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2026 House Overview: Democrats Favored to Win the Majority

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With less than eight months to go, the Republican House majority is at considerable risk.

Historical midterm trends, President Donald Trump's negative job rating and consistent Democratic overperformance in races around the country point to Democrats gaining at least the three seats they need to flip the House.

Republican optimism rooted in an improving economy hit a snag with the war with Iran. There's no evidence Trump has even started an upward climb, even though there's technically time for his standing to improve. And even though the Democratic Party brand is very unpopular, the election is more likely to be a referendum on the party in power at a time when voters are dissatisfied with the status quo.

There will be more district-specific polling in the coming months which will help gauge how the negative national mood is hitting individual House races, and our ratings in the most competitive races will shift accordingly. Until then, the movement on the periphery of the battleground is evidence of a broader shift in favor of Democrats. With the latest batch of race rating changes, Republicans are now defending more competitive seats compared to Democrats (33 vs. 29). That discrepancy could grow if Virginia voters approve a new congressional map on April 21 that could net Democrats an additional four seats.

Democratic infighting in an array of primaries will temporarily heal in November in opposition to Republicans in power. An excited Democratic base, independent voters turning away from Trump and core Trump supporters potentially staying home are a recipe for large Democratic gains, even though a political wave isn't necessary for them to get to 218 seats.

At this stage, Democrats are favored to win the House. And it's worth keeping an eye on the extent to which the White House will try to be involved in the administration of the elections.

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2026 House Ratings

Toss-Up (2D, 8R)

AZ 1 (Open; Schweikert, R) IA 1 (Miller-Meeks, R) OH 1 (Landsman, D) TX 34 (Gonzalez, D)
AZ 6 (Ciscomani, R) MI 7 (Barrett, R) PA 7 (Mackenzie, R) VA 2 (Kiggans, R)
CO 8 (Evans, R) NY 17 (Lawler, R)

Tilt Democratic (6D, 2R)

CA 13 (Gray, D)
CA 45 (Tran, D)
CA 48 (Open; Issa, R)
NE 2 (Open; Bacon, R)
NM 2 (Vasquez, D)
NY 4 (Gillen, D)
TX 28 (Cuellar, D)
WA 3 (Perez, D)

Tilt Republican (1D, 6R)

CA 22 (Valadao, R)
MI 10 (Open; James, R)
NJ 7 (Kean Jr., R)
OH 9 (Kaptur, D)
PA 8 (Bresnahan, R)
PA 10 (Perry, R)
WI 3 (Van Orden, R)

Lean Democratic (10D)

FL 23 (Moskowitz, D) NV 1 (Titus, D)
IN 1 (Mrvan, D) NV 3 (Lee, D)
MI 8 (McDonald Rivet, D) NY 19 (Riley, D)
NH 1 (Open; Pappas, D) NY 3 (Suozi, D)
NJ 9 (Pou, D) VA 7 (Vindman, D)

Lean Republican (1D, 4R)

IA 3 (Nunn, R)
MI 4 (Huizenga, R)
NC 1 (Davis, D)*
PA 1 (Fitzpatrick, R)
VA 1 (Wittman, R)

Likely Democratic (7D)

CA 6 (Open; Bera, D) NV 4 (Horsford, D)
CA 21 (Costa, D)# PA 17 (Deluzio, D)
NH 2 (Goodlander, D)
MI 3 ((Scholten, D)*
MN 2 (Open; Craig, DFL)

Likely Republican (2D, 13R)

AK AL (Begich, R) NC 11 (Edwards, R)#
AZ 2 (Crane, R) TN 5 (Ogles, R)
CO 3 (Hurd, R)# TX 15 (De La Cruz, R)
CO 5 (Crank, R) TX 23 (Open; Gonzales, R)#
FL 7 (Mills, R) TX 35 (Open; Casar, D)
FL 13 (Luna, R)
FL 27 (Salazar, R)#
IA 2 (Open; Hinson, R)
ME 2 (Open; Golden, D)
MT 1 (Open; Zinke, R)#

	GOP	DEM
Solid	186	187
Likely/Lean/Tilt	27	25
Total	213	212
Toss-up	10	
Needed for majority	218	

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

CALENDAR

March 17	Illinois Primaries
April 7	Georgia's 14th District Special Runoff
April 16	New Jersey's 11th District Special General Election
May 5	Indiana, Ohio Primaries

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Arkansas Senate. Farmer Hallie Shoffner won the Democratic primary with 78 percent last week and will face GOP Sen. Tom Cotton (82 percent in the GOP primary). Lightning might need to strike three times for Shoffner to win, but Democrats have a credible candidate in place if that happens. Solid Republican.

Mississippi Senate. District Attorney Scott Colom won the Democratic primary on Tuesday with 73 percent and will take on GOP Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (81 percent in her primary) in the general election. Colom is a long-shot, but some Democratic strategists talk about Mississippi as a cheaper takeover opportunity compared to Florida and Texas. Solid Republican.

Montana Senate. GOP Sen. Steve Daines ended his re-election bid just minutes before the filing deadline last week in a move coordinated with US Attorney Kurt Alme, who filed at the same time and effectively clinched the GOP nomination without any other hopefuls having the opportunity to declare. The timing is an unforced error by Republicans and introduces a unique element into the race. While Democratic fortunes in Montana have declined in recent years, former Sen. Jon Tester and other Democrats decided to support an independent candidate, former Green Beret/ former University of Montana President Seth Bodnar, before the Daines switch. But Bodnar probably needs the eventual winner of the June 2 Democratic primary to drop out to avoid splitting votes from people voting against Alme. Likely Republican.

North Carolina Senate. Now it's official. Former RNC Chairman Michael Whatley (65 percent in the GOP primary) will face Democratic former Gov. Roy Cooper (92 percent in the Democratic primary) in one of the most important races in the country. The seat is open because GOP Sen. Thom Tillis is not running for re-election. Toss-up.

Oklahoma Senate. President Donald Trump's nomination of GOP Sen. Markwayne Mullin to be the next Secretary of Homeland Security is big news for the president's cabinet, but it doesn't alter the fight for the Senate majority. GOP Gov. Kevin Stitt will appoint a replacement, who can serve until the November election but must

2026 Senate Ratings	
Toss-up (3)	
MI Open (Peters, D)	Ossoff (D-Ga.)
NC Open (Tillis, R)	
Tilt Democratic (1)	Tilt Republican (1)
NH Open (Shaheen, D)	Collins (R-Maine)
Lean Democratic	Lean Republican (2)
	Husted (R-Ohio)
	Sullivan (R-Ak.)
Likely Democratic (1)	Likely Republican (3)
MN Open (Smith, DFL)	IA Open (Ernst, R)
	MT Open (Daines, R)
	Cornyn (R-Texas)
Solid Democratic (9)	Solid Republican (15)
IL Open (Durbin, D)	AL Open (Tuberville, R)
Booker (D-N.J.)	KY Open (McConnell, R)
Coons (D-Del.)	WY Open (Lummis, R)
Hickenlooper (D-Colo.)	Capito (R-W.V.)
Lujan (D-N.M.)	Cassidy (R-Lou.)
Markey (D-Mass.)	Cotton (R-Ark.)
Merkley (D-Ore.)	Graham (R-S.C.)
Reed (D-R.I.)	Hagerty (R-Tenn.)
Warner (D-Va.)	Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.)
	Marshall (R-Kan.)
	Moody (R-Fl.)
	Mullin (R-Okla.)
	Ricketts (R-Neb.)
	Risch (R-Idaho)
	Rounds (R-S.D.)
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swear an oath that they will not seek the seat themself. Because the seat was already up this cycle, the candidate filing deadline remains on April 3, with a June 16 primary and a potential August 25 runoff, if no candidate receives a majority of the vote. GOP Rep. Kevin Hern jumped into the race for the full term on Wednesday. He could be joined by colleague Stephanie Bice. Oklahoma is firmly a Republican state. Sooner State voters haven't elected a Democrat to the Senate since David Boren won a third term in 1990. Solid Republican.



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Alabama. Primary May 19. Runoff (if necessary) June 16.

1st District (Southern Alabama) Open; Barry Moore, R, running for Senate. Trump 77%. Former Rep. Jerry Carl begins the GOP primary with a name ID advantage that gives him an early lead in polling, but state Rep. Rhett Marques had twice as much money in the bank on Dec. 31 and endorsements from dozens of state politicians, including Sen. Katie Boyd Britt. With former Green Beret Josh McKee also in the race and raising some money, this primary looks destined for a runoff. Moore's wife and top political adviser Heather Moore declined to run. Solid Republican.

Alaska. Filing deadline June 1. Primary Aug. 18.

At-Large, Nick Begich, R, elected 51%. Trump 55%. Fisherman and retired school administrator Bill Hill is running as an independent and raised \$200,000 in his first 24 hours. Democrat Matt Schultz, a pastor, is also running in the all-party primary; the top four vote-getters will advance to a ranked-choice voting general election. Begich released a poll from early February showing him at 43 percent, followed by Schultz at 18 and Hill at 7 percent. Likely Republican.

Arizona. Filing deadline April 6. Primary Aug. 4.

1st District (Northeastern Phoenix and Scottsdale) Open; David Schweikert, R, running for governor. Trump 51%. Things are still

in the early stages in the Democratic primary. Former state Rep. Amish Shah begins as the polling frontrunner thanks to his turn last cycle as the nominee (he lost by 4 points). Former TV journalist Marlene Galan-Woods also ran last time but may need



Amish Shah

Courtesy: Shah Campaign

some national backers to come in to help her over the summer if she's to compete with Shah and self-funder Jonathan Treble, who has loaned his campaign \$1 million. Democratic National Committee member Mark Robert Gordon and media executive Rick McCartney are also running.

