



2022 Partisan Control of State Governments



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Governors | 2022

- **Only two governors were up for election in 2021 — in New Jersey and Virginia.** While New Jersey Democratic Governor Phil Murphy was able to hold onto his seat in a narrow victory, Virginia's governorship flipped from Democratic to Republican with a win by Glenn Youngkin.
- **Overall, Republicans have gained one gubernatorial seat after the 2021 elections by flipping the open seat in Virginia.** In 2022, Republicans will have 28 governors and Democrats will have 22 governors.

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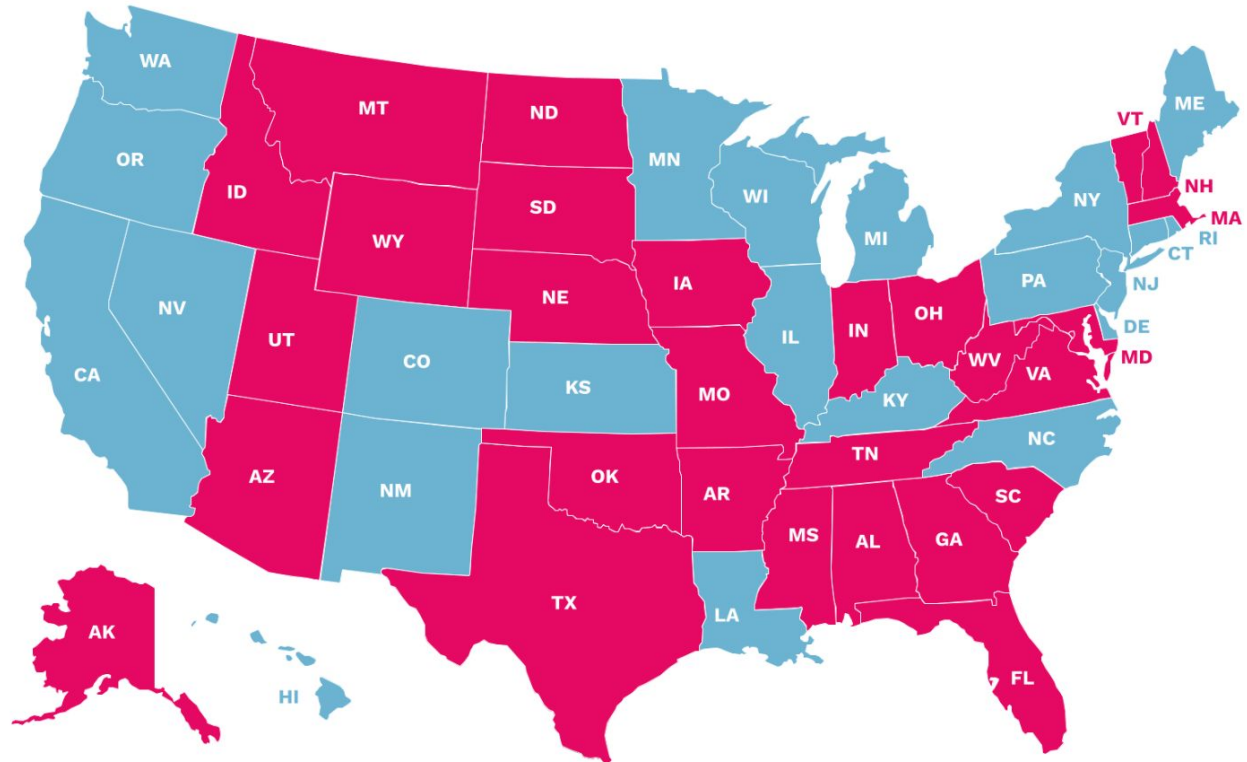


