



2026 Gubernatorial Candidates

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State	Primary Date	Democrat	Republican	Other (Ind., Green, etc.)	Potential
Alabama	May 19, 2026	Fmr. U.S. Senator Doug Jones (D)	U.S. Senator Tommy Tuberville (R)	Ronald Burnette, Jr. (Ind. - write-in)	
Alaska	August 18, 2026	Fmr. Minority Leader Tom Begich (D) ; state Sen. Matt Claman (D) ; former state Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins (D)	Lt. Gov. Nancy Dahlstrom (R) ; fmr. state Sen. Click Bishop (R) ; Business owner Bernadette Wilson (R) ; Member of AK State Medical Board Matt Heilala (R) ; Local Mayor Edna DeVries (R) ; fmr. Anchorage Mayor Dave Bronson (R) ; state Sen. Shelley Hughes (R) ; lab technician James Parkin (R) ; fmr. Alaska Attorney General Treg Taylor (R) ; fmr. Alaska Revenue Commissioner Adam Crum (R) ; author Hank Kroll (R) ; Bruce Walden (R)	Community organizer Meda DeWitt (I) ; Alaska resident Jessica Faircloth (I) ; attorney Gregg Brelsford (I) ; fmr. State Sen. Lesil McGuire ; fmr. Gov. Bill Walker	
Arizona	August 4, 2026	Governor Katie Hobbs (D)	U.S. Rep. Andy Biggs (R) ; U.S. Representative David Schweikert (R) ; Scott Neely (R) ; Ken Miceli (R)	William Pounds (Green) ; Teri Hourihan (I) ; Former State Rep. Leezah Sun (I) ; Hugh Lytle (I) ; Riso Lombardo (Green) ; Carlos Malendez (Green)	Barry Hess (L) ; Isaiah Gallegos (R) ; Donald Muccheck (R) ; George Nicholson (R) ; Alan White (R)
Arkansas	March 3, 2026	State Sen. Fred Love (D) , Supha Xayprasith-Mays (D)	Incumbent Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders (R)		
California	June 2, 2026	State Senate President Toni Atkins (D) ; fmr. U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra (D) ; Businessman Steve Cloobek (D) ; fmr. U.S. Rep. Katie Porter (D) ; Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond (D) ; fmr. L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa (D) ; fmr. State Controller Betty Yee (D) ; Carolina Buhler (D) ; Ethan Agarwal (D) ; Ian Calderon (D) ; Zoltan Istvan (D) ; Raji Rab (D) , Thunder Parley (D) , Tom Steyer (D) , Eric Swalwell (D) , Derek Grasty (D) , Matt Mahan (D) , George Slivka (D) , Michael Younger (D)	Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner Chad Bianco (R) ; political commentator Steve Hilton (R) ; Pastor Che Ahn (R) ; Marketing Agency Founder Brandon Jones (R) ; Kyle Langford (R) ; Daniel Mercuri (R) ; Leo Zacky (R) ; Jimmy Parker (R) ; Sophia Brink (R) ; Sharifah Hardie (R) ; David Serpa (R) ; Leo Zacky (R) ; Jon Slavet[®] , Leo Naranjo IV (R)	Butch Ware (Green) , Jesse Alberti (I) , Tony Fitzpatrick (I) , Lewis Herms (I) , Leonard Jackson (I) , Ramsey Robinson (Peace+Freedom) , Nicholas Thompson (Libertarian)	Fitness personality Jake Steinfeld (R) ; Special Presidential Envoy Richard Grennell (R)

