

Election Recap and Key Takeaways



What happened in the elections, how it impacts leadership, and what that means for policymaking.

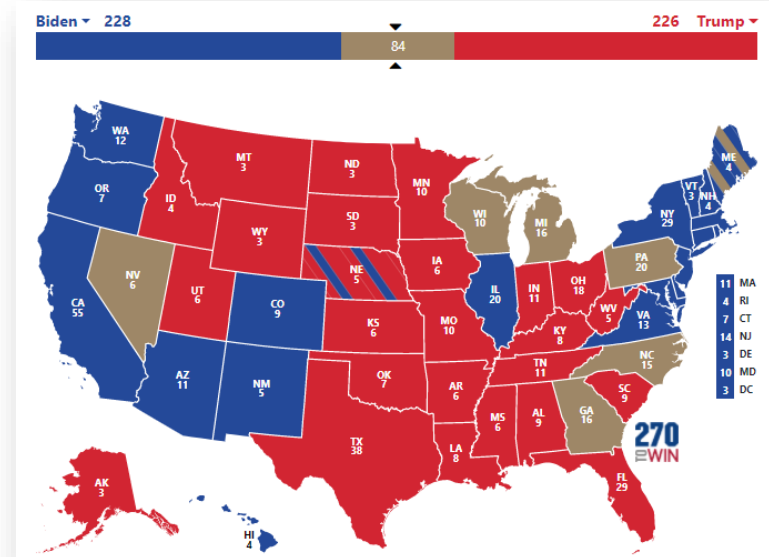
Where Things Stand

- The race for the presidency remains in flux as both the Trump and Biden campaigns project optimism about last night's results.
- Mail-in ballots in at least six battleground states remain to be counted, and could take several days or more to tabulate.
- Election lawyers on both sides are standing by as legal challenges to the results remain a possibility and recounts could be requested in key battleground states.



Presidential Outcome







- The race for President of the United States is still ongoing, as **neither candidate has met the 270 electoral college delegate threshold**.
 - President Donald Trump has clinched victories in Florida, Texas, and Ohio.
 - Former Vice President Joe Biden scored an important victory in Arizona, which significantly improved his standing in the battle for the White House.
 - Ballots will continue to be counted throughout today and into the coming days ahead. **As such, it will take additional time for a winner to be formally declared.**
- Several states remain too close to officially call, including **Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Michigan, Georgia, and Nevada**.



Key Battleground States

- With Vice President Biden's victory in Arizona, as well as the votes that have yet to be formally tallied in the key swing states, **the Democratic nominee has a slight edge in the race for the presidency.**
- The margins for Vice President Biden in Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin suggest that he may make gains in the coming days ahead as the ballots continue to get tallied.
- President Trump is running ahead of expectations in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Nevada. He would need to clinch Pennsylvania and one of these outstanding states in order to win re-election.

Battleground states to watch

| | MARGIN | EST. REPORTING |
|---------|------------|---|
| N.C. › | Trump +1.4 | 95%  |
| Ga. › | Trump +2 | 92%  |
| Wis. › | Biden +0.3 | 91%  |
| Nev. › | Biden +0.6 | 86%  |
| Mich. › | Trump +1.2 | 84%  |
| Pa. › | Trump +11 | 75%  |



