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2026 House Overview: Preparing for the Final Sprint

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Even after a year and a half, it feels like the 2026 cycle is just getting started.

Up to this point, most of the evidence has pointed toward a typical midterm election in which the president's party suffers significant losses in Congress. President Donald Trump's national job approval rating is hovering below 40 percent and Democrats have been consistently overperforming in a vast array of races around the country and across the partisan spectrum.

While voters handed over the keys of the country to the Republican Party in 2024, there's still significant concern about the strength of the economy and cost of living. Affordability is the buzzword.

Republicans are convinced they can buck historical midterm trends due to the strength of their fundraising and weakness of the Democratic brand and candidates as well as redistricting. They believe in the durability of the coalition shift that re-elected the president. And Republicans have a district-by-district plan to dig their way out of the hole dug for them by the president's polling, even though that can be challenging when there's a national appetite for change.

Even with the wind at their back, there are at least a couple of factors that could limit Democratic gains. Aggressive redistricting, with help from key court decisions, has given Republicans an advantage in an additional 16 seats. And Democrats already control 215 seats, more than the 201 seats Democrats held prior to the 2006 wave or the 180 Republican seats prior to their 2010 wave. There simply isn't much low-hanging fruit.

All things considered, Democrats continue to have the advantage in the fight for the House. Our initial projection is a Democratic gain of between 2 and 10 seats. A meager 2-seat gain would keep Republicans in control while the rest of the range would usher in a new Democratic majority.

The next couple months will be critical as campaigns, parties and outside groups poll in earnest to prepare their targets and messaging for the fall. While it's possible that individual races run counter to the national mood, it's more likely that fresh data reveals Republican candidates struggling to match the party's recent success.



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2026 House Ratings

Toss-Up (3D, 11R)

AZ 1 (Open; Schweikert, R) IA 1 (Miller-Meeks, R) PA 8 (Bresnahan, R)# WA 3 (Perez, D)
AZ 6 (Ciscomani, R) MI 7 (Barrett, R) PA 10 (Perry, R) WI 3 (Van Orden, R)#
CO 8 (Evans, R) NY 17 (Lawler, R) TX 34 (Gonzalez, D)
FL 25 (Moskowitz, D) PA 7 (Mackenzie, R) VA 2 (Kiggans, R)

Tilt Democratic (6D, 3R)

CA 13 (Gray, D) NY 4 (Gillen, D)
CA 45 (Tran, D) OH 1 (Landsman, D)#
CA 48 (Open; Issa, R) TX 28 (Cuellar, D)
NE 2 (Open; Bacon, R)
NJ 7 (Kean Jr., R)#
NM 2 (Vasquez, D)

Tilt Republican (2D, 3R)

CA 22 (Valadao, R)
FL 22 (Open; Frankel, D)
IA 3 (Nunn, R)#
MI 10 (Open; James, R)
OH 9 (Kaptur, D)

Lean Democratic (7D, 1I)

CA 6 (Open; Bera, D/Kley, I)* NY 3 (Suoizzi, D)
NH 1 (Open; Pappas, D)
NJ 9 (Pou, D)
NV 1 (Titus, D)
NV 3 (Lee, D)
NY 19 (Riley, D)

Lean Republican (2D, 5R)

FL 14 (Castor, D) VA 1 (Wittman, R)
MI 4 (Huizenga, R)
NC 1 (Davis, D)
NC 11 (Edwards, R)#
PA 1 (Fitzpatrick, R)
TX 15 (De La Cruz, R)#

Likely Democratic (8D)

IN 1 (Mrvan, D)#
CA 21 (Costa, D)
NH 2 (Goodlander, D)
MI 3 (Scholten, D)
MI 8 (McDonald Rivet, D)#
MN 2 (Open; Craig, DFL)
NV 4 (Horsford, D)
VA 7 (Vindman, D)

Likely Republican (4D, 11R)

AK AL (Begich, R) ME 2 (Open; Golden, D)
AL 2 (Figures, D)* MT 1 (Open; Zinke, R)
AZ 2 (Crane, R) OH 7 (Miller, R)#
CO 3 (Hurd, R) TX 23 (Vacant; Gonzales, R)
CO 5 (Crank, R) TX 35 (Open; Casar, D)
FL 7 (Mills, R)
FL 9 (Soto, D)
FL 13 (Luna, R)
FL 27 (Salazar, R)
IA 2 (Open; Hinson, R)

	GOP	DEM
Solid	188	182
Likely/Lean/Tilt	27	24
Total	215	206
Toss-up	14	
Needed for majority	218	

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

CALENDAR

June 11	FIFA World Cup Begins
June 16	Oklahoma, Virginia Primaries
June 16	Alabama, Georgia Primary Runoffs
June 23	Maryland, New York, Utah Primaries
June 23	South Carolina Primary Runoff

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California Governor. It was a dramatic journey, but Democrats have avoided catastrophe and at least one Democrat will move on to the November general election. Former Health & Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra, who also served as California’s attorney general and represented Los Angeles in Congress, placed first with 28 percent, followed by Republican Steve Hilton with 25 percent. Billionaire Tom Steyer finished in third with 23 percent after spending hundreds of millions of dollars of his own money. Solid Democratic.

Iowa Senate. State Rep. Josh Turek cruised to victory over state Sen. Zach Wahls, winning 63-37 percent and carrying 96 of 99 counties. Turek, the choice of national Democratic strategists, was boosted by nearly \$10 million in outside spending from VoteVets. Wahls lacked the financial resources to keep pace and finished ahead in just his home of Johnson County and two bordering counties.

On the Republican side, Rep. Ashley Hinson easily defeated former state Sen. Jim Carlin, 74-26 percent. Hinson is a strong candidate for Republicans, with a newscaster’s poise and political chops that helped her clear the primary of any serious opponents last fall. But the national and state political environment looks dangerous for Republicans right now. This race is one to watch. Likely Republican.

Iowa Governor. Democrats officially nominated state Auditor Rob Sand while the GOP race saw a significant upset as businessman Zach Lahn narrowly defeated 4th District Rep. Randy Feenstra. Lahn, a wealthy businessman who only recently moved back to Iowa from Kansas, self-funded his campaign with more than \$2 million. Feenstra received a last minute endorsement from Donald Trump but it wasn’t enough for the northwest Iowa congressman who was seen as the frontrunner for the nomination. It isn’t the worst-case scenario for Republicans, who grew concerned in the final days of the race that the election might advance to a rare and unpredictable nominating convention if no candidate received 35 percent of the vote (Lahn won 38 percent). But the new nominee is untested statewide and while he doesn’t have Feenstra’s voting record, he’ll have to deal with attacks over his residency. Sand has run a strong and well-funded campaign. Tilt Republican.

Maine Senate. Marine veteran Graham Platner won the Democratic primary after a tumultuous month that included reporting

2026 Governor Ratings

Toss-up (4D)	
KS Open (Kelly, D)	WI Open (Evers, D)
MI Open (Whitmer, D)	Hobbs (D-Ariz.)
Tilt Democratic	Tilt Republican (3R)
	GA Open (Kemp, R)
	IA Open (Reynolds, R)#
	Lombardo (R-Nev.)
Lean Democratic	Lean Republican
Likely Democratic (5D)	Likely Republican (1R)
ME Open (Mills, D)	OH Open (DeWine, R)
NM Open (Lujan-Grisham, D)	
MN Open (Walz, DFL)	
Hochul (D-N.Y.)	
Shapiro (D-Penn.)	
Solid Democratic (9D)	Solid Republican (14R)
CA Open (Newsom, D)	AK Open (Dunleavy, R)
CO Open (Polis, D)	AL Open (Ivey, R)
Green (D-Hawaii)	FL Open (DeSantis, R)
Healey (D-Mass.)	OK Open (Stitt, R)
Kotek (D-Ore.)	SC Open (McMaster, R)
Lamont (D-Ct.)	TN Open (Lee, R)
McKee (D-R.I.)	WY Open (Gordon, R)
Moore (D-Md.)	Abbott (R-Texas)
Pritzker (D-Ill.)	Ayotte (R-N.H.)
	Huckabee Sanders (R-Ark.)
	Little (R-Idaho)
	Pillen (R-Neb.)
	Rhoden (R-S.D.)
	Scott (R-Vt.)