The Republican side looks slightly more settled, with former NFL kicker Jay Feely in pole position after switching from the 5th District. Feely has a Trump endorsement and former state party chairwoman Gina Swoboda dropped out to run for secretary of state. Former state Rep. Joseph Chaplik and tech entrepreneur John Trobough are also running. Toss-up.

2nd District (Northeastern Arizona) Eli Crane, R, re-elected 54%. Trump 57%. Former Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez was named to the DCCC's Red to Blue list, a sign that national Democrats are focusing more on this district than last cycle. Crane reported \$2.4 million in the bank on Dec. 31 compared to \$649,000 for Nez. Likely Republican.

5th District (Southeastern Phoenix suburbs of Gilbert and Chandler) Open; Andy Biggs, R, running for governor. Trump 59%. Former Pinal County Sheriff Mark Lamb is the prohibitive favorite in the GOP primary, especially after former Arizona Cardinals kicker Jay Feely switched to running in the 1st District. Solid Republican.

6th District (Southeastern Arizona and eastern Tucson area) Juan Ciscomani, R, re-elected 50%. Trump 49.7%. Democratic strategists love

Marine veteran Jo Mendoza's profile as a former drill instructor, and she's a strong fundraiser. However, Ciscomani still has a significant cash-on-hand lead as of Dec. 31, \$3.1 million to \$1.5 million. Toss-up.

California. Primary June 2.

1st District. Vacant following the death of Doug LaMalfa, R. Harris 54%. A June 2 special election will take place under the old, Republican-friendly lines, to fill the remainder of LaMalfa's term. Former Republican state Assemblyman James Gallagher is the favorite to win that race, though he may have to get through an August 4 runoff if he does not win an outright majority. Gallagher also filed to run in the general election in November, but will be an underdog. The two Democrats who are seeking a full term in the newly drawn Democratic-leaning district are also competing in the special election. State Senate President Pro Temp Mike McGuire and 2018/2020 nominee Audrey Denney can now raise twice as much money for their campaigns and introduce themselves to voters earlier in the cycle. McGuire recently won an endorsement from the state Democratic Party. Solid Democratic.

6th District. Kevin Kiley, I/Open; Ami Bera, D, running in 3rd District. Harris 53%. Kiley finally announced he would run in the 6th District rather than challenge fellow Republican Tom McClintock in the 5th District — but he filed as a candidate with "no party preference" rather than as a Republican, and switched his registration in the House to "independent," though he continues to caucus with the GOP. There will be two Republicans on the ballot as well, so Kiley can't count on getting to the general election. He would be an underdog even if he makes it, given the partisan lean of the district, which would have voted for Harris by 8 points. Sacramento District Attorney Thien Ho, former state Sen. Richard Pan, and local Planned Parenthood official Lauren Babb Tomlinson make up the top tier of the Democratic field. State Sen. Angelique Ashby isn't running. Likely Democratic.

11th District. Open; Nancy Pelosi, D, not seeking re-election. Harris 82%. State Sen. Scott Weiner is navigating some fallout from his about-face on the question of whether Israel is committing a genocide in Gaza, but he remains the candidate to beat to replace Pelosi. After laying the groundwork for a run for years, Weiner clinched the state party's endorsement at their recent convention and had \$2.3 million in the bank on Dec. 31. That's more than either of his two opponents, San Francisco Supervisor Connie Chan (\$119,000) and former Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez chief of staff Saikat Chakrabarti (\$112,000). Chan has quiet back from Pelosi, while Chakrabarti has a progressive following and a personal fortune to spend if he wants. The district is so Democratic that two of the three will likely be competing until November. Solid Democratic.

13th District. Adam Gray, D. Harris 46%. Former Stockton Mayor Kevin Lincoln gives Republicans a top tier candidate against Gray, which they had previously struggled to recruit. But the lines got better for Gray on the new map, and there are indications that Hispanic voters have shifted away from Republicans nationwide. The 13th is majority-Hispanic. Tilt Democratic.

14th District. Open; Eric Swalwell, D, running for governor. Harris 65%. State Sen. Aisha Wahab looks like the Democratic frontrunner, but a host of others including political consultant Matt Ortega and former Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez are running. With just one Republican, the Democratic field might be jockeying for one top-two spot. Solid Democratic.

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21st District (Fresno area) Jim Costa, D. Harris 52%. A potential problem for Costa hasn't materialized. Mexican-born Marine veteran Lorenzo Rios looks like the strongest challenger and he had \$148,000 on Dec. 31. Costa had \$688,000 and should be fine, particularly under current political conditions. Shift from Lean Democratic to Likely Democratic.

22nd District. David Valadao, R. Trump 50%. It's a real primary between state Rep. Jasmeet Bains and Visalia Unified School District trustee Randy Villegas. Bains, a family physician, amassed a more moderate record in Sacramento and is the preferred pick of national Democrats. Villegas has run a more populist campaign, centered his Hispanic heritage in a district that is majority Hispanic, and brought on strategists from New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani's campaign. Neither candidate has raised much money but Democrats are optimistic that whichever emerges from the primary will have the resources they need in an inexpensive district. Tilt Republican.

25th District (Eastern Riverside County and Imperial County) Raul Ruiz, D. Harris 51%. There's not much conversation about Ruiz these days, especially as Hemet Councilman Joe Males trails in cash-on-hand by \$2.4 million to \$66,000 and Hispanic voters seem to be swinging back toward Democrats this year. Move from Likely Democratic to Solid Democratic.

26th District (Ventura County, Calabasas, and northwest Los Angeles County) Open; Julia Brownley, not seeking re-election. Harris 56%. State Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin is the odds-on favorite to succeed Brownley. Solid Democratic.

32nd District (Western San Fernando Valley) Brad Sherman, D. Harris 61%. Some observers thought Jake Levine might jump into the seat left open by state Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin, but he's continued his underdog quest against Sherman. Levine is well-liked and will probably run for something in the future but Sherman's deep ties to the district and \$4 million cash-on-hand advantage on Dec. 31 make him the favorite. Solid Democratic.

38th District (Southeastern Los Angeles County) Open; Linda Sanchez, D, running in the 41st. Harris 55%. Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis is the favorite to return to Congress. Pico Rivera Councilwoman Monica Sanchez is also running as a Democrat. Only one Republican, retired Army Col. Antonio Casas, filed to run, so this race will likely be settled in the all-party primary. Solid Democratic.

40th District. Young Kim, R/Ken Calvert, R. Trump 55%. The range of possibilities in this redrawn district is wide. Calvert and Kim have ample war chests and bases of support; if they secure roughly equivalent support, they could lock all six Democrats out of the general election. But the two look eager to attack each other on the airwaves. Joe Kerr, the former fire chief and 2024 Democratic nominee, has residual name ID from his previous runs, but art dealer Esther Kim Varet is personally wealthy. Immigration attorney Lisa Ramirez is running with an endorsement from BOLD PAC. Solid Republican.

41st District. Linda Sanchez, D. Harris 56%. Sanchez still has to get past former Democratic state Assemblyman Hector de la Torre, who has endorsements from three prominent former Democratic House members: Henry Waxman, Grace Napolitano, and Alan Lowenthal. Sanchez is the favorite, and with only one Republican on the ballot, this race is likely to be determined in the primary. Solid Democratic.

45th District. Derek Tran, D. Harris 51%. This district isn't a priority for Republicans after it got a little better for Tran under the new map. Former Cerritos Mayor Chuong Vo, a retired police officer, is the favorite

of national Republicans. But Westminster Mayor Chi "Charlie" Nguyen is also running with a heavy focus on the Vietnamese community and reported \$362,000 in cash at the end of December to Vo's \$82,000. Former Vietnamese Air Force pilot Tom Vo is also running and loaned himself \$500,000. Tran had \$2.3 million. Tilt Democratic.

47th District. Dave Min, D. Harris 53%. Former state Assemblyman Bill Brough filed to appear on the ballot as a Republican. Brough lost his seat in a primary after being accused by several women of sexual assault and harassment. Move from Likely Democratic to Solid Democratic.

48th District. Open; Darrell Issa, R, not seeking re-election. Harris 50%. Issa's surprise retirement doesn't change the overall shape of the race, especially after Republican San Diego Supervisor Jim Desmond



Courtesy Wilpert Campaign

Marni von Wilpert

switched over from running in the 49th District. Ammar Campa-Najjar, a Navy Reserve officer and 2018/2020 nominee, is the polling leader. San Diego Councilwoman Marni Von Wilpert is his main competitor for a spot in the general election and

narrowly missed out on winning the state party endorsement. Business consultant Brandon Riker is the only other Democrat registering in polls. Tilt Democratic.

Colorado. Filing deadline March 17. Primary June 30.

3rd District (Pueblo area and Western Slope) Jeff Hurd, R, elected 51%. Trump 54%. After Hurd voted against Trump's tariffs on Canada, the president withdrew his endorsement from the freshman and offered it instead to Hope Scheppelman, a former vice chairwoman of the state party who was ousted from that role in 2024. Hurd had a 10-to-1 cash-on-hand advantage over Scheppelman at the end of December but the president's endorsement could help her fill her coffers.

Looking to take advantage of disruption on the GOP side are Democrats Alex Kelloff, the founder of a ski company who has been running for a year, and former Army Ranger Dwayne Romero, a recent entrant who has held various local offices in Aspen. Another potential candidate is former state Senate President Leroy Garcia, a Marine veteran who represented Pueblo. The district's partisanship and underlying trends make it tough for any Democrat, but a messy GOP primary that produces an untested nominee could create an opening. Move from Solid Republican to Likely Republican.

