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2024 House Overview: Holding Pattern

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A presidential year and presidential-level turnout was supposed to boost Democratic chances down the ballot. But that's not how the cycle is playing out. Instead of President Joe Biden's re-election carrying Democrats to a House majority, Democratic House candidates are trying to defy political gravity by overperforming the president's mediocre performance at the top of the ticket.

There's still time for Biden to salvage a narrow victory, but he's struggling to reach his 2020 vote totals. Instead, down ballot Democrats have to hope voters reserve their frustration for Biden, distrust GOP candidates, and rely on ticket-splitters in order to win the majority, which goes against recent trends.

The fight for the House is in a bit of a holding pattern. We're changing the rating in just three races, all on the outskirts of the House battleground. The dust continues to settle in the presidential race after former President Donald Trump's felony convictions and it's unclear how next week's debate will impact the race. Partisan strategists are also actively gathering polling data on the few dozen districts at the core of the battleground.

Democrats need a net gain of just four seats to win the majority, but the path to the majority continues to be easier for Republicans if they win the races they are currently favored to win. The 189 races rated as Solid Republican, added to the 27 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.

Overall, a minimal net change of seats (R + 5 to D+5) is most likely as long as the presidential race is competitive.

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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 (Chavez-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 9 (Harder, D)*	OR 4 (Hoyle, D)
CA 49 (Levin, D)	OR 6 (Salinas, D)
IN 1 (Mrvan, D)	TX 34 (Gonzalez, D)
KS 3 (Davids, D)	TX 28 (Cuellar, D)
LA 6 (Open; Graves, R)	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 (Suozi, D)	

Likely Republican (7R, 3D)

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

	GOP	DEM
Solid	189	175
Likely/Lean/Tilt	27	34
Total	216	209
Toss-up		10
Needed for majority		218

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

CALENDAR

June 25	Colorado, New York, Utah Primaries
June 27	First Presidential Debate (CNN)
July 15-18	Republican National Convention (Milwaukee)
Aug. 19-22	Democratic National Convention (Chicago)

Alaska. Primary Aug. 20.

At-Large District. Mary Peltola, D, re-elected 55%. Trump 53%. This race got a major shakeup when Trump endorsed Lt. Gov. Nancy Dahlstrom, who is the preferred candidate of national Republicans, over entrepreneur Nick Begich III, who is also in the race. Republican consolidation will be key to beating Peltola because of her cross-partisan appeal and Alaska’s unique ranked-choice voting system. But Begich has been defiant about his position in the race; he polls higher than Dahlstrom and has raised more money, and if he finishes ahead of her in the August primary he’s not likely to go quietly, even now that Trump has waded in. Republicans believe that Trump’s margin in the state will ultimately be too great for Peltola to overcome, but first they have to sort out their situation. Tilt Democratic.

Arizona. Primary July 30.

1st District (Northeastern Phoenix and Scottsdale) David Schweikert, R, re-elected 50%. Biden 50%. Former news anchor Galán-Woods (\$682,000 in campaign funds on March 31), former state party chairman Andrei Cherny (\$1.2 million), and financial services executive Conor O’Callaghan (\$1.2 million, including \$1 million self-funded) are all advertising on TV in this primary. In addition to positive ads, O’Callaghan has also launched attacks on Galán-Woods for her past as a Republican, and on another candidate, former state Rep. Amish Shah (\$514,000), for allegedly voting for Trump in 2016 (a rumor that Shah’s allies deny). Schweikert (\$1.2 million) is vulnerable but Democrats have to hope their candidate doesn’t emerge from the primary too bloodied up. Tilt Republican.

2nd District (Northeastern Arizona) Eli Crane, R, elected 54%. Trump 53%. Crane, one of the GOP members who voted to oust House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, faces a primary challenge from former Yavapai County Supervisor Jack Smith, who has benefitted from outside spending by a group linked to McCarthy. Former Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez is an intriguing candidate for Democrats but unless Biden improves his position statewide, he’ll be a serious underdog. Solid Republican.

3rd District (Downtown and western Phoenix) Open; Ruben Gallego, D, running for Senate. Biden 75%. Phoenix City Council member Yassamin Ansari is pressing her fundraising advantage over state Sen. Raquel Terán by airing broadcast TV ads ahead of the primary. Polling shows a close race. Solid Democratic.

6th District (Southeastern Arizona and eastern Tucson area) Juan Ciscomani, R, elected 51%. Biden 49.3%. Ciscomani’s campaign released a poll showing him 11 points ahead of Democrat Kirsten Engel,

2024 Senate Ratings

Toss-Up (2)	
Tester (D-Mont.)	Brown (D-Ohio)
Tilt Democratic (4)	Tilt Republican
AZ Open (Sinema, I)	
MI Open (Stabenow, D)	
Casey (D-Penn.)	
Rosen (D-Nev.)	
Lean Democratic (1)	Lean Republican
Baldwin (D-Wis.)	
Likely Democratic (1)	Likely Republican (1)
MD Open (Cardin, D)	Cruz (R-Texas)
Solid Democratic (14)	Solid Republican (11)
CA Open (Butler, D)	IN Open (Braun, R)
DE Open (Carper, D)	UT Open (Romney, R)
Cantwell (D-Wash.)	<i>WV Open (Manchin, I)</i>
Gillibrand (D-N.Y.)	Barrasso (R-Wyo.)
Heinrich (D-N.M.)	Blackburn (R-Tenn.)
Hirono (D-Hawaii)	Cramer (R-N.D.)
Kaine (D-Va.)	Fischer (R-Neb.)
King (I-Maine)	Hawley (R-Mo.)
Klobuchar (D-Minn.)	Ricketts (R-Neb.)
Menendez (D-N.J.)	Scott (R-Fla.)
Murphy (D-Conn.)	Wicker (R-Miss.)
Sander (I-Vt.)	
Warren (D-Mass.)	
Whitehouse (D-R.I.)	

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

the former state senator who he beat, 51-49 percent in 2022. Democrats believe the race is much closer and like that Engel raised twice as much money as Ciscomani over the first three months of the year. Engel’s allies also believe they didn’t have the resources to litigate the strongest hits against Ciscomani last cycle but that the recent Arizona Supreme Court ruling on abortion will give her an opening to paint the freshman as extreme. Tilt Republican.

8th District (Western suburbs of Phoenix) Open; Debbie Lesko, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 56%. The Republican primary between Abe Hamadeh and Blake Masters has gotten nasty, with Masters airing

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ads saying Hamadeh, whose father is Muslim, is a terrorist sympathizer. Hamadeh has hit back with commercials highlighting his endorsement from Trump. Masters has loaned his campaign \$6 million and is the top spender on TV, but a recent poll from the Hamadeh campaign found Hamadeh leading Masters, 30-19 percent. State House Speaker Ben Toma is trying to shoot the gap between the two, and received a boost from Americans for Prosperity, which is airing an ad on his behalf. Former Rep. Trent Franks is also running for his old seat. 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, probably needs the national environment to get a bit better for this seat to come online. She outraised Kiley over the first three months of the year but trails in cash-on-hand with \$982,000 to his \$2.2 million. Likely Republican.

