

2022 Elections Forecasting

A Guide to the 2022 Congressional Elections

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Overall Picture

Senate

- The current balance of the Senate is 50 Republicans to 50 Democrats, including two Independents who caucus with the Democrats. Vice President Kamala Harris votes with Democrats to break a tie.
- As of today, one Democrat and five Republicans have announced they won't be seeking reelection. One Republican has also announced his intention to step down at the end of this Congress, although his seat is not up until 2026.
- According to a 270 to Win consensus forecast, Republicans will hold at least 49 seats and Democrats will hold at least 47 seats in the 118th Congress. Roughly four races are considered toss-ups.

House

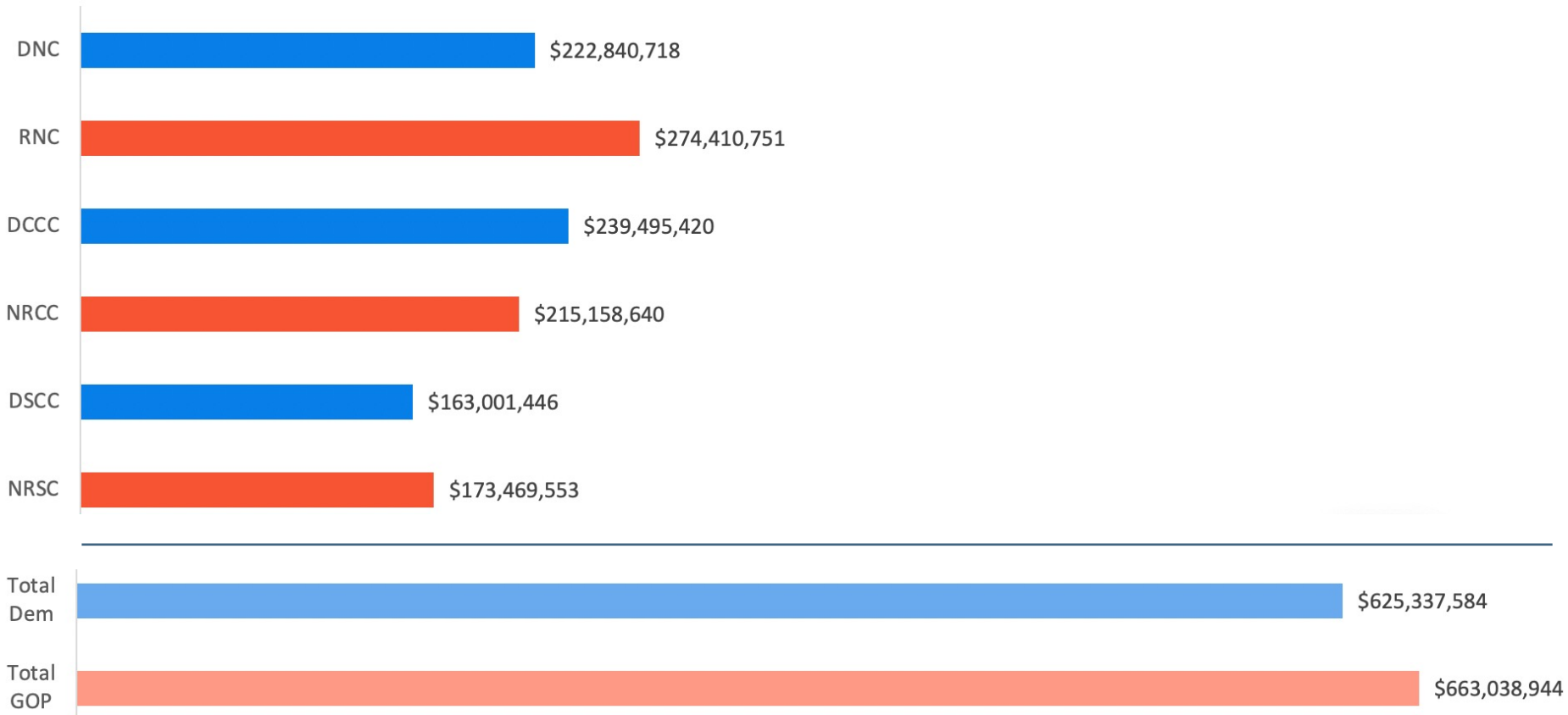
- The current balance of the House is 220 Democrats to 211 Republicans with four vacancies.
- As of today, 62 sitting Members have announced they will not be returning in the 118th Congress, including 37 Democrats and 25 Republicans.
- According to a 270 to Win consensus forecast, Republicans will hold at least 217 seats and Democrats will hold at least 193 seats. Twenty-five races are considered competitive.

Notable Trend: The sitting president's party almost always loses seats in the midterm elections. The RCP Generic Ballot is currently giving Republicans a 1.0-point lead.

National GOP committees have raised about \$38 million more than their Democratic counterparts

Total receipts by national party PACs

AS OF JULY 29, 2022



SENATE RACES

Keys to the 2022 Senate Election

State of play

1

- Out of the 35 seats up for reelection (including the special election in Oklahoma), 14 are currently held by Democrats and 21 are held by Republicans. Republicans only need a net gain of one seat to secure a majority.
- Four Democratic seats (Arizona, Georgia, New Hampshire, and Nevada) and two Republican seats (Wisconsin and Pennsylvania) are expected to be highly competitive. However, Republicans are also defending open seats in Ohio and North Carolina. While Colorado's Senate race is being rated likely Democratic, it may become more competitive.

Compounding effect of multiple competitive races

2

- In Arizona, Georgia, Nevada, and Wisconsin, the 2022 Senate and gubernatorial races are both competitive
- For example, in Georgia, the race between incumbent Sen. Raphael Warnock (D-GA) and retired NFL player Herschel Walker (R-GA) has become increasingly competitive, as has the race in Arizona between incumbent Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ) and a crowded field of Republican challengers.
- Increased voter turnout is expected as these states served as swing states in the 2024 presidential election.