4th District (Eastern Colorado and Denver exurbs) Lauren Boebert, R, re-elected 54%. Trump 58%. Boebert is better at making news than raising money, with just \$219,000 in the bank on Dec. 31. But she has the partisanship of the district in her favor. Meanwhile, retired Rear Admiral Eileen Laubacher had \$2.5 million and 2024 Democratic nominee Trisha Cavallere had \$518,000 at the end of the year. Not competitive, yet. Solid Republican.

5th District (Colorado Springs area) Jeff Crank, R, elected 55%. Trump 53%. Jessica Killin, a longtime staffer and lobbyist in Washington, DC who was most recently Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff's chief of staff and served as a captain in the Army, is still the frontrunner for the

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Democratic nomination. But Matt Cavanaugh, a former Army lieutenant colonel and author who launched his campaign as an independent, is now running as a Democrat with support from the Blue Dogs. The district is trending toward Democrats but still has deep GOP DNA. Likely Republican.

8th District (Northern Denver suburbs and Greeley area) Gabe Evans, R, elected 49%. Trump 49.6%. State Rep. Manny Rutinel reported \$1.2 million in the bank on Dec. 31, while state Sen. Shannon Bird had \$763,000. One of those two will probably be the nominee, though Marine veteran Evan Munsing is also running with backing from VoteVets. Toss-up.

Connecticut. Filing deadline June 9. Primary Aug. 11.

1st District (Hartford area) John Larson, D, re-elected 63%. Harris 61%. Larson benefits from a divided primary field but the threat from former Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin is real. Bronin, a Navy veteran and Rhodes Scholar with a degree from Yale, had a \$500,000 advantage in cash-on-hand over Larson on Dec. 31. State Rep. Jillian Gilchrest also has lots of local endorsements but just \$23,000 in the bank. Hartford Board of Education member Ruth Fortune is also running. Solid Democratic.

Florida. Filing deadline April 24. Primary Aug. 18.

GOP Gov. Ron DeSantis has called an April special session with the goal of redrawing Florida's congressional map to give Republicans an advantage in as many as five additional seats. Beyond that, there's not much clarity about what will or won't happen, and which seats might be affected. It's not obvious if Republicans will be successful in passing a new map or if that map will pass legal muster. And some Republican members of the Florida delegation are skittish about taking on new territory, especially after seeing Texas Rep. Dan Crenshaw lose his primary earlier this month.

7th District (Northern Orlando suburbs and part of Daytona Beach area) Cory Mills, R, re-elected 57%. Trump 56%. The lengthy list of allegations surrounding Mills makes him vulnerable in a primary and general election, though he hasn't attracted a well-funded primary challenger yet. Democratic strategists like former NASA chief of staff Bale Dalton, a retired Naval aviator who had \$300,000 in the bank on Dec. 31 compared to Mills' \$110,000. 2024 nominee Jennifer Adams and Navy veteran Marialana Kinter are also running. Likely Republican.

13th District (Part of St. Petersburg and suburbs) Anna Paulina Luna, R, re-elected 55%. Trump 55%. Retired Brigadier General Leela Gray gives Democrats a credible candidate in a tough district, though first she has to win a crowded primary. Likely Republican.

19th District (Fort Myers and Cape Coral area) Open; Byron Donalds, R, running for governor. Trump 64%. A chaotic primary features multiple self-funders and losers of congressional races in other states including New York's former Rep. Chris Collins, North Carolina's former Rep. Madison Cawthorn (who was arrested in September for failing to appear), Illinois' perennial candidates Jim Oberweis and Catalina Lauf, and New York's Ola Hawatmeh. Two locals, radio station owner Jim Schwartzel and Marine aviator/pharmaceutical salesman Mike Pedersen, are running as well — Schwartzel has self-funding capacity and is one to watch. Solid Republican.

20th District (Inland Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach areas) Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, D, re-elected unopposed. Harris 69%. Nobody in Congress expects Cherfilus-McCormick to be back next year, as the

Democrat faces a race of federal fraud charges and an ongoing House Ethics Committee investigation. Far less clear is who will take her place. Former Broward County Commissioner Dale Holness is running for a third time. 2 Live Crew's Luther Campbell, who previously ran for Miami-Dade Mayor in 2011, is also running and attracting some national attention. The most intriguing candidate might be Rudy Moise, a physician and retired Air Force colonel who previously ran two races for Congress in the early 2010s and has personal resources. Solid Democratic.

23rd District (Coastal Fort Lauderdale area) Jared Moskowitz, D, re-elected 52%. Harris 50%. National Republicans like Boca Raton Mayor Scott Singer and believe this district could be made more Republican-friendly by the state legislature. Lean Democratic.

27th District (Miami and southern suburbs) María Elvira Salazar, R, re-elected 60%. Trump 57%. Democratic attorney Robin Peguero was generating some attention from Democratic strategists and had \$249,000



Tom Williams/CQ Roll Call

María Elvira Salazar

in the bank on Dec. 31. But Cuban American news anchor Elliott Rodriguez just jumped into the race as well. A shift in Hispanic voters could ultimately be the catalyst for putting this seat back in play, and Salazar has been public about the need to not conflate the "gangster with the gardener," which is a sign she has seen a shift in the district since 2024. Move from Solid Republican to Likely Republican.

Georgia. Primary May 19.

1st District (Coastal Georgia) Open; Buddy Carter, R, running for Senate. Trump 58%. Insurance executive Jim Kingston is likely to be the next member from this district, once represented by his father Jack. Longtime Chatham County Commissioner Pat Farrell is also running. Solid Republican.

9th District (Northeastern Georgia and northeastern Atlanta exurbs) Andrew Clyde, R, re-elected 69%. Trump 67%. Clyde is still vulnerable in a primary with Gainesville Mayor Sam Couvillon but will benefit from the ballot indicating that he's the incumbent. Clyde finally surpassed Couvillon in cash-on-hand at the end of 2025. Hall County Commissioner Gregg Poole is also running and that increases the odds this race goes to a runoff. Solid Republican.

10th District (Eastern Atlanta exurbs and Athens) Open; Mike Collins, R, running for Senate. Trump 60%. State Rep. Houston Gaines is the frontrunner for the GOP nomination but film executive Ryan Millsap entered the race with a pledge to spend \$4 million of his own money on his campaign. Millsap was in the news in 2024 when his racist and antisemitic texts leaked to ProPublica. Solid Republican.

11th District (Northwestern Atlanta suburbs and exurbs) Open; Barry Loudermilk, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 61%. The top tier of GOP candidates is Public Service Commissioner Tricia Pridemore, neurosurgeon John Cowan, and Rob Adkerson, Loudermilk's chief of staff. Lisa Carlquist, who founded Artisan Custom Closets, is a wild card in the race. Like Cowan, she's personally wealthy and could

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self-fund, and she's hired Trump-world consultant Chris Grant. Solid Republican.

13th District (Western and southern Atlanta suburbs) David Scott, D, re-elected 72%. Harris 71%. Scott is 80, requires the use of a wheelchair, and was on camera sleeping at the State of the Union. He could be in serious trouble in his primary, with the potential for a June runoff on the horizon. State Sen. Emanuel Jones, former Gwinnett School Board member Everton Blair, state Rep. Jasmine Clark, and dentist Heavenly Kimes are all running. Solid Democratic.

14th District (Northwestern Georgia) Vacant; Marjorie Taylor Greene, R, resigned. Trump 68%. Democrat/retired Army Brigadier General Shawn

Harris (37 percent) and Republican prosecutor Clayton Fuller (35 percent) will face off in the April 7 special election runoff.

Harris, the 2024 nominee, will be the underdog, but there's the potential

for another Democratic overperformance. Fuller used an endorsement from President Trump to finish 20 points ahead of the next Republican. Solid Republican.



Clayton Fuller

Courtesy Fuller Campaign

Illinois. Primary March 17.

2nd District (Southern Chicago suburbs, far Southeast Chicago, and east central Illinois) Open; Robin Kelly, D, running for Senate. Harris 66%. Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller is the top spender by far, and has also benefitted from nearly \$4 million outside spending by a new group that hasn't disclosed its donors but many observers believe is a conduit for money from AIPAC. Miller's top opponents are former Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr., whose family has been the focus of attention and sympathy following his father's recent death, and state Sen. Robert Peters, the second-biggest spender in the race and supported by Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. State Sen. Willie Preston, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago commissioner Yumeka Brown and former Kelly staffer/nonprofit executive Adal Regis are also running. Solid Democratic.

4th District (Southwestern Chicago and parts of inner western suburbs) Open; Chuy Garcia, D, not seeking re-election. Harris 63%. Garcia's maneuvering to ensure his chief of staff, Patty Garcia (no relation), won the Democratic nomination unopposed has angered several local Democrats now running as independents. Former Latino Victory Project executive director Mayra Macías, Chicago Alderman Byron Sigcho-Lopez, and Lyons Mayor Chris Getty are all vying for the seat, as is Working Class Party candidate Ed Hershey, who won 5 percent of the vote under that banner in 2024. Illinois has onerous petitioning requirements for independent candidates: 10,000 signatures to secure a spot on the ballot, a daunting task that could prevent some or all of them from making it to the general election. Lupe Castillo, the 2024 GOP nominee, is the presumptive GOP nominee this year as well. She won 27 percent against Chuy Garcia — if she wins a similar share in November, while Patty Garcia splits the vote with one or more progressive

independent candidates, this district could become a headache for Democrats. Solid Democratic.

