

2020 gubernatorial elections

An overview of 2020 gubernatorial elections including candidate information and Cook Political Report rating

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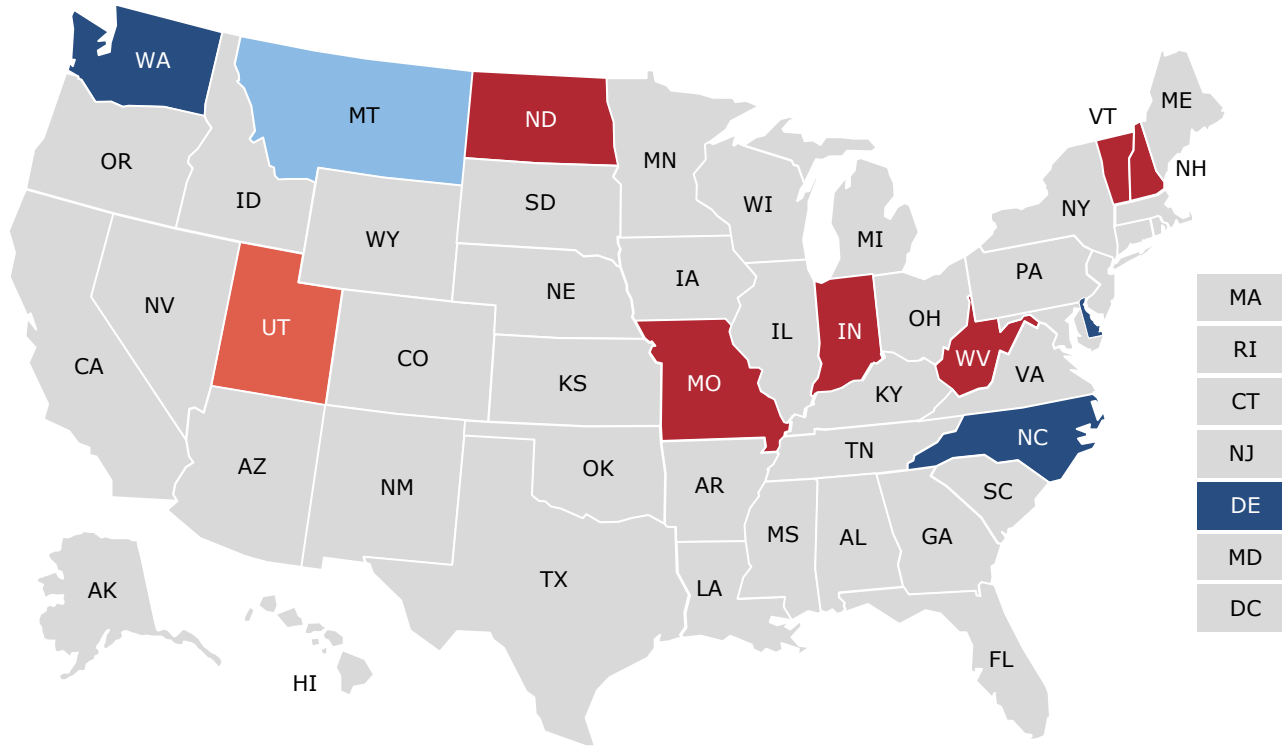
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There are only two open seats up for election in 2020

2020 gubernatorial races by incumbent and status

- Dem. incumbent (3)
- Dem. open* (1)
- GOP incumbent (6)
- GOP open* (1)



**"Open seats" are governorships where incumbent governors are term-limited, they have announced that they are not running for re-election, or lost their primary
Sources: Cook Political Report, 2019

The Cook Political Report has listed 2020 gubernatorial contenders who have announced candidacy

Candidates for the 2020 gubernatorial elections (1/4)

Delaware

Incumbent: *John Carney (D)*

Cook rating: Solid D

Last election win: 58.3%

2016 winner: Clinton (53.1%)

Primary election: September 15, 2020



2020 contenders

Democrats

- David Lamar Williams Jr., Army veteran

Republicans

- Kevin Baron, Afghanistan veteran

Indiana

Incumbent: *Eric Holcomb (R)*

Cook rating: Solid R

Last election win: 52.9%

2016 winner: Trump (56.9%)

Primary election: June 2, 2020



Democrats

- Woody Myers, physician, former state Health Commissioner

Republicans

Missouri

Incumbent: *Mike Parson (R)*

Cook rating: Likely R

Last election win: n/a

2016 winner: Trump (56.8%)

Primary election: August 4, 2020



Democrats

- Nicole Galloway, st. Auditor
- Antoin Johnson, truck driver
- Jimmie Matthews, pastor
- Eric Morrison, pastor, '16 Gov cand.

