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2024 House Overview: Road is Easier for the GOP

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Despite heading into the fall with two aging and unpopular politicians at the top of the ticket, party strategists on both sides of the aisle see some reason for optimism in the fight for the House.

Republicans see President Joe Biden's job approval rating hovering near 40 percent, voters thinking more fondly of President Donald Trump's first term compared to their current situation, and find it hard to see how they'll lose the majority under those conditions. Democrats believe voters are making a distinction between Biden and down ballot races and see their candidates overperforming the top of the ticket enough to win.

Special elections have consequences. Democrats started the cycle needing a net gain of five seats for a majority. But after winning New York's 3rd District in mid-February, the magic number is down to just four for Democrats.

Primary elections are important as well. Even though the general election is more than seven months away, 10 candidates have already effectively secured their spot in the next Congress by winning primaries in solidly Democratic or Republican districts.

The majority math is easier for Republicans if they win the races they are currently favored to win. The 188 races rated as Solid Republican added to the 28 races rated as Likely, Lean, or Tilt Republican gets the GOP to 216 seats. That means Republicans need to win just two of the 10 Toss-up races to get to 218.

The math is more difficult for Democrats. Adding the 175 races rated as Solid Democratic to the 34 races rated as Likely, Lean, or Tilt Democratic gets the Democrats to 209 seats. That means Democrats need to win nine of 10 Toss-up races to get to 218.

A down-to-the-last race scenario also assumes that the presidential race remains competitive and neither candidate veers too far from their 2020 performance. But if the 2024 presidential race gets lopsided in either direction, that will affect the Toss-up races and the entire House battlefield.

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2024 House Ratings

Toss-Up (5D, 5R)

CA 13 (Duarte, R)	NC 1 (Davis, D)
CA 27 (Garcia, R)	NY 4 (D'Esposito, R)
CO 8 (Caraveo, D)	NY 17 (Lawler, R)
MI 7 (Open; Slotkin, D)	OR 5 (DeRemer, R)
NM 2 (Vasquez, D)	WA 3 (Perez, D)

Tilt Democratic (8D, 1R)

AK AL (Peltola, D)
CA 47 (Open; Porter, D)
MI 8 (Open; Kildee, D)
NY 22 (Williams, R)
OH 13 (Sykes, D)
OH 9 (Kaptur, D)*
PA 7 (Wild, D)
PA 8 (Cartwright, D)
VA 7 (Open; Spanberger, D)

Tilt Republican (9R)

AZ 1 (Schweikert, R)
AZ 6 (Ciscomani, R)
CA 22 (Valadao, R)
CA 41 (Calvert, R)#
IA 3 (Nunn, R)
NE 2 (Bacon, R)#
NJ 7 (Kean Jr., R)
NY 19 (Molinaro, R)
VA 2 (Kiggans, R)

Lean Democratic (7D)

CT 5 (Hayes, D)	NH 1 (Pappas, D)
IL 17 (Sorensen, D)	NY 18 (Ryan, D)
ME 2 (Golden, D)	PA 17 (Deluzio, D)
MN 2 (Craig, DFL)	

Lean Republican (8R)

CO3 (Open; Boebert, R)*	MT 1 (Zinke, R)
CA 45 (Steel, R)	NY 1 (LaLota, R)
IA 1 (Miller-Meeks, R)	PA 10 (Perry, R)
MI 10 (James, R)*	TX 15 (De La Cruz, R)

Likely Democratic (16D, 2R)

AL 2 (Open; Moore, R)	OH 1 (Landsman, D)#
CA 49 (Levin, D)	OR 4 (Hoyle, D)
IN 1 (Mrvan, D)	OR 6 (Salinas, D)#
KS 3 (Davids, D)	TX 34 (Gonzalez, D)
LA 6 (Graves, R)	VA 10 (Open; Wexton, D)
MD 6 (Open; Trone, D)	WA 8 (Schrier, D)
MI 3 (Scholten, D)#	
NH 2 (Open; Kuster, D)	
NV 1 (Titus, D)	
NV 3 (Lee, D)#	
NV 4 (Horsford, D)	
NY 3 (Suozzi, D)#	

Likely Republican (8R, 3D)

CA 3 (Kiley, R)	NC 14 (Open; Jackson, D)
CA 40 (Kim, R)	PA 1 (Fitzpatrick, R)
FL 13 (Luna, R)	SC 1 (Mace, R)
FL 27 (Salazar, R)	WI 1 (Steil, R)
NC 6 (Open; Manning, D)	WI 3 (Van Orden, R)
NC 13 (Open; Nickel, D)	

	GOP	DEM
Solid	188	175
Likely/Lean/Tilt	28	34
Total	216	209
Toss-up		10
Needed for majority		218

Dropped from List (1D, 1R)

FL 9 (Soto, D)#	IA 2 (Hinson, R)*
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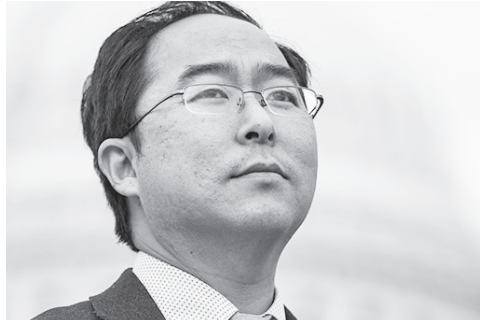
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New Jersey Senate. In a surprising move, First Lady Tammy Murphy dropped out of the race just before the filing deadline, leaving Rep. Andy Kim as the likely Democratic nominee.

With some residual name I.D. from her husband, personal money, and support from what is generally regarded as the state's political machine, Murphy was a top contender. She had even secured county lines from counties with more primary voters than Kim. But Kim has been running a strong race, and she must have seen the challenges ahead.



Andy Kim

Tom Williams/CQ Roll Call

Democratic Sen. Bob Menendez said he will not seek the Democratic nomination but has not ruled out a re-election run as an independent candidate. His standing in the state has dipped so low that it probably doesn't matter what he decides to do. Solid Democratic.

Ohio Senate. Former luxury car salesman and entrepreneur Bernie Moreno won a resounding victory in the GOP primary with 51 percent of the vote, finishing ahead of state Sen. Matt Dolan (33 percent) and state Secretary of State Frank LaRose (17 percent). Moreno, who also ran for Senate in 2022, was endorsed by Trump and survived a late-breaking story linking him to an account on an adult website.

Brown has proven his statewide electability, but Ohio continues to shift toward Republicans. In 2018, Republicans had a 9.6-point advantage (53.6-44.1 percent). That shifted to an 11-point advantage after the 2022 elections, 54.8-43.8 percent. Those subtle shifts can be important in close races. In 2018, Brown had a Vote Above Replacement score of 9.3. If Ohio doesn't shift any further toward Republicans and he overperforms by the same amount, then he'd be at a solid 53.1 percent. But there's no guarantee the state won't shift further toward Republicans and Brown won't have the same financial advantage he enjoyed in 2018.

Brown outspent GOP Rep. Jim Renacci more than 2:1, \$28 million to \$13 million, and the Republican congressman didn't get significant help from the NRSC or Senate Leadership Fund. This cycle, Moreno should be a better

2024 Senate Ratings

Toss-Up (3)

AZ Open (Sinema, I) Tester (D-Mont.)
Brown (D-Ohio)

Tilt Democratic (3)

MI Open (Stabenow, D)
Casey (D-Penn.)
Rosen (D-Nev.)

Tilt Republican

Lean Democratic (1)

Baldwin (D-Wis.)

Lean Republican

Likely Democratic (1)

MD Open (Cardin, D)

Likely Republican (1)

Cruz (R-Texas)

Solid Democratic (14)

CA Open (Butler, D)
DE Open (Carper, D)
Cantwell (D-Wash.)
Gillibrand (D-N.Y.)
Heinrich (D-N.M.)
Hirono (D-Hawaii)
Kaine (D-Va.)
King (I-Maine)
Klobuchar (D-Minn.)
Menendez (D-N.J.)
Murphy (D-Conn.)
Sander (I-Vt.)
Warren (D-Mass.)
Whitehouse (D-R.I.)

Solid Republican (11)

IN Open (Braun, R)
UT Open (Romney, R)
WV Open (Manchin, D)
Barrasso (R-Wyo.)
Blackburn (R-Tenn.)
Cramer (R-N.D.)
Fischer (R-Neb.)
Hawley (R-Mo.)
Ricketts (R-Neb.)
Scott (R-Fla.)
Wicker (R-Miss.)