9th District (Stockton area) Josh Harder, D, re-elected 55%. Biden 56%. Stockton Mayor Kevin Lincoln is a compelling candidate for Republicans, as a Black Marine veteran in charge of a Democratic city. His campaign got off to a shaky start when he appeared unprepared for questions in a local TV interview, but if Biden underperforms his 2020 mark in California by a significant margin, especially among Hispanic voters (32 percent of the electorate in the 9th) then this is a seat worth watching. Harder is one of Democrats' better fundraisers and had \$2.7 million in the bank on March 31, compared to Lincoln's \$302,000. Move from Solid Democratic to Likely Democratic.

13th District (Mid-Central Valley) John Duarte, R, elected 50%. Biden 54%. Duarte and 2022 nominee Adam Gray will be in a close race from now until Election Day. Toss-up.

20th District (Eastern Central Valley from the Bakersfield to Fresno areas) Vince Fong, R, elected May 21 special election. Trump 61%. State Assemblyman Vince Fong won the special election to replace former Speaker Kevin McCarthy, 60.5-39.5 percent. Fong faces a rematch with Republican Mike Boudreaux in November. Solid Republican.

22nd District (Southern Central Valley and eastern Bakersfield area) David Valadao, R, re-elected 52%. Biden 55%. Biden's position in the Central Valley looks precarious. Salas is stepping up his fundraising coming out of a hard-fought primary, but if the environment has soured considerably from 2022, that could spell trouble for him, even if the increased turnout of a presidential year usually benefits Democrats. This district casts among the fewest votes of any in the country, so it could break late. Tilt Republican.

27th District (Santa Clarita, Lancaster, and Palmdale in northern Los Angeles County) Mike Garcia, R, re-elected 53%. Biden 55%. With Biden struggling in the Central Valley, this seat has grown only more attractive to national and California Democratic strategists as a pickup opportunity. Former Virgin Galactic CEO George Whitesides had a significant cash-on-hand advantage over Garcia, \$3 million to \$1.7 million, but he'll need it to introduce himself in the pricey LA media market. Garcia is better known after advertising in three expensive races in three years. Toss-up.

40th District (Eastern Orange County) Young Kim R, re-elected 57%. Biden 49.9%. If the race between Kim and retired fire captain Joe Kerr is close, Democrats are having a great night around the country. Likely Republican.

41st District (Southern Riverside suburbs to Palm Springs) Ken Calvert, R, re-elected 52%. Trump 49.6%. Democrats and Republicans have a real difference of opinion on this seat. Former federal prosecutor Will Rollins is the toast of national Democratic strategists who love his stellar fundraising and polished image; he reported \$3.2 million in the bank on March 31 compared to \$2.6 million for Calvert. GOP strategists believe that the priciness of the LA media market portion of the district will put it out of reach for Rollins. But Democrats point to a recent Rollins campaign poll that showed him trailing Calvert by just 1 point. Tilt Republican.

45th District (Western Orange County) Michelle Steel, R, re-elected 52%. Biden 52%. Attorney and Army veteran Derek Tran released a poll showing him trailing Steel by just 1 point, 42-41 percent, and highlighted his support from the Republican-leaning Vietnamese community that comprises 17 percent of the electorate. Steel waged a scorched earth campaign against 2022 nominee Jay Chen by portraying him as a Maoist (Chen is Taiwanese); this year, Tran's campaign is looking to make Steel's own ties to China, via her husband's businesses, an issue. Lean Republican.

47th District (Coastal Orange County and Irvine) Open; Katie Porter, D, ran for U.S. Senate. Biden 54%. Democrats may be more invested in holding onto this district than Republicans are in wrestling it away, which could help state Sen. Dave Min overcome a fundraising disadvantage against 2022 nominee Scott Baugh. Min, who won a bitterly contested primary, reported \$424,000 in cash on hand at the end of March compared to \$1.9 million for Baugh. Tilt Democratic.

49th District (Coastal southern Orange and northern San Diego counties) Mike Levin, D, re-elected 53%. Biden 55%. National Republicans aren't as enthusiastic about this race since car dealership owner Matt Gunderson emerged from the primary. Levin had a 10-to-1 cash-on-hand advantage on March 31. Likely Democratic.

Colorado. Primary June 25.

3rd District (Pueblo area and Western Slope) Open; Lauren Boebert, R, running in 4th District. Trump 53%. Democrats have stepped up their efforts to boost former state Rep. Ron Hanks in the GOP primary because they believe he is uniquely beatable in a general election compared to the passel of other Republican hopefuls: attorney Jeff Hurd; state Board of Education member Stephen Varela, Marine veteran Russ Andrews, and realtor Curtis McCrackin. In response, the Congressional Leadership Fund has begun advertising anti-Hanks ads in an attempt to prevent the controversial candidate, who was at the Capitol on January 6, from winning the nomination. Frisch had \$3.7 million in the bank on June 5 but the partisan lean is working against him. If Hanks emerges from the primary this could develop into a top pickup opportunity, especially with a few minor party candidates on the ballot. Lean Republican.

4th District (Eastern Colorado and Denver exurbs) Vacant; Ken Buck, R, resigned. Trump 57%. A fractured primary field means that 3rd District Rep. Lauren Boebert could capture the nomination here despite tenuous ties to the district and a rocky reputation even among Republicans. Radio host Deborah Florda, state Reps. Richard Holtorf and Mike Lynch, and Logan County Commissioner Jerry Sonnenberg are also running but Boebert has a financial advantage and an endorsement from Trump. Solid Republican.

4th District Special (Eastern Colorado and Denver exurbs) Vacant; Ken Buck, R, resigned. Trump 57%. The June 25 special election for the

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remainder of Buck's term isn't expected to be competitive, with former Parker Mayor Greg Lopez, a Republican, the heavy favorite against speechwriter Trisha Calvarese. But the margin could give hints about the national environment, especially after a closer-than-expected special election last week in Ohio. Solid Republican.

5th District (Colorado Springs area) Open; Doug Lamborn, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 53%. A crush of outside money has flooded this race as GOP megadonors such as Ken Griffin and Paul Singer look to prevent state GOP chairman Dave Williams from winning the nomination. Williams' tenure has thrown the already reeling state party into disarray, especially after he used state party resources to promote his campaign and sent out an email invoking hateful slurs used by the Westboro Baptist Church group. But Williams has an endorsement from Trump, which gives him a shot against radio host Jeff Crank. If Williams is the nominee, Democrats may take another look at this seat, which is trending away from Republicans. The likely nominee is veteran Joe Reagan. Solid Republican.