Republicans

- Saundra McDowell, '16 Auditor nominee
- Jim Neely, st. Rep.
- Raleigh Ritter, businessman

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Candidates for the 2020 gubernatorial elections (2/4)

Montana

Incumbent: [OPEN] *Steve Bullock (D)* – Term-limited

Cook rating: Toss Up

Last election win: 50.3%

2016 winner: Trump (56.2%)

Primary election: June 2, 2020



2020 contenders

Democrats

- Mike Cooney, Lt. Gov.
- Whitney Williams, businesswoman

Republicans

- Tim Fox, Attorney General
- Greg Gianforte, US Rep.
- Al Olszewski, state Sen.

New Hampshire

Incumbent: *Chris Sununu (R)*

Cook rating: Likely R

Last election win: 52.8%

2016 winner: Clinton (46.8%)

Primary election: September 8, 2020



Democrats

- Dan Feltes, st. Sen. Majority Leader
- Andru Volinsky, Executive Councilor

Republicans

- Nobody (a.k.a. Richard Goyen Paul)

North Carolina

Incumbent: *Roy Cooper (D)*

Cook rating: Lean D

Last election win: 49.0%

2016 winner: Trump (49.0%)

Primary election: March 3, 2020



Democrats

Republicans

- Dan Forest, Lt. Gov.

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Candidates for the 2020 gubernatorial elections (3/4)

North Dakota

Incumbent: *Doug Burgum (R)*

Cook rating: Solid R

Last election win: 76.5%

2016 winner: Trump (63.0%)

Primary election: June 9, 2020



2020 contenders

Democrats

- Shelley Lenz, former School Board member, veterinarian

Republicans

- Michael Coachman, teacher's aide

Utah

Incumbent: [OPEN] *Gary Herbert (R)* - Term-limited

Cook rating: Solid R

Last election win: 66.8%

2016 winner: Trump (45.5%)

Primary election: June 23, 2020



Democrats

- Chris Peterson, law professor, former CFPB official

Republicans

- Spencer Cox, Lt. Gov.
- Greg Hughes, state House Speaker
- Jon Huntsman, former Ambassador to Russia, former Gov.
- Thomas Wright, former Utah GOP Party Chairman

Vermont

Incumbent: *Phil Scott (R)*

Cook rating: Likely R

Last election win: 55.4%

2016 winner: Clinton (56.7%)

Primary election: August 11, 2020



Democrats

- Rebecca Holcombe, former state Ed. Sec.
- Patrick Winburn, attorney
- David Zuckerman, Lt. Gov.

Republicans

- John Klar, farmer, attorney

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Candidates for the 2020 gubernatorial elections (4/4)

Washington

Incumbent: *Jay Inslee (D)*

Cook rating: Solid D

Last election win: 54.2%

2016 winner: Clinton (52.5%)

Primary election: August 4, 2020



2020 contenders

Democrats

Republicans

Independents

- Loren Culp, police chief
- Tim Eyman, businessman
- Joshua Freed, former Bothell Mayor
- Phil Fortunato, state Sen.
- Anton Sakharov, businessman

- Tim Eyman, anti-tax activist

West Virginia

Incumbent: *Jim Justice (R)*

Cook rating: Solid R

Last election win: 49.1%

2016 winner: Trump (68.2%)

Primary election: June 9, 2020



Democrats

- Doug Hughes, miner
- Jody Murphy, former Chamber of Commerce official

Republicans

- Shelby Jean Fitzhugh, retiree
- Michael Folk, former state Rep.
- Brooke Lunsford, insurance agent
- Chuck Sheedy, retired State Highway administrator
- Dough Six, surveyor
- Woody Thrasher, former state Commerce Sec.