7th District (West Side and downtown Chicago) Open; Danny Davis, D, not seeking re-election. Harris 82%. An AIPAC-aligned super PAC has spent \$3.5 million supporting Chicago City Treasurer Melissa Conyears-Ervin. Another super PAC associated with cryptocurrency interests has spent \$1.5 million beating up state Rep. La Shawn Ford, Conyears-Ervin's strongest opponent because of his geographic base and backing from Davis, former Rep. Bobby Rush and others. Developer Jason Friedman is the top spender thanks to his self-funding. Physician Thomas Fisher, former Cook County Commissioner Richard Boykin, Forest Park Mayor Rory Hoskins, and SEIU leader Anthony Driver round out the field. Solid Democratic.

8th District (Western outer suburbs of Chicago) Open; Raja Krishnamoorthi, D, running for Senate. Harris 53%. A super PAC that hasn't disclosed its donors yet has spent more than \$3 million backing former Rep. Melissa Bean in her comeback attempt. But there are a half-dozen viable candidates running here, including top spender Neil Khot (a data service CEO), and progressive tech consultant Junaid Ahmed, who's also spent more than \$1 million on paid media and has an endorsement from Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. Cook County Commissioner Kevin Morrison, Hanover Park Trustee Yasmeen Bankole, entrepreneur Sanjyot Dunung and veteran Dan Tully round out the field. Solid Democratic.

9th District (Parts of northern Chicago, inner and outer northwestern suburbs, and the North Shore) Open; Jan Schakowsky, D, not seeking re-election. Harris 68%. A contentious, expensive and personal primary seems to be ending how it began, with Evanston Mayor Daniel Biss in the driver's seat. A new super PAC, potentially tied to AIPAC, has spent more than \$4 million on state Sen. Laura Fine, who is endorsed by the pro-Israel group. But Fine has struggled to break away from the other top-tier contender, journalist/influencer Kat Abughazaleh. A half-dozen other candidates aren't likely to win. Solid Democratic.

Indiana. Primary May 5.

1st District (Northwestern Indiana) Frank Mrvan, D, re-elected 53%. Harris 49.6%. The trend in this district is favorable but after Indiana Republicans opted not to redraw it earlier this year, Mrvan dropped on GOP priority lists. 2022 nominee Jennifer-Ruth Green dropped out, leaving former journalist Jim Schenke and Porter County Commissioner Barb Regnitz in the race. Lean Democratic.

Iowa. Filing deadline March 13. Primary June 2.

1st District (Southeastern Iowa) Marianne Miller-Meeks, R, re-elected 50%. Trump 54%. Attorney Taylor Wettach dropped out of the Democratic primary to run for state auditor, leaving former state Rep. Christina Bohannon as the presumptive nominee. Miller-Meeks is a perennial underperformer who first must navigate a primary against David Pautsch, a local minister who won 44 percent against the incumbent in the 2024 primary despite spending barely any money. This is a top Democratic target, especially as Iowa voters have rejected Republicans in a series of special elections over the past year. Toss-up.

2nd District (Northeastern Iowa) Open; Ashley Hinson, R, running for Senate. Trump 54%. Former state Rep. Joe Mitchell is the heavy favorite in the GOP primary, thanks to a \$576,000 war chest as of Dec. 31

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and an endorsement from Trump. State Sen. Charlie McClintock is also running but had just \$14,000 in the bank at the end of the year. State Sen. Shannon Lundgren dropped out.

National Democrats are still excited about state Rep. Lindsay James, a Presbyterian minister running in the primary against retired Army lieutenant colonel and registered nurse Kathy Dolter and United Methodist Church pastor Clint Twedt-Ball. But this district is a lower priority than either the 1st or the 3rd districts. Likely Republican.



Lindsay James

Courtesy James Campaign

3rd District (Des Moines and southwestern Iowa) Zach Nunn, R, re-elected 52%. Trump 52%. Democrats have their nominee in state Sen. Sarah Trone Garriott, after state Rep. Jennifer Konfrst dropped out. Trone Garriott is a Lutheran minister who flipped a West Des Moines seat in 2020. She reported \$845,000 in the bank on Dec. 31 while Nunn had \$2 million. Lean Republican.

4th District (Northwestern Iowa) Open; Randy Feenstra, R, running for governor. Trump 65%. Siouxland Chamber of Commerce President Chris McGowan is the candidate to beat thanks to an endorsement from Trump and several members of House GOP leadership. Former Ben Carson strategist Ryan Rhodes is also running in the primary. State House Majority Leader Matt Windschitl looked good on paper but never caught traction and dropped out. Former state Rep. Dave Dawson is the Democratic frontrunner but an underdog in the general election. Solid Republican.

Kentucky. Primary May 19.

4th District (Cincinnati suburbs and northern Kentucky border area) Thomas Massie, R, re-elected unopposed. Trump 67%. Trump is determined to oust Massie in the GOP primary and is supporting former Navy SEAL Ed Gallrein. Trump rallied with Gallrein in the district on Wednesday and his super PAC is spending heavily against Massie, who frustrated the president by forcing the release of the Epstein Files. Massie is a capable fundraiser and is hitting Gallrein back — this race will be a test of Trump's powers within the GOP. Solid Republican.

6th District (Greater Lexington area) Open; Andy Barr, R, running for Senate. Trump 57%. Former state Sen. Ralph Alvarado and state Rep. Ryan Dotson are the top GOP candidates. Pharmaceutical entrepreneur Greg Plucinski is also running. Democrats have their own primary. Former prosecutor Zach Dembo is the fundraising leader but state Rep. Cherynn Stevenson has national backing from EMILY's List. This district only gets competitive in a true wave year. Solid Republican.

Maine. Filing deadline March 15. Primary June 9.

2nd District (Northern Maine) Open; Jared Golden, D, not seeking re-election. Trump 54%. Former Gov. Paul LePage is the frontrunner to succeed Golden and take over the seat for the GOP, but Democrats are trying to make things interesting. Some Democratic strategists believe state Sen. Joe Baldacci, who previously served as mayor of Bangor and

is younger brother of the former governor, is the party's best chance of winning. But he has to get past former Capitol Hill staffer Jordan Wood and state Auditor Matt Dunlap, who was challenging Golden in the primary before he declined to run again. Likely Republican.

Maryland. Primary June 23.

5th District (D.C.'s Prince George's County outer suburbs and southern Maryland) Open; Steny Hoyer, D, not seeking re-election. Harris 58%. There's little clarity in the crowded field vying to replace the former Majority Leader. Former Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker is the initial polling frontrunner thanks to his name recognition advantage, but he's struggled to win races, falling short in the 2018 and 2022 gubernatorial primaries and the 2024 county executive race. Former Capitol Hill Police Officer Harry Dunn is running — he was a fundraising juggernaut in his 2024 campaign for the neighboring 3rd



Harry Dunn

Courtesy Dunn Campaign

District and has Nancy Pelosi's endorsement for this race. Hoyer has backed state Del. Adrian Boaf, his former campaign manager. Prince George's County Councilwoman Wala Blegay is also running, as is state Sen. Arthur Ellis, state Del. Nicole

Williams, and Quincy Bareebe, a home health care CEO who has loaned her campaign \$1 million. There is no runoff threshold so a candidate could win with a plurality. Solid Democratic.

6th District (Western Maryland and northwestern D.C. exurbs) April McClain Delaney, D, elected 53%. Harris 51%. Former Rep. David Trone, who held this seat for six years before running for Senate in 2024, is attempting a comeback bid against his successor. Trone is running to McClain Delaney's left, highlighting her vote for the Laken Riley Act last year. Trone is also running broadcast TV ads already, saying he'll fight back against Trump if he's elected to his old seat. Delaney is running ads pushing back on Trone, saying she doesn't support ICE and traveled to Minnesota to support protestors there. The primary has already turned ugly, with John Delaney, April's wife and Trone's predecessor representing the 6th District, attacking Trone personally on Twitter. Both candidates have ample resources to self-fund if this campaign turns into an arms race. Solid Democratic.

Michigan. Filing deadline April 21. Primary Aug. 4

3rd District (Grand Rapids and Muskegon areas) Hillary Scholten, D, re-elected 54%. Harris 53%. Longtime local meteorologist Terri DeBoer jumped in the race as a Republican, giving the GOP their most credible candidate against Scholten in two cycles. DeBoer spent 28 years doing the weather for Grand Rapids NBC affiliate WOOD-TV. On-air personalities have a strong electoral record and often begin races with built-in favorable name identification, but DeBoer will have to work hard to overcome the partisan lean of the district, which has zoomed toward Democrats over the past decade. Shift from Solid Democratic to Likely Democratic.

4th District (Southwestern Michigan) Bill Huizenga, R, re-elected 55%. Trump 52%. State Sen. Sean McCann has consolidated support

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from Democrats after 2024 nominee Jessica Swartz dropped out. Huizenga announced he would run for re-election but the filing deadline isn't until late April. Lean Republican.

7th District (Lansing area and northwestern Detroit exurbs) Tom Barrett, R, elected 50%. Trump 49.8%. Former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Bridget Brink and former Navy SEAL Matt Maasdam make up the top tier of the Democratic primary. Both have national and local endorsements and have the resources to compete; Brink had \$1 million on Dec. 31, and Maasdam \$515,000. Brink only just moved to the district, while Maasdam has never lived in the district, an angle that housing advocate and Lansing native William Lawrence is looking to exploit despite his smaller war chest. Barrett is a formidable opponent and a late primary means that the Democratic nominee will have to spend down to zero just a few months before Election Day. Toss-up.