8th District (Northern Denver suburbs and Greeley area) Yadira Caraveo, D, elected 48%. Biden 51%. State Rep. Gabe Evans is the likely GOP nominee, though an upset from former state Rep. Janak Joshi is possible in a low-turnout environment. Republicans' love Evans' profile as a Hispanic veteran and police officer and see Caraveo as uniquely weak; two recent GOP polls showed Evans leading the Democrat. National Democratic strategists acknowledge it will be a tough race but see Evans as a paper tiger; he has struggled to fundraise, and reported just \$225,000 on June 5 compared to \$2.3 million for Caraveo, and may be vulnerable on some of the social conservative positions he's taken on abortion and gay marriage. Toss-up.

Connecticut. Primary Aug. 13.

5th District (Northern Fairfield County and northwestern Connecticut) Jahana Hayes, D, re-elected 50%. Biden 55%. Democrats continue to grouse that Hayes is a less-than-enthusiastic campaigner whose races are closer than they need to be. She had just \$1.5 million in the bank, while repeat opponent George Logan had \$755,000. The national environment should help Hayes here but national groups have included it on their initial reservations. Lean Democratic.

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

At-Large, Open; Lisa Blunt Rochester, D, running for Senate. Biden 59%. State Sen. Sarah McBride is the presumptive nominee after state housing authority director Eugene Young dropped out. Solid Democratic.

Florida. Primary Aug. 20.

13th District (Part of St. Petersburg and suburbs) Anna Paulina Luna, R, elected 53%. Trump 53%. While this seat is probably Democrats' best shot at defeating a Florida Republican, that's not saying much. National party strategists like former transit authority official Whitney Fox, who is the top fundraiser among Democrats and who recently released a poll showing her competitive with Luna. But the Democratic primary is late and crowded, with former Health and Human Services adviser Sabrina Bousbar, ESG consultant Liz Dahan, and Air Force veteran and pilot Mark Weinkrantz all in the mix. Likely Republican.

15th District (Tampa and northeastern suburbs) Laurel Lee, R, elected 59%. Trump 51%. Trump endorsed Lee, an about-face from

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Candidates Who Won Primaries in Solid or Likely Takeover Races

STATE	DISTRICT	NAME	PARTY
CA	29th	Luz Rivas	D
CA	30th	Laura Friedman	D
CA	31st	Gil Cisneros	D
GA	3rd	Brian Jack	R
IN	3rd	Marlin Stutzman	R
IN	6th	Jefferson Shreve	R
IN	8th	Mark Messmer	R
MD	2nd	Johnny Olszewski	D
MD	3rd	Sarah Elfretth	D
MD	6th	April McClain-Delaney	D
MN	3rd	Kelly Morrison	DFL
MT	2nd	Troy Downing	R
NC	6th	Addison McDowell	R
NC	8th	Mark Harris	R
NC	10th	Pat Harrigan	R
NC	13th	Brad Knott	R
NC	14th	Tim Moore	R
ND	At-Large	Julie Fedorchak	R
NJ	3rd	Herb Conaway	D
OH	2nd	David Taylor	R
OR	3rd	Maxine Dexter	D
TX	12th	Craig Goldman	R
TX	26th	Brandon Gill	R
TX	32nd	Julie Johnson	D
VA	10th	Suhas Subramanyam	D
WV	2nd	Riley Moore	R
CA	Senate	Adam Schiff	D
DE	Senate	Lisa Blunt Rochester	D
IN	Senate	Jim Banks	R
NJ	Senate	Andy Kim	D
WV	Senate	Jim Justice	R

several months ago when he publicly tried to recruit another Republican to run against her in retaliation for her endorsement of Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis. Democrat Pat Kemp, a Hillsborough County Commissioner, is an underdog. Solid Republican.

27th District (Miami and southern suburbs) Maria Elvira Salazar, R, re-elected 57%. Trump 49.9%. This race is not high enough a priority for national Democrats to be too concerned that former Key Biscayne Mayor Mike Davey, a Republican until 2019, could defeat their preferred pick, Miami-Dade School Board Member Lucia Baez-Geller, in the Democratic primary. Likely Republican.

Georgia.

3rd District (Southwestern Atlanta exurbs) Open; Drew Ferguson, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 62%. Brian Jack, a former aide to

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Donald Trump, easily won the GOP primary runoff, 63-37 percent, over state Sen. Mike Dugan. Solid Republican.

Illinois.

17th District (North-central Illinois cities from Rockford to Quad Cities area to Bloomington) Eric Sorensen, D, elected 52%. Biden 53%. Republicans released a poll from 1892 Strategies showing Sorensen with a 9-point lead over his opponent, retired Judge Joe McGraw, arguing that a close race at the top of the ticket created an opportunity. No outside groups have reserved TV advertising time for the fall, and Sorensen had a \$2.2 million to \$325,000 cash-on-hand advantage on March 31. Lean Democratic.

Indiana.

1st District (Northwestern Indiana) Frank Mrvan, D, re-elected 53%. Biden 53%. Trucking company owner Randy Niemeyer has some name ID from his relatives in local politics, but he'll need to raise more money to compete with Mrvan, who is a lower profile member of the House but also has a familiar last name and a \$1.2 million to \$295,000 cash-on-hand advantage as of April 17. Likely Democratic.

Iowa.

1st District (Southeastern Iowa) Marianette Miller-Meeks, R, re-elected 53%. Trump 50%. David Pautsch, who founded the Quad Cities Prayer Breakfast, gave Miller-Meeks a run for her money in the GOP primary despite barely raising any himself. (He was outspent \$1.4 million to \$30,000.) Miller-Meeks isn't out of the woods, either. She'll face former state Rep. Christina Bohannon in a rematch of 2022, though this time Bohannon will have more financial resources. The presence of a Libertarian on the ballot might be a hassle for Miller-Meeks, whose primary showing indicates she may have trouble on the anti-establishment flank of the GOP. Lean 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, easily won the Democratic primary over counselor Melissa Vine, 84-16 percent. He'll face Nunn in a race where both candidates will lean on their military backgrounds and Democrats will look to squeeze more votes out of Des Moines and its suburbs. Tilt Republican.

Kansas. Primary Aug. 6.

3rd District (Kansas City suburbs) Sharice Davids, D, re-elected 55%. Biden 51%. Oncologist and Air Force Reserve officer Prasanth Reddy is the top fundraiser in the GOP primary and is the preferred pick of House Speaker Mike Johnson. He'll still have to get through a primary against police officer Jonathon Westbrook and HVAC company owner Karen Crnkovich, though. And the general election will be a tough fight against Davids, who has outperformed Biden before and gets to run in a district that is trending in Democrats' direction. Likely Democratic.