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on his sexting with other women while married and accusations of disturbing behavior made by an ex-girlfriend. That Platner won the nomination isn’t a surprise; though Gov. Janet Mills remained on the ballot, she had suspended her campaign on April 30. Platner’s 72 percent showed Maine Democrats are still behind him considering it’s the same total Sara Gideon received in 2020 without the negative headlines. But there’s still some doubt that he can topple GOP Sen. Susan Collins, the formidable incumbent seeking a sixth term. Tilt Republican.

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Maine Governor. The Democratic primary is moving to the ranked choice process after four candidates finished with between 20 and 30 percent of the vote, including Nirav Shah (27 percent), Hannah Pingree (23 percent), Troy Jackson (21 percent) and Shenna Bellows (21 percent). Angus King III, son of Sen. Angus King, is at 8 percent and won't be the nominee, but any of the other four candidates could win. The ranked choice tabulation will begin on Friday and go for as many rounds as necessary to get a candidate to a majority.

On the GOP side, former State Department official Bobby Charles has about 37 percent of the vote. Former Planet Fitness CEO Benjamin Midgley and healthcare executive Jonathan Bush are further back with 20 percent each. Likely Democratic.

Montana Senate. Former US Attorney Kurt Alme won the GOP nomination after a last-minute switcheroo left him as the only serious Republican candidate when GOP Sen. Steve Daines dropped out right before the filing deadline.

Former University of Montana President Seth Bodnar, a Green Beret veteran and Rhodes Scholar, is running as an independent with support from former Sen. Jon Tester and much of Tester's campaign team. But he'll need a one-on-one race against Alme in the general election to have a shot at winning.

That scenario is more of a reality after retired Air Force Lt. Col. Alani Bankhead won the Democratic nomination thanks to several million dollars in support from a super PAC that appears to be backing Bodnar. There was virtually no chance that former Democratic state Rep. Reilly Neill would drop out of the race if she was the nominee. But Bankhead might be a different story, although she's also said she wouldn't drop out. If she does, this is a more serious race. Likely Republican.

New Jersey Senate. Republicans nominated former Tabernacle committeeman Justin Murphy against Democratic Sen. Cory Booker, who did not have a primary opponent. Booker has more than \$20 million in his campaign account and shouldn't have a problem in November as he looks ahead to a potential 2028 run for the White House. Solid Democratic.

New Mexico Senate. Sen. Ben Ray Lujan won the Democratic nomination with more than 80 percent. Republican Larry Marker won the GOP nomination as a write-in candidate because no Republicans filed for the race. This is not a serious general election race. Solid Democratic.

New Mexico Governor. Former Biden cabinet secretary / former Rep. Deb Haaland won the Democratic nomination with more than 70 percent against Bernalillo County District Attorney Sam Bregman, father of Chicago Cubs third baseman Alex Bregman. Haaland is the favorite in November and would become the first Native American woman elected governor anywhere in the country. Likely Democratic.

South Carolina Senate. Unsurprisingly, Sen. Lindsey Graham won the GOP primary, but with an underwhelming 57 percent. Greenville appliance store owner Mark Lynch received 29 percent. The senator will face physician Annie Andrews, who won the Democratic primary with 61 percent. Likely Republican.

2026 Senate Ratings

Toss-up (3)	
MI Open (Peters, D)	Ossoff (D-Ga.)
NC Open (Tillis, R)	
Tilt Democratic (1)	Tilt Republican (2)
NH Open (Shaheen, D)	Collins (R-Maine)
	Husted (R-Ohio)
Lean Democratic	Lean Republican (1)
	Sullivan (R-Ak.)
Likely Democratic (1)	Likely Republican (5)
MN Open (Smith, DFL)	IA Open (Ernst, R)
	MT Open (Daines, R)
	TX Open (Cornyn, R)
	Graham (R-S.C.)
	Ricketts (R-Neb.)
Solid Democratic (9)	Solid Republican (13)
IL Open (Durbin, D)	AL Open (Tuberville, R)
Booker (D-N.J.)	KY Open (McConnell, R)
Coons (D-Del.)	LA Open (Cassidy, R)
Hickenlooper (D-Colo.)	OK Open (Armstrong, R)
Lujan (D-N.M.)	WY Open (Lummis, R)
Markey (D-Mass.)	Capito (R-W.V.)
Merkley (D-Ore.)	Cotton (R-Ark.)
Reed (D-R.I.)	Hagerty (R-Tenn.)
Warner (D-Va.)	Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.)
	Marshall (R-Kan.)
	Moody (R-Fl.)
	Risch (R-Idaho)
	Rounds (R-S.D.)
Takeovers in <i>Italics</i> . # moved benefiting Democrats, * moved benefiting Republicans	

South Carolina Governor. Lt. Gov. Pamela Evette (29 percent) and state Attorney General Alan Wilson (26 percent) are moving on to the GOP primary runoff on June 23. Two members of Congress, Ralph Norman (17 percent) and Nancy Mace (11 percent), are sitting in third and fifth place with half of the estimated vote counted. President Trump endorsed Evette, while Wilson is the son of Rep. Joe Wilson. The GOP nominee will face Democrat Jermaine Johnson in the general election. Solid Republican.

South Dakota Senate. Sen. Mike Rounds won the GOP nomination without any drama and Democrats nominated former state trooper Julian Beaudion. Normally there wouldn't be any uncertainty in the general election except former Air Force officer / 2022 Democratic nominee Brian Bengs is running as an independent. But even with that dynamic, this race still isn't viewed as competitive as Nebraska or Montana. Solid Republican.

South Dakota Governor. The GOP race is moving to a July 28 runoff between self-funding businessman Toby Doeden and Gov. Larry Rhoden, who ascended to the governorship after Kristi Noem joined Trump's cabinet. At-Large Rep. Dusty Johnson finished third. The eventual GOP nominee shouldn't have a problem defeating former Democratic state Sen. Dan Ahlers. Solid Republican.

Alabama. Special primary Aug. 11.

1st District (Mobile) Open; Barry Moore, R, running for Senate. Trump 67%. A late intervention by the U.S. Supreme Court cleared the way for Alabama to use a new congressional map that redraws the 1st and 2nd districts. As a result the 1st District now includes Mobile and southwestern Alabama. Former Rep. Jerry Carl is the favorite in the special primary election. Solid Republican.

2nd District (Montgomery and southeastern Alabama) Shomari Figures, D. Trump 57%. Figures will be an underdog against state Rep. Rhett Marques or retired Green Beret Joshua McKee in this redrawn district. But a strong showing from former Sen. Doug Jones at the top of the ticket in the gubernatorial race, plus a potential backlash from the district's 40 percent Black voters after the GOP reaction to the weakening of the Voting Rights Act, keeps Figures in the game. Likely Republican.

Alaska. Primary Aug. 18.

At-Large, Nick Begich, R, elected 51%. Trump 55%. Fisherman Bill Hill is a credible independent candidate with deep pocketed allies, but he probably needs Democratic pastor Matt Schultz to drop out of the race if he wants a clean shot at Begich. Even though Alaska's top-four ranked choice voting system creates more space for independents, the 2022 gubernatorial and House races show why larger fields favor the incumbent. But Schultz is running a real campaign and had \$348,000 in the bank on March 31, not much less than Hill (\$595,000). Ultimately, the race may come down to which candidate places ahead in the primary — if Hill can outpace Schultz, the Democrat will come under pressure to drop out of the general election, like when 2024 Republican candidate Nancy Dahlstrom cleared the way for Begich to take on then-Rep. Mary Peltola. Likely Republican.

Arizona. Primary Aug. 4.

1st District (Northeastern Phoenix and Scottsdale) Open; David Schweikert, R, running for governor. Trump 51%. Former Arizona Cardinals kicker Jay Feely is supposed to be the frontrunner in the GOP primary thanks to his endorsement from Trump and many years as a prominent NFL commentator. But the University of Michigan graduate doesn't seem to have much name ID in the district yet. A recent poll from one of his primary competitors, former state Rep. Joseph Chaplik, found Chaplik ahead by 20 points, 29-9 percent. That gap should disappear as Feely, who had \$1.2 million in the bank on March 31 compared to Chaplik's \$265,000, begins to advertise to voters that he's got the Trump endorsement. But it's not a strong start for the nominal frontrunner.

