

2022 Competitive Senate Elections - As of: 11/02/2021

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State	GOP	Democratic	Incumbent Prty	Last Sen Election win %	PVI ¹	Gonzales 10-08-21	Cook 7-16-21	Sabato 3-11-21	Comment
Arizona	Jim Lamon [✓] , Mike McGuire [✓] , Mark Brnovich [✓] , Blake Masters [✓] , others	Mark Kelly	D	51.2% D	R+3	BtlGrnd	Lean	Lean	The fundraising isn't close – it's a Kelly runaway. Will activists targeting Kyrsten Sinema hurt Kelley's appeal?
Florida	Marco Rubio	Val Demmings [✓] Alan Grayson [✓] Ken Russell	R	52.0% R	R+3	BtlGrnd	Lean	Likely	Dem Voter reg advantage in Florida has evaporated while DeSantis piles on . Is Rubio vulnerable In a state trending Red? Val Demings raises the fundraising bar.
Georgia	Gary Black [✓] , Herschel Walker [✓] , Loeffler, others	Raphael Warnock	D	51.0% D	R+3	BtlGrnd	Lean	Lean	Flawed carpet bagger Herschel Walker gets McConnell endorsement . Can Gary Black challenge? Dems worry about Atlanta election board takeover.
Nevada	Adam Laxalt [✓] , Bill Hockstedler [✓] , Sam Brown [✓] , others	Catherine Cortez Masto	D	47.1% D	EVEN	BtlGrnd	Likely	Lean	Laxalt announced candidacy – then courted voters with Big Lie meme. This Op-Ed previews the election
New Hampshire	Chris Sununu, Dan Bolduc [✓] , Kelly Ayotte	Maggie Hassan	D	48.0% D	EVEN	BtlGrnd	Likely	Lean	Sununu says he'll announce future plans in 'weeks'; he previously threatened Hassan with entry into race. Fed'l Covid mandates are an issue
North Carolina	Mark Walker [✓] , Pat McCrory [✓] , Ted Budd [✓] ,	Cheri Beasley [✓] , Jeff Jackson [✓] , Erica Smith [✓] , others	OPEN	51.1% R	R+3	BtlGrnd	Tossup	Lean	Budd defensive about family business as GOP rivals go after him. Likely Republican issues identified in GOP polling firms reports
Ohio	Josh Mandel [✓] . Jane Timken [✓] , Mike Gibbons [✓] , B. Moreno [✓] , J. D. Vance [✓] , others	Tim Ryan [✓] , Morgan Harper [✓]	OPEN	58.0% R	R+6	Safe	Lean	Likely	Tim Ryan is Dem front-runner, facing progressive Morgan Harper in the primary. Republican primary field debates ; after moderating, Hewitt's opinion . Ohio senate race leans Republican , say experts. Meanwhile, Ryan leads 3rd quarter fundraising .
Pennsylvania	Jeff Bartos [✓] , Sean Parnell [✓] , Bernie Moreno [✓] , Kathy Barnette [✓] , others	J. Fetterman [✓] , M. Kenyatta [✓] , Val Arkoosh [✓] , Connor Lamb [✓] , others	OPEN	EVEN	R+2	BtlGrnd	Tossup	Tossup	Will Parnell custody hearing determine GOP primary? Local GOP nervous. Third quarter fundraising favors Fetterman. Can Connor Lamb convert moderatism (?) into a winning coalition?
Wisconsin	Ron Johnson	T Nelson [✓] , S Godlewski [✓] , A Lasry, M Barnes [✓] , others	R	50.2% R	R+2	BtlGrnd	Tossup	Lean	Lt. Gov. Mandelah Barnes leads Dem fundraising . Wisconsin, "the incubator of tribal politics," is really TWO states. Democratic candidates profiled .

¹ Click [HERE](#) to learn about "PVI"

[✓] Declared Candidate

NOTES

Twelve Months Out from the 2022 Elections

Still waiting

Two of the Republicans who had refused to say whether they would run for Senate have now jumped into their races – Chuck Grassley, in Iowa (rated as a Safe GOP Seat by the pundits) decided that 88 was not too old to run for re-election while Herschel Walker decided that being a Texas resident for the last decade shouldn't stop him from running for a Georgia senate seat. That leaves Chris Sununu (New Hampshire) and Ron Johnson (Wisconsin) to make up their minds.

3rd Quarter Fundraising

Recent fundraising reports have favored Democrats, and, as usual, that's been the source for a lot of the recent news stories. CNN pointed out that money given directly to a candidate (which is reported to the [Federal Elections Commission](#)) is not the same as total contributions in their [October 15th article](#). Both party's Senate fundraising committees (the [NRSC and DSCC](#)) raise and spend millions of dollars; and so do other party operations like the RNC the DNC. That still doesn't count the money the numerous PACs and SuperPACS will raise and spend; nor does it measure the spending of Unions and Corporations that will participate in the election. That's a long way of saying that measuring contributions made directly to candidates doesn't provide much insight into the insane amount that will be spent on the 2022 senate elections. Add to that it is still early, a year ahead of election day.

Polling

Polling data is beginning to appear – and probably isn't worth the paper the results are printed on – yet. It's way too early for individual state results to mean much. While we know about a few of the National issues the election will hinge on (for example, Covid vaccine and mask mandates, voting rights, abortion, inflation, “socialism”, immigration, the Big Lie, January 6th, Donald Trump, Joe Biden), we still don't the magnitude of their impact – and how they will change. And the statewide issues will likely be defined more by the candidates who survive their primaries. We do have some early indication of the overall political climate – stories about [Joe Biden's approval ratings](#) and [Donald Trump's hold on the GOP](#) are written every day. But with twelve months to go it's not too late for the analysis to change dramatically.

Bottom Line

Don't believe everything you read. But, if you want to worry, [read this](#). Or the long version of the [same story](#) that Ezra Klein wrote for the NY Times.

The chart on page one is the list of “*competitive*” races (according to the pundits). Current predictions are based on fundamentals (such as Partisan Voting Index; Incumbency; Candidate approval, name recognition and reputation; Voter registration; etc.). The number of competitive races could easily change. In fact, the pundits' opinion about any race could change due to polling, or because of an unexpected retirement, or the quality of the candidate(s) that emerge from the primaries next year, or because of an unforeseen event. For a complete list of all the senate seats up for election, click [HERE](#).