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

6th District (Shreveport to East Baton Rouge) Open; Garret Graves, R, not seeking re-election. Biden 59%. Graves finally acknowledged the reality of his redrawn district and said he would not run for another term here or against one of his GOP colleagues. That leaves state Sen. Cleo

Fields, who held a previous version of this seat in the 1990s, as the clear frontrunner. But there's still plenty of time for other Democrats to emerge before the filing deadline. Likely Democratic.

Maine.

2nd District (Northern Maine) Jared Golden, D, re-elected 53%. Trump 52%. State Rep. Austin Theriault is a different kind of candidate than Republicans have run against Golden previously; young, a solid fundraiser, and a resident of the northernmost reaches of the state (and continental US). But Golden has proven himself difficult for Republicans to dislodge, thanks to his straightforward demeanor and profile as a tatted-up Marine veteran who once worked for GOP Sen. Susan Collins. It's not yet clear if the incumbent's reversal on gun policy in the wake of a Lewiston mass shooting has harmed his standing in the rural district, but with Trump likely to do better than in 2020 (when he carried the seat by 7) Golden will need all the crossover support he can get. For now, the onus is on Republicans to show Theriault can accomplish what others could not. Lean Democratic.

Maryland.

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, will face former state Del. Neil Parrott, who's the Republican here for a third straight time. If Parrott wins, it's because the bottom has fallen out from underneath Democrats. Move from Likely Democratic to Solid Democratic.

Michigan. Primary Aug. 6

3rd District (Grand Rapids and Muskegon areas) Hillary Scholten, D, elected 55%. Biden 53%. Democrats are eager to open up the research book on attorney Paul Hudson; party strategists believe his work as a corporate lawyer gives Scholten multiple lanes of attack. While the overall political environment means she can't take the race for granted, Western Michigan has been a recent bright spot for Democrats. Likely Democratic.

7th District (Lansing area and northwestern Detroit exurbs) Open; Elissa Slotkin, D, running for U.S. Senate. Biden 50%. One of the most evenly divided House districts in the country should play host to one of the most competitive races in the country. Former state Sen. Curtis Hertel is the fundraising leader, with \$2.1 million in the bank on March 31 and a wealth of connections to the Democratic political class, but former state Sen. Tom Barrett (\$958,000), who was the nominee in 2022, begins with a name recognition advantage. Toss-up.

8th District (Flint and Tri-Cities areas) Open; Dan Kildee, D, retiring. Biden 50%. State Sen. Kristen McDonald Rivet looks like the favorite in the Democratic primary. She's backed by Kildee, the DCCC, and several labor unions, and received a boost when current Flint Mayor Sheldon Neeley dropped out. Her main opposition in the primary is former Flint Mayor Matthew Collier; state Board of Education member Pamela Pugh is also running but had just \$54,000 in the bank on March 31. A McDonald Rivet internal poll from Global Strategy Group showed her leading the field with 34 percent. On the GOP side, 2022 nominee Paul Junge is the top spender as he aims to discredit opponent Mary Draves, a former executive at Dow Chemical who national strategists believe would be a better general election candidate. Tilt Democratic.

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10th District (Macomb County) John James, R, elected 49%. Trump 49.8%. The best-funded Democrat in the race, urologist Anil Kumar, was disqualified from the ballot due to signature issues. That leaves former Macomb County judge / 2022 nominee Carl Marlinga as the odds-on favorite to win the Democratic nomination against opponents Emily Busch and Diane Young. That's much to the dismay of national Democrats, who also did not pull out all the stops to find a different nominee. Marlinga struggles to raise money and has serious baggage from his legal work that Republicans exploited effectively in 2022, defeating him even as every statewide Democrat carried the district handily. Lean Republican.

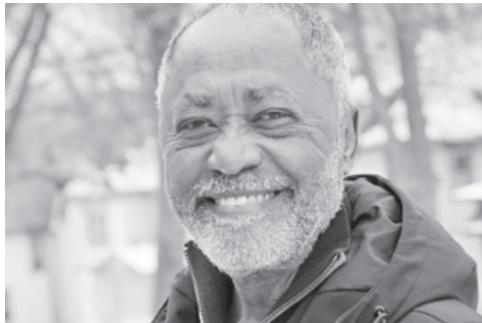
13th District (Detroit and southwestern suburbs) Shri Thanedar, D, elected 71%. Biden 74%. Former state Sen. Adam Hollier was the strongest primary challenger to Thanedar but failed to make the ballot after turning in too few valid signatures. Detroit City Councilor Mary Waters is the most credible other candidate in the race, but only had \$5,000 in the bank on March 31 compared to the wealthy Thanedar, who has also spent hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars on billboards and TV ads promoting his work in Congress (far more than the average member). Waters is banking on support from Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan and other local political officials who rallied to her after Hollier was disqualified. Solid Democratic.

Minnesota. Primary Aug. 13.

2nd District (Southern Minneapolis-St. Paul suburbs) Angie Craig, DFL, re-elected 51%. Biden 52%. National GOP strategists want former federal prosecutor and Marine veteran Joe Teirab as their candidate, but local Republicans may have other plans. The state party endorsed Tayler Rahm, an attorney who has backing from former Rep. Jason Lewis. Teirab had a ten-to-one cash-on-hand advantage over Rahm on March 31, \$660,000 to \$59,000. Craig reported \$2.8 million in the bank. Lean Democratic.

5th District (Minneapolis area) Ilhan Omar, DFL, re-elected 75%.

Biden 81%. Omar isn't taking any chances this time against former Minneapolis City Councilman Don Samuels, who nearly beat her last cycle. That year, she spent just \$37,000 on advertising, and nearly lost, 52-48 percent, in the primary. This year she has \$1.1 million in advertising booked through June, including \$300,000 on TV and \$800,000 on digital ads. Samuels had \$232,000 in the bank on March 31 but has not started spending on paid media. Solid Democratic.



Don Samuels

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Missouri. Primary Aug. 6.

1st District (St. Louis and northern suburbs) Cori Bush, D, re-elected 73%. Biden 78%. AIPAC's affiliated super PAC, United Democracy Project, is spending against Bush, already airing \$1.8 million in anti-Bush TV ads and spots promoting her opponent in the Democratic primary, St. Louis County prosecutor Wesley Bell. Bush trailed Bell in cash-on-hand at the end of March, with \$528,000 to his \$1.1 million, and hasn't begun airing TV ads. Solid Democratic.

Montana.