House Democratic leadership put its thumb on the scale for former TV journalist Marlene Galan-Woods in their primary, placing her on the DCCC's Red to Blue list over 2024 nominee Amish Shah, a former state senator whose campaign last time left national Democrats wanting more. Self-funder Jonathan Treble is also running. Toss-up.

2nd District (Northeastern Arizona) Eli Crane, R, re-elected 54%. Trump 57%. Jonathan Nez, the former Navajo Nation president who came up 9 points short of Crane in 2024, had \$1.3 million in the bank on March 31 compared to \$2.3 million for Crane. Nez is a strong fundraiser and could close that gap over the summer, but needs an even more favorable political environment to tee up an upset. 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 over home builder Daniel Keenan. But Lamb is dealing with the fallout from

accusations that he threatened several women who were telling the LDS church and the public about his alleged "swinging" lifestyle. Keenan has personal resources; he loaned his campaign \$1.5 million and is on TV with an ad that hits Lamb over the accusations. Solid Republican.

6th District (Southeastern Arizona and eastern Tucson area) Juan Ciscomani, R, re-elected 50%. Trump 49.7%. Ciscomani is among the most vulnerable incumbents on the map. Republicans believe that Democrat Jo Mendoza made disqualifying statements when she ran for a state legislative seat a few years ago. Toss-up.

California.

1st District. James Gallagher, R, elected 2026 special election. Harris 54%. State Assemblyman James Gallagher easily won the special election for the remainder of LaMalfa's term with 62 percent of the vote, and was sworn in on Wednesday. Gallagher also won a spot in the general election this fall, but due to redistricting he'll be the underdog in that race against state Sen. Mike McGuire, which will take place under new lines. Solid Democratic.

6th District. Kevin Kiley, I/Open; Ami Bera, D, running in 3rd District. Harris 53%. Kiley will face former state Sen. Richard Pan, a physician who rose to prominence as a defender of vaccines, in the November general election. Kiley probably gets a boost from leaving the GOP to run as an independent, but Democrats will work hard to remind voters he still caucuses with Republicans and Kiley won't get the same level of support of his vulnerable GOP colleagues. Move from Likely Democratic to Lean Democratic.

7th District. Doris Matsui. Harris 55%. Progressive Sacramento City Councilwoman Mai Vang (31 percent) actually ran ahead of Matsui (29 percent), who at 81 is now in the fight of her political life. Matsui had signalled to outside allies to boost a Republican, Zachariah Wooden, in the hopes he would box Vang out of a second spot in the general election. But in the end it was Matsui who was closer to Wooden, who won 22 percent of the vote. The Sacramento area has been represented by a Matsui for 46 years, but that streak could come to an end this fall. Solid Democratic.

11th District. Open; Nancy Pelosi, D, not seeking re-election. Harris 82%. State Sen. Scott Weiner and San Francisco Supervisor Connie Chan, both Democrats, will square off in the general election to succeed the former Speaker. Weiner has had his eye on this seat for years and is a strong fundraiser, while Chan has an endorsement from Pelosi. Solid Democratic.

13th District. Adam Gray, D. Harris 46%. Unsurprisingly, the Democratic congressman and Republican former Stockton Mayor Kevin Lincoln are moving on to the general election. Republicans are excited about Lincoln, but Gray and the other Democratic candidate are currently taking a combined 56 percent of the primary vote share. Tilt Democratic.

14th District. Vacant; Eric Swalwell, D, resigned. Harris 65%. Democratic state Sen. Aisha Wahab (34 percent) is moving on to the general election but her opponent is still unknown. Four candidates are vying for the second spot: Democratic former Dublin Mayor Melissa Hernandez (16 percent), Republican Wendy Huang (13 percent), Democrat Rakhi Singh (13 percent), and Republican Dena Maldonado (12 percent). Just have to wait for more votes to be counted, but the seat will remain in Democratic hands. Solid Democratic.

21st District (Fresno area) Jim Costa, D. Harris 52%. The congressman is moving on to the general election but is at just 42 percent

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with primary votes still being counted. He'll face Republican casino executive Kyle Kirkland (28 percent) in November. Costa should be fine, but the recent revelation about sexual harassment allegations that weren't pursued by the Ethics Committee make it worth keeping an eye on. Likely Democratic.

22nd District. David Valadao, R. Trump 50%. With votes still being counted, the GOP congressman is at just 42 percent, but he's moving on to the general election where he'll face Visalia Unified School District trustee Randy Villegas (31 percent). Family physician/state Rep. Jasmeet Bains, the establishment favorite, is in third with 27 percent. Villegas has a more liberal reputation but can't be dismissed in this political environment. Valadao received 63 percent of the primary vote in 2018 when he lost narrowly in President Donald Trump's first midterm. Tilt Republican.

40th District. Young Kim, R/Ken Calvert, R. Trump 55%. Two GOP incumbents, Calvert (36 percent) and Kim (21 percent) are moving on to the general election. Even though Kim might be regarded as a stronger incumbent, Calvert has a geographic advantage under the new lines. Solid Republican.

45th District. Derek Tran, D. Harris 51%. The congressman is at 51 percent in the primary and will face former Cerritos Mayor Chuong Vo, a retired police officer, in November. In a different cycle, this seat might be more competitive. Tilt Democratic.

47th District. Dave Min, D. Harris 53%. The congressman (44 percent) will face Republican management consultant/2022 gubernatorial also-ran Jenny Rae LaRoux (26 percent) in the general election. In a different cycle, this district could be competitive. Solid Democratic.

48th District. Open; Darrell Issa, R, not seeking re-election. Harris 50%. Republican San Diego Supervisor Jim Desmond finished first in the primary with 39 percent and will face Democratic San Diego Councilwoman Marni Von Wilpert (21 percent). Ammar Campa-Najjar, a Navy Reserve officer and 2018/2020 nominee, is in third. With votes still being counted, Democratic candidates have a combined 53.2 percent of the primary vote. Tilt Democratic.

Colorado. Primary June 30.

3rd District (Pueblo area and Western Slope) Jeff Hurd, R, elected 51%. Trump 54%. This massive district is a heavy lift for any Democrat but in the right political environment it can be competitive. That could happen if Republicans nominate missionary Victor Marx as their gubernatorial candidate. Marx, who gave a painful interview where he was pressed on claims that he killed a man at age 7 and that he's rescued 43,000 women from more than 30 countries, would be an "extinction-level event" for Colorado Republicans, said one longtime local strategist.

Democrats are still deciding between ski company founder Alex Kelloff and former Army Ranger Dwayne Romero. Neither are perfect fits for the district but both have strengths — Kelloff has self-funding capabilities and Romero has a compelling military background. Likely Republican.

5th District (Colorado Springs area) Jeff Crank, R, elected 55%. Trump 53%. Jessica Killin, a longtime Democratic political operative who also served as a captain in the Army and a lawyer for USAA, is the presumptive nominee after veteran Matt Cavanaugh dropped out of the Democratic primary. Likely Republican.

8th District (Northern Denver suburbs and Greeley area) Gabe Evans, R, elected 49%. Trump 49.6%. State Sen. Shannon Bird is

receiving outside help from EMILY's List-affiliated super PAC Women Vote!, which has spent \$1.2 million on ads boosting her and hitting state Rep. Manny Rutinel. Either could still emerge from the primary but there's worry about some national Democratic strategists that Rutinel is too progressive for the district. Marine veteran Evan Munsing dropped out. Toss-up.

Connecticut. Primary Aug. 11.

1st District (Hartford area) John Larson, D, re-elected 63%. Harris 61%. Things are getting chipper between Larson and former Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin, who's running on a platform of generational change. Larson's strategy is to make the race ideological and play up



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Luke Bronin

his own progressive bona fides while highlighting Bronin's clashes with organized labor. A Global Strategy Group poll commissioned by the pro-Bronin VoteVets in late May found the Navy veteran leading Larson, 38-30 percent. State Rep.

Jillian Gilchrest was third with 10 percent, followed by Hartford Board of Education member Ruth Fortune with 4 percent. Larson has the resources to compete with Bronin one-on-one, but if VoteVets or another outside group begins spending heavily for Bronin, Larson could get swamped. Solid Democratic.

Florida. Filing Deadline June 12. Primary Aug. 18.

2nd District (Central Panhandle) Open; Neal Dunn, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 59%. State GOP chairman Evan Power is the frontrunner for the GOP nomination but faces wealthy perennial candidate Keith Gross, veteran Luke Murphy, Gulf County superintendent Jim Norton, former sheriff's deputy Audie Rowell, and former Rick Scott staffer Austin Rogers in the primary. Solid Republican.