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fundraiser than Renacci and Republicans are fully committed to spending what it takes in Ohio and Montana to gain the second seat they need for a majority. West Virginia will be the first. If Ohio shifts a point more toward Republicans in Baseline and Brown slips to a VAR score closer to some of his other over-performing colleagues, Brown will likely lose. Toss-up.

Utah Senate. A super PAC affiliated with the Club for Growth and megadonor Dick Uihlein is uncorking a \$1.8 million ad buy in the GOP primary in support of lawyer Brent Orrin Hatch, whose father, Orrin Hatch, held this seat for 42 years. The PAC is now the biggest spender in the Republican race, which also features Rep. John Curtis and former state House Speaker Brad Wilson. Solid Republican. **IE**

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Alabama. Runoff April 16.

2nd District (Mobile, Montgomery, and eastern Black Belt) Open; Barry Moore, R, running in 1st District. Biden 56%. Former DOJ official Shomari Figures and state House minority leader Anthony Daniels are heading for an April 16 runoff for the Democratic nomination in this newly-drawn district. Figures led the initial race 44-22 percent. On the GOP side, former state Sen. Dick Brewbaker (40 percent) and attorney Caroleene Dobson (27 percent) are also headed to a runoff. Likely Democratic.

Alaska. Filing deadline June 1. Primary Aug. 20.

At-Large, Mary Peltola, D, re-elected 55%. Trump 53%. National Republicans still believe that Lt. Gov. Nancy Dahlstrom is the candidate that gives them the best shot against Peltola, with some strategists believing tech entrepreneur Nick Begich III won't even end up on the ballot. Begich has different plans and begins the race in a stronger position than Dahlstrom, thanks to his 2022 bid and his famous last name. Having two Republicans in the race is a boon to Peltola, who benefits from the state's unique four-person ranked-choice voting system. If both Begich and Dahlstrom are fighting each other all the way until November, it makes it easier for Peltola to burnish her brand and win over the Republican crossover votes she'll need — just like she did in 2022. Tilt Democratic.

Arizona. Filing deadline April 8. Primary July 30.

1st District (Northeastern Phoenix and Scottsdale) David Schweikert, R, re-elected 50%. Biden 50%. National Democrats prefer either former news anchor Marlene Galán-Woods (\$548,000 in campaign funds on Dec. 31) or former state party chairman Andrei Cherny (\$948,000). But Conor O'Callaghan, a managing director at financial services firm BTIG, is the money leader with \$1 million on Dec. 31, and state Rep. Amish Shah (\$510,000) and orthodontist Andrew Horne (\$767,000) are also in the race. A mid-February poll from O'Callaghan's campaign found a wide open field with no candidate securing more than 13 percent. Democrats like the trend of this district but see the 6th as a better pickup opportunity due to the uncertainty of this primary. Tilt Republican.

3rd District (Downtown and western Phoenix) Open; Ruben Gallego, D, running for Senate. Biden 75%. Phoenix City Council member Yassamin Ansari had a fundraising advantage over state Sen. Raquel Terán on Dec. 31, with \$744,000 in campaign cash to Terán's \$335,000. Terán secured an endorsement from Sen. Mark Kelly as well as many progressive national organizations such as the Working Families Party, Progressive Caucus, End Citizens United, Planned Parenthood, and the League of Conservation Voters. Solid Democratic.

6th District (Southeastern Arizona and eastern Tucson area) Juan Ciscomani, R, elected 51%. Biden 49.3%. Former state Sen. Kirsten Engel (\$914,000 in campaign funds at the end of the year), who came up just short against Ciscomani (\$2.1 million) in 2022, has a clear shot to the nomination, and will have outside help this time around — something she lacked in 2022 when many in the party wrote this race off. Democrats are hopeful that a strong performance by Senate nominee Ruben Gallego, and a potential abortion rights referendum on the ballot, will boost Engel — but ultimately, she'll need Biden to perform at least as well as he did in 2020 to oust an incumbent. Tilt Republican.

8th District (Western suburbs of Phoenix) Open; Debbie Lesko, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 56%. Two 2022 statewide nominees, Blake Masters and Abe Hamadeh, lead a crowded GOP primary field.

State House Speaker Ben Toma, state Sen. Anthony Kern, and former Rep. Trent Franks are also running. Masters loaned his campaign \$1 million, giving him an early edge, but Hamadeh has an endorsement from Trump. Solid Republican.

California.

3rd District (Northeastern Sacramento suburbs and Lake Tahoe to Death Valley) Kevin Kiley, R, elected 54%. Trump 49.7%. Jessica Morse, California's former deputy secretary for forest and wildlife resilience, reported \$660,000 in campaign funds on Feb. 14 to Kiley's \$2 million. There are encouraging trends in the district's partisan performance for Democrats and Sacramento is a much cheaper market than Los Angeles, but the fundamentals still favor Kiley. Likely Republican.

12th District (Oakland and Berkeley) Open; Barbara Lee, D, ran for Senate. Biden 89%. Bay Area Rapid Transit Board member Lateefah Simon (56 percent of the vote) will be the clear favorite in the general election against Oakland Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce President Jennifer Tran (15 percent), a fellow Democrat. Solid Democratic.

13th District (Mid-Central Valley) John Duarte, R, elected 50%. Biden 54%. All signs point to another close race between Duarte and former state Assemblyman Adam Gray, who lost this seat by a few hundred votes in 2022. Democrats are banking on a big increase in Central Valley turnout in a presidential election year. The 13th is as close to a must-win for Democrats looking to reclaim the majority as any seat on the map. Toss-up.

16th District (Silicon Valley) Open; Anna Eshoo, D, not seeking re-election. Biden 75%. Former San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo is headed to the general election, but it could be weeks until he knows his



Courtesy Liccardo Campaign

Sam Liccardo

opponent. Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian currently leads state Assemblyman Evan Low by 2 votes, 30,234-30,232; all three are Democrats. The state has another 15 days to certify the results, after which there are sure to be

legal challenges and a potential recount. Solid Democratic.

20th District (Eastern Central Valley from the Bakersfield to Fresno areas) Vacant; Kevin McCarthy, R, resigned. Trump 61%. State Assemblyman Vince Fong (who has support from McCarthy) will face Republican Mike Boudreaux in the May 21 special general election to fill the remainder of the term. Fong and Boudreaux finished in the top two regular primary on March 5 and will face each other in the regular general election as well. Solid Republican.

22nd District (Southern Central Valley and eastern Bakersfield area) David Valadao, R, re-elected 52%. Biden 55%. After some uncertainty and millions of dollars in TV spending, Rep. David Valadao will face Democrat Rudy Salas in a rematch of the 2022 race. Valadao won that race by 3 points. Overall in this year's primary, the two GOP candidates combined to outpace the two Democratic candidates 55-45 percent. Turnout will be better for Democrats in the fall but Valadao has proved a tough out. Tilt Republican.

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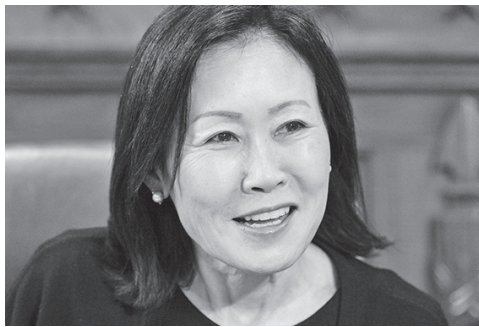
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27th District (Santa Clarita, Lancaster, and Palmdale in northern Los Angeles County) Mike Garcia, R, re-elected 53%. Biden 55%. Former Virgin Galactic CEO George Whitesides had a \$1 million cash-on-hand advantage over Garcia on Feb. 14, the biggest edge of any challenger this cycle. Democrats will look to litigate Garcia's stock trades and support for a life at conception bill. But the Hispanic former fighter pilot will be a tougher out than the district's partisanship would suggest. Toss-up.

40th District (Eastern Orange County) Young Kim R, re-elected 57%. Biden 49.9%. Kim (55 percent in the primary) will face Democrat/retired fire captain Joe Kerr (25 percent) in November. Some Democrats believed Tustin Unified School District Board Member Allyson Muñiz Damikolas had more upside. But she finished third with 20 percent. Likely Republican.

41st District (Southern Riverside suburbs to Palm Springs) Ken Calvert, R, re-elected 52%. Trump 49.6%. Democrats are increasingly bullish on former federal prosecutor Will Rollins, a strong fundraiser who had more cash on hand on Feb. 14 than Calvert. Democrats have narrowly overtaken Republicans in voter registration and the district is trending leftward. Republicans are happy that Calvert is taking the race seriously and has kicked his fundraising into high gear. Move from Lean Republican to Tilt Republican.