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Colorado	June 30, 2026	<u>Attorney General Phil Weiser (D)</u> ; U.S. Sen. <u>Michael Bennet (D)</u> ; <u>William Moses (D)</u>	Fmr. U.S. Rep. <u>Greg Lopez (R)</u> ; state Sen. <u>Mark Baisley (R)</u> ; state Rep. <u>Scott Bottoms (R)</u> ; <u>sheriff Jason Mikesell (R)</u> ; <u>Jason Ray Clark (R)</u> ; firefighter <u>Brycen Garrison (R)</u> ; <u>Stevan Gess (R)</u> ; <u>John Gray-Ginsberg (R)</u> ; <u>Joshua Griffin (R)</u> ; attorney <u>Will McBride (R)</u> ; <u>Alex Mugatu (R)</u> ; politician <u>Jim Rundberg (R)</u> ; state Sen. <u>Barbara Kirkmeyer (R)</u> ; Robin Jones (R); Christian ministry leader <u>Victor Marx (R)</u> ; retiree <u>Bob Brinkerhoff (R)</u> ; <u>Kelvin Wimberly (R)</u>	Truck driver <u>Stephen Hamilton (American Constitution Party)</u> ; <u>military officer Charles 'Chaz' Everson (unaffiliated)</u> ; <u>homemaker Marla Fernandez (unaffiliated)</u> ; <u>Chante Jones (unaffiliated)</u> ; <u>Bradley Allen Wall</u>	<i>Fmr. Sen. Ken Salazar (D)</i>
Connecticut	August 11, 2026	<u>Incumbent Gov. Ned Lamont (D)</u> ; Rep. <u>Josh Elliott (D)</u>	<u>State Sen. Ryan Fazio (R)</u>		
Delaware		<i>Not in cycle in 2026.</i>			
Florida	August 18, 2026	Fmr. U.S. Rep. <u>David Jolly (D)</u> ; Richard Paul <u>Dembinsky (D)</u> ; Donald J. <u>Peterson (D)</u> ; Faith E. <u>Antonio (D)</u> ; <u>Dayna Foster (D)</u> ; Christopher <u>Powell (D)</u> ; <u>Bill Slater (D)</u> ; <u>Evelyn Castillo-Bach (D)</u> ; Mayor <u>Jerry Demings (D)</u> ; Thomas <u>Fernandez (D)</u>	<u>U.S. Rep. Byron Donalds (R)</u> ; <u>Shea Cruel (R)</u> ; Jim <u>Holcomb (R)</u> ; Daniel <u>Imperato (R)</u> ; <u>John Joseph Mercadante (R)</u> ; Bill <u>Reicherter (R)</u> ; Caneste <u>Succe (R)</u> ; <u>Robert Edward "Bobby" Williams Jr. (R)</u> ; fmr. Florida <u>Speaker of the House Paul Renner (R)</u> ; William <u>Todd Andros (R)</u> ; James <u>Fishback (R)</u> ; Angie <u>Windhauser (R)</u>	State Sen. <u>Jason Pizzo (I)</u> ; Brandon L. <u>McIntyre (CPF)</u> ; Scott <u>Jewett (LPF)</u> ; Surindar <u>Singh Bedi (NPA)</u> ; James <u>Brown (NPA)</u> ; <u>Moliere Dimanche (NPA)</u> ; <u>Insley Evans (NPA)</u> ; Kyle <u>Gibson (NPA)</u> ; Neil <u>Gillespie (NPA)</u> ; Mourice <u>Hylton (NPA)</u> ; Holly <u>Klask (NPA)</u> ; Andrea <u>Lynn Klink (NPA)</u> ; Reginald <u>Strachan (I)</u> ; Rodney <u>Glover (WRI)</u> ; Christopher <u>Powell (WRI)</u> ; Jeffrey <u>Datto (NPA)</u> ; Frank <u>Russo (NPA)</u>	<i>First Lady Casey DeSantis (R)</i>
Georgia	May 19, 2026	<u>State Sen. Jason Esteves (D)</u> ; fmr. Atlanta Mayor <u>Keisha Lance Bottoms (D)</u> ; State Rep. <u>Derrick Jackson (D)</u> ; <u>Olu Brown (D)</u> ; <u>Michael Thurmond</u> ; <u>Geoff Duncan</u> ; <u>Ruwa Romman</u>	<u>Attorney General Chris Carr</u> ; Lt. Governor <u>Burt Jones</u> ; Secretary of State <u>Brad Raffensberger</u> ; <u>Clark Dean</u> ; Gregg <u>Kirkpatrick</u> ; Leland <u>Olinger II</u> ; <u>Kenneth Yasger</u> ; <u>Rick Jackson</u>		<i>U.S. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R)</i> ; fmr. Senator <u>Kelly Loeffler (R)</u> ; <u>Stacey Abrams (D)</u>

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Hawaii	August 8, 2026				<i>Incumbent Gov. Josh Green (D)</i>