7th District (Northern Orlando suburbs and part of Daytona Beach area) Cory Mills, R. Trump 56%. Despite numerous allegations of financial and personal impropriety, a restraining order from an ex-girlfriend, and calls from members of his own party to resign, Mills remains defiant about staying in Congress and running for re-election. He faces two challengers in the GOP primary: former local TV anchor Ryan Elijah, who hosted a morning show on Fox 35 in Orlando, and real estate agent Sarah Ulrich. Democrats see Mills as uniquely vulnerable given his personal baggage but have a primary to sort through themselves. The best-funded candidate and choice of national strategists is former NASA chief of staff Bale Dalton, who was recently placed on the DCCC's Red to Blue list. 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 56%. Retired Brigadier General Leela Gray released a Public Policy Polling survey fielded May 19-20 that showed her trailing Luna, 41-39 percent. Gray's main competitor in the

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Democratic primary, attorney and veteran Earle Ford, dropped out to run for state chief financial officer. Likely Republican.

14th District (Tampa and eastern suburbs) Kathy Castor, D. Trump 55%. Castor's redrawn seat puts her in the fight of her political life. The low-key scion of a prominent local political family had just \$716,000 in the bank on March 31. State Rep. Kevin Steele, who dropped down from the chief financial officer race to run here after redistricting, has a net worth of more than \$100 million and is already advertising on TV in the Tampa/St. Petersburg market. Former state Rep. Mike Beltran and former Hill staffer Bea Valenti are also running. Castor shouldn't be counted out — this district would have voted for Trump by just 3 points in 2020 — but she's the underdog. Lean Republican.

19th District (Cape Coral, Lehigh Acres and Naples) Open; Byron Donalds, R, running for governor. Trump 65%. 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, Pompano Beach, Coral Springs) Vacant; Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, D, resigned. Harris 68%. Democratic Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, whose old 25th District was dismantled by the GOP redraw, is running here even though the new 20th shares just 2 percent population with her current seat. That move has angered local Black Democratic leaders, as the district is plurality Black area has been represented by a Black Democrat since receiving its own congressional district in 1992. Wasserman Schultz, who is white, joins a crowded field of Black candidates vying to replace Cherfilus-McCormick, who is also running to reclaim the seat she left under the cloud of an ethics investigation (she is also under federal indictment). Former Broward County Commissioner Dale Holness, Luther Campbell of 2 Live Crew, and political organizer Elijah Manley round out the field. Physician/Air Force veteran Rudy Moise switched to running in the 24th District. Solid Democratic.

22nd District. Open; Lois Frankel, D, running in the 23rd District. Trump 55%. Essentially a new district, the 22nd has attracted a passel of candidates on the GOP side. The most prominent local names are Palm Beach County Commissioner Sara Baxter and Keiser University vice chancellor Belinda Keiser, who has backing from several members of the Florida delegation. But there are also some self-funders to keep an eye on, such as 2020 19th District candidate Casey Askar (a Marine veteran and local restaurant franchise owner), genomics entrepreneur Michael Carbonara, and 87-year-old billionaire inventor Herbie Wertheim.

On the Democratic side, Pia Dandiya is the only notable candidate, though filing does not close until Friday. Dandiya is a former high school principal who most recently worked as the southeast manager of Apple's Strategic Initiatives Group. Dandiya previously was running a longshot race against Republican Brian Mast, and had \$1.1 million in the bank on March 31. Tilt Republican.

24th District (Miami's Little Haiti north to Hollywood) Open; Frederica Wilson, not running for re-election. Harris 69%. Wilson, 83, won't seek another term. She recently missed several weeks due to a surgery. State Sen. Shevrin Jones is running and would be the first openly

gay representative from Florida. Miami-Dade County Commissioner Oliver Gilbert and former commissioner Jean Monestime are also running. And physician/Air Force veteran Rudy Moise switched to running here from the 20th District. Solid Democratic.

25th District (Gold Coast) Jared Moskowitz, D. Trump 54%. This new seat hugs the Atlantic coastline from Boca Raton south through Miami Beach, and is likely the most Jewish district in America. Moskowitz made it official that he's running here and is the strongest Democrat the party could hope for. Despite his penchant for sparring with Republicans on the Hill, Moskowitz is a onetime ally of Gov. Ron DeSantis and has moderate bona fides. Republicans like Boca Raton Mayor Scott Singer, but he has to get through a primary that also includes state Rep. George Moraitis, and four-time nominee Joe Kaufman. Toss-up.

27th District (Miami and southern suburbs) María Elvira Salazar, R, re-elected 60%. Trump 57%. Cuban American news anchor Eliott Rodriguez is a compelling candidate for Democrats against Salazar, herself a former news anchor. But first Rodriguez has to get past attorney Robin Peguero in the primary. A March poll from Rodriguez's campaign showed the candidate leading the field with 43 percent but also included a third candidate, Richard Lamondin, who has since dropped out. Salazar has been among the most vocal Republicans when it comes to GOP overreach on immigration but some national strategists believe that the Trump administration's actions against the Cuban government will help them keep ahold of this district. Likely Republican.

Georgia. Runoff June 16.

11th District (Northwestern Atlanta suburbs and exurbs) Open; Barry Loudermilk, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 61%. Neurosurgeon John Cowan is the favorite in the GOP runoff against Rob Adkerson, Loudermilk's chief of staff, after finishing ahead of Adkerson, 43-22 percent in the first round of the primary. Adkerson has plenty of establishment support but Cowan has personal resources and has already spent \$1.6 million of his own money. Solid Republican.

Indiana.

1st District (Northwestern Indiana) Frank Mrvan, D, re-elected 53%. Harris 49.6%. Right now, district residents are more likely to be home to the Chicago Bears than have a GOP member of Congress. Republican Porter County Commissioner Barb Regnitz had slightly more cash-on-hand than the congressman on April 15, but it's going to be a challenge in a Democratic district in a good Democratic year. Move from Lean Democratic to Likely Democratic.

Iowa.

1st District (Southeastern Iowa) Marianette Miller-Meeks, R, re-elected 50%. Trump 54%. After an underwhelming showing in the 2024 primary with 56 percent against an unfunded challenger, the congresswoman won this year's primary with closer to 70 percent against the same candidate. But that doesn't mean she's in the clear. Former state Rep. Christina Bohannon cruised to the Democratic nomination with close to 80 percent and will try to overcome her narrow general election loss last cycle. In 2024, Miller-Meeks prevailed by less than 1,000 votes, but this cycle the political environment is considerably better for Democrats and this will be a tough hold for the GOP. Toss-up.

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2nd District (Northeastern Iowa) Open; Ashley Hinson, R, running for Senate. Trump 54%. Former state Rep. Joe Mitchell beat state Sen. Charlie McClintock, 62-38 percent in the GOP primary. Democrats nominated Presbyterian minister / state Rep. Lindsay James (60 percent). Based on the national environment and Democratic excitement in the gubernatorial and Senate races, this race is competitive as well. Likely Republican.

3rd District (Des Moines and southwestern Iowa) Zach Nunn, R, re-elected 52%. Trump 52%. No primaries and no drama but the general election is officially set between the Republican congressman and Democratic state Sen. Sarah Trone Garriott. This continues to be one of the top races nationwide. Move from Lean Republican to Tilt Republican.

4th District (Northwestern Iowa) Open; Randy Feenstra, R, lost GOP gubernatorial primary. Trump 65%. Siouxland Chamber of Commerce President Chris McGowan won the Republican nomination unopposed and is a likely new member of Congress. Solid Republican.

Kansas. Primary Aug. 4

2nd District (Topeka, Kansas City, and parts of eastern Kansas) Derek Schmidt, R. Elected 57%. Trump 59%. Democratic nominee Don Coover is not your typical congressional contender. The 75-year-old first-time candidate is a West Point graduate and Army pilot who became a veterinarian and now runs a cutting-edge cloning and IVF practice for cattle and sheep, as well as his own farm in southeast Kansas. He'll need to raise more money to introduce himself to voters, and while this agricultural district has a clear Republican bent there's some evidence that Trump's trade policies have pushed voters away from the GOP in recent months. If you're looking for a true sleeper race, you could do worse than this one. Solid Republican.