45th District (Western Orange County) Michelle Steel, R, re-elected 52%. Biden 52%. Army veteran and attorney Derek Tran will be the Democratic nominee against Steel after narrowly outpacing Garden Grove City Councilwoman Kim Nguyen-Penaloza in the primary. Tran had to spend most of what he raised to get to the general election, while Steel reported \$2.9 million in the bank on Feb. 14. In such an expensive media market, that means Tran will have to step up his fundraising, especially if he wants to entice outside groups to spend on his behalf. Tran has a compelling story and his fluent Vietnamese is a boost in a district that is 17 percent of Vietnamese origin, but as a political newcomer he'll have to prove himself. Lean Republican.



Michelle Steel

Bill Clark/CQ Roll Call

47th District (Coastal Orange County and Irvine) Open; Katie Porter, D, ran for U.S. Senate. Biden 54%. Millions of dollars in negative ads wasn't enough to derail Democratic state Sen. Dave Min, who secured a spot in the general election with 26 percent, second to Republican Scott Baugh (32 percent). Min's 2023 DUI added intrigue to this race, especially when well-funded attorney Joanna Weiss (19 percent) began receiving serious support from AIPAC and EMILY's List. In the general election, Republicans are more likely to highlight Min's voting record in Sacramento. Baugh's fundraising has been solid, but he probably needs Trump to narrow his 11-point loss in 2020 at the top of the ticket. Tilt Democratic.

49th District (Coastal southern Orange and northern San Diego counties) Mike Levin, D, re-elected 53%. Biden 55%. National Republicans did not get their favored candidate, media executive

Margarita Wilkinson, in this race; instead their standard-bearer will be 2022 state Senate nominee Matt Gunderson, who finished in second with 26 percent. Levin is at the edge of the battlefield. Likely Democratic.

Colorado. Primary June 25.

3rd District (Pueblo area and Western Slope) Open; Lauren Boebert, R, running in 4th District. Trump 53%. Boebert's decision to seek election to the neighboring 4th District instead of attempting to hold her own seat through tough primary and general elections makes this race more difficult for Democrats. Former Aspen City Councilman Adam Frisch, the presumptive Democratic nominee, came within a few hundred votes of winning in 2022 and had a whopping \$5.1 million in the bank on Dec. 31, but without Boebert's unique vulnerabilities this district is more likely to revert to its typical partisanship. Nine candidates have declared for the GOP primary but an April 5 nominating convention will thin that number. Current contenders include attorney Jeff Hurd, who was in the race before Boebert switched seats; state Board of Education member Stephen Varela, Marine veteran Russ Andrews, realtor Curtis McCrackin, and state Rep. Ron Hanks. There's some belief among Democrats that Hanks, who was present at the Capitol on Jan. 6, would be an easier general election opponent. Two minor party candidates could also help Frisch by fracturing the conservative vote in the district. But for now, this race is not as competitive as it initially appeared. Move from Tilt Republican to Lean Republican.

4th District (Eastern Colorado and Denver exurbs) Vacant; Ken Buck, R, resigned. Trump 57%. Buck's resignation complicates an already crowded primary. On March 28, a 111-member vacancy committee will select a GOP nominee for a June 25 special election; Logan County Commissioner Jerry Sonnenberg, state Reps. Mike Lynch and Richard Holtorf, former Parker Mayor Greg Lopez, and former state Sen. Ted Harvey are seeking that nomination. The special election will take place concurrent to the regularly scheduled primary for the seat, which also features 3rd District Rep. Lauren Boebert and radio host Deborah Flora, both of whom have qualified to appear on the ballot via petition. Boebert has support from GOP leadership in Washington, DC but has to win over local voters skeptical of her antics. The top tier is probably Boebert, Sonnenberg, and Flora. Solid Republican.

5th District (Colorado Springs area) Open; Doug Lamborn, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 53%. State GOP chairman Dave Williams and radio host Jeff Crank are the top candidates for this seat. Williams, also a state representative, is a controversial figure in the party who has allied himself with Trump and presided over a rough patch for the once-powerful Colorado GOP. He has an endorsement from Trump but plenty of detractors. State Sen. Bob Gardner is also in the race. The seat is still deeply Republican but is shifting leftward quickly; Trump's margin decreased from 22 points in 2016 to just 10 in 2020. The likely Democratic nominee is veteran Joe Reagan. Solid Republican.

8th District (Northern Denver suburbs and Greeley area) Yadira Caraveo, D, elected 48%. Biden 51%. Weld County Commissioner Scott James dropped out of the GOP primary, leaving state Rep. Gabe Evans as the favorite for the nomination against veteran Joe Andujo and former state Rep. Janak Joshi. Republicans are excited about Evans' profile as an Army veteran and former police officer and ability to talk about issues including immigration and national security. Evans will have to boost his fundraising now that the primary is sorted out. He had just \$186,000 in the bank on Dec. 31 compared to the congresswoman's \$1.4 million. The suburban district

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is trending toward Democrats but Caraveo won her seat with a lower percentage of the vote than any other member of Congress in 2022. Toss-up.

Connecticut. Filing deadline June 11. Primary Aug. 13.

5th District (Northern Fairfield County and northwestern Connecticut) Jahana Hayes, D, re-elected 50%. Biden 55%. Considering Hayes won by less than 1 point in 2022, Republicans are excited that former state Sen. George Logan is back for a rematch. But he's trailing in fundraising (Hayes had a \$1 million to \$372,000 cash advantage on Dec. 31) and Logan will have to overcome the top of the ticket in a district that Biden won by 11 points in 2020. Lean Democratic.

Delaware. Filing deadline July 9. Primary Sept. 3.

At-Large, Open; Lisa Blunt Rochester, D, running for Senate. Biden 59%. State Treasurer Colleen Davis dropped out of the race and endorsed state Sen. Sarah McBride (\$850,000 in the bank on Dec. 31), who was already the fundraising and polling frontrunner. McBride has to get past state housing authority director Eugene Young (\$200,000) in the primary but is on her way to becoming the first openly transgender member of Congress. Solid Democratic.



Sarah McBride

Courtesy McBride Campaign

Florida. Filing deadline July 22. Primary Aug. 20.

9th District (Orlando and southern suburbs) Darren Soto, D, re-elected 54%. Biden 58%. Republicans like the profile of Osceola County Commissioner John Quiñones, but he had just \$53,000 in the bank on Dec. 31 and the district's partisanship working against him. Move from Likely Democratic to Solid Democratic.

11th District (Western Orlando suburbs and The Villages) Daniel Webster, R, re-elected 63%. Trump 55%. Webster faces a primary challenge from former state Rep. Anthony Sabatini, who is one of the most prominent backers of Trump's stolen election conspiracies in the state and recently blamed the Baltimore bridge collapse on "DEI." Webster only narrowly defeated right-wing activist Laura Loomer in his 2022 race and is taking this contest seriously. Solid Republican.

13th District (Part of St. Petersburg and suburbs) Anna Paulina Luna, R, elected 53%. Trump 53%. Whitney Fox, the marketing director of Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, is probably the leading Democratic candidate in a growing field that includes former Health and Human Services adviser Sabrina Bousbar, ESG consultant Liz Dahan, and Air Force veteran and pilot Mark Weinkrantz. The district is tough for Democrats but some strategists believe Luna's more conservative politics and prominent role in ousting Kevin McCarthy from the speakership make this a sleeper opportunity. Likely Republican.

27th District (Miami and southern suburbs) Maria Elvira Salazar, R, re-elected 57%. Trump 49.9%. Miami-Dade School Board member Lucia Baez-Geller secured an endorsement from EMILY's List but also now

has a primary opponent in former Key Biscayne Mayor Mike Davey, a former Republican. Either would be a longshot against Salazar, as Democrats struggle to regain footing in Florida. Likely Republican.

Georgia. May 21 primary. June 18 runoff.

3rd District (Southwestern Atlanta exurbs) Open; Drew Ferguson, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 62%. One of the only dentists in Congress announced he is not running for another term. A half-dozen Republicans are running to replace him, including state Sen. Mike Dugan, former state Sen. Mike Crane, commercial pilot/former state Rep. Philip Singleton, and former Trump White House political director Brian Jack, who has Trump's endorsement. Solid Republican.

Illinois.

