complimented Raoul saying that “he ran a race like a gentleman.”

IOWA

The nation’s longest tenured attorney general, Democratic incumbent Tom Miller, conceded to his Republican opponent Brenna Bird, reports [KCCI](#). The election was expected to be competitive and Bird won with 50.8 percent of the vote, according to the [secretary of state](#). Attorney General Miller had held the seat since 1995 and previously held it from 1979-1991.

KANSAS

When Republican Attorney General Derek Schmidt stepped down to take a run for governor, it opened the race for Kansas’ top law enforcement official and, according to [Sabato’s Crystal Ball](#), the race was a toss-up and one of Democrats’ best chances at flipping a Republican held seat in a deep-red state. However, Republican former Secretary of State Kris Kobach claimed victory, reports [WIBW](#). Kobach took 51 percent of the vote to Democratic challenger Chris Mann’s 49 percent, according to the [secretary of state](#).



MARYLAND

Democratic Rep. Anthony Brown will be the new attorney general of Maryland. Republican nominee Michael Peroutka was expected to lose by a hefty margin not only due to the state leaning heavily blue but due to his comments on 9/11, abortion and same sex marriage. Brown won with 60 percent of the vote to Peroutka's 40 percent, according to [The Washington Post](#).

MASSACHUSETTS

Democrat Andrea Campbell won the race for attorney general beating Republican Jay McMahon with 62.2 percent of the vote, reports [MassLive](#). Campbell is the first Black woman elected to statewide office in Massachusetts.

MICHIGAN

Democratic incumbent Attorney General Dana Nessel defeated GOP nominee Matthew DePerno by a 52 to 45 percent margin. Attorney General Nessel, like many democrats in the state, enjoyed a large fundraising advantage and campaigned on her consumer protection efforts, as well as her criminal investigations into abuses within the Catholic Church and the Boy Scouts. According to the [Detroit Free Press](#), DePerno rose to prominence following the 2020 election when he filed a lawsuit calling for an audit of the results earning the praise of former President Donald Trump. In a [Tweet](#), Nessel noted "Michigan values propelled us to victory."

MINNESOTA

Democratic incumbent Attorney General Keith Ellison narrowly defeated GOP nominee Jim Schultz. This will be Attorney General Ellison's second term and, according to the [Star Tribune](#), he won by more than 20,000 votes. Schultz had attacked Ellison over rising crime and supposed support for defunding the police; a claim Ellison has denied. Schultz has also criticized Ellison's response to the \$250 million Feeding Our Future scandal arguing that the attorney general should have intervened earlier to stop the fraud, [Yahoo! News](#) reports. Ellison had pointed out that Schultz lacked the courtroom experience needed to be attorney general and had attacked Schultz over his vow to go on "offense, offense, offense" against abortion during the primary.

NEBRASKA

Republican House Speaker Mike Hilgers will be the new attorney general. Hilgers considers his priorities "fighting federal government when it goes outside of its constitutional lane, supporting law enforcement around the state and defending Nebraska's water rights." According to [NBC News](#), his opponent, Independent Larry Bolinger, received only 30 percent of vote.



NEVADA

Too close to call at this time, [The Washington Post](#) shows Democratic incumbent Attorney General Aaron Ford leading by just over five percentage points over Republican nominee Sigal Chattah. Attorney General Ford received the support of numerous Republican officials during the race including the former head of the state's republican party. According to the [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#), Chattah first rose to prominence in 2020 for lawsuits considering the state's pandemic restrictions but faced criticism for remarks made about Ford that were perceived as racist.

NEW MEXICO

[KROQ News](#) reports Raul Torrez is the next attorney general, maintaining the historically Democratic seat, defeating former U.S. Attorney Jeremy Gay. In a statement after his victory Torrez said, "We now must commit ourselves to pushing for common-sense solutions to make our communities safer, standing up for women's reproductive rights, and protecting New Mexico's most vulnerable citizens. I am ready for this fight and to work every day as the people's lawyer."

NEW YORK

Democratic incumbent Attorney General Letitia James declared victory in the state's attorney general race over Republican Michael Henry, reports the [New York Daily News](#). The win marks Attorney General James's second straight electoral victory in the state, which has made her one of the most high-profile attorneys general in the nation.

NORTH DAKOTA

Earning more than 70 percent of the vote, Republican Attorney General Drew Wrigley defeated Democratic-Nonpartisan League challenger Timothy Lamb, according to [CNN](#). Attorney General Wrigley was originally appointed to the office in February after former Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem passed away. Among Wrigley's stated priorities are toughening the laws around violent crimes and increasing the state's Crime Lab operations, reports [INFORUM](#).