Don Coover

Courtesy Coover Campaign

Kentucky.

6th District (Greater Lexington area) Open; Andy Barr, R, running for Senate. Trump 57%. Former state Sen. Ralph Alvarado is the favorite this fall after emerging from the GOP primary. This district sits just outside the competitive battleground for Democrats; if former federal prosecutor Zach Dembo looks like a threat this fall, the party is en route to a sizable House majority. Solid Republican.

Maine.

2nd District (Northern Maine) Open; Jared Golden, D, not seeking re-election. Trump 54%. Either state Sen. Joe Baldacci, state auditor Matt Dunlap, or former Capitol Hill staffer Jordan Wood will be the Democratic nominee. The winner will depend on the ranked-choice voting tabulation that begins later this week. National Democrats like Baldacci, who placed a narrow first in the primary. Former Gov. Paul LePage is the GOP standard-bearer and starts out with an advantage thanks to the district's partisanship. 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%. State Del. Adrian Bofo is receiving an influx of outside support in the closing weeks of the primary, including at least \$3.2 million in spending from a pro-cryptocurrency super PAC and \$1.4 million from AIPAC's super PAC. That could boost Bofo, who is endorsed by Hoyer, over a crowded field that also includes former Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker, Nancy Pelosi-endorsed former Capitol Hill Police Officer Harry Dunn, Prince George's County Councilwoman Wala Blegay, state Sen. Arthur Ellis, state Del. Nicole Williams, and Quincy Bareebe, a home health care CEO who has loaned her campaign \$3.3 million. Sen. Chris Van Hollen has not endorsed in the race but recently raised concerns over the amount of pro-Bofo spending from outside groups. Solid Democratic.

6th District (Western Maryland and northwestern D.C. exurbs) April McClain Delaney, D, elected 53%. Harris 51%. The airwaves are flooded with ads from McClain Delaney and former Rep. David Trone, two multi-millionaires with personal history competing in the Democratic primary. Trone has hammered McClain Delaney for voting for the Laken Riley Act at the beginning of last year; McClain Delaney has hit Trone for partnering with Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis on a proposed constitutional amendment. A June 2-4 poll conducted by Hart Research for McClain Delaney found her leading Trone by 15 points, 52-37 percent. A third candidate, former CFPB official Alexis Goldstein, is running on a more progressive and anti-data center platform. Perennial candidate Robin Ficker is running on the GOP side, which will nominate a new candidate for the first time in eight years after Neil Parrott opted not to run a fourth time. Solid Democratic.

Michigan. Primary Aug. 4

3rd District (Grand Rapids and Muskegon areas) Hillary Scholten, D, re-elected 54%. Harris 53%. Scholten will have to run a real race against longtime local meteorologist Terri DeBoer. Likely Democratic.

4th District (Southwestern Michigan) Bill Huizenga, R, re-elected 55%. Trump 52%. State Sen. Sean McCann released a poll conducted by GBAO from May 28 to June 1 showing him ahead of Huizenga by 3 points, 48-45 percent. Other recent polling has the race tied. Republicans are eager to dig into McCann's voting record in the state legislature to take the shine off his candidacy but acknowledge this is Huizenga's toughest race in a long time. Lean Republican.

7th District (Lansing area and northwestern Detroit exurbs) Tom Barrett, R, elected 50%. Trump 49.8%. Polling in this race is all over the place but things may get more clear now that both former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Bridget Brink and former Navy SEAL Matt Maasdam have started airing TV ads. A third candidate, Lansing organizer William Lawrence, is also running and has an endorsement from Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. Some Democratic strategists are concerned that Republican-aligned groups may spend to boost Lawrence over the two better-funded and more moderate Brink and Maasdam, similar to what has happened in several other primaries across the country in recent weeks. Toss-up.

8th District (Flint and Tri-Cities areas) Kristen McDonald Rivet, D, elected 51%. Trump 50%. Navy veteran Amir Hassan is the likely GOP nominee and has an interesting background but Republicans would have preferred a stronger candidate to go up against the formidable freshman.

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Hassan had just \$65,000 in the bank on March 31 and spent as much as he raised in the first three months of the year. McDonald Rivet had \$3.4 million in the bank. Move from Lean Democratic to Likely Democratic.

10th District (Macomb County) Open; John James, R, running for governor. Trump 52%. Army National Guard paratrooper Mike Bouchard is the GOP frontrunner. As the son of the sheriff of Oakland County, also named Mike Bouchard, the younger Bouchard has built-in name ID and a pre-existing fundraising network. He still has to get past attorney Robert Lulgjuraj, who has tapped into an extensive network of Albanian Americans to raise \$1.2 million through March. Attorney Justin Kirk is also running but less of a factor.

On the Democratic side, prosecutor Christina Hines released a Global Strategy Group poll from late April showing her leading the field with 30 percent, over attorney Eric Chung (13 percent) and Pontiac Mayor Tim Greimel (7 percent). That might be an optimistic view for Hines, and comes before the candidates begin advertising on TV. Hines doesn't have the same resources as the other two, with just \$311,000 in the bank on March 31 to Greimel's \$633,000 and Chung's \$930,000. Tilt Republican.

11th District (Northwestern Detroit suburbs) Open; Haley Stevens, D, running for Senate. Harris 57%. State Sen. Jeremy Moss is the fundraising leader with \$571,000 in the bank on March 31, while former Ford engineer Don Ufford had \$347,000. Former state House candidate Aisha Farooqi is running as a more progressive option but had just \$50,000 in campaign funds. Troy Mayor Ethan Baker is the most notable Republican candidate. Solid Democratic.

13th District (Detroit and southwestern suburbs) Shri Thanedar, D, re-elected 69%. Harris 69%. Detroit City Councilwoman Mary Waters was disqualified, leaving Thanedar and state Rep. Donovan McKinney as the two remaining candidates. That's good news for McKinney, after Thanedar won two primaries against fractured fields. McKinney is endorsed by Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and other progressives and Thanedar's support has always been soft in the district. But the eccentric chemical tycoon has already poured millions of dollars into his campaign. Solid Democratic.

Minnesota. Primary Aug. 11.

2nd District (Southern Minneapolis-St. Paul suburbs) Open; Angie Craig, DFL, running for Senate. Harris 52%. Former state Sen. Matt Little won the endorsement of the DFL but state Sen. Matt Klein and state Rep. Kaela Berg are still competing in the primary. Little, who *Politico* once termed "the politician who lives on TikTok," is running in the most unabashedly progressive lane. Klein, a physician, has support from the Democratic Majority for Israel PAC and 314 Action, which supports candidates with a science background. Berg is backed by EMILY's List but has lagged the other two in fundraising by a wide margin. Both Little and Klein's campaigns recently released polling showing Little leading the pack and Klein and Berg in the teens, but the two surveys disagreed on Little's share of the vote. Klein's poll pegged his support at 26 percent while Little's own survey said 41 percent. State Sen. Eric Pratt is an inoffensive GOP nominee but this district has moved away from the party. Likely DFL.

Missouri. Primary Aug. 4.

Republicans may have successfully delayed a Democratic effort to pause the implementation of the new congressional map that dismantles

Democratic Rep. Emanuel Cleaver's seat. Ultimately the state Supreme Court may have to weigh in one final time on August 4, the deadline for the state to certify that enough people signed a petition to pause the new map and put it up for a referendum. That's also the date of the primary, which is taking place under the new map. The likeliest scenario may be that enough signatures are certified to invalidate the new map, but it still gets used because it's too late to make any changes. Then a referendum would take place sometime next year.

5th District (Parts of Kansas City and southwestern Missouri) Emanuel Cleaver, D. Trump 58%. Assuming the new district is used for the fall elections, Cleaver will be the underdog against any GOP candidate. The fundraising frontrunner is former Boone County Clerk Taylor Burks, who had \$1 million in the bank on March 31. But state Sen. Rick Bratton has endorsements from two neighboring GOP congressmen. Solid Republican.

Montana.

1st District (Western Montana) Open; Ryan Zinke, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 54%. Smokejumper Sam Forstag won the Democratic primary thanks to strength in liberal Missoula and the afterglow of a rally with Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez in the closing days of the race. Now the union leader and nephew of Nevada Rep. Susie Lee will have to show his brand of populist progressivism can win in this Republican-friendly district. Radio host/Army veteran Aaron Flint is the favorite but this race could get more competitive. Likely Republican.