7th District (West Side and downtown Chicago) Danny Davis, D, uncontested. Biden 86%. The 82-year-old congressman received 52 percent in the 2022 Democratic primary and 53 percent this year. After winning by just 6 points last cycle over gun violence prevention advocate Kira Collins, Davis won with a similar share of the vote but by a wider margin on Tuesday with multiple credible challengers. City Treasurer Melissa Conyears-Ervin received 22 percent followed by Collins with 18 percent. Joe Biden won the district by 73 points in 2020, so this was the most important race. Solid Democratic.

12th District (Southern Illinois and southeastern St. Louis exurbs) Mike Bost, R, re-elected 75%. Trump 71%. The congressman defeated former state legislator/2022 gubernatorial nominee Darren Bailey 51-49 percent in a very competitive race. Bost had a significant spending advantage and Trump's endorsement, but Bailey had positive, residual name ID from his unsuccessful run for governor and past support from Trump that he put front and center of his campaign. A Bost victory is a loss for Florida Rep. Matt Gaetz (who endorsed Bailey) and other provocative Republicans on Capitol Hill. Solid Republican.

17th District (North-central Illinois cities from Rockford to Quad Cities area to Bloomington) Eric Sorensen, D, elected 52%. Biden 53%. Republican strategists like the contrast between Sorensen, a former meteorologist, and their nominee Joe McGraw, a retired judge. Some Republicans believe Sorensen is out of step with the district, but some of that appears to be skepticism that an openly gay man has appeal in a blue collar district. Lean Democratic.

Indiana. Primary May 7.

1st District (Northwestern Indiana) Frank Mrvan, D, re-elected 53%. Biden 53%. Republicans have renewed interest in the district with trucking company owner Randy Niemeyer. A former Lake County councilmember with blue-collar roots and a cousin in the state senate, Niemeyer starts the race with higher name ID than Republicans' 2022 nominee, Jennifer-Ruth Green. But he'll have to raise more money and hope Trump does even better at the top of the ticket. Likely Democratic.

3rd District (Northeastern Indiana including Fort Wayne) Open; Jim Banks, R, running for Senate. Trump 64%. Despite running a negligible campaign for most of the race, former Rep. Marlin Stutzman is the frontrunner heading into the final weeks. Fort Wayne businessman Tim Smith has used his personal money to be a mainstay on television and propel himself into contention, while former circuit court judge Wendy Davis is in the top tier as well. State Sen. Andy Zay and others have even more ground to make up. Solid Republican.

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5th District (Northern Indianapolis suburbs and part of central Indiana) Victoria Spartz, R, re-elected 61%. Trump 57%. Construction company CEO/state Rep. Chuck Goodrich was running for this open seat for a year because the congresswoman was not seeking re-election. But Spartz changed her mind in early February and decided to run, and Goodrich declined to back out (particularly after loaning his campaign more than \$1 million), setting up a competitive primary. As the incumbent, Spartz still has a name I.D. advantage but she's being outspent by a wide margin on ads and Goodrich is criticizing her for voting for Ukraine funding. Solid Republican.

6th District (Southern and eastern Indianapolis area, part of east-central Indiana) Open; Greg Pence, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 65%. Former Indianapolis councilman Jefferson Shreve and state Rep. Mike Speedy are the top contenders among eight Republicans. Shreve staked out some liberal positions on issues during his unsuccessful run for mayor of Indianapolis last year (he lost by nearly 20 points). But that campaign gave him a name I.D. advantage and the other candidates don't have the resources to attack him. RV dealership owner Jamison Carrier is also a candidate to watch. Solid Republican.

8th District (Southwestern Indiana) Open; Larry Buschon, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 65%. Former Rep. John Hostettler lost re-election in 2006 and is a notoriously terrible fundraiser, but he's the favorite in a nine-candidate race for the important GOP nomination. Hostettler still has a loyal following and he's got residual name I.D. plus name recognition via his son Matt, who currently serves in the state House. State Sen. Mark Messmer is also a serious contender, while former Trump White House intern Dominick Kavanaugh is a wildcard. He's unknown in the district but might have a friendly super PAC poised to help him. Solid Republican.

Iowa. Primary June 4.

1st District (Southeastern Iowa) Marianne Miller-Meeks, R, re-elected 53%. Trump 50%. Former state Rep. Christina Bohannon has outpaced Miller-Meeks in fundraising over the last six months of 2023 though she still trails in cash-on-hand, \$1.6 million to \$1.1 million. A recent generic ballot poll from Ann Selzer and the *Des Moines Register* found Democrats ahead by a few points. But Biden's position in Iowa is poor and that will be a tough hill for Bohannon to overcome, even if this race is a higher priority for Democrats than it was in 2022. Lean Republican.

2nd District (Northeastern Iowa) Ashley Hinson, R, re-elected 54%. Trump 51%. Even though Trump won the district by just 4 points in 2020, there's no Democratic buzz about the race. Hinson had \$1.4 million in the bank on Dec. 31 for what appears to be an open U.S. Senate opportunity that hasn't arrived yet. The only Democrat in this race, Sarah Corkery, had \$36,000. Change from Likely Republican to Solid Republican.

3rd District (Des Moines and southwestern Iowa) Zach Nunn, R, elected 50%. Trump 49%. Army veteran Lanon Baccam, a former Deputy Undersecretary of Agriculture in the Biden administration, is the preferred candidate of national Democrats, though he faces a primary with counselor Melissa Vine. Baccam has a compelling profile but got a late start as Democrats struggled to recruit against Nunn. There are encouraging trends for Democrats in Des Moines, and Baccam will look to take advantage of a backlash to Iowa's new restrictive abortion law, but Nunn has kept his head down in Congress. Tilt Republican.

Kansas. Filing deadline June 3. Primary Aug. 6.

3rd District (Kansas City suburbs) Sharice Davids, D, re-elected 55%. Biden 51%. Republicans admit that Davids has been a difficult target, but they're excited to challenge her with someone who doesn't have direct connections to former Gov. Sam Brownback. Air Force Reserve officer/oncologist Prasanth Reddy is the GOP frontrunner but police officer Jonathon Westbrook and HVAC company owner Karen Crnkovich are running as well. The congresswoman had \$1.6 million in the bank on Dec. 31. Last cycle, Davids won by 12 points as fellow Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly carried the 3rd by 17 points. Likely Democratic.

Louisiana. Filing deadline July 19. Primary Nov. 5. Runoff Dec. 7.

6th District (Shreveport to East Baton Rouge) Garret Graves, R, re-elected 80%. Biden 59%. A court-ordered redistricting required a second majority-Black seat in Louisiana, and Graves' poor relationship with Gov.



Courtesy Louisiana Senate

Cleo Fields

Jeff Landry meant he drew the short straw when it came time to draw the new map. Graves has said he'll seek re-election in his new seat, which Biden would have carried by 20 points in 2020, but he has also said he believes the courts will ultimately strike

down the map. Former congressman and current state Sen. Cleo Fields, a Democrat, is the heavy favorite at the moment. But with a late filing deadline other Democrats like progressive Gary Chambers could jump in and complicate his path. For now, this race is Likely Democratic, which is a flip.

Maine. Primary June 11.

2nd District (Northern Maine) Jared Golden, D, re-elected 53%. Trump 52%. Golden's political reversal on gun policy following the mass shooting in his hometown of Lewiston has Republicans enthusiastic they finally have an issue they can use to paint him as a liberal Democrat rather than an unorthodox independent. State Rep. Austin Theriault, a former NASCAR driver, is the dominant player in the GOP field, with Trump's endorsement and reporting ten times as much cash on hand at the end of the year as his opponents, state Rep. Mike Soboleski and mortgage broker Robert Cross. The district's fundamentals favor Republicans but Golden withstood millions of dollars in attacks last cycle and has a strong brand in the district. Ranked choice voting helps him as well. Lean Democratic.

Maryland. Primary April 23.

3rd District (Baltimore suburbs in Howard and Anne Arundel counties) Open; John Sarbanes, D, not seeking re-election. Biden 62%. Two dozen candidates have launched bids for this open seat; the more of them who make the ballot, the likelier it is that former Capitol Police Officer Harry Dunn, who became a political celebrity following his testimony over the Jan. 6 insurrection, can use his massive financial advantage to pound out a plurality win. Dunn's campaign says it raised

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roughly \$3 million in the first two months of the year. The race's other heavy hitter is probably state Sen. Sarah Elfreth, who has narrowly led the few polls of the race. But the presence of four other sitting elected officials doesn't help her. Former Association of Flight Attendants general counsel John Morse has backing from national labor leaders and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. Solid Democratic.