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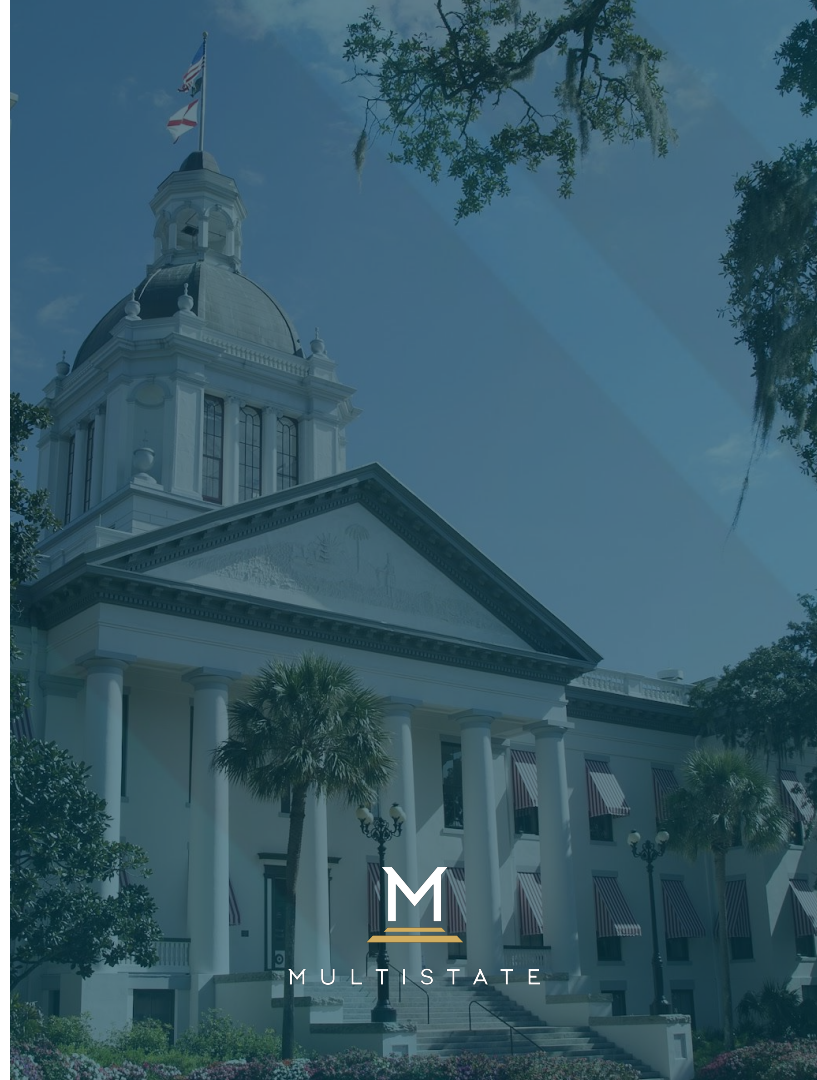
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Data as of 11/4/2021. In 2021, Republicans had 27 governors and Democrats had 23 governors. Only one state flipped in the 2021 elections (Virginia, which flipped from a Democratic governor to a Republican governor).

Legislatures | 2022

- **Only two states held legislative elections in 2021.** In New Jersey, all 40 state senate seats and 80 assembly seats were up for election, while only the 100 house seats were up in Virginia.
- **Republicans were able to flip one legislative chamber.** While both chambers of New Jersey's legislature remained under Democratic control after the election, Virginia's House flipped from Democratic control to Republican.
- **In 2022, there will be three split legislatures** (that is, one chamber controlled by each party) — in Alaska, Minnesota, Virginia. Alaska's House is controlled by a Democrat-Republican coalition.
- **Democrats will control the legislatures in 17 states, while Republicans will control the legislatures in 30 states.**