Nebraska.

1st District (Lincoln and rural eastern Nebraska) Mike Flood, R, re-elected 60%. Trump 55%. Flood seems to relish the combative town halls he's hosted across the district since Trump returned to office. One of his sharper questioners, career State Department official Chris Backemeyer, is now the Democratic nominee against him and hoping that his two decades of working for Republican and Democratic presidents will appeal to voters upset by Trump's agriculture and tariff policies. Backemeyer, whose wife is a longtime Democratic operative, is clear-eyed about the uphill climb in the district but has already raised more than double what 2024 nominee Carol Blood did over her entire campaign. A robust operation behind statewide independent Senate candidate Dan Osborn turning out as many Democrats as possible doesn't hurt here either — Osborn narrowly won the district in 2024. Complicating Backemeyer's longshot chances is progressive journalist Austin Ahlman, who wrote for the *Intercept* and is now running as an independent. He needs to collect 2,000 signatures to get on the ballot. Solid Republican.

2nd District (Greater Omaha Area) Open; Don Bacon, R, not seeking re-election. Harris 52%. Omaha City Councilman Brinker Harding began the general election with a financial advantage over Women Who Run Nebraska co-founder Denise Powell, who had to spend down to win a tough primary. But Harding doesn't have the political lean of this district or the political environment in his favor. Democrats should win this seat — if they don't, they've likely fallen short of a majority. Tilt Democratic.

Nevada.

1st District (Eastern Las Vegas area) Dina Titus, D, re-elected 52%. Harris 50%. National Republicans see state Sen. Carrie Buck as a top-tier

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candidate and Titus as unprepared. But local politics guru Jon Ralston disagrees, calling her “a nonentity in Carson City.” There’s no love lost between Ralston and Republicans these days but he’s a keen observer of the state and his opinions carry weight. The Las Vegas media market is expensive and outside GOP groups have stayed away in recent years. Lean Democratic.

2nd District (Reno area and northern Nevada) Open; Mark Amodei, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 56%. Air Force veteran David Flippo clinched the GOP nomination after a late endorsement from Trump.

Former state Sen. James Settlemeyer had backing from Amodei and Gov. Joe Lombardo but trails Flippo, 47-35 percent. Former state House Majority Leader



David Flippo

Courtesy Flippo Campaign

Teresa Benitez-Thompson is a credible candidate for Democrats but this is a tough district. Solid Republican.

3rd District (Southwestern Las Vegas area) Susie Lee, D, re-elected 51%. Trump 49.5%. Halo video game composer Marty O'Donnell won the GOP primary with 44 percent of the vote after he was endorsed by Trump. O'Donnell ran last cycle but didn't make it out of the primary. Now national Republicans will look for him to spend some of his personal fortune to take on Lee, herself a wealthy philanthropist who has held the seat for eight years. Lean Democratic.

4th District (Northern Las Vegas area and rural central Nevada) Steven Horsford, D, re-elected 53%. Harris 50%. GOP nominee Cody Whipple runs a business selling two-way radios and satellite phones to rural communities and first responders. He's an underdog against Horsford. 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%. National GOP strategists had hoped auto dealer Anthony DiLorenzo would self-fund his campaign, and he's started to open up his pockets with personal loans totalling \$800,000. He still has to get past ironworks owner/2024 candidate Hollie Noveletsky, state Rep. Brian Cole, and Bedford GOP committeewoman Melissa Bailey.

On the Democratic side, Portsmouth City Councilor Stefany Shaheen, the daughter of outgoing Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, remains the polling frontrunner but Marine veteran Maura Sullivan is in the hunt. State Rep. Heath Howard and National Guard captain Christian Urrutia are running in a more progressive lane. Hampton Selectwoman Carleigh Beriont is also in the race, as are former state Rep. Bill Conlin and American Coalition for Ukraine director Sarah Chadzynski. None but Urrutia reported more than \$100,000 in campaign funds as of March 31. Lean Democratic.

2nd District (Western and northern New Hampshire) Maggie Goodlander, D, elected 53%. Harris 51%. Goodlander is probably as likely to lose to progressive state Rep. Paige Buchanan in the Democratic primary as she is to lose to perennial GOP contender Lily

Tang Williams in the general election — which is to say, not likely at all. Likely Democratic.

New Jersey.

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 led Kean by 4 points, 47-43 percent, in a poll conducted May 24-26 by Z to A Research on behalf of 314 Action, a Democratic super PAC. Kean hasn't been seen or cast a vote in three months, with little explanation from his staff other than to say he's recovering from a medical issue. Kean is an overperformer who has a brand in this wealthy, educated district, but the longer his absence persists, the more difficult it will be for Republicans to hold on here. Move from Toss-up to Tilt Democratic.

New Jersey's 9th District (Urban North Jersey and western New York City suburbs) Nellie Pou, D, elected 51%. Trump 49%. Clifton City Councilwoman Rosie Pino narrowly leads Attorney Tiffany Glenn Burress (the wife of former New York Giants star Plaxico Burress) 51.5-48.5 percent in the Republican race that hasn't been called yet by the Associated Press. Even though Trump narrowly finished ahead of Kamala Harris in 2024, either Republican will be the underdog in the general election in this political environment. Democrat Mikie Sherrill won the 9th by 20 points in the 2025 race for governor. Lean Democratic.

New Mexico.

2nd District (Southern New Mexico and western Albuquerque area) Gabe Vasquez, D, re-elected 52%. Trump 50%. The match-up is set between Vasquez and Marine veteran/former police officer Greg Cunningham, who easily won the GOP primary with 85 percent. Republicans consider this a top takeover opportunity, but it will be difficult in this political environment. Tilt Democratic.

New York.

Primary June 23.
1st District (Eastern Long Island and north shore of Suffolk County) Nick LaLota, R, re-elected 55%. Trump 54%. State Republicans are attempting to meddle in the Democratic primary, with mailers boosting Lukas Ventouras, a 25-year-old law student, over Chris Gallant, a former Blackhawk helicopter pilot in the Army and an air traffic controller. Neither candidate has raised much money but Gallant is better positioned to take advantage of a wave if one develops. Solid Republican.

3rd District (Northern Nassau County) Tom Suozzi, D, re-elected 52%. Trump 51%. Republicans are pinning their hopes in this district on a strong performance from Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman at the top of the ticket. Former state Rep. Mike LiPetri is the preferred candidate of national GOP strategists and the local party but Air Force veteran Greg Hach is the only one advertising on TV. Lean Democratic.

4th District (Southern Nassau County) Laura Gillen, D, elected 51%. Harris 50%. Hempstead Town Receiver of Taxes Jeanine Driscoll was handpicked by local GOP leaders to be the party's champion after former Rep. Anthony D'Esposito backed out of an expected rematch with Gillen at the last minute. Driscoll has appeared on the ballot before but in a low profile race and she's never had to raise a lot of money or be subject to the national spotlight. She told *Newsday* she needed to raise \$4 million to win the general election. Air Force veteran Marvin Williams is also in the GOP race. Tilt Democratic.

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7th District (Northern Brooklyn and western Queens) Open; Nydia Velazquez, D, not seeking re-election. Harris 72%. Either Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso or state Assemblywoman Clare Valdez would be among the most progressive members of Congress. But Reynoso is backed by more establishment figures including Velazquez and state Attorney General Tish James, while Valdez has support from Mayor Zohran Mamdani. Councilmember Julie Won isn't in a position to win. Solid Democratic.

10th District (Lower Manhattan and northwestern Brooklyn) Dan Goldman, D, re-elected 81%. Harris 79%. Goldman is a clear underdog in the primary against former New York City Comptroller Brad Lander. Despite Goldman's ability to self-fund he's never had fans among the district's progressives, and Lander's long political history, plus his support from Mayor Zohran Mamdani, put him in pole position. Solid Democratic.

12th District (Midtown and Upper East and Upper West sides of Manhattan) Open; Jerry Nadler, not seeking re-election. Harris 81%. State Assemblyman Alex Bores is emerging as the candidate to beat after attracting millions of dollars in supportive and oppositional spending from warring AI super PACs. If it's not Bores, it'll be state Assemblyman Micah Lasher, Nadler's chosen successor. Kennedy scion Jack Schlossberg and anti-Trump attorney George Conway have their backers but don't seem to be in a position to win. Public health expert Nina Schwalbe hasn't been able to catch on. Solid Democratic.