6th District (Western Maryland and northwestern D.C. exurbs) Open; David Trone, D, running for Senate. Biden 54%. April McClain-Delaney, a former Biden administration official and the wife of former 6th District Rep. John Delaney, is the fundraising leader and first candidate on TV, with a \$140,000 buy. State Del. Jon Vogel, Montgomery County Councilwoman Laurie-Anne Sayles, and Hagerstown Mayor Tekesha Martinez are also in the running. Likely Democratic.

Michigan. Filing deadline April 23. Primary Aug. 6

3rd District (Grand Rapids and Muskegon areas) Hillary Scholten, D, elected 55%. Biden 53%. Scholten (\$1.4 million in the bank on Dec. 31) should be fine against either attorney Paul Hudson (\$234,000 in the bank and the preferred candidate of national Republicans) or financial adviser Michael Markey (\$213,000). Western Michigan has shifted significantly away from Trump. Move from Lean Democratic to Likely Democratic.

7th District (Lansing area and northwestern Detroit exurbs) Open; Elissa Slotkin, D, running for U.S. Senate. Biden 50%. The general election matchup is effectively set between two former state senators, Republican Tom Barrett (also the 2022 nominee here) and Democrat Curtis Hertel. Republicans anticipate being outspent here again but not by as much as in 2022, and believe they have solid hits on Hertel's record in the legislature. But Barrett has his own vulnerabilities stemming from his anti-Covid vaccine stance and vote against a big auto bill. Biden may lose this seat this time around, but with Slotkin running for Senate the Lansing area is going to get a lot of attention. Barrett released a poll showing him up 7 points on Hertel, 44-37 percent, but even Republicans acknowledge that's largely a factor of name ID. Toss-up.

8th District (Flint and Tri-Cities areas) Open; Dan Kildee, D, not seeking re-election. Biden 50%. Both parties have primaries to work through. For Democrats, the

initial frontrunner is probably state Sen. Kristen McDonald Rivet, who has backing from Kildee and endorsements from several labor unions. But former Flint Mayor Mayor Matthew Collier has a



Nikki Snyder

Courtesy Snyder Campaign

compelling background, even if he's been away from the state for much of the time since he left office in the 1980s, and current Mayor Sheldon Neeley also has a base of support (though some local sources wonder if he'll ultimately be on the ballot). State Board of Education President Pamela Pugh is also running. On the Republican side, the frontrunner is 2022 nominee Paul Junge, who is wealthy but ran an underwhelming race against Kildee. And state Board of Education member Nikki Snyder dropped her Senate bid to run here. But dissatisfied national Republicans

are working to get Mary Draves, a former executive at Dow Chemical, into the race as well. Tilt Democratic.

10th District (Macomb County) John James, R, elected 49%. Trump 49.8%. Former Macomb County judge and 2022 nominee Carl Marlinga appears on a glide path to the Democratic nomination even though he is a lackluster fundraiser and has serious baggage from his legal work. But none of the other Democrats in the race appear able or willing to make a serious play against him — the only one with the resources appears to be urologist Anil Kumar, who reported \$756,000 in the bank on Dec. 31 after loaning himself \$538,000. With Marlinga looking like the likeliest nominee, this race is less attractive to Democrats, especially with the political environment improving for Republicans over 2022 and the cost of competing with competitive Senate and presidential races on the airwaves and against James (\$2.3 million). Move from Tilt Republican to Lean Republican.

13th District (Detroit and southwestern suburbs) Shri Thanedar, D, elected 71%. Biden 74%. Former state Sen. Adam Hollier has endorsements from many local Democratic leaders, but the personally wealthy Thanedar has significantly more money in the bank thanks to a \$2.15 million loan. Thanedar outpaced Hollier by 5 points in a crowded 2022 primary, which frustrated many Black Democrats. None of the outside groups that spent millions in support of Hollier that year have gotten involved yet this year. Solid Democratic.

Minnesota. Filing deadline June 4. Primary Aug. 13.

2nd District (Southern Minneapolis-St. Paul suburbs) Angie Craig, DFL, re-elected 51%. Biden 52%. Former federal prosecutor and Marine veteran Joe Teirab is a credible candidate for Republicans, but Craig is a tough incumbent and a strong fundraiser. In a sign of financial dominance, she's already reserved \$2.3 million in TV ad time for the fall. Lean DFL.

3rd District (Western Minneapolis suburbs) Open; Dean Phillips, DFL, ran for president. Biden 60%. State Sen. Kelly Morrison is the likely DFL nominee — and likely next member — after Democratic National Committeeman Ron Harris dropped out. Solid DFL.

5th District (Minneapolis area) Ilhan Omar, DFL, re-elected 75%. Biden 81%. Omar was caught off-guard by former Minneapolis City Councilman Don Samuels last cycle, only winning by 2 points. She's taking her race more seriously and has a big financial advantage over Samuels, reporting more than \$1 million more than him in campaign funds on Dec. 31. Solid DFL.

Missouri. Filing deadline March 26. Primary Aug. 6.

1st District (St. Louis and northern suburbs) Cori Bush, D, re-elected 73%. Biden 78%. Things look precarious for the progressive lawmaker, who trailed her primary opponent, St. Louis County prosecutor Wesley Bell, in cash on hand at the end of December (\$215,000 to his \$408,000) and in the one publicly released poll of the race, done by a Republican firm for a local tipsheet. The Remington Research survey found Bell ahead, 50-28 percent. Solid Democratic.

Montana. Primary June 4.

1st District (Western Montana) Ryan Zinke, R, elected 49.6%. Trump 52%. Democrat Monica Tranel's hopes of scoring an upset rest on riding Sen. Jon Tester's coattails; he will need to win this seat by double digits to win statewide. Zinke has some unique vulnerabilities but he won't have to navigate a competitive primary this cycle. Lean Republican.

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Nebraska. Primary May 14.

2nd District (Greater Omaha area) Don Bacon, R, re-elected 52%. Biden 52%. Trump's troubles in the suburbs put serious pressure on Bacon, who benefitted from running against a particularly progressive Democrat during the last presidential cycle. Bacon's opponent this year, state Sen. Tony Vargas, raised twice as much through Dec. 31 as he did in his last run, and will look to run a sharper campaign against the retired Air Force general, especially on abortion policy. Bacon faces a primary challenge from financial salesman Dan Frei, who nearly knocked off then-Rep. Lee Terry in the 2014 GOP primary despite spending just \$50,000. Move from Lean Republican to Tilt Republican.

Nevada. Primary June 11.

1st District (Eastern Las Vegas area) Dina Titus, D, re-elected 52%. Biden 53%. Restaurateur Flemming Larsen has loaned himself \$1.25 million, which makes him the most credible GOP candidate, but this race is not a priority for national Republicans. Likely Democratic.

3rd District (Southwestern Las Vegas area) Susie Lee, D, re-elected 52%. Biden 52%. State Assemblywoman Heidi Kasama, who was endorsed by

Gov. Joe Lombardo, dropped out after poor fundraising. That leaves a B-tier of candidates for Republicans in what should be a top target. Former state treasurer Dan Schwartz jumped in recently and pledged to spend



Dan Schwartz

Courtesy Schwartz Campaign

\$1 million of his own money and state Sen. Elizabeth Helgelien has an endorsement from Florida Rep. Matt Gaetz. Conservative commentator Drew Johnson is also in the race, and composer Marty O'Donnell, who wrote the music for the *Halo* video game series, just announced a bid. Move from Lean Democratic to Likely Democratic.

4th District (Northern Las Vegas area and rural central Nevada) Steven Horsford, D, re-elected 52%. Biden 53%. Air Force veteran David Flippo and former North Las Vegas Mayor John Lee (a former Democrat) are facing off in the GOP primary. Neither have raised much money through December 31 (\$177,000 for Flippo plus \$542,000 in self-funding, and \$122,000 for Lee). Horsford had \$1.5 million in the bank on Dec. 31. Likely Democratic.

New Hampshire. Filing deadline June 14. Primary Sept. 10.

1st District (Eastern New Hampshire) Chris Pappas, D, re-elected 54%. Biden 52%. A late and unsettled primary between former executive councilor Russell Prescott (\$450,000 in the bank on Dec. 31, including \$350,000 of personal money), steel fabricator Hollie Noveletsky (\$178,000) and Army veteran/facilities management CEO Chris Bright (\$47,000), make this less of a priority for Republicans. Lean Democratic.