1st District (Western Montana) Ryan Zinke, R, elected 49.6%. Trump 52%. Zinke's unique unfavorability keeps Democrat Monica Tranel in the hunt, but the political lean of this district makes it a tough climb in a presidential year. Zinke is a strong fundraiser and had \$2.5 million to Tranel's \$1.5 million on May 15. Unlike last cycle, the Democrat can likely expect some help from outside groups such as House Majority PAC, which reserved \$3.1 million in TV ads for the fall in Montana. Lean Republican.

Nebraska.

2nd District (Greater Omaha area) Don Bacon, R, re-elected 52%. Biden 52%. Bacon won the GOP primary, 62-38 percent, over financial salesman Dan Frei. Unlike the last three cycles, Democrats did not have a competitive primary and state Sen. Tony Vargas is the nominee once again. He lost to Bacon by 2.6 points in 2022. The suburban district should get plenty of attention for the next five months with a competitive House race and a single Electoral College vote on the line. Tilt Republican.

Nevada.

1st District (Eastern Las Vegas area) Dina Titus, D, re-elected 52%. Biden 53%. Lt. Col. Mark Robertson won the GOP primary over restaurateur Flemming Larsen. Robertson lost to Titus in 2022 and had just \$70,000 in the bank on May 22, whereas Larsen was personally wealthy and had already loaned his own campaign \$1.5 million. Biden's weak standing in Nevada means Titus can't take this race for granted but she's in a better spot than last month. Likely Democratic.

3rd District (Southwestern Las Vegas area) Susie Lee, D, re-elected 52%. Biden 52%. Conservative columnist Drew Johnson won an upset victory over two wealthy candidates in the GOP primary, dashing national Republican hopes that either former state treasurer Dan Schwartz or Halo composer Marty O'Donnell might dip into their own pockets to match Lee's strong fundraising. This should be the most competitive district in the state but Lee is likely breathing easier given her opponent. Likely Democratic.

4th District (Northern Las Vegas area and rural central Nevada) Steven Horsford, D, re-elected 52%. Biden 53%. Former North Las Vegas Mayor John Lee narrowly defeated Air Force veteran David Flippo, 48-45 percent, in the GOP primary. But Lee, a former Democrat, will face an uphill battle against Horsford, who had a \$1.8 million to \$100,000 advantage in campaign funds on May 22. Likely Democratic.

New Hampshire. Primary Sept. 10.

1st District (Eastern New Hampshire) Chris Pappas, D, re-elected 54%. Biden 52%. The GOP field is set but it will be a long time before the nominee is clear, which is an advantage for Pappas, who reported \$1.7 million in the bank at the end of March. Former executive councilor Russell Prescott, steel fabricator Hollie Noveletsky, Army veteran Chris Bright, former state Rep. Max Abramson, and Manchester alderman Joseph Levasseur are all running. Lean Democratic.

2nd District (Western and northern New Hampshire) Open; Ann Kuster, D, not seeking re-election. Biden 54%. The Democratic primary will be a two-person race between former executive councilor Colin Van Ostern and Maggie Goodlander, a former deputy assistant attorney general in the Biden administration. Both have deep political connections

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— Van Osten was Democrats' nominee for governor in 2016, and Goodlander is deeply entrenched in Biden-world (her husband is National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan). On the Republican side, Vikram Mansharamani, a former Harvard lecturer who describes himself as "one of the greatest independent thinkers of our time" is the most notable name; he placed fourth in the GOP Senate primary last cycle. Former state Rep. Casey Crane, energy company CEO Bill Hamlen, and 2022 candidate for this seat Lily Tang Williams (also the former chairwoman of the Colorado Libertarian Party) are the other notable GOP candidates, though more than a dozen people filed to run. Likely Democratic.

New Jersey.

3rd District (Outer Philadelphia suburbs) Open; Andy Kim, D, running for Senate. Biden 56%. State Assemblyman Herb Conaway easily won the primary and is the likely new member from this South Jersey district. 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 will take on Kean in a top-tier race that sits within the expensive New York City media market. While this contest has flown under the radar compared to flashier races in the Empire State, it could catch fire if Altman can leverage her populist appeal to match Kean's fundraising chops. Tilt Republican.

8th District (Jersey City area) Rob Menendez, D, elected 74%. Biden 72%. A well-funded primary challenge from Hoboken Mayor Ravi Bhalla faltered in the closing weeks of the race as Menendez navigated the fallout surrounding his father's corruption indictment and went on offense over Bhalla's own alleged ethics lapses. Despite being outspent, \$2 million to \$1.6 million, Menendez outpaced Bhalla, 54-36 percent. Solid Democratic.

New Mexico.

2nd District (Southern New Mexico and western Albuquerque area) Gabe Vasquez, D, elected 50%. Biden 52%. Both parties are excited to litigate new pieces of opposition research that have come to light in recent weeks. Republicans surfaced an old arrest warrant for Vasquez from his teenage years as well as allegations that he used a racial slur with coworkers (Vasquez denies this), while Democrats point to a clip of former Rep. Yvette Herrell from 2020 saying "I wish we could have eliminated all abortion in the state." This race is close and likely to remain that way through Election Day. 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%. Former CNN anchor John Avlon brought celebrity and a deep rolodex to the Democratic primary, with endorsements from state party chairman Jay Jacobs, neighboring Rep. Tom Suozzi, and two of the last three nominees for this seat. But hits on his past work for Republican Rudy Giuliani and his role in founding No Labels (now detested by many Democrats) have taken a toll. Nancy Goroff, the wealthy chemistry professor who was the party's nominee in 2020, pumped \$1.2 million of her personal wealth into her campaign in the closing weeks as she presses negatives against Avlon and hits back on perceptions that she can't win in the fall. Either one would be an underdog against LaLota, especially with Long Island's post-2020 rejection of Democrats up and down the ballot. Lean Republican.

3rd District (Northern Nassau County) Tom Suozzi, D, elected in Feb. 2024 special election 54%. Biden 55%. Former state Assemblyman Mike LiPetri is the presumptive nominee after three other Republicans vying for the seat were disqualified after turning in too few signatures. But LiPetri, who served one term representing a different area of Long Island, is a heavy underdog against the former Nassau County executive who recently won an expensive special election. Sozzi had a 10-to-1 cash-on-hand advantage on June 5, \$1.3 million to \$130,000. Likely Democratic.

4th District (Southern Nassau County) Anthony D'Esposito, R, elected 52%. Biden 57%. While the 4th voted for Biden in 2020 by a greater margin than any other GOP-held seat, that almost certainly won't be the case this cycle. Long Island has become grim for Democrats, and if 2022 nominee/former Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen is going to win this race, it's going to be in a drawn-out slugfest. In particular, Democrats need to shore up their margins among Black and Latino voters in the village of Hempstead. Toss-up.