8th District (Flint and Tri-Cities areas) Kristen McDonald Rivet, D, elected 51%. Trump 50%. National Republicans are coming around on Navy veteran Amir Hassan, who also served on Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy's security detail, as their candidate in this district, and are no longer trying to

recruit former state House Speaker Tom Leonard into the race. Hassan has a compelling story and would make history as the first Muslim Republican elected to Congress. But he's a first-time candidate



Amir Hassan

running against a tough opponent in McDonald Rivet, who comes from two deeply entrenched local political families and had a \$2.6 million to \$65,000 cash-on-hand advantage over the Republican on Dec. 31. Lean Democratic.

10th District (Macomb County) Open; John James, R, running for governor. Trump 52%. Army National Guard paratrooper Mike Bouchard, the son and namesake of the longtime Oakland County sheriff, is running in the GOP primary. But he has to get past upstart Robert Lulgjuraj, a former prosecutor who has tapped into the Albanian community to raise \$1.1 million through the end of the year. Don't be fooled by Bouchard's name and list of statewide endorsements — Lulgjuraj has real grassroots support and more money to spend in the primary. This is a real race.

Across the aisle, some national Democrats like prosecutor Christina Hines but hope to see her raise more money after a slow start last year — the 2024 Macomb County Prosecutor nominee has both strong ties to the district and a record prosecuting sex crimes. But she (\$258,000 in cash on hand on Dec. 31) trailed former Commerce Department attorney Eric Chung (\$715,000) and Pontiac Mayor Tim Greimel (\$480,000). All three raised similar amounts in the final three months of the year, and with such a long time before the primary, it's still anyone's race. Tilt Republican.

11th District (Northwestern Detroit suburbs) Open; Haley Stevens, D, running for Senate. Harris 57%. State Sen. Jeremy Moss, former Global Vehicle Engineering at Ford Motor Company Don Ufford, two-time state House candidate Aisha Farooqi, and Waterford school board trustee John Torres are all running. Solid Democratic.

13th District (Detroit and southwestern suburbs) Shri Thanedar, D, re-elected 69%. Harris 69%. State Rep. Donovan McKinney has progressive endorsements from Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, Justice Democrats, and neighboring Rep. Rashida Tlaib. Thanedar has millions of dollars in personal wealth he can deploy in his toughest primary yet. Solid Democratic.

Minnesota. Filing deadline June 2. Primary Aug. 11.

2nd District (Southern Minneapolis-St. Paul suburbs) Open; Angie Craig, DFL, running for Senate. Harris 52%. State Sen. Matt Klein,



Matt Klein

former state Sen. Matt Little, and state Rep. Kaela Berg are seeking the Democratic nomination, though Berg's fundraising has lagged the other two. On the GOP side, two-time nominee Tyler Kistner is running again but had barely any cash-on-hand at

the end of the year, with just \$10,000. That puts state Sen. Eric Pratt in the driver's seat. Likely DFL.

Missouri. Filing deadline March 31. Primary Aug. 4.

5th District (Kansas City area) Emanuel Cleaver, D. Trump 58%. It's still not clear whether the new map state Republicans passed to dismantle this district and defeat Cleaver will be used for 2026; litigation remains ongoing. The race is Solid Republican under the new lines.

Montana. Primary June 2.

1st District (Western Montana) Open; Ryan Zinke, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 54%. Trump, Zinke, 2nd District Rep. Troy Downing and Sen. Tim Sheehy quickly lined up behind conservative radio host Aaron Flint after Zinke's surprise retirement announcement, though state Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen and former state Sen. Al Olszewski also filed to run. Jacobsen doesn't live in the district and while Olszewski has a dedicated base of support, he's run and lost here before, so Flint is the clear frontrunner. Democrats have a crowded primary field but the top contenders are probably 2024 gubernatorial nominee Ryan Busse and smokejumper Sam Forstag, who was endorsed by Bernie Sanders. Navy veteran Russell Cleveland and Army veteran Matt Rains are also running. Move from Solid Republican to Likely Republican.

Nebraska. Primary May 12.

2nd District (Greater Omaha Area) Open; Don Bacon, R, not seeking re-election. Harris 52%. Republicans have consolidated behind Omaha City Councilman Brinker Harding while Democrats still have a crowded and competitive primary. State Sen. John Cavanaugh and Women Who Run Nebraska co-founder Denise Powell are the top contenders but Douglas County Clerk of the Court Crystal Rhodes, Navy veteran Kishla Atkins and former Capitol Hill staffer James Leuschen are credible as well. This is an extremely difficult seat to hold in this political environment. Tilt Democratic.

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Nevada. Filing deadline March 13. Primary June 9.

1st District (Eastern Las Vegas area) Dina Titus, D, re-elected 52%. Harris 50%. Republicans are excited about former elementary school principal/state Sen. Carrie Buck, who has been outraising the congresswoman. But Titus still had a \$841,000 to \$297,000 cash advantage at the end of the year and Democrats expect their incumbent to ramp up her operations in the election year. This is a tough race for Republicans in this political environment. Lean Democratic.

2nd District (Reno area and northern Nevada) Open; Mark Amodei, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 56%. The most important race is probably the Republican primary. Air Force veteran David Flippo switched from the 4th District to this open seat race. He showed \$385,000 in the bank at the end of the year but said he had \$1 million cash-on-hand at the beginning of March.



David Flippo

Courtesy Flippo Campaign

Former state Sen. James Settelmeyer and other Republicans are running as well. Former state House Majority Leader Teresa Benitez-Thompson is running, but the general election will be tough for any Democrat. Solid Republican.

3rd District (Southwestern Las Vegas area) Susie Lee, D, re-elected 51%. Trump 49.5%. National Republicans like Halo video game composer Marty O'Donnell and his ample pocketbook — he already loaned his campaign \$3 million though he still hasn't spent most of it. He's not the only wealthy candidate running though. Neurosurgeon Aury Nagy has loaned his campaign \$1 million, and former Ambassador to Iceland Jeff Gunter loaned himself \$750,000. He spent \$2.7 million of his own money on a 2024 Senate campaign. Real estate agent/2024 Las Vegas mayoral candidate Tera Anderson is also running. Lean Democratic.

4th District (Northern Las Vegas area and rural central Nevada) Steven Horsford, D, re-elected 53%. Harris 50%. GOP telecom business owner Cody Whipple remains after David Flippo switched to the 2nd District. He had \$385,000 in the bank on Dec. 31 compared to \$758,000 for the congressman. This just isn't a top GOP priority right now. Likely Democratic.

New Hampshire. Filing deadline June 12. Primary Sept. 8.

1st District (Eastern New Hampshire) Open; Chris Pappas, D, running for Senate. Harris 50%. With a primary still six months away, Portsmouth City Councilor Stefany Shaheen is the early frontrunner thanks to the ubiquity of her last name. But Marine veteran Maura Sullivan is outraising her, and according to some local sources outworking her on the ground. It may not be enough, and there are several other candidates running as well, including state Rep. Heath Howard, who has some progressive support. National Republicans are optimistic about auto dealer Anthony DiLorenzo and his ability to self-fund a campaign. Ironworks owner Hollie Noveletsky, who ran in 2024, also has a compelling story. State Rep. Brian Cole and Bedford GOP committeewoman Melissa Bailey round out the field. Lean Democratic.

2nd District (Western and northern New Hampshire) Maggie Goodlander, D, elected 53%. Harris 51%. In a better political environment for Republicans, this seat would be more competitive. But Goodlander had \$1.6 million in the bank at the end of the year while perennial GOP candidate Lily Tang Williams had \$507,000. Likely Democratic.

New Jersey. Filing deadline March 23. Primary June 2.

7th District (Southwestern New York City suburbs and exurbs) Tom Kean Jr., R, re-elected 52%. Trump 49.6%. Former Navy helicopter pilot Rebecca Bennett is a nominal frontrunner in this crowded primary but former political operative Brian Varela and physician Tina Shah fill out the top tier of candidates. The next tier includes former Small Business Administration chief of staff Michael Roth and former Department of Agriculture climate scientist Megan O'Rourke. St. Peter's University professor Beth Adubato is also running. Tilt Republican.

9th District (Urban North Jersey and western New York City suburbs) Nellie Pou, D, elected 51%. Trump 49%. Attorney Tiffany Glenn Burress (the wife of former New York Giants star Plaxico Burress) is in a competitive primary with Clifton City Councilwoman Rosie Pino. While national Republicans like Burress, a labor attorney, Pino recently won the county party endorsement in Bergen County, the largest and most Republican of the three counties in the district. Burress won the endorsement in the other two and has backing from the previous nominee, Billy Prempeh. Any GOP path to victory in the 9th is predicated on consolidating gains among Hispanic voters Trump made in 2024. But Democrat Mikie Sherrill just won the 9th by 20 points in the 2025 gubernatorial race, suggesting that those voters may be shifting away from Republicans again. Lean Democratic.

11th District (Western New York City suburbs and exurbs) Vacant; Mikie Sherrill, D, elected governor. Harris 53%. Former Working Families Alliance executive director Analilia Mejia won the special election Democratic primary with 29 percent over former Rep. Tom Malinowski (28 percent), former Lt. Gov. Tahesha Way (17 percent) and others. She's the heavy favorite over Republican Joe Hathaway, the mayor of Randolph, in the April 16 special general election and should be sworn in soon after. Despite the division in the special primary including AIPAC spending big against Malinowski, Democrats have largely consolidated around Mejia in the June 2 regular primary. Solid Democratic.