Idaho	May 19, 2026	<u>Terri Pickens Manweiler</u> (D); <u>Chanelle Torrez</u> (D); <u>Jill C. Kirkham</u> (D); <u>Maxine Durand</u> (D);	<u>Incumbent Gov. Brad Little</u> (R); <u>Ethan Giles</u> (R); <u>Justin R. Plante</u> (R); <u>Lisa Marie</u> (R); <u>Mark Fitzpatrick</u> (R); <u>Teton County Commissioner Ron James</u> (R); <u>Sean Calvert Crystal</u> (R); <u>Daniel Fowler</u> (R)	<u>Melissa-Sue Robinson</u> (L); <u>Paul Sand</u> (L); <u>Jacob Burnett</u> (I); <u>Fmr. Supreme Court Justice John R. Stegner</u> (I); <u>Pro-Life</u> (Marvin Thomas Richardson) (C)	
Illinois	March 17, 2026	<i>Incumbent Gov. JB Pritzker (D) - Nominee</i>	fmr. State Senator <u>Darren Bailey</u> (R) - Nominee	<u>Gary Pierce</u> (i) <u>Collin Corbett</u> (I)	
Indiana			<i>Not in cycle in 2026.</i>		
Iowa	June 2, 2026	Auditor <u>Rob Sand</u> (D)	Fmr. State Rep. <u>Brad Sherman</u> (R); U.S. Rep. <u>Randy Feenstra</u> (R); Rep. <u>Eddie Andrews</u> (R); fmr. Iowa Administrator <u>Adam Steen</u> (R); <u>Zach Lahn</u> (R)		<i>House Speaker Pat Grassley (R); state Sen. Mike Boussetot (R); state Rep. Bobby Kaufmann (R)</i>
Kansas	August 4, 2026	<u>Sen. Cindy Holscher</u> (D); <u>Sen. Ethan Corson</u> (D); <u>Curt Skoog</u> (D)	<u>Secretary of State Scott Schwab</u> (R); <u>Senate President Ty Masterson</u> (R); <u>fmr. Gov. Jeff Colyer</u> (R); <u>fmr. state Rep. Charlotte O'Hara</u> (R); <u>conservative podcaster Doug Billings</u> (R); <u>business owner Stacy Rogers</u> (R); <u>Wichita school board member Joy Eakins</u> (R); <u>Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt</u> (R); <u>Financial services executive Phillip Sarnecki</u> (R)		
Kentucky			<i>Not in cycle in 2026.</i>		
Louisiana			<i>Not in cycle in 2026.</i>		
Maine	June 9, 2026	Sec. of State <u>Shenna Bellows</u> (D); fmr. Senate President <u>Troy Jackson</u> (D); Son of Sen. and fmr. Gov. King <u>Angus King III</u> (D); <u>Kenneth Pinet</u> (D); fmr. speaker of the House <u>Hannah Pingree</u> (D); fmr. Maine CDC Director <u>Dr. Nirav Shah</u> (D)	fmr. U.S. Asst. Sec. of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement <u>Robert Charles</u> (R); businessman <u>David Jones</u> (R); fmr. State Sen. <u>James Libby</u> (R); <u>Owen McCarthy</u> (R); fmr. Paris selectman <u>Robert Wessels</u> (R); <u>Jonathan Bush</u> (R); fmr. Senate Majority Leader <u>Garrett Mason</u> (R), <u>Ben Midgley</u> (R),	<u>Alexander Murchison</u> ; state Senator <u>Rick Bennett</u> ; <u>John Glowa</u> ; State Rep. <u>Ed Crockett</u> ; <u>Derek Levasseur</u>	

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Maryland	June 23, 2026	Incumbent Gov. <u>Wes Moore</u> (D); <u>Eric Felber</u> (D)	<u>John Myrick</u> (R); <u>Carl Brunner</u> (R); <u>Ed Hale</u> (R); fmr. State Del. <u>Dan Cox</u> (R); L.D. <u>Burkindine</u> (R); <u>Michael Oakes</u> (R); <u>Nancy Taylor</u> (R); <u>Douglas Larcomb</u> (R); <u>Shannon Wright</u> (R);	<u>Andy Ellis</u> (Green)	<i>Fmr. Governor Bob Ehrlich</i> (R);
Massachusetts	September 1, 2026	Incumbent Gov. <u>Maura Healey</u> (D); <u>Matthew Dewar</u> (D)	Acting General Manager of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority <u>Brian Shortleeve</u> (R); <u>Michael Minogue</u> (R)	<u>Muhammed Kokonezis-Hanino</u> (I); <u>Andrea James</u> (I);	<i>Former Ambassador Alan Leventhal</i> (D)