2nd District (Western and northern New Hampshire) Open; Annie Kuster, D, not seeking re-election. Biden 54%. First elected in 2012, Kuster announced Wednesday that she will not seek another term. Former executive councilor Colin Van Ostern, who was the Democratic

nominee for governor in 2016, is already the subject of a lot of buzz. Current executive councilor Cinde Warmington is going to continue her bid for governor. Given the size of the New Hampshire legislature, there will likely be plenty of current and former state and local elected officials who will look at the race. Biden won the district by 9 points in 2020, so it remains on the outskirts of the House battlefield. Likely Democratic.

New Jersey. Primary June 4.

3rd District (Outer Philadelphia suburbs) Open; Andy Kim, D, running for Senate. Biden 56%. State Assemblyman Herb Conaway looks to have the inside track to the Democratic nomination against colleague Carol Murphy. Solid Democratic.

7th District (Southwestern New York City suburbs and exurbs) Tom Kean Jr., R, elected 51%. Biden 51%. Former New Jersey Working Families Alliance director Sue Altman is the presumptive Democratic nominee after former State Department official Jason Blazakis dropped out. It's a remarkable turnaround for the polarizing former teacher, but Altman still faces a tough general election against Kean in an expensive media market. She'll need to start raising more money. Tilt Republican.

8th District (Jersey City area) Rob Menendez, D, elected 74%. Biden 72%. Hoboken Mayor Ravi Bhalla is a serious challenger to Menendez in the primary, and had more cash on hand than the incumbent, \$914,000 to his \$692,000, on Dec. 31. Early February internal polls from each campaign agree that Menendez is vulnerable for an incumbent, with less than 50 percent support, but differ on Bhalla's strength; a TargetSmart survey for Menendez had the incumbent leading, 46-24 percent, while a GQR poll for Bhalla found Menendez up, 44-41 percent. Solid Democratic.

New Mexico. Primary June 4.

2nd District (Southern New Mexico and western Albuquerque area) Gabe Vasquez, D, elected 50%. Biden 52%. Biden's problems with Hispanic voters mean this district is at the center of the battlefield despite the president's decent performance in this seat in 2020. Former Rep. Yvette Herrell has incumbent-level name ID because she's been the nominee here three times before. Toss-up.

New York. Primary June 25.

1st District (Eastern Long Island and north shore of Suffolk County) Nick LaLota, R, elected 54%. Trump 49.9%. Redistricting made this seat a hair better for LaLota. Democrats have a competitive primary between 2020 nominee Nancy Goroff, a wealthy chemistry professor, and former CNN anchor John Avlon, who entered the race late but has a deep rolodex and a bit of a national platform. Either would be an underdog given Democrats' struggles on Long Island and the district's fundamentals. Former 3rd District Rep. George Santos says he'll run here as an independent, but it's not obvious the expelled, indicted Republican will even make it on the ballot. Lean Republican.

3rd District (Northern Nassau County) Tom Suozzi, D, elected in Feb. 2024 special election 54%. Biden 55%. Suozzi begins the general election with an advantage. The Nassau County GOP has lined up behind former state assemblyman Mike LiPetri, though attorney and veteran Greg Hach is also in the race and attacking LiPetri as insufficiently conservative. Move from Lean Democratic to Likely Democratic.

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4th District (Southern Nassau County) Anthony D'Esposito, R, elected 52%. Biden 57%. State Sen. Kevin Thomas dropped out of the Democratic primary, leaving 2022 nominee Laura Gillen as the likely nominee. Democrats see this race as their top target nationwide, given how much Biden won the district by in 2020. But D'Esposito has a strong profile and Democrats not named Tom Suozzi have struggled on Long Island for years. Toss-up.

16th District (Southern Westchester County) Jamaal Bowman, D, re-elected 84%. Biden 72%. Bowman, who ousted a longtime member in a primary to win this seat, now faces a serious primary challenge from Westchester County Executive George Latimer. Redistricting kept this seat predominantly based in Westchester rather than the Bronx, which is a boost for Latimer.



Jamaal Bowman

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The county executive, who is hitting Bowman on Israel issues, had twice as much cash on hand on Dec. 31 as Bowman, \$1.3 million to the incumbent's \$630,000. Solid Democratic.

17th District (Lower Hudson Valley) Mike Lawler, R, elected 50%. Biden 54%. Former Rep. Mondaire Jones continues to outraise Lawler, but the incumbent is no slacker and had nearly \$1 million more in cash on hand on Dec. 31. Lawler dodged a bullet when state Democrats passed on redrawing his district to be more Democratic. Toss-up.

18th District (Upper Hudson Valley) Pat Ryan, D, re-elected 51%. Biden 54%. A modest fundraising quarter — less than \$250,000 raised — for retired NYPD detective Alison Esposito underscores the GOP's challenge in this race. Ryan had \$2.2 million in the bank on Dec. 31. Republican strategists like Esposito on the stump but this race is a lower priority than the other New York seats. Lean Democratic.

19th District (Southeastern upstate New York) Marc Molinaro, R, elected 51%. Biden 51%. Josh Riley, the 2022 Democratic nominee, had nearly as much cash on hand as Molinaro, \$1.6 million to \$1.5 million, at the end of December. Molinaro narrowly won in 2022; the environment will be worse for Republicans than that year, but also likely not as good for Democrats as 2020, when Biden won the district by 4 points. The underlying partisanship makes this seat slightly less attractive than the 4th, 17th, and 22nd districts, but Molinaro is still highly vulnerable. Tilt Republican.

22nd District (Syracuse and Utica areas) Brandon Williams, R, elected 51%. Biden 54%. Either DeWitt Town Councilor Sarah Klee Hood or state Sen. John Mannion would have the upper hand against Williams, whose district got 4 points better for Democrats. Mannion and Hood had roughly equal war chests on Dec. 31, but organized labor is poised to come in big to support Mannion, who is a former teachers' union president. Williams has not broken with his party publicly in the same strategic ways as his New York colleagues, Reps. D'Esposito, Lawler and Molinaro. Tilt Democratic.

26th District (Buffalo area) Vacant; Brian Higgins, D, resigned. Biden 61%. State Sen. Tim Kennedy will win this seat in a special election on April 30, and will get to run as an incumbent in the June primary against former Grand Island Town Supervisor Nate McMurray. Solid Democratic.

North Carolina. Runoff May 14.

1st District (Inland northeastern North Carolina) Don Davis, D, elected 52%. Biden 50.4%. Republican strategists got their desired candidate in retired U.S. Army Col. Laurie Buckhout, who defeated 2022 nominee Sandy Smith by 7 points. Buckhout is personally wealthy and has already loaned her campaign \$1 million through Feb. 14. The district is trending toward Republicans. Toss-up.

13th District (Raleigh exurbs and nearby rural areas) Open; Wiley Nickel, D, not seeking re-election. Trump 58%. Attorney/2022 candidate Kelly Daughtry and former federal prosecutor Brad Knott are in a runoff for the GOP nomination, which is the most important contest in this GOP-leaning district. Daughtry placed first with 24 percent to Knott's 19th percent, and is spending \$400,000 on TV ads in the runoff while Knott has not spent anything. Likely Republican.

North Dakota. April 8 filing deadline. June 11 primary.

At-Large District. Open; Kelly Armstrong, R, running for governor. Trump 65%. Public Service Commissioner Julie Fedorchak is a top contender for the seat. She has support from outgoing Gov. Doug Burgum, both of the state's current senators, John Hoeven (she was previously his state director) and Kevin Cramer, as well as Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and at least eight other Republican senators, including South Dakota's John Thune. Former state Sen. Tom Campbell (who ran against Armstrong in the 2018 primary) is running again, along with former state Rep. Rick Becker and others. The party nominating convention (April 5-6) can throw some curveballs. Solid Republican.

Ohio.

1st District (Cincinnati area) Greg Landsman, D, elected 53%. Biden 54%. This will be a tough race for Army veteran Orlando Sonza, who reported just \$97,000 in campaign funds on Dec. 31 compared to \$1.4 million for Landsman. Move from Lean Democratic to Likely Democratic.

2nd District (Southern Ohio and eastern Cincinnati suburbs) Open; Brad Wenstrup, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 72%. Concrete company owner David Taylor won a crowded and expensive primary with just 25 percent and will likely be a member of Congress next year. Businessman Tim O'Hara finished second with 22 percent, followed by staffing company owner Larry Kidd (19 percent), Shane Wilkin (10 percent), Ron Hood (9 percent), and six others. Due to the GOP nature of the seat, Taylor will be the prohibitive favorite over Democrat Samantha Meadows in the general election. Meadows lost to Wenstrup by 49 points in 2022. Solid Republican.