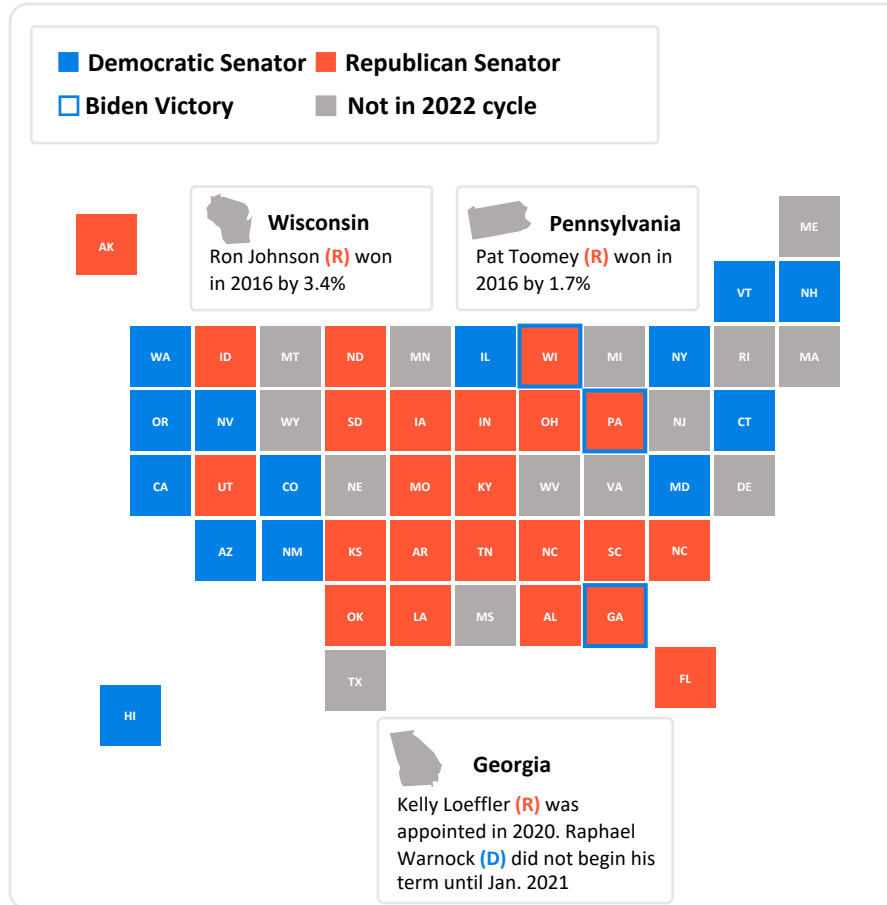
Electoral environment benefits Republicans, but day-to-day developments don't always

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- Sabato's Crystal Ball, 270 to Win, and Cook Political Report – among others – suggest that the electoral environment is favorable for Republicans.
- Campaign trail developments may suggest otherwise. President Donald Trump's endorsed candidates may not be the party's best choice.
- Fundraising dominance has been displayed by the three most vulnerable Democratic incumbents: Sens. Mark Kelly (D-AZ), Raphael Warnock (D-GA), and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV).

Senators Up for Re-Election

In states won by the opposing party's 2020 presidential candidate



Democrats

- Mark Kelly (AZ)
- Alex Padilla (CA)
- Michael Bennet (CO)
- Richard Blumenthal (CT)
- Raphael Warnock (GA)
- Brian Schatz (HI)
- Tammy Duckworth (IL)
- Chris Van Hollen (MD)
- Catherine Cortez Masto (NV)
- Maggie Hassan (NH)
- Chuck Schumer (NY)
- Ron Wyden (WA)
- Patrick Leahy (VT)*
- Patty Murray (WA)

Republicans

- Richard Shelby (AL)*
- Lisa Murkowski (AK)
- John Boozman (AR)
- Marco Rubio (FL)
- Mike Crapo (ID)
- Todd Young (IN)
- Chuck Grassley (IA)
- Jerry Moran (KS)
- Rand Paul (KY)
- John Kennedy (LA)
- Roy Blunt (MO)*
- Richard Burr (NC)*
- John Hoeven (ND)
- Rob Portman (OH)*
- James Lankford (OK)
- Pat Toomey (PA)*
- Tim Scott (SC)
- John Thune (SD)
- Mike Lee (UT)
- Ron Johnson (WI)

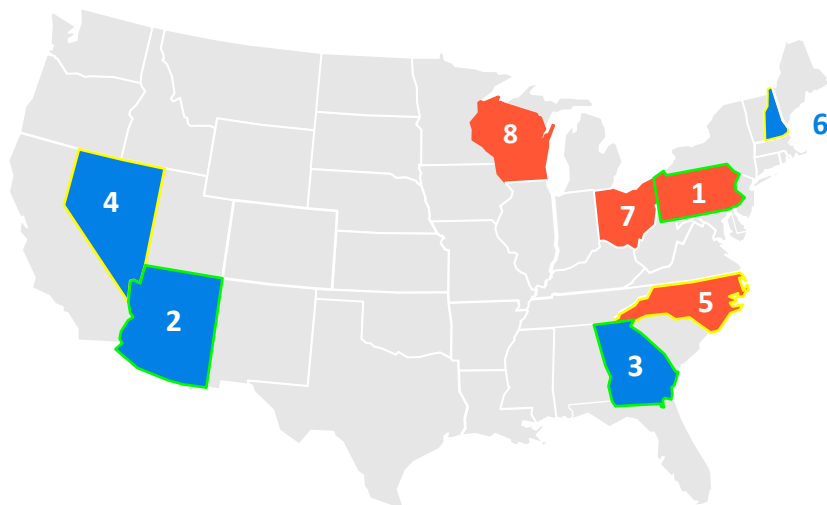
*Senators not seeking reelection in 2022

RACES TO WATCH

Only a small minority of Senate contests in 2022 are likely to be highly competitive

2022 Senate races ranked as of June 1, 2022

- Seat held by a Republican
- Seat held by a Democrat
- Likely to be highly competitive
- Expected to be closely contested



1. Pennsylvania*

- Challenger: John Fetterman (D)
- Challenger: Dr. Mehmet Oz (R)