Michigan	August 4, 2026	Secretary of State <u>Jocelyn Benson</u> (D), Sheriff <u>Chris Swanson</u> (D),	Senate Minority Leader <u>Aric Nesbitt</u> (R); U.S. Rep. <u>John James</u> (R), fmr. AG <u>Mike Cox</u> (R), <u>Ralph Rebandt</u> (R), <u>Perry Johnson</u> (R)		
Minnesota	August 11, 2026	<u>Christopher Seymore</u> (D); <u>Senator Amy Klobuchar</u> (D); <u>Rick DeVoe</u> (D); <u>Kobey Layne</u> (D); <u>Paul Ference</u> (D); <u>Thomas Evenstad</u> (D); <u>Po Vang</u> (D)	<u>Phillip Parrish</u> (R); <u>Kendall Qualls</u> (R); <u>Brad Kohler</u> (R); <u>State Rep. Lisa Demuth</u> (R); <u>Patrick Knight</u> (R); <u>MyPillow Founder Mike Lindell</u> (R); <u>State Rep. Peggy Bennett</u> (R); <u>John Krhin</u> (R); <u>Raul Estrada</u> (R)	<u>Brad Kohler</u> (I)	
Mississippi			<i>Not in cycle in 2026.</i>		
Missouri			<i>Not in cycle in 2026.</i>		
Montana			<i>Not in cycle in 2026.</i>		
Nebraska	May 12, 2026	<u>Lynne Walz</u> (D) ; <u>Larry Marvin</u> (D) ;	Incumbent Gov. <u>Jim Pillen</u> (R) ; <u>Sheila Korth-Focken</u> (R) ; <u>Jacy Todd</u> (R) ; <u>Gary Rogge</u> (R) ; <u>Sal Holguin</u> (R) ; <u>John Walz</u> (R)	<u>Rick Beard</u> (Legal Marijuana Now Party) ; <u>James Charvat</u> (Legal Marijuana Now Party)	
Nevada	June 9, 2026	<u>Attorney General Aaron Ford</u> (D); <u>Washoe County Commissioner Alexis Hill</u> (D)	Incumbent Gov. <u>Joe Lombardo</u> (R); <u>Irina Hansen</u> (R); <u>Matthew Winterhawk</u> (R)		<i>Fmr. Gov. Steve Sisolak</i> (D)
New Hampshire	September 8, 2026	Businessman <u>Jon Kiper</u> (D) ; Executive Councilor <u>Cinde Warmington</u> (D)	Incumbent Gov. <u>Kelly Ayotte</u> (R)		<i>Fmr. U.S. Rep. Tom Sherman</i> (D); <i>Corey Lewandowski</i> (R)
New Jersey			<i>Not in cycle in 2026.</i>		

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New Mexico	June 2, 2026	Fmr. U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland (D); Bernalillo County District Attorney Sam Bregman (D)	Rio Rancho Mayor Gregg Hull (R), Fmr. State Sec.HHS Duke Rodriguez (R), Doug Turner (R)		
New York	June 23, 2026	Incumbent Gov. Kathy Hochul (D)	Union Leader Pat Hahn (R); Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman (R); Larry Sharpe (R)		<i>Fmr. U.S. Rep. Jamaal Bowman (D); U.S. Rep. Ritchie Torres (D)</i>
North Carolina			<i>Not in cycle in 2026.</i>		
North Dakota			<i>Not in cycle in 2026.</i>		
Ohio	May 5, 2026	Fmr. Director of the Ohio Department of Health Amy Acton (D);	Vivek Ramaswamy (R);	Analyst Tim Grady (No party affiliation); Don Kissick (Libertarian);	
Oklahoma	June 16, 2026	House Minority Leader Cindy Munson (D)	Attorney General Gentner Drummond (R); fmr. Speaker Charles McCall (R); Leisa Mitchell Haynes (R); fmr. Sen. Mike Mazzei (R); fmr. Sen Jake Merrick (R); Kenneth Sturgell (R); Chip Keating (R)		<i>Fmr. Superintendent Ryan Walters (R)</i>