16th District (Southern Westchester County) Jamaal Bowman, D, re-elected 84%. Biden 72%. Bowman's battle for survival in the Democratic primary against Westchester County Executive George Latimer has become a national flashpoint, with pro-Israel and pro-cryptocurrency groups funnelling more than \$16 million into the race to boost Latimer. That's left Bowman, who has accused his opponent of serving as a puppet of "racist MAGA Republicans," severely outgunned on the airwaves. He's spent \$2 million on paid ads and received \$1.5 million in outside support from the Working Families Party and Justice Democrats, but attacks not only on his Israel position but also his vote against a key Biden agenda item may be too hard to overcome. Solid Democratic.

17th District (Lower Hudson Valley) Mike Lawler, R, elected 50%. Biden 54%. The biggest story in this race over the past few weeks has actually been about the 16th District, where Lawler's opponent, presumptive nominee Mondaire Jones, endorsed Latimer over Bowman. Jones, who once aligned himself with the more progressive wing of the party when he held this seat in 2021 and 2022, has shirked his former friends in recent months following Hamas's attack on Israel, and may be using his endorsement of Latimer to signify to more moderate voters in the 17th District that he's no member of the "Squad." Lawler and his GOP allies hold it up as evidence Jones will say anything to get elected (they also point to his 2022 run in Brooklyn for a different congressional seat). One thing Jones has going for him is his fundraising prowess: he reported \$3.6 million in the bank on June 5, compared to \$3.3 million for Lawler. But Lawler is a priority for national Republicans and this race will see significant outside spending. Toss-up.

18th District (Upper Hudson Valley) Pat Ryan, D, re-elected 51%. Biden 54%. Retired NYPD detective Alison Esposito picked up her fundraising pace slightly in the first three months of the year but still trails Ryan by a 9-to-1 margin in cash-on-hand at the beginning of June, with just \$345,000 to his \$3.2 million. That means she may have to rely on outside help from the Congressional Leadership Fund or other independent expenditure groups, but with so many competitive races in the New York City media market (including three GOP incumbents) that may make her a lower priority. Lean Democratic.

19th District (Southeastern upstate New York) Marc Molinaro, R, elected 51%. Biden 51%. Josh Riley, the 2022 Democratic nominee, continues to raise cash at a torrid pace, outraising the incumbent over the first five months of the year by nearly 3-to-1; he reported twice as much campaign cash, \$3.4 million, as Molinaro at the beginning of June.

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But Republicans are eager to litigate new hits against Riley they feel they didn't have time to explore in 2022, and point out that Molinaro was outspent that year as well. A lot depends on whether New York looks closer to 2020 or 2022 this fall. Tilt Republican.

22nd District (Syracuse and Utica areas) Brandon Williams, R, elected 51%. Biden 54%. State Sen. John Mannion appears to have the momentum heading into the primary election against DeWitt Town Councilor Sarah Klee Hood, whose insurgent campaign has impressed Democratic strategists but whose attacks on Mannion's comments on abortion might not be enough to secure a win. While neither candidate is raising much money, Mannion is leaning heavily on support from organized labor in the closing weeks of the race. The former teacher's union president has received six-figure support from the AFT and NEA ahead of the primary. Williams is the consensus most vulnerable Republican on the map after Democrats in the state legislature redrew his seat to be less forgiving to Republicans. Tilt Democratic.

North Carolina.

1st District (Inland northeastern North Carolina) Don Davis, D, elected 52%. Biden 50.4%. The race between Davis and Republican Laurie Buckhout, a retired Army colonel, could be one of the most expensive in the country. While neither candidate is a particularly strong fundraiser — Davis reported \$1.8 million on March 31 to Buckhout's \$239,000 — outside groups will likely flood this race with cash. Total fall reservations from Congressional Leadership Fund, House Majority PAC, and the DCCC clock in at \$14.8 million, more than almost any other individual district so far. Toss-up.

13th District (Raleigh exurbs and nearby rural areas) Open; Wiley Nickel, D, not seeking re-election. Trump 58%. Former federal prosecutor Brad Knott is the likely next new member from this redrawn seat. Likely Republican.

North Dakota.

At-Large District. Open; Kelly Armstrong, R, running for governor. Trump 65%. Public Service Commissioner Julie Fedorchak is the likely next member of Congress from this district after she won a four-way GOP primary. Solid Republican.

Ohio.

1st District (Cincinnati area) Greg Landsman, D, elected 53%. Biden 54%. National Republican strategists are not bullish on Army veteran Orlando Sonza in this seat. He had just \$160,000 in the bank on March 31 compared to \$1.6 million for Landsman. Sonza also recently took a full-time job as the executive director of the Hamilton County Veterans Service Commission. Likely Democratic.

9th District (Toledo area and northwestern Ohio) Marcy Kaptur, D, re-elected 57%. Trump 51%. Democrats would have preferred to run against JR Majewski, the 2022 GOP nominee who turned in one of the worst performances in the country that year. But they are eager to litigate abortion hits against this year's Republican opponent, state Rep. Derek Merrin. With Trump likely to carry the district at the top of the ticket, the outcome will rest on Kaptur's ability to leverage her decades-long ties to Toledo and her populist brand of politics to outrun Biden and the national environment. Tilt Democratic.

13th District (Akron and Canton areas) Emilia Sykes, D, elected 53%. Biden 51%. Republicans would like former state Sen. Kevin

Coughlin to raise more money. He had just \$76,000 in the bank at the end of March compared to \$1.7 million for Sykes. This race may come down to whether or not Trump can carry the district at the top of the ticket. While the result was narrow last time, the seat includes lots of suburbs that have trended toward Democrats in recent years. A strong performance from Sen. Sherrod Brown doesn't hurt Sykes either. Tilt Democratic.

Oklahoma.

4th District (Southern Oklahoma) Tom Cole, R, re-elected 67% Trump 69%. Cole faced a well-funded challenge from Texas businessman Paul Bondar, who spent \$5.1 million of his own money. Cole outpaced him, 65-26 percent. Bondar had few, if any connections to Oklahoma and even conducted media interviews from Texas. Cole's allies at super PAC Americans 4 Security, Defending Main Street and American Action Network poured nearly \$4 million into the race to bombard Bondar with negative ads. Solid Republican.

Oregon.

3rd District (Eastern Portland area) Open; Earl Blumenauer, D, not seeking re-election. Biden 73%. State Rep. Maxine Dexter won a chippy primary that turned on the significant outside spending from 314 Action, which supports candidates with a science background, and Voters for Responsive Government, which still has not disclosed its donors. Dexter should easily win the general election. Solid Democratic.