2. Arizona

- Incumbent: Mark Kelly (D)
- Challenger: TBD (R) – Primary Aug. 2

3. Georgia

- Incumbent: Raphael Warnock (D)
- Challenger: Herschel Walker (R)

4. Nevada

- Incumbent: Catherine Cortez Masto (D)
- Challenger: Adam Laxalt (R)

5. North Carolina*

- Challenger: Cheri Beasley (D)
- Challenger: Ted Budd (R)

6. New Hampshire

- Incumbent: Maggie Hassan (D)
- Challenger: TBD (R) – Primary Sept. 13

7. Ohio*

- Challenger: Tim Ryan (D)
- Challenger: J.D. Vance (R)

8. Wisconsin

- Incumbent: Ron Johnson (R)
- Challenger: Mandela Barnes (D) – Primary Aug. 9

*Open seat. Incumbent not seeking reelection in 2022

SOURCE: SABATO'S CRYSTAL BALL

PENNSYLVANIA

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8

John Fetterman

- Lt. Gov. elected in 2018 with Gov. Tom Wolf in landslide victory
- Won the Democratic primary against Rep. Conor Lamb (D-PA)



Mehmet Oz

- Cardiothoracic surgeon and TV personality
- Endorsed by President Trump
- Won recount in the May GOP primary by 951 votes, defeating Dave McCormick



OUTLOOK

- Republican Sen. Pat Toomey's (R-PA) retirement has opened an opportunity for Democrats.
- Following the state's May primary, the first commercials are beginning to air in Pennsylvania's general election race for Senate.
- Lt. Gov. Fetterman's supporters see him as an untraditional candidate whose anti-establishment sincerity could position him to win some of the white non-college educated voters who left the party to vote for President Trump.
- While Oz has President Trump's endorsement, questions remain if his narrow victory will make a difference. Before his primary, Oz had a negative rating when compared with his Republican opponents in polls conducted by Fox. Oz also only recently moved to the commonwealth from New Jersey in late 2020.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *TOSS-UP*; RCP: *TOSS-UP*

ARIZONA

PRIMARY: AUGUST 2

Sen. Mark Kelly Incumbent

- Former astronaut
- Won special election in 2020 against incumbent Sen. Martha McSally (R-AZ) following death of Sen. John McCain (R-AZ)
- His wife, former Rep. Gabby Giffords (D-AZ), co-founded group that advocates for stricter gun control



Mark Brnovich

- Attorney General since 2014
- Criticized by President Trump for not doing more to investigate 2020 election



Blake Masters

- Venture capitalist
- Tech billionaire Peter Thiel's former chief of staff



Jim Lamon

- Founder of Depcom Power, a builder of solar power plants
- Army veteran



Mike McGuire

- Former Adjutant of the Arizona National Guard
- Self-described "constitutional conservative"



Justin Olson

- Former state representative
- Serves on the Arizona Corporation Commission



OUTLOOK

- Sen. Kelly's win in 2020 showed a shift in Arizona, which used to be one of the nation's most conservative states. His unique background could position him well to secure a second term.
- Democrats may control both Senate seats in the state, but the Republican party remains strong.
- With primaries still two months away, Republicans face a crowded field. The two frontrunners in the early stages of the primary are Mark Brnovich and Jim Lamon.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *TOSS-UP*; RCP: *TOSS-UP*

GEORGIA

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8

Sen. Rachael Warnock

Incumbent

- Won special election runoff in January 2021 against Republican incumbent Sen. Kelly Loeffler (R-GA)
- Pastor serving at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta
- Came to prominence in Georgia politics as an activist for expanding Medicaid



Herschel Walker

- Former NFL player
- Endorsed by President Trump and Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
- Has faced questions about his business background and allegations of threats he made against women



OUTLOOK

- The political landscape has shifted considerably for Democrats in Georgia in recent years due to investments in voter registration, favorability in the suburbs, and new Georgians in Atlanta – one of the fastest growing cities in the nation -- preferring to vote blue.
- Democrats hope that Sen. Warnock and gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams will mobilize the same substantial electorate that turned out during 2020 special election.
- Although Walker is seen as a wildcard, the GOP establishment seems to have come around to support the celebrity candidate. However, it remains unclear if Republican voters in the state will follow President Trump's lead.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *TOSS-UP*; RCP: *TOSS-UP*

NEVADA

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8

Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto

Incumbent

- Succeeded former Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) in 2016 and beat her GOP opponent by 2.4 percent
- First Latina elected to serve in the U.S. Senate
- Served as the 32nd Attorney General of Nevada for nearly a decade



Adam Laxalt

- Endorsed by former President Trump, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX), and Gov. Ron DeSantis
- Lost 2018 gubernatorial race against Gov. Steve Sisolak
- Won the GOP primary on June 14 with 56.1 percent of the vote



OUTLOOK

- Democrats have won every statewide race since 2014, but that may have given some the mistaken impression the state is more favorable to Democrats than it actually is.
- In 2020, President Biden won the state by just over two percentage points, but Laxalt's name recognition is looking more like it could challenge the trend. He is the grandson of a former senator, Paul Laxalt, and has served in a statewide position.
- The NRSC has reportedly reserved \$3 million in ads for Nevada while the DSCC has reserved nearly three times that amount hinting at what will be an increasingly fierce race.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *TOSS-UP*; RCP: *TOSS-UP*

NORTH CAROLINA

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8

Cheri Beasley

- Former state Supreme Court Chief Justice
- Secured the Democratic nomination unopposed after challengers dropped out five months ago



Rep. Ted Budd

- Has represented NC-13 since 2017
- First non-incumbent endorsed by President Trump
- Backed by the conservative Club for Growth's political arm, which spent more than \$11 million bolstering Rep. Budd