17th District (Lower Hudson Valley) Mike Lawler, R, re-elected 52%. Harris 49.9%. Depending on who you talk to, either special forces Cait Conley or Rockland County Legislator Beth Davidson has the momentum in the Democratic primary and the other one is flagging due to campaign missteps. Conley had more money in campaign funds on March 31 (\$1.5 million) than Davidson (\$857,000). Progressive Tarrytown village trustee Effie Phillips-Staley has backing from former Rep. Jamaal Bowman and the Working Families Party but little money to promote herself. Lawler joined Trump onstage at a rally in Rockland County in May, a sign that the moderate Republican isn't going to run away from the president despite facing voters who chose Kamala Harris in 2024. Toss-up.

19th District (Southeastern upstate New York) Josh Riley, D, elected 51%. Harris 50%. State Sen. Peter Oberacker, a food scientist whose family owned a local meat market, had \$319,000 in the bank on March 31 compared to Riley's \$2.8 million. The race has already gotten personal: Riley called Oberacker a "Trump-endorsed creep" on Twitter. Lean Democratic.

21st District (North Country and part of Albany area) Open; Elise Stefanik, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 60%. Sticker Mule CEO Antonio Constantino was endorsed by Trump in the GOP primary. Constantino has made an enemy out of most of the district's Republican leadership and still faces state Assemblyman Robert Smullen, but has a massive financial advantage thanks to his own deep pockets. Farmer Blake Gendebien is the likely Democratic nominee after former deputy assistant trade representative Dylan Hewitt dropped out. Solid Republican.

North Carolina.

1st District (Inland northeastern North Carolina) Don Davis, D. Trump 55%. Davis showed an ability to outrun the top of the ticket in 2024 but the GOP-controlled state legislature undercut his strength

by removing his home county from the district this year. Davis outran Kamala Harris by 18 points in Greene County in 2024 en route to a 2-point victory. Now he has more Republican territory and the population trends are not favorable to an incumbent who relies on a dwindling Black population to turn out. Republican Laurie Buckhout isn't the strongest GOP candidate on the map but starts with an advantage. Lean Republican.

11th District (Western North Carolina) Chuck Edwards, R, re-elected 57%. Trump 54%. Edwards is under investigation by the House Ethics Committee for allegations of improper relationships with his staffers. Farmer Jamie Ager will look to capitalize on those negative headlines as well as lingering frustrations surrounding the Hurricane Helene recovery effort to put pressure on Edwards. Private polling shows an increasingly competitive race. Move from Likely Republican to Lean Republican.

Ohio.

1st District (Cincinnati plus Warren and Clinton counties) Greg Landsman, D. Trump 51%. Republicans are coming around on former CIA officer Eric Conroy, who won the GOP primary with a boost from Trump. But Landsman's position looks stronger now than it did when this district was redrawn to be more favorable to the GOP. Private polling shows he begins the general election with a big edge. Move from Toss-up to Tilt Democratic.

7th District (Southern Cleveland suburbs) Max Miller, R. Trump 55%. Miller is in the middle of an incredibly nasty and public divorce from his wife, Emily Moreno, the daughter of Sen. Bernie Moreno. Moreno has accused Miller of physical abuse; Miller has accused her of extortion. Democrats nominated iron worker and Brook Park (pop. 18,595) councilman Brian Poindexter, who is using some of the same consultants as independent Nebraska Senate candidate Dan Osborn and Maine Democrat Graham Platner. Miller won just 51 percent of the vote in his 2024 re-election under slightly different lines and against a divided field that included former Rep. Dennis Kucinich running as an independent. Move from Solid Republican to Likely Republican.

9th District (Northwest Ohio) Marcy Kaptur, D. Trump 55%. The NRCC released a poll from McLaughlin & Associates from late April showing Kaptur trailing state Rep. Derek Merrin, 47-43 percent. But the political environment has weakened for Republicans since then. A recent Fox News poll found Democrat Sherrod Brown with a healthy lead in Ohio's Senate race, and if that's the case, Kaptur is probably in better shape. Tilt Republican.

10th District (Dayton area) Mike Turner, R. Trump 53%. Nurse practitioner / Air Force veteran Kristina Knickerbocker has to prove she can run a top-tier campaign before this race comes online. Turner isn't a powerhouse fundraiser with just \$558,000 in the bank on April 15 but Knickerbocker spent down to just \$34,000 to win her primary. Solid Republican.

15th District (Southwestern Columbus area) Mike Carey, R, Trump 55%. A poll from Democratic firm Tavern Research found Carey leading Democrat Don Leonard, a professor at Ohio State, by just 3 points, 40-37 percent, while Trump's approval rating was underwater by 19 points and the generic ballot was tied at 50 percent. Two notes of caution: Tavern is a relatively new firm founded by former Pete Buttigieg alumnus and Civis pollster Matt Lackey and doesn't have a public track record, and the result is a surprising one in Republican territory. Leonard, a former city planning

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professor at Ohio State, had just \$76,000 in the bank on April 15 compared to Carey's \$1.5 million, so this race isn't on the battleground yet, but it's worth watching in case of a Democratic wave. Solid Republican.

Pennsylvania.

1st District (Northern Philadelphia suburbs) Brian Fitzpatrick, R, re-elected 56%. Harris 49.7%. Bucks County Commissioner Bob Harvie is officially the Democratic nominee and will need to step up his fundraising if he wants to take the fight to Fitzpatrick, who has a \$7 million cash-on-hand advantage. The priciness of the Philadelphia media market makes it more important that Harvie raise money to take advantage of the lower ad rates available to candidates. Lean Republican.

7th District (Lehigh Valley) Ryan Mackenzie, R, elected 51%. Trump 51%. Democrat Bob Brooks, the Pennsylvania Professional Fire Fighters Association president, is a top recruit for the party but has some catching up to do against Mackenzie. The Republican had a 10-1 cash-on-hand advantage on April 29, \$2.5 million to \$252,000. If Democrats are taking back the House, this is among the first competitive districts they should flip. Toss-up.

8th District (Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and northeastern Pennsylvania) Rob Bresnahan, R, elected 51%. Trump 54%. A Democratic dark money group has spent \$1 million over the past three months hitting Bresnahan on health care issues. And Bresnahan's finances continue to be fertile ground for Democratic opposition researchers. But Republicans believe that Bresnahan is picking up additional union support and that Scranton Mayor Paige Cognito's record on crime will be disqualifying this fall. Move from Tilt Republican to Toss-up.

10th District (Harrisburg and York areas) Scott Perry, R, re-elected 51%. Trump 52%. A late April poll from Normington Petts for the Stelson campaign found the Democrat ahead by 6 points, 51-45 percent. That may be optimistic for the former newscaster but she sported a \$1 million cash-on-hand advantage over Perry on May 21 and has a tailwind from Gov. Josh Shapiro's strong standing at the top of the ticket. Toss-up.

17th District (Western and northern Pittsburgh suburbs) Chris Deluzio, D, re-elected 54%. Harris 52%. Beaver County Sheriff Tony Guy only narrowly defeated spring manufacturer Jesse James Vodvarka in the GOP primary, 53-47 percent, thanks to his overwhelming margin in his home county. Guy had just \$42,000 in the bank on April 29 compared to Deluzio's \$1 million and is a heavy underdog. Move from Likely Democratic to Solid Democratic.

South Carolina. Runoff June 23.

1st District (Coastal South Carolina and Charleston suburbs) Open; Nancy Mace, R, lost GOP gubernatorial primary. Trump 56%.

Both primaries are headed to runoffs. On the GOP side, Charleston County Councilwoman Jenny Costa Honeycutt will face off against state Rep. Mark Smith. Retired Vice Admiral

Nancy Lacore was the preferred candidate of national Democratic



Jenny Costa Honeycutt

Courtesy Honeycutt Campaign

strategists but she'll have to get past Hilton Head general counsel Mac Deford in a runoff in two weeks. If this looks like a competitive race in the fall, Republicans are headed for a bad night. Solid Republican.

South Dakota.

At-Large. Open; Dusty Johnson, R, ran for governor. Trump 63%. State Attorney General Marty Jackley easily won the GOP primary with close to 80 percent and will likely be a new member of Congress. He shouldn't have any trouble defeating Democrat former USDA official Nikki Gronli. Solid Republican.