4th District (Southern Willamette Valley and southern coast) Val Hoyle, D, elected 51%. Biden 55%. Republicans have high hopes for retired Air Force Colonel Monique DeSpain in a challenging district. But Republicans believe allegations of misconduct by Hoyle during her time as state labor commissioner makes her uniquely vulnerable. It's an inexpensive district to advertise in the fall, so Republicans might make a late push for the seat in the final weeks of the race. Likely Democratic.

5th District (Southern Portland suburbs and central Oregon) Lori Chavez-DeRemer, R, elected 51%. Biden 53%. National Democrats are breathing easier after state Rep. Janelle Bynum demolished 2022 nominee Jamie McLeod-Skinner in the Democratic primary. McLeod-Skinner narrowly lost this district in 2022 and began this primary as the polling frontrunner but came under scrutiny after allegations that she'd abused a campaign staffer last cycle. Bynum had significant support from the DCCC, HMP and super PACs 314 Action and Mainstream Democrats, which spent a combined \$5.7 million on her behalf. Bynum has beaten Chavez-DeRemer twice before in state legislative races, but a nationally prominent House race is a different ballgame. Toss-up.

6th District (Salem area, Dallas and southwestern Portland suburbs) Andrea Salinas, D, elected 50%. Biden 55%. It's a rematch between Salinas and Republican Mike Erickson, who hasn't dipped into his pocket this cycle like he did in 2022, when he spent \$2.7 million of his own money to run for this seat. So far, Erickson has raised just \$138,000 and seems more interested in winning his defamation lawsuit against Salinas over an ad she aired in 2022 than he does in beating her for this House seat. Likely Democratic.

Pennsylvania.

1st District (Northern Philadelphia suburbs) Brian Fitzpatrick, R, re-elected 55%. Biden 52%. Democrats talk a big game about beating Fitzpatrick every cycle, and this year is no different. National strategists

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see former Army helicopter pilot/2022 nominee Ashley Ehasz as a much improved candidate, and she's already raised \$400,000 more through the end of March than she did for the entire 2022 election. But the incumbent's personal brand is strong, he had \$3.7 million in the bank on April 3, and with a middling environment for Democrats, he will be very tough to beat. Likely Republican.

7th District (Lehigh Valley) Susan Wild, D, re-elected 51%. Biden 49.7%. State Rep. Ryan McKenzie needs to step up his fundraising to take on Wild, who had \$2.7 million on April 3 to his \$117,000. Outside groups will be significantly invested in this race, and the airwaves will be heavy with ads from the Senate and presidential contests. Wild is a tougher opponent than Republicans have given her credit for. Tilt Democratic.

8th District (Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and northeastern Pennsylvania) Matt Cartwright, D, re-elected 51%. Trump 51%. National GOP strategists like that their nominee, Kuharchik Construction CEO Robert Bresnahan, is not Jim Bognet, who lost back-to-back races against Cartwright. But Bresnahan, while personally wealthy, has not fully invested in the race yet. He's loaned himself \$800,000 but trailed Cartwright in cash-on-hand on April 3, \$3.2 million to \$813,000. And the incumbent has a real brand in the district despite its Republican lean — and even after two cycles of negative ads from Republicans. Tilt Democratic.

10th District (Harrisburg and York areas) Scott Perry, R, re-elected 54%. Trump 51%. A spate of polling shows this race close but with former WGAL anchor Janelle Stelson trailing Perry narrowly. Democrats are optimistic this race will come on line but with Trump likely to carry the district again, and potentially by a margin greater than his 4-point win in 2020, Perry will be a tough out — even as he frustrates House GOP leadership and spars with the Department of Justice. Lean Republican.

17th District (Western and northern Pittsburgh suburbs) Chris Deluzio, D, elected 53%. Biden 52%. Of the three major outside groups that have reserved TV advertising time for the fall, just one — Democrats' House Majority PAC — has staked out a position in Pittsburgh. It's a sign of the waning competitiveness of this seat, especially compared with the 7th and 8th districts across the state. State Rep. Rob Mercuri had \$540,000 in campaign funds on April 3 compared to \$1.5 million for Deluzio, who will hit him on his support for a life at conception bill. Lean Democratic.

South Carolina. June 25 runoff.

1st District (Coastal South Carolina and Charleston suburbs) Nancy Mace, R, re-elected 57%. Trump 54%. Mace won her competitive primary by 27 points and is the clear favorite against Democrat Michael B. Moore, the former CEO of the International African American Museum in Charleston. Solid Republican.

3rd District (Northwestern South Carolina) Open; Jeff Duncan, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 68%. Pastor Mark Burns, who is endorsed by Trump will face Air Force National Guard Col. Sheri Biggs in a runoff Tuesday. The top spender on TV in the runoff is an anti-Burns super PAC, which has aired \$301,000 in ads since the first round. Solid Republican.

4th District (Greenville area) William Timmons, R, unopposed in 2022. Trump 58%. Timmons effectively secured another term when he dispatched state Rep. Adam Morgan in the GOP primary, 52-48 percent. Solid Republican.

Texas.

12th District (Western Fort Worth and western suburbs) Open; Kay Granger, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 58%. State Rep. Craig Goldman won the GOP primary runoff and will be a member of Congress next year. Solid Republican.

15th District (Rio Grande Valley to the outer San Antonio metro area) Monica De La Cruz, R, elected 53%. Trump 51%. The national



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Monica De La Cruz

environment needs to improve for Democrats in order for this race to come online. And given Biden's ongoing struggles with Hispanic voters, that doesn't look to be happening. Vallejo is running a more professional and

better-resourced campaign than in 2022, but she may not receive outside support and still had \$1 million less in campaign funds than De La Cruz on March 31. Lean Republican.

28th District (Laredo and eastern San Antonio suburbs) Henry Cuellar, D, re-elected 57%. Biden 53%. A sweeping corruption indictment against Cuellar could give Republicans an opening here in a seat that is trending that direction, but nominee Jay Furman had just \$2,000 in the bank on May 8 and no real campaign team. Cuellar is in significant legal jeopardy, but with his trial delayed until after the election, he's on more solid ground politically. Likely Democratic.

34th District (Eastern Rio Grande Valley) Vicente Gonzalez, D, elected 53%. Biden 57%. GOP strategists are bullish on former Rep. Mayra Flores but 2022 showed this district still favors Democrats, even if it's shifted rightward since 2016, when Hillary Clinton carried it by 34 points. Flores had a great shot at solidifying her hold on the seat in 2022 as an incumbent in a good environment and could not do it. Even if things have improved a bit since then for Republicans, it still means she's an underdog. Likely Democratic.

Utah. Primary June 25.

2nd District (Central and western Salt Lake City and southwestern Utah) Celeste Maloy, R, elected in Nov. 2023 special election 57%.