OUTLOOK

- Sen. Richard Burr's (R-NC) retirement could be setting up the stage for a competitive election.
- Republicans have a slight advantage, which could be more significant this year. They also have a legitimate candidate in Rep. Budd, but he may be vulnerable because of his ties to President Trump.
- After initially leaving North Carolina off the list of states where airtime for fall campaign ads was being reserved, it seems Democrats increasingly see a path to being competitive in this race for a Republican-leaning seat.
- Democrats haven't won a presidential or Senate election in North Carolina since 2008 when former Sen. Kay Hagan (D-NC) was elected, although they did win statewide with Gov. Roy Cooper in 2016 and 2020.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *TOSS-UP*; RCP: *TOSS-UP*

NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRIMARY: SEPTEMBER 13

Sen. Maggie Hassan

Incumbent

- Narrowly defeated Republican incumbent Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) in 2016
- Former two-term Governor
- One of two women in American history to be elected be both Governor and U.S. senator



Don Bolduc

- Retired U.S. Army Brigadier general
- Unsuccessfully ran for the state's other Senate seat in 2020



Chuck Morse

- Has served in the state legislature since 1998
- Served twice as State Senate President



Kevin Smith

- Former Londonderry Town Manager



OUTLOOK

- New Hampshire's Senate race has looked much more optimistic for the incumbent since GOP Gov. Chris Sununu decided not to challenge her, which has left a field of little-known Republican candidates.
- New Hampshire is known for its "swinginess," meaning it could be much more competitive than President Biden's seven-point win in 2020.
- Sen. Hassan has faced criticism over her opposition to the Biden Administration's plans to lift Title 42.
- There is no clear frontrunner in the Republican primary.

RATINGS: COOK: *LEANS D*; SABATO: *LEANS D*; RCP: *TOSS-UP*

OHIO

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8

Rep. Tim Ryan

- Reelected to represent OH-17 and OH-35 each five times
- Chairs the House Appropriations Legislative Branch Subcommittee
- Candidate for the 2020 Democratic presidential election



J.D. Vance

- Received President Trump's endorsement in mid-April
- Author of "Hillbilly Elogy"



OUTLOOK

- Sen. Rob Portman's (R-OH) retirement has left this Senate seat vacant. Republicans already have an advantage in the reddening state. President Trump won the state twice.
- Rep. Ryan could be one of the best-positioned candidates to do what Democrats need to win: build strong voter turnout and win swing voters. In 2016, Rep. Ryan won his re-election, 67.7 percent to 32.3 percent, while Hillary Clinton won his Congressional district in the same year by just six percent.
- One factor that could matter is that Ohioans are much more likely to split their ballots. In 2020, Ohio was one of the top ten states in the average difference between the vote in the presidential election and the vote for Congressional candidates.

RATINGS: COOK: *LEANS R*; SABATO: *LIKELY R*; RCP: *LEANS R*

WISCONSIN

PRIMARY: AUGUST 9

Sen. Ron Johnson

Incumbent

- Defeated incumbent Sen. Russ Feingold (D-WI) in 2011
- Announced re-election bid after pledging to serve only two terms



Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes

- Endorsed by Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and other Democratic candidates who dropped out of the race
- Assisted current Gov. Tom Evers in defeating long-time incumbent Gov. Scott Walker



OUTLOOK

- In recent months, Sen. Johnson has moved increasingly right, and his popularity ratings have decreased. Polls released in late May showed that 36 percent of registered voters viewed him unfavorably, which explains why Democrats see the seat as an opportunity.
- Despite the primary not being until next week, each major Democrat other than Lt. Gov. Barnes has dropped out of the race, making him the presumptive nominee.
- Despite winning the state in 2020, President Biden is unpopular in the state and the winner of the August Democratic primary will likely be tied to President Biden, especially with inflation emerging as the key issue.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *LEANS R*; RCP: *TOSS-UP*

COLORADO

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8

Sen. Michael Bennet

Incumbent

- Appointed to seat in 2009 after it was vacated by Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar
- Defeated Ken Buck by 1.7 percentage points in 2010
- Candidate in the 2020 presidential election



Joe O'Dea

- Runs construction company
- Has said he supports a late-term abortion ban, but before then, the decision should be left up to “a woman and her God”
- Defeated state Rep. Ron Hanks in June 28 primary with 54.5 percent of the vote



OUTLOOK

- Once a purple state, Colorado has become bluer in recent years with former Sen. Cory Gardner’s loss to Democrat John Hickenlooper in 2020 dealing the GOP a decisive blow.
- Sen. Bennet’s seat is being viewed by some as a sleeper pickup opportunity, particularly given the winner of the GOP primary, who is seen as a much stronger candidate against the incumbent.
- However, O’Dea is still more extreme than the majority of Colorado voters and Sen. Bennet has shown he can break from party lines, having been the only Democrat the oppose reversing a cap on state and local tax deductions.

RATINGS: COOK: *LIKELY D*; SABATO: *LIKELY D*; RCP: *LEANS D*

HOUSE RACES

Keys to the 2022 House election

State of play

1

- To flip the House, Republicans would need a net gain of 5 seats.
- Out of the 435 seats up for reelection, 220 are held by Democrats and 211 are held by Republicans.

Newly redrawn lines continue to impact races

2

- So far, new maps have drawn 12 incumbents into the same districts, which has already forced six incumbents out of their seats.
- A federal court reinstated Louisiana's Republican-drawn map in June, which had been previously blocked by a lower court, who said the map violated the Voting Rights Act.
- The final state to approve Congressional maps was New Hampshire, which had been stalled because of an intraparty dispute. The state Supreme Court adopted a map that changed very little.
- Overall, President Biden won 226 of the new districts, while President Trump won 209. This reflects a slight increase from the old map, which was 224-221 for President Biden. However, the map still gives Republicans an edge.

Republicans may have had a strong performance in 2020, but Democrats might have a fighting shot

3

- In 2020, Republicans narrowed the Democratic lead from 35 to just nine seats.
- Sabato's Crystal Ball assesses that Republicans are viewed as favorites to take the majority. Ratings currently show 217 races leaning, likely, or safe Republican, 191 leaning, likely, or safe Democratic, and 27 toss-ups.