Tennessee. Primary Aug. 6.

5th District, Andy Ogles, R, re-elected 57%. Trump 63%. Democratic strategists continue to believe Ogles is vulnerable thanks to his lack of campaign funds and negative headlines surrounding his finances and inflated biography. But Tennessee Republicans shored up his seat, making it a few points more Republican and removing Columbia, where likely Democratic opponent Chaz Molder is mayor, from the district. Molder is still running and fundraising well, and may outperform the district's baseline partisanship, but there are too many Republican voters for a realistic shot right now. Solid Republican.

6th District. Open; John Rose, R, running for governor. Trump 67%. Former Rep. Van Hilleary is probably the frontrunner for the GOP nomination after the new GOP-drawn removed state Rep. Johnny Garrett's district from the 6th. Garrett remains in the race and has some important endorsements. Former Nashville Mayor Megan Barry filed to run as a Democrat — she was the unsuccessful nominee for the 7th District in 2024. Solid Republican.

9th District. Open; Steve Cohen, D, not seeking re-election. Trump 60%. The 9th was radically redrawn to transform it from a majority Black, Democratic district to a majority white seat designed to elect a Republican. State Sen. Brent Taylor is the GOP frontrunner and has endorsements from both of Tennessee's U.S. senators. State Rep. Todd Warner is also running. So is Jeremy Thompson, an Army veteran who runs a Revolutionary War-themed restaurant in Fayetteville. Solid Republican.

Texas.

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%. De La Cruz turned heads when she revealed recently that her campaign's polling had her ahead of Tejano music star Bobby Pulido by just 1 point. Pulido is an unorthodox candidate for Democrats but brings star power and built-in name ID to the race. Move from Likely Republican to Lean Republican

23rd District (San Antonio suburbs to El Paso suburbs) Vacant; Tony Gonzales, R, resigned. Trump 57%. GOP Gov. Greg Abbott has yet to call a special election to replace Gonzales for the remainder of his term. In the regularly scheduled election this fall, Democrats are clear-eyed about the challenge that attorney Katy Padilla Stout faces against Republican Brandon Herrera, a YouTuber whose online presence is strewn with offensive jokes and commentary about veterans, Nazis, and even Trump's youngest son, Barron. Some strategists are concerned Stout isn't ready for primetime and won't be able to fundraise enough to communicate Herrera's negatives effectively. Likely Republican.

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28th District (Laredo and eastern San Antonio suburbs) Henry Cuellar, D, re-elected 53%. Trump 55%. Republican strategists are excited about Webb County Judge Tano Tijerina, a former Democrat and baseball player. Cuellar is out of legal jeopardy thanks to Trump but some of his family members are facing separate investigations. Tilt Democratic.

34th District (Eastern Rio Grande Valley) Vicente Gonzalez, D, re-elected 51%. Trump 55%. The visual contrast between Gonzalez and the Army veteran/attorney Eric Flores doesn't necessarily favor the incumbent. But Gonzalez is a wily political operator who knows how to put some distance between himself and a weak national Democratic brand, while his allies are eager to may hay over the cases Flores worked on as a defense attorney. Toss-up.

35th District (San Antonio suburbs) Open; Greg Casar, running in 37th District. Trump 55%. Gym owner and veteran Carlos De La Cruz is untested as a candidate but has the partisanship of the district in his favor. Bexar Sheriff's Deputy Johnny Garcia avoided disaster in the Democratic primary runoff by beating an anti-Semitic candidate propped up by a mysterious super PAC, but his toughest task is yet to come. Garcia, a Hispanic law enforcement officer, has the right profile but hasn't shown an ability to fundraise. He'll need to start if he wants to compete in the crowded San Antonio media market this fall. Likely 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 is still the candidate to beat thanks to his name ID and fundraising advantage. There's been some consolidation on the primary's left flank, as state Sen. Kathleen Riebe and former state Sen. Derek Kitchen dropped out and Salt Lake City Councilwoman Eva Lopez Chavez was eliminated at a nominating convention. But progressives are still split between Bernie Sanders-endorsed state Sen. Nate Blouin, and government affairs professional Liban Mohamed, who placed first in the nominating convention. Blouin looked like the stronger of the two until stories came out detailing his past offensive remarks about Mormons. Solid Democratic.

3rd District (Eastern and Southern Utah) Celeste Maloy, R. Trump 60%. Maloy's predecessor, Republican Chris Stewart, is leading an AI-funded super PAC that's spent nearly \$1 million boosting the incumbent in her primary against former state Rep. Phil Lyman. Lyman is a favorite of conservatives and ran as a write-in during the 2024 gubernatorial election. Maloy has struggled to win primaries before. Solid Republican.

Virginia. Primary June 16.

1st District (Western Chesapeake Bay and suburbs north and west of Richmond) Rob Wittman, R, re-elected 56%. Trump 52%. The dust still needs to settle on this race after the back-and-forth of Virginia's redistricting. Wittman had a \$3 million cash-on-hand advantage over Henrico County Commonwealth's Attorney Shannon Taylor on March 31, but Taylor is Wittman's strongest opponent in years. Lean Republican.

2nd District (Suburban Hampton Roads) Jen Kiggans, R, re-elected 51%. Trump 49.3%. The Virginia state Supreme Court threw Kiggans a lifeline when it overturned the voter-approved redistricting plan, and

Kiggans is holding onto it firmly. Don't count out the Navy veteran and nurse practitioner, though she can't afford to make more mistakes like when she agreed with a radio host's racist remark about House Minority Leader Rep. Hakeem Jeffries. Toss-up.

7th District (Southern D.C. exurbs) Eugene Vindman, D, elected 51%. Harris 50%. Retired Army Lt. Col. Doug Ollivant is the most notable Republican running against Vindman after state Sen. Tara Durant dropped out of the race. Ollivant has a distinguished background as a combat veteran but this isn't a serious GOP pickup opportunity. Likely Democratic.

Washington. Primary Aug. 4.

3rd District (Southwestern Washington) Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, D, re-elected 52%. Trump 49.9%. Gluesenkamp Perez's numbers are soft because she often frustrates Democratic voters in the district with her offbeat politics. She's fortunate the only challenger to her left is 2022 candidate Brent Hennrich, who had just \$39,000 in the bank on March 31 and isn't a threat to box the incumbent out of a general election. GOP strategists are hoping that state Sen. John Braun can be a generic Republican, which they feel is enough to win this district. Toss-up.

4th District (Central Washington) Open; Dan Newhouse, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 59%. Retired Air Force Major Josh Duresky is the only Democrat running and will probably lock down one of two tickets to the general election, where he'll be the underdog against whichever Republican emerges behind him. Yakima County Commissioner Amanda McKinney has an endorsement from Trump and with \$451,000 in the bank as of March 31, a significant financial advantage over her opponents. Former NASCAR driver Jerrod Sessler is a two-time candidate for the district but only had \$96,000 on March 31. State Sen. Matt Boehnke has a more moderate reputation and backing from former Rep. Doc Hastings, but with just \$40,000 is less likely to be a factor unless Democratic voters made a strategic decision to back him instead of Duresky in the primary — which probably won't happen. Solid Republican.

Wisconsin. Primary Aug. 11.

3rd District (Southwestern Wisconsin) Derrick Van Orden, R, re-elected 51%. Trump 53%. 2024 nominee Rebecca Cooke shouldn't have trouble getting past Eau Claire Councilwoman Emily Berge in the primary. The general election will be more difficult but unlike in 2024 Cooke will probably have the national environment in her favor. She reported \$4.4 million in the bank on March 31 to Van Orden's \$3.8 million, and her campaign released a May 26-31 poll conducted by Impact Research that found her leading Van Orden by 4 points, 50-46 percent. Move from Tilt Republican to Toss-up.

7th District (Northwestern Wisconsin) Open; Tom Tiffany, R, running for governor. Trump 60%. Podcast producer Michael Alfonso remains the candidate to beat thanks to an endorsement from Trump. It helps that he's the son-in-law of Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy, whose leftover campaign account has funded a \$1 million super PAC ad campaign supporting Alfonso. The only other significant spending in this race so far comes from a super PAC supporting public relations professional Jessi Ebben. The other candidate to watch is Marine veteran Kevin Hermening, a former chairman of the Marathon County GOP who loaned his campaign \$1 million but hasn't spent most of it. Solid Republican.

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