12th District (Trenton and western Central Jersey) Open; Bonnie Watson Coleman, not seeking re-election. Harris 61%. Former Working Families Party executive director Sue Altman is running and probably begins as the nominal frontrunner thanks to some residual name ID from her expensive 7th District campaign last cycle and prominence as a statewide activist. But the field is massive and includes at least another four candidates with geographic bases: Somerset County Commissioner Shanel Robinson, Hunterdon state Rep. Verlina Reynolds-Jackson, Plainfield Mayor Adrian Mapp, and East Brunswick Mayor Brad Cohen. Adam Hamaway, a trauma surgeon who saved Illinois Sen. Tammy Duckworth's life while serving in the Army, is also a top-tier candidate. Princeton Professor Sam Wang is among the eleven other candidates. Solid Democratic.

New Mexico. Primary June 2.

2nd District (Southern New Mexico and western Albuquerque area) Gabe Vasquez, D, re-elected 52%. Trump 50%. National Republicans like Marine veteran and former police officer Greg Cunningham as their

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candidate, though he may face a primary challenge from former DEA contractor Jose Orozco, who failed to make it on the ballot at the state party convention but can still petition his way on instead. Orozco had more cash on hand at the end of 2025 than Cunningham. Republicans haven't been as enthusiastic about New Mexico this cycle as in previous years — the party failed to field a candidate in the Senate race entirely. Tilt Democratic.

New York. Filing deadline April 2. Primary June 23.

3rd District (Northern Nassau County) Tom Suozzi, D, re-elected 52%. Trump 51%. Former state Rep. Mike LiPetri lost a closer-than-expected race in 2024 despite receiving minimal outside support. He's back for another go at Suozzi, who will also have to contend with Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman running at the top of the ticket in the gubernatorial race. Lean Democratic.

4th District (Southern Nassau County) Laura Gillen, D, elected 51%. Harris 50%. Former Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, currently the Inspector General of the Labor Department, appears to be moving closer to a run for his old seat but is also contending with a series of scandals involving Secretary Laurie Chavez-DeRemer and her husband. Gillen has a primary challenge from former state Rep. Taylor Darling that she'll have to take seriously. Tilt Democratic.

7th District (Northern Brooklyn and western Queens) Open; Nydia Velazquez, D, not seeking re-election. Harris 72%. A battle royale is brewing between Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso, who is backed by Velazquez, and state Assemblywoman Clare Valdez, who is backed by Mayor Zohran Mamdani. City Councilwoman Julie Won also jumped in. The district has a sizable Orthodox Jewish population based in Williamsburg that is difficult to poll. Solid Democratic.

10th District (Lower Manhattan and northwestern Brooklyn) Dan Goldman, D, re-elected 81%. Harris 79%. Goldman is in trouble in his primary against former New York City Comptroller Brad Lander, a progressive favorite who placed third in the 2025 Democratic mayoral primary and once represented part of this district on the city council. Lander has backing from Mayor Mamdani and has taken aim at Goldman's endorsement from AIPAC. Goldman challenged Lander to seven televised debates, a sign that he needs to create opportunities to change the trajectory of the race. Democrats briefly thought that they would avoid a messy fight here after a state judge ordered a new congressional map that would have created a different district for Goldman to run in, but the United States Supreme Court stopped that process and kept the old map in place. Solid Democratic.

12th District (Midtown and Upper East and Upper West sides of Manhattan) Open; Jerry Nadler, not seeking re-election. Harris 81%. A flurry of polling confirms that any of four candidates could emerge from the Democratic primary. Kennedy scion Jack Schlossberg is probably out front thanks to his ubiquity online and famous family, but state Assemblymen Alex Bores and Micah Lasher are also in the mix. Bores has attracted significant spending from AI interests determined to prevent him from winning due to his support for AI regulation. Prominent Trump critic George Conway also moved into the district to run, and his years as a #Resistance hero give him some name ID and a base of support. Solid Democratic.

17th District (Lower Hudson Valley) Mike Lawler, R, re-elected 52%. Harris 49.9%. Rockland County legislator Beth Davidson and former Biden administration official/special forces veteran Cait Conley

are the top candidates. Conley has outpaced Davidson in fundraising and may have some momentum on the ground, but her campaign has made several unforced errors that have resulted in negative headlines and prevented her from separating from the pack. Former Briardcliff Mayor Peter Chatzky loaned his campaign \$5.75 million and is running as a more progressive option, but his path is complicated by the presence of Tarrytown village trustee Effie Phillips-Staley, who has also attracted some progressive support. Toss-up.

19th District (Southeastern upstate New York) Josh Riley, D, elected 51%. Harris 50%. State Sen. Peter Oberacker reported \$195,000 in the bank on Dec. 31 compared to \$2.4 million for Riley. The partisanship of the district will keep the race competitive but this isn't a top-tier contest. Lean Democratic.

21st District (North Country and part of Albany area) Open; Elise Stefanik, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 60%. State Assemblyman Robert Smullen has endorsements from several county parties and the



Anthony Constantino

Conservative Party, but trailed Sticker Mule CEO Anthony Constantino in cash-on-hand by an order of magnitude thanks to the latter's self-funding efforts. Constantino released an internal poll from February showing him leading Smullen,

43-16 percent. The GOP nominee will be the favorite against either farmer Blake Gendebien or former deputy assistant trade representative Dylan Hewitt, running in the Democratic primary. Solid Republican.

North Carolina.

1st District (Inland northeastern North Carolina) Don Davis, D. Trump 55%. It's a rematch between Davis and retired Army Col. Laurie Buckhout, who lost narrowly to the congressman in 2024. Buckhout beat out Carteret County Sheriff Asa Buck and state Rep. Bobby Hanig in a primary that turned on geography. Now the former acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy will get another shot at Davis, with the additional advantage of new congressional lines that make the 1st District more favorable to Republicans. But Democrats are eager to litigate the same attacks they used against Buckhout in the 2024 race in a more favorable political environment. Davis' campaign publicized a poll showing him 3 points ahead of Buckhout but with just 42 percent of the vote, and with a Libertarian candidate receiving 9 percent. That doesn't suggest overwhelming strength for the incumbent. Move from Tilt Republican to Lean Republican.

4th District (Durham and Chapel Hill areas) Valerie Foushee, D, re-elected 72%. Harris 72%. Foushee narrowly escaped an upset loss to Durham County Commissioner Nida Allam, finishing just 1,200 votes ahead of her progressive challenger, who made the race a referendum on Foushee's financial backers. The race saw an influx of outside money in the final weeks, with progressive groups supporting Allam while pro-AI and pro-Israel donors backed Foushee. This primary is a potential warning sign for other Democratic incumbents around the country. Solid Democratic.

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11th District (Western North Carolina) Chuck Edwards, R, re-elected 57%. Trump 54%. Edwards will face farmer Jamie Ager in the fall in a race Democrats are hoping to put on the map. Edwards still has some base problems, as seen by his relatively weak 70-30 percent win in the GOP primary over an unheralded opponent, but he won the nomination by a similar margin in 2024 before cruising in the general election that year. Ager will be his strongest opponent yet, and the region has shifted somewhat toward Democrats. Move from Solid Republican to Likely Republican.

Ohio. Primary May 5.

1st District (Cincinnati plus Warren and Clinton counties) Greg Landsman, D. Trump 51%. Ohio's new map puts some additional heat on Landsman but Republicans didn't recruit a top-tier nominee to take advantage of the new lines. Former CIA officer and Air Force veteran Eric Conroy and local dentist Steven Erbeck, whose family has practiced dentistry for four generations in the Cincinnati area, had similar cash-on-hand at the end of December and are the two most notable candidates. A third candidate, businesswoman Holly Adams, entered the race later and says she has loaned her campaign \$400,000. Republicans are watching closely to see how Landsman adjusts to life in a more competitive seat — he recently was one of four Democrats to vote against the War Powers Act resolution in the wake of the American attack on Iran — and make an issue of any missteps. Toss-up.

9th District (Northwest Ohio) Marcy Kaptur, D. Trump 55%. Republicans still have to sort through a primary before taking on Kaptur, one of the most vulnerable Democrats in Congress. Candidate quality has hampered Republicans over the past two cycles, and there's concern that state Rep. Derek Merrin, who lost to Kaptur despite Trump carrying the district at the top of the ticket, will prevail in a crowded field thanks to his name recognition and fundraising. State Rep. Josh Williams is also running; he has an inspiring life story, from being homeless to a lawyer and legislator, but also faced a DUI arrest in 2022 and was charged with two earlier felonies that were dismissed and sealed. Former ICE official Madison Sheahan is also attracting some GOP attention, but while ICE remains popular among Republicans, there's concern about the agency's standing among swing voters — and Sheahan has been the subject of at least one damaging story in the wake of the firing of her superior, DHS Secretary Kristi Noem. Air Force National Guard Lt. Col. Alea Nadeem is also running with a compelling personal story but trails in fundraising. Tilt Republican.

10th District (Dayton area) Mike Turner, R. Trump 53%. Turner disappointed Democrats by announcing he would seek re-election despite losing his coveted Intelligence Committee gavel last year. Democrats are hoping nurse practitioner and Air Force veteran Kristina Knickerbocker can still make the race competitive. Turner had a modest \$490,000 in the bank on Dec. 31. Solid Republican.

13th District (Akron and Canton areas) Emilia Sykes, D. Harris 51%. Republicans' best candidate dropped out months ago and the party never recovered. Sykes had \$1.3 million in the bank at the end of the year while no GOP challenger had more than \$10,000. Move from Likely Democratic to Solid Democratic.

Pennsylvania. Primary May 19.

1st District (Northern Philadelphia suburbs) Brian Fitzpatrick, R, re-elected 56%. Harris 49.7%. Fitzpatrick enjoys an overwhelming financial

advantage over opponent Bob Harvie, a Bucks County Commissioner, \$7.3 million to \$408,000. But Harvie is the most credible candidate Fitzpatrick has faced yet. In a tough environment for Republicans, Fitzpatrick will need all the crossover support he can get to hold on to this light blue seat. Lean Republican.