Combined polling shows Democrats hold roughly 73 percent of seats that are rated as toss-up

2022 House toss-up races as of July 29, 2022

CA-13* (D)

CA-22: David Valadao (R)

CA-27: Mike Garcia (R)

CO-8* (R)

IL-17* (D)

IN-01: Frank Mrvan (D)

IA-03 (D)

KS-3: Sharice Davids (D)

ME-2: Jared Golden (D)

MI-3: Peter Meijer (R)

MI-7: Elissa Slotkin (D)

MI-8: Dan Kildee (D)

MN-2: Angie Craig (D)

NC-13* (R)

NH-1: Chris Pappas (D)

NM-2: Yvette Herrell (R)

NV-1: Dina Titus (D)

NV-3: Susie Lee (D)

NY-3* (D)

NY-18* (D)

NY-22* (R)

OH-1: Steve Chabot (R)

OH-9: Marcy Kaptur (D)

OH-13* (D)

OR-4* (D)

OR-5* (D)

PA-7: Susan Wild (D)

PA-8: Matt Cartwright (D)

PA-17* (D)

TX-28: Henry Cuellar (D)

VA-2: Elaine Luria (D)

WA-8: Kim Schrier (D)

*Open or vacant seat.

SOURCES: SABATO'S CRYSTAL BALL, RACE TO THE WH, & COOK POLITICAL REPORT

Combined polling shows Democrats hold 11 out of 13 seats leaning or likely to flip

2022 House flips as of July 29, 2022

Leaning or Likely Republican

AZ-02: Tom O'Halleran **(D)**

AZ-6* **(D)**

IA-03: Cindy Axne **(D)**

FL-4* **(D)**

FL-07* **(D)**

FL-13* **(D)**

MI-10* **(D)**

NJ-7: Tom Malinowski **(D)**

NY-19*: Special **(D)**

TX-15* **(D)**

WI-3* **(D)**

Leaning or Likely Democrat

IL-13* **(R)**

TX-34: Mayra Flores **(R)**

*Open or vacant seat.

SOURCES: SABATO'S CRYSTAL BALL, RACE TO THE WH, & COOK POLITICAL REPORT

RACES TO WATCH

In order of competitiveness per election polls

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT 22

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8

Rep. David Valadao

Incumbent

- Defeated incumbent Rep. TJ Cox (D-CA) in 2020 to reclaim seat in the 21st District
- One of 10 Republicans who voted to impeach President Trump
- Launched re-election bid in the 22nd District, as its new lines incorporated most of the territory previously in the 21st



Rudy Salas

- Has represented California State Assembly District 32 since 2012
- Previously served on the Bakersfield City Council
- Won June 7 Democratic primary with 45.5 percent of the Democratic vote and will advance to the general election



OUTLOOK

- Rep. Valadao survived his primary by 2.5 percentage points but faces a tough Democratic challenger in a five-term assemblyman who is popular in the Fresno area.
- Rep. Valadao's seat has grown increasingly competitive since he first won in 2021. President Biden would have won the newly drawn district by 13 percentage points in the 2020 election.
- Forty-two percent of voters there are registered Democrats while only 26 percent are Republicans. However, Republican voters had much higher turnout exemplifying conventional wisdom about off-year elections.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *TOSS-UP*; RACE TO WH: *R+ 2.2%*

WASHINGTON DISTRICT 8

PRIMARY: AUGUST 2

Rep. Kim Schrier

Incumbent

- Flipped seat 2018 in what was the state's most expensive campaign in history with \$25 million in spending
- Has focused her campaign on emphasizing support for the district's farmers and other constituents



Reagan Dunn

- King County Councilman since 2005
- Son of former Congresswoman Jennifer Dunn, who served from 1993 to 2005
- Endorsed by long-time representative of the district, Dave Reichert (R-WA) and former Sen. Daniel Evans (R-WA)



OUTLOOK

- Although Rep. Dave Reichert (R) had been seen as a relatively safe incumbent and no Democrat had ever been elected to represent the district in 2017, his decision to retire turned the seat into a potential Democratic pickup in an election year already leaning towards Democrats. The trend seems to have gone the other way this year in favor of Republicans.
- The district remains relatively unchanged from the previously drawn lines and remains purple.
- The district includes wealthy Seattle exurbs populated by tech workers, but also stretches to Cascade Mountains and farmland in nearby counties.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *TOSS-UP*; RACE TO WH: *D +8.5%*

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 7

PRIMARY: AUGUST 2

Rep. Elissa Slotkin

Incumbent

- First elected in 2018, defeating incumbent Rep. Mike Bishop.
- Re-elected in 2020 despite the district narrowly voting for President Trump
- Former CIA analyst and Department of Defense official



Tom Barrett

- State senator and former Member of the Michigan House of Representatives
- Named an NRCC Young Gun
- Endorsed by Republican Reps. John Moolenaar (R-MI), Lisa McClain (R-MI), and Tim Walberg (R-MI)



OUTLOOK

- The district voted for President Biden by one percentage point in 2020, making Rep. Slotkin one of the most frontline members. However, it did not change during redistricting and remains a purple district.
- Rep. Slotkin enters the general election campaign with a significant cash advantage. She reported \$6.6 million on hand as of July 13, while Barrett had \$447,000.
- Abortion rights are likely to become central to both campaigns, as Barrett supports only an exception to save a woman's life.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *TOSS-UP*; RACE TO WH: *D +4.1%*

NEVADA DISTRICT 3

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8

Rep. Susie Lee

Incumbent

- First elected in 2018, succeeding Sen. Jacky Rosen
- Endorsed by many unions, including Nevada AFL-CIO, UAW, and the National Teachers Association



April Becker

- Narrowly lost a state senate race to the Nevada Senate majority leader in 2020
- Won the Republican primary on June 14 with 65 percent of the vote



OUTLOOK

- Nevada's 3rd District, first created in 2001, encompasses the southern portion of Clark County and stretches through many of the Las Vegas metro area's wealthiest suburbs.
- Rep. Lee continues to announce impressive numbers with more than \$1.1 million raised during the second quarter, pushing her cash on hand to \$2.5 million.
- Nevada's 3rd District has historically been a purple swing district. However, in 2021, it was redrawn to be bluer, going from President Biden winning by two percentage points to Biden winning by 6.7 percent percentage points.
- Recent polling commissioned by Becker's campaign indicated that likely general election voters were split almost evenly between the two candidates.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *TOSS-UP*; RACE TO WH: *D +2.9%*