6th District (Southeastern Ohio and Youngstown area) Open; Bill Johnson, R, resigned Jan. 21 to become president of Youngstown State University. Trump 64%. State Sen. Michael Rulli won the special GOP primary with 49 percent and is the prohibitive favorite to win the special general election on June 11. He should be sworn in soon after, giving Speaker Mike Johnson a small piece of his narrow majority back for the remainder of the year. State Rep. Reggie Stoltzfus was second with 41 percent in the special primary, followed by chiropractor Rick Tsai (10 percent). The results were similar in the regular primary election. Solid Republican.

9th District (Toledo area and northwestern Ohio) Marcy Kaptur, D, re-elected 57%. Trump 51%. A roller coaster GOP primary ended anticlimactically, with state Rep. Derek Merrin outpacing former state

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Rep. Craig Riedel, 53-34 percent. Merrin received a late endorsement from Trump, but the biggest development in the race came a few weeks ago when 2022 nominee JR Majewski dropped out for the second time. Republican strategists saw Majewski as uniquely unelectable, given reporting that he misrepresented his military background. Kaptur is a top Republican target but has deep ties to the district. Move from Lean Democratic to Tilt Democratic.

13th District (Akron and Canton areas) Emilia Sykes, D, elected 53%. Biden 51%. Former state Sen. Kevin Coughlin easily beat Hudson City Councilman Chris Banweg, 65-27 percent in the Republican primary and will face Sykes this fall. Sykes has a significant cash advantage and this race is yet to break into the top tier. Tilt Democratic.

Oregon. Primary May 21.

3rd District (Eastern Portland area) Open; Earl Blumenauer, D, not seeking re-election. Biden 73%. It's a three-way Democratic primary between former Multnomah County Commissioner Susheela Jayapal, a progressive and the older sister of Washington Rep. Pramila Jayapal; Gresham City councilor Eddy Morales; and state Rep. Maxine Dexter. Jayapal has backing from Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, Morales has several union endorsements and support from Congressional Hispanic Caucus BOLD PAC, and Dexter has endorsements from 314 Action and Everytown for Gun Safety. Solid Democratic.

4th District (Southern Willamette Valley and southern coast) Val Hoyle, D, elected 51%. Biden 55%. Biden won the district by 13 points, but Republicans are intrigued by the opportunity. A combination of allegations of misconduct by Hoyle during her time as state labor commissioner, an inexpensive media market to air campaign ads and an intriguing GOP candidate could be the ingredients for a competitive race. Retired Air Force Colonel Monique DeSpain needs to raise more money (she had \$100,000 in the bank on Dec. 31), but Hoyle didn't have a lot either (\$467,000) in a district where it can be hard to raise money. It's still unclear whether the negative headlines have done substantial damage to Hoyle's image. Likely Democratic.

5th District (Southern Portland suburbs and central Oregon) Lori Chavez-DeRemer, R, elected 51%. Biden 53%. Democratic strategists and elected officials are trying to rally behind state Rep. Janelle Bynum while not ruling out investing in the race if Jamie McLeod-Skinner is the nominee once again. McLeod-Skinner came close in 2022 without significant party support after knocking off Rep. Kurt Schrader in the

primary. But now she's dealing with new allegations that she abused a campaign aide last cycle and an ongoing reputation that she's too liberal for the district. Meanwhile, Chavez-DeRemer is stockpiling cash (\$1.6 million on Dec. 31). Democrats are particularly excited that Bynum defeated the congresswoman in two state legislative races in 2016 and 2018. Toss-up.

6th District (Salem area, Dallas and southwestern Portland suburbs) Andrea Salinas, D, elected 50%. Biden 55%. Former state Sen. Denyc Boles struggled to raise money and ended her campaign last month, setting up a likely rematch between Salinas and Republican businessman Mike Erickson. Even though Salinas won the 2022 race by just 2.4 points, Republicans aren't particularly optimistic unless the district shifts in their favor. Erickson has personal money to spend (he spent \$2.8 million last cycle), but has been focused on suing Salinas for defamation over a 2022 ad. The congresswoman had \$1.1 million in her campaign account on Dec. 31. Move from Lean Democratic to Likely Democratic.

Pennsylvania. Filing deadline February. Primary April 23.

1st District (Northern Philadelphia suburbs) Brian Fitzpatrick, R, re-elected 55%. Biden 52%. Fitzpatrick is taking his primary challenge against pro-life activist Mark Houck seriously, launching a five-figure ad buy targeting Houck's significant vulnerabilities. Democratic strategists are more optimistic about 2022 nominee Ashley Ehasz's campaign but acknowledge this is an uphill battle. Likely Republican.

7th District (Lehigh Valley) Susan Wild, D, re-elected 51%. Biden 49.7%. Air Force veteran Kevin Dellicker led the GOP primary field with \$205,000 in campaign cash at the end of the year, followed by



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Maria Montero

state Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (\$137,000) and attorney Maria Montero (\$60,000). Mackenzie has backing from the Koch-affiliated Americans for Prosperity, which has a history of spending to get their candidates through primaries.

Both McKenzie and Dellicker have run for the seat before. There's less focus on Wild (\$1.6 million) than Rep. Matt Cartwright in the 8th District, but she's still running in one of the most evenly divided districts in the nation. Tilt Democratic.

8th District (Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and northeastern Pennsylvania) Matt Cartwright, D, re-elected 51%. Trump 51%. Kuharchik Construction CEO Robert Bresnahan made a splash in this race by loaning his campaign \$400,000, and has the capability to self-fund more. Republicans like his deep roots in the district and his union ties, and believe he's a much better candidate than consultant Jim Bognet, who Cartwright defeated in back-to-back races. Unlike other Democrats in Trump-won districts, Cartwright has withstood serious attacks — Republicans ran \$8 million in negative advertising against him last cycle. Cartwright will need Sen. Bob Casey to do well in northeastern Pennsylvania, where the senator is from, and can't afford much slippage from Biden. But he begins with a well-defined brand and \$2 million in the bank at the end of 2023. Tilt Democratic.

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10th District (Harrisburg and York areas) Scott Perry, R, re-elected 54%. Trump 51%. Former WGAL anchor Janelle Stelson looks like the frontrunner for the Democratic nomination, polling ahead of former TOPGUN pilot Mike O'Brien and 2022 nominee/Harrisburg City Councilor Shamaine Daniels. Stelson's past as a Republican may actually be an asset in this district, which has some encouraging trends for Democrats. Perry has vulnerabilities stemming from his role in the attempt to overturn the 2020 election, but this district still leans Republican in federal races. Lean Republican.

12th District (Pittsburgh and eastern suburbs) Summer Lee, D, elected 56%. Biden 59%. Lee is taking her primary challenger, Edgewood Councilwoman Bhavini Patel, seriously; the incumbent has \$850,000 in advertising booked ahead in March and April. Patel and an allied Super PAC are attacking Lee as too liberal and not fully supportive of Biden. GOP mega-donor Jeff Yass is funding the pro-Patel super PAC. But the pro-Israel groups that spent millions against Lee last cycle have sat this one out. Solid Democratic.

17th District (Western and northern Pittsburgh suburbs) Chris Deluzio, D, elected 53%. Biden 52%. Republicans want to run the same playbook against Deluzio as they did last cycle, painting him as too liberal for the district. But state Rep. Rob Mercuri has serious vulnerabilities on abortion policy which Democrats will exploit. Full analysis in the Feb. 23 issue. Lean Democratic.

South Carolina. Filing deadline March 30. Primary June 11.

1st District (Coastal South Carolina and Charleston suburbs) Nancy Mace, R, re-elected 57%. Trump 54%. The Supreme Court still hasn't weighed in on a lower court ruling that the 1st District was racially gerrymandered, but the current map will remain in place for this year's election. That's good for Mace, but she still has to get past a primary challenge from former state health board director Catherine Templeton; Mace's former chief of staff has also filed to run against her. Unlike in 2022, Mace has an endorsement from Trump. Likely Republican.

4th District (Greenville area) William Timmons, R, unopposed in 2022. Trump 58%. Timmons faces a real primary challenge from state Rep. Adam Morgan, who has backing from Timmons' colleague Rep. Ralph Norman, and Freedom Caucus stalwarts including Reps. Scott Perry, Bob Good, Andy Harris and others. Timmons has backing from Trump, though. Solid Republican.

Texas. Runoff May 28.

12th District (Western Fort Worth and western suburbs) Open; Kay Granger, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 58%. State Rep. Craig Goldman is the favorite in the GOP primary runoff against construction company CEO John O'Shea. Goldman won 44 percent of the vote in the initial round, just 6 percent short of the majority he needed to avoid a runoff, and outraised O'Shea by a factor of six through Feb. 14. Solid Republican.