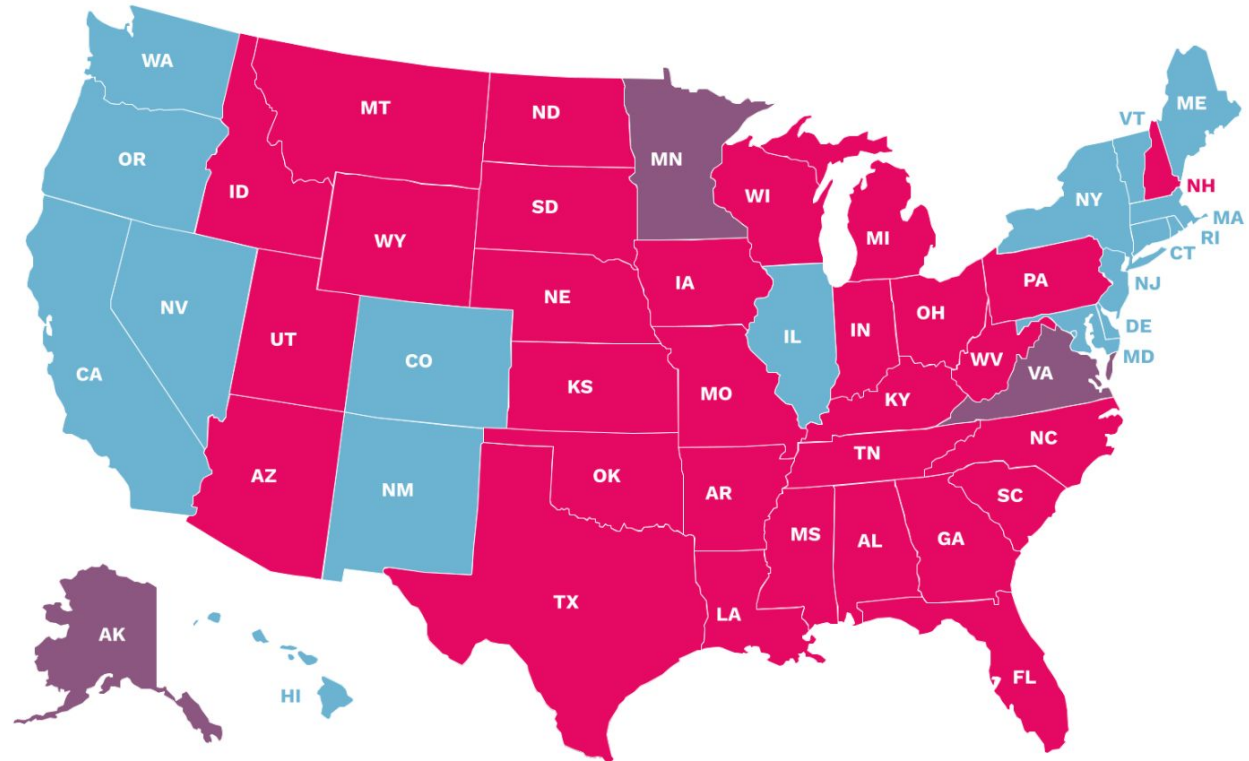
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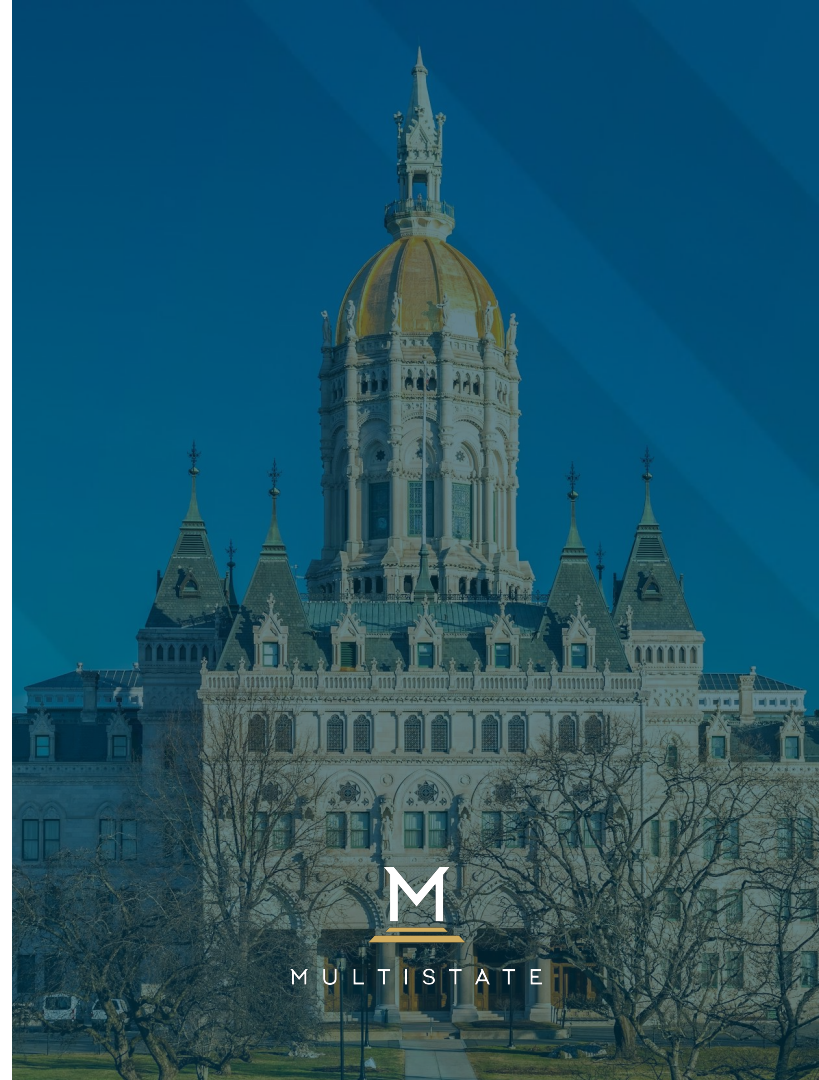
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Data as of 11/4/2021. The Alaska House is controlled by a Democrat-Republican coalition (both in 2021 and in 2022). In 2021, Republicans controlled 30 state legislatures, Democrats controlled 18, and 2 states had a split legislature. In 2022, Virginia's legislative control shifts from Democratic control to split control with the House flipping to Republican control.