MICHIGAN DISTRICT 3

PRIMARY: AUGUST 2

Rep. Peter Meijer

Incumbent

- Defeated attorney Hillary Scholten in 2020
- One of ten House Republicans who voted to impeach President Trump
- Member of the Meijer family, founders of the Meijer superstore chain



Hillary Scholten

- Scholten lost district in 2020 general election to Rep. Meijer
- Running unopposed and will advance to general election
- Endorsed by NARAL Pro-Choice America, the Sierra Club, and EMILY's list



John Gibbs

- Former Housing and Urban Development undersecretary in the Trump Administration



OUTLOOK

- Rep. Justin Amash, another Republican critic of President Trump, retired in 2020, opening this historically Republican leaning seat. However, the district has been competitive in recent years and Democrats have seen more success.
- The district encompasses much of the Grand Rapids area. Redrawn lines have shifted the district dramatically from President Trump winning the district by three percentage points to President Biden winning by 8.6 percentage points
- The Republican nominee will have a large influence over the result in November.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *TOSS-UP*; RACE TO WH: *R +5.4%*

ILLINOIS DISTRICT 17

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8

Eric Sorensen

- Former meteorologist from Rockford
- Won crowded Democratic primary with 37.9 percent of the vote
- Endorsed by Reps. David Cicilline (D-RI) and Mark Takano (D-CA)



Esther Joy King

- Won the June 28 Republican primary with 68.7 percent of the vote
- Won the Republican nomination in 2020 and made the race much more competitive than what political pundits had predicted



OUTLOOK

- Rep. Cheri Bustos (D-IL) won the district despite it voting for President Trump in 2016 and 2020. However, she announced in April she would not be seeking a sixth term, opening up the seat.
- Illinois lost a Congressional seat during redistricting, with Democrats adding one more blue-leaning seats. The 17th district has a slight Democrat lean by four percentage points.
- Legislators moved the primary to June this year because the COVID-19 pandemic delayed tabulation of U.S. Census data, but statewide turnout for the June 28 primary was estimated at 19.2 percent, the second-lowest midterm primary turnout in the state's history.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *TOSS-UP*; RACE TO WH: *R +4.0%*

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT 27

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8

Rep. Michael Garcia

Incumbent

- Defeated incumbent state Senator Christy Smith (D-CA) in a 2020 special election for the 27th District (formally the 25th District)
- Rep. Garcia won the rematch in 2020 general election very narrowly
- Won GOP primary on June 7 with 47.1 percent of the vote



Christy Smith

- Won Democratic primary on June 7 with 37.4 percent of the vote
- Endorsed by Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA) and Rep. Mark DeSaulnier 9D-CA)
- Served as a state senator from 2018-2020



OUTLOOK

- The district is based in northern Los Angeles county and is plurality Hispanic, a factor that has historically benefitted Democrats. That being said, polls are showing that Democrats are struggling to keep Hispanic votes.
- The previous 25th Congressional District voted for President Biden by 10.1 percent. However, under current lines, the district voted for President Biden by 12.7 percent.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *TOSS-UP*; RACE TO WH: *R + 2.8%*

MAINE DISTRICT 2

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8

Rep. Jared Golden

Incumbent

- Defeated incumbent Rep. Bruce Poliquin (R-CA) in 2018 by 3,000 votes
- Was the only House Democrat to vote against the Build Back Better Act and one of two Democrats to vote against the American Rescue Plan
- Marine Corp veteran



Bruce Poliquin

- Represented Maine 2nd District from 2015 to 2019, when he was defeated by Rep. Golden becoming the first incumbent to lose seat in the district since 1916
- Served as state Treasurer from 2010 to 2012
- Won June 14 GOP primary with nearly 60 percent of the vote



OUTLOOK

- Ranked-choice voting makes Maine an interesting state to run in. The incumbent, Rep. Golden, and former 2nd District representative, Bruce Poliquin, are headed for a rematch.
- In 2020, President Trump racked up 7.4 percent more votes in district than President Biden, winning its electoral vote in the process. But at the same time, Rep. Golden beat Republican Dale Crafts in 2020 by 53 to 47 percent, meaning Rep. Golden could overcome a Republican-favoring environment.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *TOSS-UP*; RACE TO WH: *R +1.3%*

IOWA DISTRICT 3

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8

Rep. Cindy Axne

Incumbent

- Defeated incumbent Rep. David Young (R-IA) in 2018 with 58 percent of the vote
- Following the defeat of Rep. Abby Finkenauer (D-IA) and the retirement of Rep. Dave Loebsack (D-IA), Rep. Axne became the sole Democrat in Iowa's delegation in 2021



Zach Nunn

- Has served in the state legislature since 2014
- Squadron commander in the Iowa Air National Guard
- Easily won the Republican nomination on June 7 with 65.9 percent of the vote



OUTLOOK

- The 3rd District is seen as one of the GOP's most important pickup opportunities this year. Nunn's win in the GOP primary shifted the prediction of Cook Political Report and Sabato from toss-up to leans Republican.
- Rep. Axne was reelected to her seat by less than two percentage points in 2020. She faces an even more challenging race this year, as Iowa lawmakers approved new district maps in the fall of 2021, and the 3rd District has several new, Republican-heavy counties.
- Rep. Axne has been met with resistance over her stance on police funding reform.