3rd District (West, Northwest, and Center City Philadelphia) Open; Dwight Evans, D, not seeking re-election. Harris 88%. State Sen. Sharif Street is the candidate to beat in the all-important Democratic primary. State Rep. Chris Rabb has been running in the progressive lane but suffered a major setback when he accused his treasurer of embezzling from his campaign account — it's not obvious if he has any money left to spend. Pediatric surgeon Ala Stanford may be Street's biggest competition at this point, but may need to loan herself more than the \$250,000 she has already put in. State Rep. Morgan Cephas and physician Dave Oxman don't seem to be gaining traction. Solid Democratic.

7th District (Lehigh Valley) Ryan Mackenzie, R, elected 51%. Trump 51%. Pennsylvania Professional Fire Fighters Association President Bob Brooks has backing from Gov. Josh Shapiro and Vermont Sen. Bernie



Bob Brooks

Sanders, but hasn't been the strongest fundraiser. He trailed former federal prosecutor Ryan Crosswell, a Marine veteran and former Republican who reported \$612,000 in cash-on-hand at the end of 2025 to Brooks' \$340,000. Also running

are Northampton County Executive Lamot McClure and former PPL executive Carol Obando-Derstine, but both of them trail in fundraising despite entering the race much earlier than Brooks or Crosswell. Toss-up.

8th District (Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and northeastern Pennsylvania) Rob Bresnahan, R, elected 51%. Trump 54%. Both parties are settling in on their messages for the fall, with Scranton Mayor Paige Cognito leveraging her anti-corruption bona fides to hit Bresnahan on his stock trading and helicopter purchase, while Bresnahan argues Cognito, a former political operative, is an out-of-touch DC insider. Tilt Republican.

10th District (Harrisburg and York areas) Scott Perry, R, re-elected 51%. Trump 52%. Perry and challenger Janelle Stelson had roughly equivalent amounts in the bank on Dec. 31 after the former WGAL anchor got off to a hot fundraising start. This race is a top target for national Democrats and will see outside engagement far earlier than last cycle, when it came online late. Tilt Republican.

17th District (Western and northern Pittsburgh suburbs) Chris Deluzio, D, re-elected 54%. Harris 52%. Republicans finally landed a candidate in Beaver County Sheriff Tony Guy; the county makes up about 20 percent of the district. Likely Democratic.

South Carolina. Filing deadline March 30. Primary June 9. Runoff (if necessary) June 23.

1st District (Coastal South Carolina and Charleston suburbs) Open; Nancy Mace, R, running for governor. Trump 56%. Radiologist Sam McCown made a splash with a \$1 million loan to his campaign,

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making him the financial leader in the GOP primary, though he doesn't have the political connections of state Rep. Mark Smith, Charleston County Councilwoman Jenny Costa Honeycutt or Dorchester County Councilman Jay Byars. Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Alex Pelbath has a compelling story as the last pilot out of Afghanistan in 2021.

National Democrats are excited about retired Vice Admiral Nancy Lacore, who was removed from her post as chief of the Navy Reserve last year. Lacore says she raised \$500,000 in her first two weeks of running, but will have to overcome her scant ties to the district. Attorney Mac DeFord and former state party official Mayra Rivera-Vazquez are also running. Solid Republican.

Tennessee. Primary Aug. 6.

5th District (Southern Nashville and southern and eastern suburbs) Andy Ogles, R, re-elected 57%. Trump 58%. Ogles continues to court controversy, recently tweeting that "Muslims don't belong in American society."

And he's an abysmal fundraiser, reporting just \$62,000 in the bank on Dec. 31. Former state Secretary of Agriculture Charlie Hatcher is running in the GOP primary and had \$173,000 at the end of the year, but Ogles has an



Chaz Molder

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endorsement from Trump. National Democrats like Columbia Mayor Chaz Molder, who had \$978,000 in the bank at the end of 2025, but he still has to get through Nashville Councilman Mike Cortese in the primary. Likely Republican.

6th District (Eastern Nashville and eastern suburbs and rural areas) Open; John Rose, R, running for governor. Trump 67%. It's still a two-person race between former Rep. Van Hilleary, who is also Rose's chief of staff, and state Rep. Johnny Garrett. Garrett had the financial advantage at the end of the year (\$1 million to \$727,000 on Dec. 31) and support from Rep. Tim Burchett and Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs (who used to wrestle in the WWE as Kane). Solid Republican.

Texas. Runoff (if necessary) May 26.

2nd District (The Woodlands and northern Houston suburbs) Open; Dan Crenshaw, R, lost renomination. Trump 61%. State Rep. Steve Toth defeated Crenshaw in the GOP primary, in a race where the margin (15 points) was more of a surprise than the ultimate outcome. Toth was endorsed by Sen. Ted Cruz and the House Freedom Caucus while Crenshaw failed to earn President Trump's support. But the result was also about redistricting. Even though Republicans drew the new map, the new lines included Toth's state legislative district and removed some of Crenshaw's Harris County base. Toth should win in November. Solid Republican.

8th District (Northern and western Houston exurbs) Morgan Luttrell, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 63%. Jessica Steinmann, a former staffer in the first Trump administration and Sen. Ted Cruz's office, will win this district. Solid Republican.

9th District (Houston suburbs) Open; Al Green, D, not running in this district. Trump 59%. Former Harris County judge candidate

Alex Mealer (36 percent) and state Rep. Briscoe Cain (31 percent) are headed for runoff in the GOP primary. Mealer got a late endorsement from Trump while Cain had support from Gov. Abbott in this suburban Houston seat. Environmental advocate Leticia Gutierrez won the Democratic primary with 54 percent. Even though Trump won the district handily in 2024, Beto O'Rourke carried the seat by 2 points in the 2018 Senate race, fueling some optimism among Democrats that they could win if 2026 ends up being a great Democratic year. Solid Republican.

10th District (Rural area between Austin and Houston) Open; Michael McCaul, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 58%. Attorney Chris Gober, who counts among his former clients billionaire Elon Musk, narrowly avoided a runoff for the GOP nomination, finishing with 51 percent and well ahead of second-place candidate Ben Bius. Solid Republican.

15th District (McAllen in the Rio Grande Valley to the outer San Antonio metro area) Monica De La Cruz, R, re-elected 57%. Trump 58%. Tejano music star Bobby Pulido won the Democratic nomination, well ahead of emergency room physician Ada Cuellar. That sets up a competitive race against De La Cruz, but Democrats believe they have a chance by winning back Hispanic voters in South Texas. Likely Republican.

18th District (Parts of central and northern Houston) Christian Menefee, D/Al Green, D. Harris 69%. The two incumbents are headed for a runoff after neither won a majority of the vote in the first round of the primary. Menefee was just elected in a special election in the old 18th District while Green has represented the 9th District for two decades. Green represents approximately two-thirds of the newly-drawn seat while Menefee represents about a quarter of it. But Menefee is coming off of the competitive special primary election, so he is fresh in voters' minds. An incumbent is going to lose, but the unique circumstances mean it won't fit neatly into any anti-incumbent narrative. Solid Democratic.

19th District (West Texas) Open; Jodey Arrington, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 75%.

Lubbock businessman Tom Sell is advancing to the May GOP runoff but his opponent is not yet known. Sell received 40 percent and had the backing of billionaire Texas Tech University booster Cody Campbell. Meanwhile, it's a close race for the second spot. Abraham Enriquez, the head of Bienvenido US who had Abbott's support, is at 18.8 percent, while roofing CEO "Fat Matt" Smith is at 18.5 percent. Whoever eventually wins the GOP nomination will be a member of Congress. Solid Republican.

21st District (Austin-San Antonio Corridor to Hill Country) Open; Chip Roy, R, running for Texas attorney general. Trump 60%. Former Texas Ranger/New York Yankees first baseman Mark Teixeira won the

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GOP primary with 61 percent. Trey Trainor gave up his chairmanship of the Federal Election Commission to finish third with 9 percent. Solid Republican.

22nd District (Western and southern Houston suburbs) Open; Troy Nehls, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 58%. Former Fort Bend County constable Trever Nehls won the GOP nomination and is the heavy favorite to win the general election. Nehls is the identical twin brother of outgoing GOP Rep. Troy Nehls and had President Trump's endorsement. Solid Republican.

23rd District (San Antonio suburbs to El Paso suburbs) Open; Tony Gonzales, R, ended re-election bid after primary. Trump 57%. Gonzales came under massive pressure from his colleagues and House GOP leadership to abandon his re-election bid after he admitted to an affair with a staffer who later died by suicide. While initially continuing his campaign, Gonzales relented after finishing in second in the GOP primary, behind gun activist Brandon Herrera, and his withdrawal from the race means Herrera is the GOP nominee.

Republicans faced a lose-lose situation in the district, with their options being the scandal-tarred Gonzales or the controversial Herrera, whose YouTube page and podcast appearances are strewn with offensive jokes and commentary about veterans, Nazis, and even Trump's youngest son, Barron. Gonzales has called Herrera "a known neo-Nazi," a charge Herrera denies, and GOP groups spent heavily to defeat the YouTuber in his 2024 campaign for this district.

Now Republicans have to hope that the underlying partisanship of the seat, which voted for Trump by 15 points in 2024, will keep Herrera afloat in the general election. Democrats nominated attorney Katy Padilla Stout, who will get a lot more attention from the national party moving forward. Move from Solid Republican to Likely Republican.