Trump 56%. Maloy faces a primary challenge from former Green Beret Colby Jenkins, who nearly denied Maloy renomination earlier this year at the GOP convention. Jenkins is endorsed by Sen. Mike Lee and has benefitted from hundreds of thousands in outside spending from libertarian-leaning groups and the House Freedom Fund. Solid Republican.

3rd District (Provo area, southeastern Salt Lake City, and rural southeastern Utah) Open; John Curtis, R, running for Senate. Trump 58%. State. Sen. Mike Kennedy, state Auditor John Dougall, Roosevelt Mayor Rod Bird, and former Utah County GOP chairman Stuart Peay are all in the race, but the top spender is a political newcomer. Case Lawrence, the former CEO of trampoline company CircusTrix, has loaned his campaign \$2.5 million, much of which he's spent on splashy TV ads featuring BYU sports legends such as Robbie Bosco and Jimmer Fredette. Solid Republican.

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Virginia.

2nd District (Suburban Hampton Roads) Jen Kiggans, R, elected 52%. Biden 50%. Democrat Missy Cotter Smasal, a Navy veteran and former state Senate candidate, officially won the Democratic nomination, 70-30 percent, over attorney Jake Denton, though national Democratic strategists have viewed her as the presumptive nominee for months. She'll have to ramp up her fundraising, which has lagged compared to Kiggans and to other Democratic challengers in top tier races. Tilt Republican.

5th District (Charlottesville and western Southside Virginia) Bob Good, R, re-elected 58%. Trump 53%. The race between Good and Trump-endorsed challenger state Sen. John McGuire is coming down to the wire; McGuire leads by a few hundred votes. The winner will be the heavy favorite in the general election. Solid Republican.

7th District (Southern D.C. exurbs) Open, Abigail Spanberger, D, running for governor. Biden 52%. Eugene Vindman, who became a national figure when he and his brother Alex blew the whistle on Trump's call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in 2019, won the Democratic primary over a split field with 49 percent. The other half of the vote fractured among four Prince William County officeholders — Del. Brianna Sewell, state Del. Elizabeth Guzman, and County Supervisor Margaret Franklin — all women of color who struggled to raise money or consolidate support from local Democrats. Attorney Derek Anderson won the GOP primary over former Green Beret Cameron Hamilton, 46-37 percent; he was the preferred choice of national strategists. Tilt Democratic.

10th District (Southwestern D.C. suburbs and exurbs) Open, Jennifer Wexton, D, not seeking re-election. Biden 58%. State Sen.

Suhas Subramanyam won a crowded Democratic primary with 30 percent, off of strength in Loudoun County. State Del. Dan Helmer came in second with 27 percent. Former state Secretary of Education Atif Qarni was the only other candidate in double digits, at 11 percent. On the GOP side, 2022 candidate/tech entrepreneur Mike Clancy easily won the GOP nomination over 2020 nominee/Marine veteran Aliscia Andrews, 64-22 percent. Move from Likely Democratic to Solid Democratic.



Suhas Subramanyam

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Washington. Primary Aug. 6.

3rd District (Southwestern Washington) Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, D, elected 50.4%. Trump 51%. If 2022 nominee Joe Kent ultimately wins this race, it will probably be in spite of himself. The veteran is the favorite to advance from the primary over Camas City Councilor Leslie Lewallen, who has argued she's a more electable option but has failed to gain much traction. But Kent's baggage, which Gluesenkamp Perez exploited in 2022, remains. Trump will win this district, and if it's a blowout at the top of the ticket that will be difficult for the incumbent to overcome, even against a damaged opponent. Toss-up.

5th District (Spokane, Eastern Washington) Open; Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R, not seeking re-election. Trump 53%. Eleven candidates will compete in the all-party primary to replace McMorris Rodgers. Former state senator/Spokane County Treasurer Michael Baumgartner and state Rep. Jacqueline Maycumber are the best-financed Republicans in the field, with \$363,000 and \$134,000 in the bank on March 31, respectively. But Ferry County Commissioner Brian Dangel is in the mix as well, and he received an endorsement from the state GOP. On the Democratic side, OB/GYN Bernardine Bank and former Spokane County Democratic chairwoman Carmela Conroy are the top candidates; if one of them gets through to the general election they would face an uphill battle except in the best of years for Democrats. Solid Republican.

6th District (Olympic Peninsula and Tacoma) Open; Derek Kilmer, D, not seeking re-election. Biden 57%. Democratic state Sen. Emily Randall and Public Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz are relatively equivalent on fundraising (\$366,000 to \$580,000 in the bank on March 31, respectively), both have endorsements from heavyweights in the party, and the two were tied in a poll released by the Randall campaign in April. Since 2022 GOP nominee Elizabeth Kreiselmaier dropped out, the GOP share of the vote is likely to consolidate around state Sen. Drew MacEwen, pushing him to the general election and raising the stakes for Randall and Franz in the primary. Solid Democratic.

8th District (Eastern Seattle suburbs and part of Central Washington) Kim Schrier, D, re-elected 53%. Biden 52%. The presumptive GOP nominee is commercial banker Carmen Goers, who national strategists do not see as a credible opponent to Schrier. Goers had just \$26,000 in campaign funds on March 31 compared to \$2.8 million for Schrier. The partisanship of this district means it's still worth watching but Schrier is well-positioned. Likely Democratic.

Wisconsin. Primary Aug. 13.

1st District (Southeastern Wisconsin) Bryan Steil, R, re-elected 54%. Trump 50%. Democrats lured former Rep. Peter Barca into the race two decades after he served less than one full term in Congress representing this district. While the DCCC put him on its coveted Red to Blue list, this seat is still a reach. The main Republican and Democratic super PACs have yet to make any reservations for the fall in this district despite Wisconsin being a crowded state to advertise in. Likely Republican.

3rd District (Southwestern Wisconsin) Derrick Van Orden, R, elected 52%. Trump 51%. Democrats are cautiously optimistic this could be a sleeper race this cycle, given some of Van Orden's unique vulnerabilities (he made news earlier this cycle for yelling at Senate pages, and he was present at the Capitol on Jan. 6). But a late primary doesn't do them any favors. Boutique owner Rebecca Cooke and state Rep. Katrina Shankland are vying for the nod; Cooke reported twice as much cash on hand as Shankland on March 31, \$800,000 to \$357,000. Likely Republican.

8th District (Northeastern Wisconsin) Vacant; Mike Gallagher, R, resigned. Trump 57%. The primaries for the special and regular elections will be held concurrently in August. The GOP field includes state Sen. André Jacque, former state Senate President Roger Roth, and former gas station owner Tony Wied. While Wied has an endorsement from Trump, he's also a political newcomer, while Jacque and Roth have represented parts of the district for a decade. Democrat Kristin Lyerly, an OB/GYN who has centered her campaign on abortion access, is an underdog. Solid Republican.

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