Trifectas | 2022

- A political party holds a “trifecta” in a state when it controls both state legislative chambers as well as the governor’s office.
- **Democrats will lose one trifecta in 2022 (in Virginia).** In 2022, Republicans will have 23 state trifectas and Democrats will have 14 state trifectas. Thirteen states will have a divided government.

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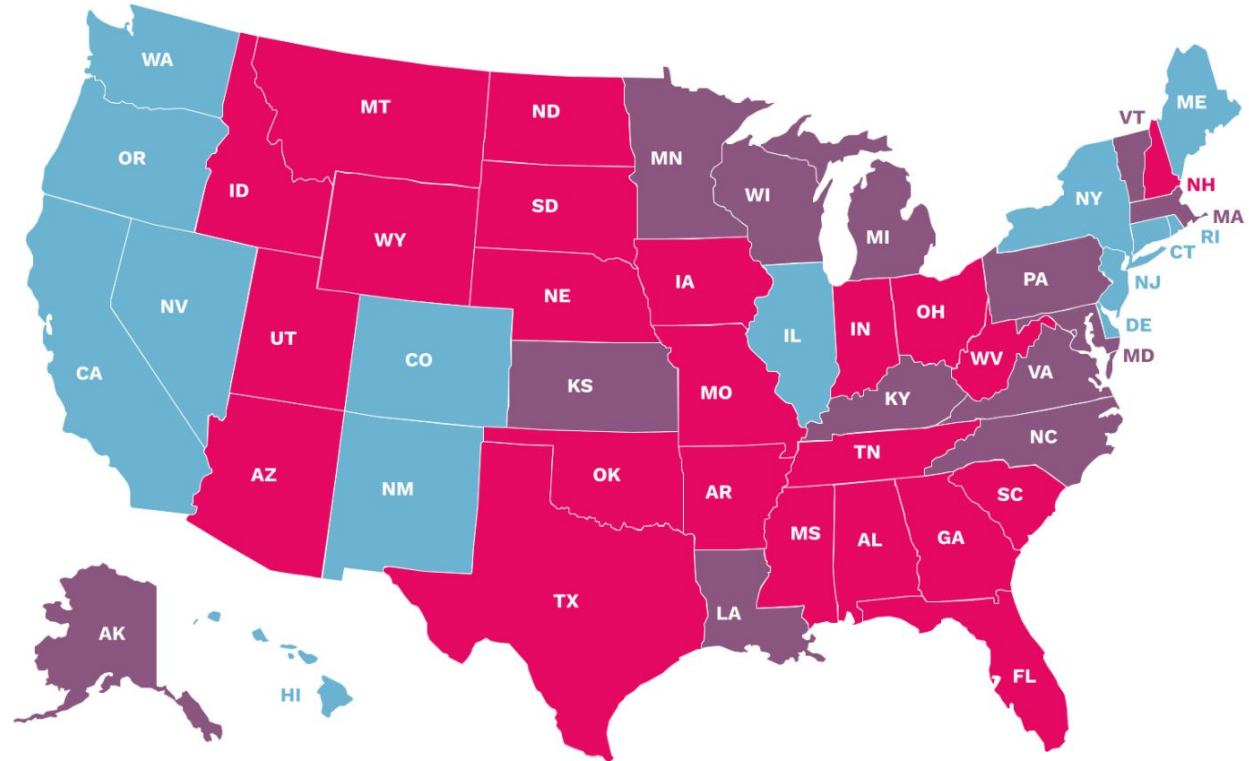
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