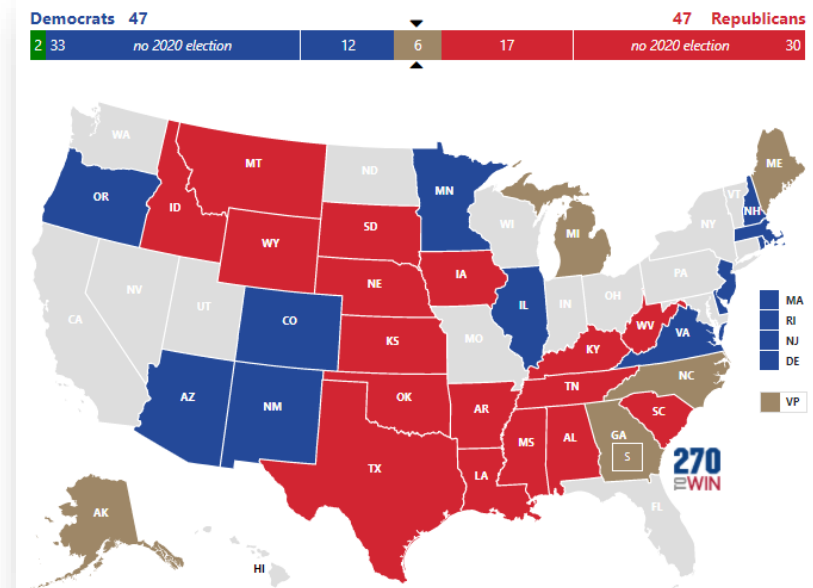
Timeline for Battleground Results

| State | Key Date | Background |
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| Georgia | Nov. 4 | Mail-in ballots must be received by Election Day in order to count. The secretary of state has said he expects the winners of most races to be announced by Wednesday. |
| Michigan | Nov. 6 | Officials had previously said that full unofficial results could take until Nov. 6, but the secretary of state said on Tuesday night that she expected to have “a very clear picture, if not a final picture” of the results by Wednesday night. |
| Nevada | Nov. 10 | Ballots postmarked by election day can be counted until Nov. 10 and results will be reported daily. |
| North Carolina | Nov. 12 | While approximately 95% of the ballots have been counted, ballots postmarked by election day can be counted until Nov. 12. |
| Pennsylvania | Nov. 6 | Mail-in ballots were not counted before Election Day. Secretary of the Commonwealth Kathy Boockvar has said that she expects “the overwhelming majority” of votes will be counted by Friday, Nov. 6. |
| Wisconsin | Nov. 4 | Mail-in ballots must be received by Election Day in order to count. Gov. Tony Evers has said he expects to know the results by Wednesday night. |



Senate Outcome

- Senate Republicans are projected to maintain their majority in the upper chamber.
 - Democrats **John Hickenlooper (D-CO)** and **Mark Kelly (D-AZ)** successfully flipped seats in Colorado and Arizona respectively. **However, Democrats are on track to fall short of the four seats needed to gain control.**
 - Incumbent **Sens. Joni Ernst (R-IA), Steve Daines (R-MT), and Lindsey Graham (R-SC)** were buoyed by President Trump's strong performance in these states.
 - Republicans currently lead in Georgia (Perdue), North Carolina, Maine, Michigan, and Alaska, but the races are too close to formally call at this time.



Meet the New Senators

| State | Winner | Notes |
|------------|-----------------------|--|
| Alabama | Tommy Tuberville (R) | The former University of Auburn head coach was heavily favorited over the incumbent Sen. Doug Jones (D-AL) in this reliably red state. |
| Wyoming | Cynthia Lummis (R) | Lummis returns to Congress following her retirement as the at-large Representative for the Cowboy State in 2016. |
| Tennessee | Bill Hagerty (R) | The former businessman and U.S. Ambassador to Japan replaces retiring Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN). |
| New Mexico | Ben Ray Lujan (D) | The Assistant House Democratic Leader will succeed retiring Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM). |
| Kansas | Roger Marshall (R) | The Representative for Kansas' 3rd Congressional District replaces longtime Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS). |
| Arizona | Mark Kelly (D) | The NASA astronaut and husband of former Rep. Gabby Giffords (D-AZ) knocked off incumbent Sen. Martha McSally (R-AZ). |
| Colorado | John Hickenlooper (D) | The former Colorado Governor was a heavy favorite over incumbent Sen. Cory Gardner (D-CO). |



House Democrats Keep Majority

- Democrats are projected to maintain control of the U.S. House of Representatives, but saw several incumbents lose their seats.
 - **Notable Losses.** Moderate Democratic Reps. Debbie Murcarse-Powell (D-FL), Donna Shalala (D-FL), Xochitl Torres Small (D-NM), Collin Peterson (D-MN), Kendra Horn (D-OK), and Joe Cunningham (D-SC) were defeated by their GOP challengers.
 - **Dem Pickups.** Democrats Kathy Manning (D-NC) and Deborah Ross (D-NC) picked up GOP-held seats in North Carolina, where redistricting boosted their chances of netting additional seats.



Key Takeaways

- A divided Congress appears likely regardless of the presidential outcome, and bipartisan cooperation will be key in clinching policy wins.
 - Neither party will enter the 117th Congress with a governing mandate given the close nature of this election.
 - Democrats may be more likely to deal with Republicans on items like COVID-19 relief and infrastructure now that full control of Washington appears unlikely.
- Regardless of whether Trump wins, his strong performance relative to the polls will help cement his ideological foothold among down-ballot Republicans.
 - Leader McConnell will need to balance the strength of Trump's imprint on the Republican electorate while devising a strategy to defend 22 Senate seats currently controlled by Republicans ahead of the 2022 midterms.