OHIO

Republican incumbent Attorney General Dave Yost won re-election against Democratic state Rep. Jeff Crossman, 60.4 percent to 39.6 percent. According to [The Columbus Dispatch](#), Attorney General Yost's priorities for his second term are increasing accountability for pharmacy benefit managers in Medicaid, continuing to fight against human trafficking and finding money for annual training for Ohio police officers. Yost was also instrumental in lifting a stay on Ohio's six-week abortion ban, putting the law into effect the day the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.



OKLAHOMA

After Republican Attorney General Mike Hinder resigned in June 2021, Republican Attorney General John O'Connor lost in the Republican primary to Gentner Drummond. Drummond won the election against Libertarian Lynda Steel, 73.8 percent to 26.2 percent, according to the [Election Board](#). Drummond has the support of several Native American tribal leaders, which contributed to his success. There have been issues in the state over tribal sovereignty, gaming compacts and tribal jurisdiction, [KOSU](#) public radio reports.

RHODE ISLAND

Democratic incumbent Attorney General Peter Neronha has won election to a second four-year term, reports [The Providence Journal](#). Attorney General Neronha defeated Republican attorney Charles Calenda by over 20 points in a widely expected hold for Democrats.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Republican incumbent Attorney General Alan Wilson won a fourth four-year term in an uncontested race, reports [WRDW](#). His new term will run through 2027; he was first elected to the state's top law office in 2011.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The [secretary of state](#) reports that Republican Marty Jackley has been elected as the next attorney general having run uncontested. Given the state's Republican trifecta there was no competition for attorney general. Rather than holding a primary election in the state, a candidate is nominated by their political party. Jackley succeeded previous Attorney General Jason Ravensborg after he was removed from office following an impeachment trial. Ravensborg was impeached by the House on April 12 and by the Senate on June 21. [Dakota News Now](#) reported that Ravensborg had not planned to pursue re-election regardless of the trial outcome.

TEXAS

Republican incumbent Attorney General Ken Paxton easily won re-election with 53 percent of the vote, according to the [Houston Chronicle](#), compared to Rochelle Garza's 43.6 percent. Attorney General Paxton was widely seen as one of the more vulnerable statewide incumbents owing to his indictment for securities fraud, as well as corruption allegations that have been made about him.

VERMONT

[VTDigger](#) reports that Democrat Charity Clark has won the race for attorney general. She is the first woman to be elected to the position. Republican Attorney General Susanne Young, who did not run for re-election, was appointed by Republican Gov. Phil Scott on July 5 after TJ Donovan resigned from the post to accept a position with Roblox. Former Attorney General Chief of Staff Clark ran against Republican Michael Tagliavia. Issues dominating their campaigns included reproductive rights, gun safety and drug education.



WISCONSIN

Early Wednesday morning Republican challenger Eric Toney conceded, thus making official Democratic incumbent Attorney General Josh Kaul's victory, according to [WISN](#). The race was quite close, with Attorney General Kaul defeating Toney by fewer than two percentage points. Kaul's campaign, much like the gubernatorial race, centered on reproductive rights and election integrity.

SECRETARY OF STATE ELECTION RESULTS

Similarly to attorneys general, secretary of state elections have traditionally been non-controversial and were overshadowed by other state level elections. However, with controversies surrounding elections dominating the news over the past two years, these races have drawn national attention. According to the [National Association of Secretaries of State](#), approximately 40 secretaries of state serve as the state's designated chief election officer, which includes responsibility for election administration policies and procedures, cybersecurity, contingency planning and supporting local election officials.

Before the election, 29 of the office holders were Republican and 21 Democrat. After the election, the numbers are posed to stay the same. On November's ballot were 27 secretaries of state races, according to [FiveThirtyEight](#). All 23 of the races called by the Associate Press have remained with the same party, according to [NPR](#). In key races, **Colorado**, **Minnesota** and **New Mexico** remained Democrat, including the defeat of election deniers in Colorado and New Mexico.

Races have not been called in **Arizona**, **Nevada**, **Washington** and **Wisconsin**. The position appears likely to remain with Democrats in Arizona and Washington. In Nevada, which currently is held by a Republican, Republican Jim Marchant has a narrow lead over Democrat Francisco Aguilar, according to the [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#). This race has been closely watched due to Marchant's claims of widespread fraud in the 2020 election and his advocacy for hand counting ballots and ending universal mail-in ballots. Marchant narrowly leads 48 percent to Aguilar's 47.8 percent. Wisconsin Democratic incumbent Doug La Follette is narrowly leading with 48.3 percent to Republican Amy Loudenberg's 48 percent. According to [Wisconsin Public Radio](#), the legislature stripped power from the secretary of state's office. Loudenberg expressed interest in the office taking a larger role in running elections, while La Follette wants to keep the office out of administered elections.