15th District (Rio Grande Valley to the outer San Antonio metro area) Monica De La Cruz, R, elected 53%. Trump 51%. Democratic strategists are cautiously optimistic that the party won't see another exodus of South Texas Latinos, but this is still a tough seat. Democrat Michelle Vallejo is running a better-funded campaign than her 2022 effort, and she's getting some help from an outside Democratic group that's spending \$500,000 on anti-De La Cruz TV ads in March and April. Lean Republican.

23rd District (San Antonio suburbs to El Paso suburbs) Tony Gonzales, R, re-elected 56%. Trump 53%. Gonzales (45 percent) was forced into a runoff with YouTuber Brendan Herrera after falling short of the 50 percent threshold. Herrera received 25 percent. Gonzales was rebuked by the state Republican party for his votes on a gun bill and gay marriage. Solid Republican.

34th District (Eastern Rio Grande Valley) Vicente Gonzalez, D, elected 53%. Biden 57%. Former Rep. Mayra Flores is outraising Gonzalez but is spending a lot to raise a lot, and trailed in cash-on-hand, \$1.2 million to \$446,000, on Feb. 14. Biden won this district by 14 points in 2020, and Gonzalez beat Flores by 8 in 2022 when she was an incumbent, so he has a cushion even if things have worsened for Democrats in the Rio Grande Valley. Likely Democratic.

Virginia. Filing deadline April 11. Primary June 18.

2nd District (Suburban Hampton Roads) Jen Kiggans, R, elected 52%. Biden 50%. Navy veteran Missy Cotter Smasal continues to struggle with fundraising; she pulled in just \$180,000 over her first four months in the race, and reported just \$94,000 in the bank on Dec. 31 compared to \$1.5 million for Kiggans. Lawyer Jake Denton is also running in the Democratic primary but national strategists don't currently expect the grandson of former Alabama Sen. Jeremiah Denton to be a credible threat to win the nomination. Tilt Republican.

5th District (Charlottesville and western Southside Virginia) Bob Good, R, re-elected 58%. Trump 53%. Good earned the ire of Trump's allies when he endorsed Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis for president, and he hasn't made many friends as the new head of the House Freedom Caucus. He faces state Sen. John McGuire in the GOP primary, who has backing from seven of Good's colleagues, most notably fellow Virginia Rep. Jen Kiggans. McGuire was present in the crowd at the Capitol on Jan. 6, but may also be the beneficiary of outside support from the Republican Main Street Partnership, which dislikes Good. Solid Republican.

7th District (Southern D.C. exurbs) Open; Abigail Spanberger, D, running for governor. Biden 52%. Both sides have primaries to sort through. Republican leaders in DC prefer attorney /retired Green Beret



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Eugene Vindman

Derrick Anderson (\$328,000 in the bank at the end of the year) but aren't opposed to former Navy SEAL Cameron Hamilton (\$95,000). On the Democratic side, Eugene Vindman, the Army colonel who rose to national prominence during

the 2019 impeachment of Trump after his twin brother Alexander testified about Trump's call with the Ukrainian president, is the fundraising leader, reporting \$1.1 million at the end of the year. None of the other Democrats running have distinguished themselves in fundraising, and several have overlapping constituencies. Vindman has few ties to the district and no political history, but unless there's consolidation among state Del. Brianna Sewell, state Del. Elizabeth Guzman, and Prince William's County Supervisor Margaret Franklin, he may muscle his way to the nomination. Tilt Democratic.

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10th District (Southwestern D.C. suburbs and exurbs) Open, Jennifer Wexton, D, not seeking re-election. Biden 58%. State Del. Dan Helmer and former state House Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn are the fundraising leaders in the Democratic primary, but neither have represented any parts of this district and don't have deep political connections to Loudoun County, which makes up the majority of the district. State Sen. Jennifer Boysko (who succeeded Wexton in the state Senate) and state Del. David Reid represent parts of the district and have deeper political ties but trail in fundraising. State Sen. Suhas Subramanyam is also running, and considered a rising star in the party, but he launched his bid for Congress before he had even taken office as a state senator. State Del. Michelle Maldonado is in the race as well, and is the only Black candidate. The wild card is Krystle Kaul, a former Defense Department official who is a political unknown but captured national attention when she loaned her campaign \$447,000 despite having a net worth of between \$490,000 and \$1 million. On the Republican side, the top-raising candidates are attorney Mike Clancy (who loaned himself \$150,000) and state government official Aliscia Andrews — both have run for this seat before. Likely Democratic.

Washington. Filing deadline May 17. Primary Aug. 6.

3rd District (Southwestern Washington) Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, D, elected 50.4%. Trump 51%. Republican strategists say Kent is running a better campaign than last cycle, and that Gluesenkamp Perez's voting record gives them new opportunities to attack her that they didn't have in 2022. But Kent's baggage still remains, most notably his ties to white nationalists and his comments about the 2020 election and Jan. 6. Camas City Councilor Leslie



Leslie Lewallen

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Lewallen hopes to give Republicans a more electable option in the top-two primary but struggled to raise money early. Toss-up.

5th District (Spokane, Eastern Washington) Open; Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 53%. In a surprise announcement, the chair of the Energy & Commerce Committee is not seeking re-election. There's a crowded field of Republicans to replace her including former state senator/Spokane County Treasurer Michael Baumgartner, state Rep. Jacqueline Maycumber, Ferry County Commissioner Brian Dansel, and others. Baumgartner ran unsuccessfully for the Senate against Democrat Maria Cantwell back in 2012. Trump won the district by 10 points in 2012, so the seat should stay in GOP hands this cycle, but could get competitive in the future. Solid Republican.

6th District (Olympic Peninsula and Tacoma) Open; Derek Kilmer, D, not seeking re-election. Biden 57%. Democratic state Sen. Emily Randall got a boost with Sen. Patty Murray's endorsement to go along with support from 3rd District Rep. Gluesenkamp Perez and 10th District Rep. Marilyn Strickland. But Public Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz has support from Kilmer and his predecessor, Rep. Norm Dicks. Even though it's a Democratic district, Randall and Franz might be jockeying

for one of the top two positions in the August primary. State Sen. Drew MacEwen and 2022 nominee Elizabeth Kreiselmaier are running on the Republican side. Solid Democratic.

8th District (Eastern Seattle suburbs and part of Central Washington) Kim Schrier, D, re-elected 53%. Biden 52%. Republicans have another month and a half to find a candidate but it's not clear there's been any progress. Likely Democratic.

West Virginia. Primary May 14.

2nd District (Eastern and northern West Virginia) Open; Alex Mooney, R, is running for Senate. Trump 68%. This seat is state treasurer Riley Moore's to lose. Solid Republican.

Wisconsin. Filing deadline June 1. Primary Aug. 13.

1st District (Southeastern Wisconsin) Bryan Steil, R, re-elected 54%. Trump 50%. Democrats are largely resigned to waiting for the state Supreme Court to order a mid-decade redistricting ahead of 2026 rather than contesting this seat in November. Likely Republican.

3rd District (Southwestern Wisconsin) Derrick Van Orden, R, elected 52%. Trump 51%. A late primary isn't helpful for Democrats, who are choosing between boutique owner/2022 candidate Rebecca Cooke and state Rep. Katrina Shankland. But national Democratic strategists believe Van Orden could be vulnerable if Biden performs well in Wisconsin alongside Democratic Sen. Tammy Baldwin. Likely Republican.

8th District (Northeastern Wisconsin) Mike Gallagher, R, resigning on April 19. Trump 57%. Rather than run for the U.S. Senate or re-election, the 39-year-old rising GOP star is leaving Congress altogether a few weeks from now. The seat should stay in Republican hands, but it will leave GOP leadership shorthanded on the Hill. Solid Republican. **IE**

Likely New Members of the Next Congress

Candidates Likely to Win in 2024 in Solid Republican or Solid Democratic Races

STATE	DISTRICT	NAME	PARTY
CA	29th	Luz Rivas	D
CA	30th	Laura Friedman	D
CA	31st	Gil Cisneros	D
NC	6th	Addison McDowell	R
NC	8th	Mark Harris	R
NC	10th	Pat Harrigan	R
NC	14th	Tim Moore	R
OH	2nd	David Taylor	R
TX	26th	Brandon Gill	R
TX	32nd	Julie Johnson	D
CA	Senate	Adam Schiff	D
DE	Senate	Lisa Blunt Rochester	D
IN	Senate	Jim Banks	R
NJ	Senate	Andy Kim	D