RATINGS: COOK: *LEAN R*; SABATO: *LEAN R*; RACE TO WH: *D +0.9%*

PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT 7

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8

Rep. Susan Wild

Incumbent

- Defeated GOP challenger in 2018 following the retirement of Rep. Charlie Dent (R-PA), with 53.5 percent of the vote
- Serves as vice chair of the Foreign Affairs Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights Subcommittee



Lisa Scheller

- President of Silberline Manufacturing
- Served as Lehigh County Commissioner
- Won the GOP primary on May 7 with 51.3 percent of the vote
- Endorsed by Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (D-CA) and Minority Whip Steve Scalise (R-LA)



OUTLOOK

- A rematch of the 2020 election will play out this fall. Scheller is the Republican favorite and has been endorsed by GOP leaders. However, President Trump, who endorsed her in 2020, has not weighed in.
- Rep. Wild won her reelection in 2020 by just four percentage points. Because of redistricting, the district now includes all of conservative Carbon County, making the race even tougher for Rep. Wild.
- In early June, Cook shifted their rating of the race from “toss-up” to “lean R.”

RATINGS: COOK: *LEAN R*; SABATO: *TOSS-UP*; RACE TO WH: *D +0.6%*

COLORADO DISTRICT 8

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8

Yadira Caraveo

- Has served in the state legislature since 2019
- Works as a pediatrician in Adams County
- Secured the Democratic nomination in April 2022



Barb Kirkmeyer

- Has represented the 23rd District in the Colorado state Senate since 2021
- Spent 20-years as Weld County Commissioner
- Won June 28 GOP primary with 40 percent of the vote



OUTLOOK

- The 8th District was created following redistricting, which added the highly competitive seat to the state's four likely Democratic and three likely Republican seats.
- Colorado has trended blue in recent elections. President Biden won the area that is now the 8th District by 4.7 percentage points, but mixed political affiliations, as well as racial demographics in the district, will complicate the picture for the state's elections. It has the largest proportion of Latinx residents of any district in the state, with 39 percent of its population identifying that way.
- Kirkmeyer has been attacked by PACs for not supporting President Trump or allegations about election fraud. However, she is already taking an early lead in the race.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *Lean-R*; RACE TO WH: *R +4.0%*

NEW YORK DISTRICT 3

PRIMARY: AUGUST 23

Melanie D'Arrigo

- Lost to Rep. Tom Suozzi (D-NY) in the 2020 primary
- Community and healthcare advocate



Reema Rasool

- Small business owner
- Founder of South Asian Young Women Entrepreneurs



George Santos

- Served as regional director of accused scam firm Harbor City Capital
- Has worked for companies like Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, and Met Global



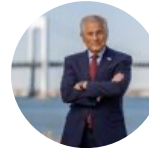
Jon Kaiman

- Hempstead Town Supervisor since 2017
- Ran for the 3rd District in 2016



Rob Zimmerman

- Co-President of ZE Creative Communications
- Unpaid political commentator for more than a decade on Fox, CNN, and MSNBC



Josh Lafazan

- Has been member of Nassau County legislature since 2018
- Professor at Long Island University



OUTLOOK

- Incumbent Rep. Tom Suozzi (D-NY) announced his retirement in late 2021 to run for governor.
- The new lines approved in mid-May dramatically redrew the district, adding Republican strongholds.
- The primary is still a few weeks away, but Robert Zimmerman and George Santos are the leads for their respective parties.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *TOSS-UP*; RACE TO WH: *D +7.4%*

NEW YORK DISTRICT 22

PRIMARY: AUGUST 23

Steve Wells

- Founding partner of American Food and Vending Corporation
- Former criminal prosecutor



Francis Conole

- Backed by Ironworkers Local 60, the only Central New York labor union to make an endorsement



Sarah Klee Hood

- Dewitt Town Councilor
- U.S. Air Force veteran



Brandon Williams

- Co-founded CPLANE.ai, a California-based software company
- U.S. Navy veteran



Sam Roberts

- Served in Onondaga County Legislature for 10 years
- Served in New York State Assembly for four years



Chol Majok

- Two-term Syracuse City Councilor
- Former refugee from South Sudan



OUTLOOK

- Incumbent Rep. John Katko (R-NY) announced he was retiring in January 2022. That same month, Rep. Claudia Tenney (R-NY), who currently represents the 22nd District, announced a run in the new 23rd District.
- The latest version of the district now include many areas that put more moderate candidates into office.
- The district will likely play a pivotal role as Democrats seek to keep control of the House.
- The Democratic frontrunner is not yet clear. However, since March, Francis Conole has been leading.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *TOSS-UP*; RACE TO WH: *R +0.7%*

OREGON DISTRICT 5

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8

Jamie McLeod-Skinner

- Ran unsuccessfully in OR-2 in 2018
- Backed by four county Democratic parties in the district
- Ousted incumbent Democrat and seven-term Rep. Kurt Schrader (D-OR) in May 17 primary



Lori Chavez-DeRemer

- Won the GOP primary with 48 percent of the vote
- Endorsed by Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY), chair of the House Republican Conference
- Former Mayor of Happy Valley



OUTLOOK

- Rep. Kurt Schrader's (D-OR) loss marks the first time in 42 years that party-affiliated voters in Oregon have ousted a sitting member of Congress in a primary. Rep. Schrader had faced mounting criticism from progressives.
- The newly redrawn seat has a Democratic voter tilt. Democrats have held the seat since 1997. However, some in the party are concerned that a more progressive candidate would face a tougher time getting elected in the redrawn district.
- The defeat of Rep. Schrader will likely embolden Republicans to put more into flipping the seat.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *TOSS-UP*; RACE TO WH: *D +0.8%*

PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT 17

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8

Chris Deluzio



- Professor at University of Pittsburgh
- U.S. Navy veteran
- Won the Democratic primary on May 17 with 63.5 percent of the vote
- Endorsed by Allegheny County Democratic Committee and local officials

Jeremy Shaffer



- Former municipal officer
- Narrowly lost a state Senate race in 2018
- Won the GOP primary with 58.7 percent of the vote

Walt Sluzynsky (I)

- Declared candidacy for general election, but not much news has been published on the candidate



OUTLOOK

- Incumbent Rep. Conor Lamb (D-PA) vacated the seat to run for Senate but lost in the Democratic primary. Since Rep. Lamb was elected, the district has changed slightly, but it has become more Democrat-friendly thanks to the addition of a handful of solidly Democratic communities just east of Pittsburgh.
- Voters in the district went for President Biden by a margin of only about six percent in 2020 — the kind of narrow edge a Republican nominee could overcome — meaning the 17th District will likely help determine how high an expected Republican tide is going to rise this election year.
- As of July, DeLuzio has raised more than twice as much money as Shaffer.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *TOSS-UP*; RCP: *D +1.4%*