28th District (Laredo and eastern San Antonio suburbs) Henry Cuellar, D, re-elected 53%. Trump 55%. Webb County Judge Tano Tijerina easily won the GOP primary, giving Republicans their top recruit in the race. He'll face Cuellar, who won his Democratic primary with an underwhelming 58 percent. But President Trump complicated the race last year when he pardoned Cuellar, who was under indictment on corruption charges. Trump clearly thought Cuellar would respond by switching parties or doing something that would benefit Republicans, but that didn't happen. Republicans are undeterred by that drama because they know the ethics charges weren't enough to defeat him in the past and they are excited about Tijerina, a former Democrat. This is one of the most competitive races in the country. Tilt Democratic.

30th District (Southern Dallas) Open; Jasmine Crockett, D, ran for Senate. Harris 73%. Pastor Frederick Haynes III won the Democratic primary with 72 percent in the race to succeed Crockett. Solid Democratic.

32nd District (Dallas Suburbs and east Texas) Open; Julie Johnson, D, not running in this district. Trump 58%. Air Force veteran Jace Yarbrough, who was endorsed by Trump, couldn't quite clinch the GOP nomination, earning 49 percent of the vote. Ryan Binkley, the wealthy pastor who ran a no-shot 2024 presidential campaign, finished in second with 22 percent and is an underdog in the May runoff. Solid Republican.

33rd District (Downtown Dallas) Julie Johnson, D, elected 2024 in a different district. Harris 65%. Former Rep. Collin Allred leads Rep. Johnson 45-34 percent and the two will advance to a runoff. Allred spent

most of last year running for the Senate but dropped out of that race (and into this race) when Crockett announced her run for the Senate. The runoff will not be friendly but ultimately, the seat will stay in Democratic hands in November. Solid Democratic.

34th District (Eastern Rio Grande Valley) Vicente Gonzalez, D, re-elected 51%. Trump 55%. Army veteran and former federal prosecutor Eric Flores defeated former Rep. Mayra Flores 57-24 percent in the GOP primary. Eric Flores looks poised to take on Gonzalez in one of the most competitive House races in the country. Trump finished ahead of Harris by 10 points, but it looks like Republicans' hold on Hispanic voters in South Texas has slipped over the last year. Toss-up.

35th District (San Antonio suburbs) Open; Greg Casar, running in 37th District. Trump 55%. State Rep. John Lujan (33 percent) and Air Force veteran Carlos De La Cruz (27 percent) are headed to the May GOP



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Carlos De La Cruz

runoff. Lujan was supported by Abbott while De La Cruz, who is the brother of Congresswoman Monica De La Cruz, got a late endorsement from Trump. Republicans redrew the district to elect a Republican but Democrats haven't

thrown in the towel and think the district's large Hispanic population gives them an opportunity. Family therapist Maureen Galindo (29 percent) and sheriff's deputy Johnny Garcia (27 percent) are headed to the runoff — national Democrats want Garcia. Likely Republican.

38th District (Houston Suburbs) Open; Wesley Hunt, R, ran for Senate. Trump 60%. Mortgage broker John Bonck placed first with 47 percent, and will face West Houston Airport president Shelly DeZevallos (19 percent) in a runoff. Solid Republican.

Utah. Primary June 23.

1st District (Salt Lake County) Open; Blake Moore, R, running in the 2nd District. Harris 60%. Former Rep. Ben McAdams has a financial and name ID advantage in the Democratic primary, and reported \$764,000 in the bank on Dec. 31. But McAdams was one of the most moderate members during his term in office, and now that the district is solidly Democratic, primary voters may be looking for a more progressive option. State Sen. Nate Blouin has endorsements from Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and the Congressional Progressive Caucus; state Sen. Kathleen Riebe is also running and has criticized McAdams for not being a strong enough Democrat. Former state Sen. Derek Kitchen, government affairs professional Liban Mohamed, and software engineer Luis Villarreal are also all running to McAdams' left. That could create the conditions for the former member to win against a divided field. Solid Democratic.

3rd District (Eastern and Southern Utah) Celeste Maloy, R. Trump 60%. After 4th District Rep. Burgess Owens announced he would not seek re-election, the rest of the delegation played musical chairs, with Moore moving from the 1st to the 2nd, Maloy from the 2nd to the 3rd, and Mike Kennedy from the 3rd to the 4th. Maloy is the only one with a serious primary challenge, from former state Rep. Phil Lyman. Lyman

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nearly ousted Gov. Spencer Cox in the 2024 gubernatorial primary and ran as a write-in in the general election, winning 14 percent statewide but capturing 23 percent in the new 3rd District. Maloy is vulnerable; she narrowly won an initial special election primary and then nearly lost re-nomination in 2024, prevailing by just 219 votes. Solid Republican.

Virginia. Filing deadline April 2. Primary June 16.

Democrats are pursuing an ambitious redistricting plan in Virginia that will require voter approval that would make the 1st, 2nd, 5th, and 6th districts more favorable to Democrats.

1st District (Western Chesapeake Bay and suburbs north and west of Richmond) Rob Wittman, R, re-elected 56%. Trump 52%. Under the current lines, the 1st would see a competitive contest between Wittman and Henrico County Commonwealth's Attorney Shannon Taylor in a seat that has trended leftward. If the proposed map passes, the new 1st will look nothing like its previous version and will be a landing spot for 7th District Democratic Rep.



Rob Wittman

Eugene Vindman. Wittman would see his constituents dispersed across three different districts, none of which are favorable to Republicans. Lean Republican, for now.

2nd District (Suburban Hampton Roads) Jen Kiggans, R, re-elected 51%. Trump 49.3%. The 2nd would change the least of any district under the new map, as would the dynamic in this rematch between Kiggans and former Rep. Elaine Luria. The district would get slightly better for Democrats and would have been won by Kamala Harris by 5 points. That would make Kiggans an underdog. Toss-up.

5th District (Charlottesville and western Southside Virginia) John McGuire, R, elected 57%. Trump 55%. Currently uncompetitive, but would become a Harris +8 seat in the new map. Henrico Commonwealth's Attorney Shannon Taylor would likely switch to running here from the 1st District and be the favorite. Solid Republican.

6th District (Shenandoah Valley) Ben Cline, R, re-elected 63%. Trump 61%. Former Rep. Tom Perriello is running in the 5th currently but expected to move to the 6th if the new map passes. He won't have the Democratic primary to himself. Current 6th District candidate Beth Macy, who wrote the bestseller *Dopesick*, is in and endorsed by Gov. Abigail Spanberger. Solid Republican.

7th District (Southern D.C. exurbs) Eugene Vindman, D, elected 51%. Harris 50%. On the current map, Vindman is the favorite against state Sen. Tara Durant. With Vindman likely to move to the 1st District on the new map, the 7th would be up for grabs. Former Virginia First Lady Dorothy McAuliffe, state Del. Dan Helmer, and former federal prosecutor JP Cooney, who worked with Trump prosecutor Jack Smith, are all running, and could be joined by state Del. Elizabeth Guzman. State Sen. Saddam Salim and state Del. Adele McClure are also potential candidates. Lean Democratic.

Washington. Filing deadline May 8. Primary Aug. 4.

3rd District (Southwestern Washington) Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, D, re-elected 52%. Trump 49.9%. The congresswoman is taking heat from liberal forces but she doesn't have a serious Democratic challenger. Cinema equipment installation manager / 2022 candidate Brett Hennrich is running but had less than \$10,000 in the bank on Dec. 31. Gluesenkamp Perez had \$2.4 million. Republicans are hoping a combination of Democratic defections and a "boring" challenger in state Sen. John Braun (\$704,000) will be enough to defeat the incumbent. Trump narrowly won the district in 2024 but it has been trending toward Democrats. Tilt Democratic.

4th District (Central Washington) Open; Dan Newhouse, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 59%. Newhouse's retirement means California Rep. David Valadao is the only Republican who voted to impeach Trump running for re-election this year. Yakima County Commissioner Amanda McKinney is the favorite to succeed Newhouse, thanks to an endorsement from Trump and Speaker Mike Johnson. Former NASCAR driver Jerrod Sessler, who is running again after losing to Newhouse in 2022 and 2024, was left out in the cold after receiving the Trump endorsement in both of those races. Democrats have coalesced around retired Air Force Major John Duresky, who is an underdog. Solid Republican.

Wisconsin. Filing deadline June 1. Primary Aug. 11.

1st District (Southeastern Wisconsin) Bryan Steil, R, re-elected 54%. Trump 51%. The district isn't overwhelmingly Republican, but Democrats are still searching for a top-tier challenger with less than



Bryan Steil

three months before the filing deadline. Emergency room nurse Mitchell Berman had \$90,000 in the bank on Dec. 31 compared to \$4.9 million for the congressman. Either Democrats need to unearth a magic candidate or Steil is

going to need to make a big mistake. Move from Likely Republican to Solid Republican.

3rd District (Southwestern Wisconsin) Derrick Van Orden, R, re-elected 51%. Trump 53%. 2024 nominee Rebecca Cooke continues to catch up to Van Orden's fundraising; she reported \$2.5 million in cash-on-hand at the end of 2025 to his \$2.7 million. This race has been close and stable. Tilt Republican.

7th District (Northwestern Wisconsin) Open; Tom Tiffany, R, running for governor. Trump 60%. Michael Alfonso, the son-in-law of Transportation Secretary and former 7th District Rep. Sean Duffy, has endorsements from Trump and House GOP leadership, but ended the year at a significant financial disadvantage against two self-funders: attorney Paul Wassgren, who loaned his campaign \$1 million, and Marine veteran Kevin Hermening, a former chairman of the Marathon County GOP who loaned his campaign \$1.5 million. PR professional Jessi Ebben is also running. On the Democratic side, former state Rep. Fred Clark and former Crandon City Attorney Ginger Murray are running. Solid Republican.