OHIO DISTRICT 1

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8

Rep. Steve Chabot

Incumbent

- Has represented the district for nearly 30 years, with one two-year exception
- Objected to the certification of the 2020 presidential election
- Has received support from Vice President Mike Pence



Greg Landsman

- Cincinnati City Council member
- Endorsed by NARAL Pro-Choice America



OUTLOOK

- The DCCC has put the district on its “Red to Blue” list tracking districts it believes can be flipped, meaning the race will continue to get expensive and noisy.
- The new lines used in the primary bear little resemblance to the 2020 map. This time, the incumbent will have the entire city of Cincinnati — a deeply blue area — within the district.
- The 1st District has gone from an area where, in 2016, President Trump won by three percentage points to a district which, in 2020, gave President Biden an 8.5 percentage point advantage.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *TOSS-UP*; RACE TO WH: *R +1.0%*

VIRGINIA DISTRICT 2

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8

Rep. Elaine Luria

Incumbent

- Defeated incumbent Rep. Scott Taylor (R-VA) in 2018 and again in 2020
- U.S. Navy veteran
- Ran unopposed in the primary



Jen Kiggans

- State Senator for Virginia's 7th District
- Won June 21 GOP primary with nearly 57 percent of the vote



OUTLOOK

- The 2nd District became less favorable to Democrats after lines were redrawn to include red-leaning areas. In Virginia's 2021 governor's election, Republican Glenn Youngkin won 55 percent of the vote within the redrawn district compared to Democrat Terry McAuliffe's 44 percent.
- Rep. Luria sits on the House committee that is investigating January 6. Her race could move more into the national spotlight as the investigation becomes more high-profile with public hearings on television.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *TOSS-UP*; RACE TO WH: *D +2.1%*

KANSAS DISTRICT 3

PRIMARY: AUGUST 2

Rep. Sharice Davids

Incumbent

- Defeated incumbent Republican Kevin Yoder in 2018
- First openly LGBTQ Native American elected to Congress



Amanda Adkins

- Lost election bid in 2020 to Rep. Davids by ten points
- Chair of the Kansas Republican Party from 2009 to 2013
- Worked for former Rep. David Dreier



John McCaughrean

- Former Army sergeant who served tours in Afghanistan and Iraq



OUTLOOK

- Redistricted maps upheld in May split the Democrat-leaning Wyandotte county and added several Republican-leaning counties, meaning a highly competitive outlook for Kansas' lone Democrat in Congress.
- Under the new boundaries, President Biden would have won the district by around five percentage points, placing it within reach for Republicans as voters have expressed displeasure over inflation, high gas prices, and issues with the supply chain.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *TOSS-UP*; RACE TO WH: *D +2.8%*

NEW YORK DISTRICT 18

PRIMARY: AUGUST 23

Pat Ryan

- Ulster County executive and West Point graduate
- Will also appear on the ballot for the Aug. 23 special election in the 19th District to fill the seat vacated by Rep. Anthony Delgado (D-NY), who was appointed lieutenant governor



Colin Schmitt

- Member of New York State Assembly from the 99th District since 2019, but ran for the seat unsuccessfully two times since 2012
- Commercial real estate agent and sergeant in the Army National Guard



Michael Berean

- Rockland county businessman



OUTLOOK

- Redistricting prompted Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY), who currently represents the 18th District, to move to the neighboring 17th District, which now leans more Democratic.
- In 2020, President Biden won the district by eight percentage points, but the redrawn district now includes about 76 percent of voters from the former 19th District, which President Biden won by only 1.5 points.
- Democratic candidates have recently announced campaigns, so FEC data is not yet available. However, as of March 2022, Colin Schmitt had recorded over \$922,000 in campaign receipts.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *TOSS-UP*; RACE TO WH: *D +0.4%*

PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT 8

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8

Rep. Matt Cartwright

Incumbent

- Defeated ten-term incumbent Blue Dog Tim Holden in 2012 Democratic primary by 13 percentage points and then went on to defeat Republican opponent in general election by 22 percentage points



Jim Bognet

- Lost to Rep. Cartwright by four points in 2020
- Owner of JRB Strategies
- Former Trump Administration official
- Won the May 17 GOP primary with 68.7 percent of the vote



OUTLOOK

- In 2020, President Biden won the district, but if district lines being used this year had been in place then, President Biden would have lost to President Trump by three points.
- Rep. Cartwright has held off Republicans in the region encompassed in the newly configured seat. Bognet failed to beat Rep. Cartwright last cycle in the Republican-leaning district. However, a Republican wave could prove difficult for the 61-year-old Democrat.
- The district includes many blue collar voters who have floated away from the Democratic party. Many political observers have referred to it as a “flip seat.”

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *LEANS R*; RACE TO WH: *R +2.0%*

OHIO DISTRICT 9

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8

Marcy Kaptur

Incumbent

- Longest-serving woman in the House, having first taken office in 1983
- Most recently beat Republican challenger in 2020 by 26 percentage points



J.R. Majewski

- U.S. Air Force veteran
- Attended January 6 and is QAnon proponent
- Won the May 3 GOP primary with about 35 percent of the vote
- Endorsed by President Trump a few weeks after winning primary



OUTLOOK

- Ohio's redistricting process ended in mid-May, giving the Republican-controlled legislature the green light to use twice-rejected unconstitutional legislative maps. The 9th District has long been rated as safe for Democrats, but newly drawn lines have made it one of the most vulnerable House seats this year.
- Rep. Kaptur tweeted on June 9 about her opponent's violent participation in Jan. 6. The ongoing investigation of the attack on the Capitol could bring this race into the national spotlight.

RATINGS: COOK: *TOSS-UP*; SABATO: *TOSS-UP*; RACE TO WH: *D +0.9%*