Oregon	May 19, 2026	Incumbent Gov. Tina Kotek (D); political activist Brittany Jones (D); James Atkinson (D); Cal Kishawi (D); volunteer firefighter Tristan Sheppard (D); rabbi Forest Alexander (D); Donnie Beckwith (D); David Beem (D); author Steve Laible (D); Miranda Weigler (D)	House Minority Leader Christine Drazan (R); State Rep. Ed Diehl (R); Wealth management executive Chris Dudley (R); Marion County Commissioner Danielle Bethell (R); Genomics researcher Kyle Duyck (R); Business owner Robert Neuman (R); David Medina (R); Paul Romero (R); Matthew Piatt (R); Patrick A. Kopke-Hales (R); Caleb Kintz (R); Brad T. Peters (R); DeAngelo Turner (R); Wen Waddell (R); Martin Ward (R); Tim Youker (R); Hope A. Dalrymple (R)	Alexander Ziwahatan (I); LaNicia Duke (Unaffiliated)	
Pennsylvania	May 19, 2026	Incumbent Gov. Josh Shapiro (D)	State Treasurer Stacy Garrity (R)		
Rhode Island	September 8, 2026	Incumbent Gov. Dan McKee (D); Fmr. CVS Executive Helena Buonanno Foulkes (D); Gregory Stevens (D)	Elaine Pelino (R); Aaron Guckian (R); Robert Raimondo (R)	Ken Block (I)	<i>Ashley Kalus (R); fmr. U.S. Commerce Sec./RI Gov. Gina Raimondo (D);</i>
South Carolina	June 9, 2026	Ex Charleston County Democratic Party Chair William M. McLeod Jr. (D); Rep. Jermaine Johnson (D); Billy Webster (D)	Attorney General Alan Wilson (R), State Senator Josh Kimbrell (R) ; Lt. Governor Pamela Evette (R); U.S. Representative Nancy Mace (R); U.S. Representative Ralph Norman (R); Rom Reddy (R);	Walid Hakim (Green)	<i>fmr. State Treas. Thomas Ravenel (R), State Senator Sean Bennett (R)</i>

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South Dakota	June 2, 2026	<u>Dan Ahlers</u> (D)	Investment group president <u>Toby Doeden</u> (R); Speaker House <u>Jon Hansen</u> (R); <i>U.S Rep. <u>Dusty Johnson</u></i> (R); Incumbent Gov. <u>Larry Rhoden</u> (R)	<u>Terry Gleason</u> (Independent)	
Tennessee	August 6, 2026	Jerri Green (D); <u>Adam Kurtz</u> (D); Carnita Atwater (D); Tim Cyr (D), <u>Kevin Lee McCants</u> (D)	<i>U.S. Rep. <u>John Rose</u></i> (R) ; <u>Marsha Blackburn</u> (R); <u>Monty Fritts</u> (R)	David Hatley(I), <u>Lauren Pinkston</u> (I), <u>Robert Vick</u> (I)	<i>Diana Harshbarger</i> (R)
Texas	March 3, 2026	Patricia Abrego (D); <u>Chris Bell</u> (D); <u>Bobby Cole</u> (D); Bay City Councilman <u>Ben Flores</u> (D); Carolton Hart (D); <u>Gina Hinojosa</u> (D); <u>Jose Navarro Balbuena</u> (D); <u>Zach Vance</u> (D); Angela Villescaz (D); <u>Andrew White</u> (D)	<i>Incumbent <u>Greg Abbott</u></i> (R); <u>R.F. Achgill</u> (R); <u>Evelyn Brooks</u> (R); <u>Pete “Doc” Chambers</u> (R); <u>Charles Crouch</u> (R); Arturo Espinosa (R); <u>Mark Goloby</u> (R); <u>Kenneth Hyde</u> (R); Stephen Samuelson (R); <u>Ronnie Tullos</u> (R)		<i>Fmr. San Antonio Mayor <u>Ron Nirenberg</u></i> (D)
Utah		<i>Not in cycle in 2026.</i>			
Vermont	August 11, 2026	Vermont Commission on Women Co-Chair Esther Charlestin (D)	Incumbent Governor <u>Phil Scott</u> (R)		<i>State Treasurer <u>Mike Pieciak</u></i> (D) <i>State AG <u>Charity Clark</u></i> (D)
Virginia		<i>Not in cycle in 2026.</i>			
Washington		<i>Not in cycle in 2026.</i>			
West Virginia		<i>Not in cycle in 2026.</i>			
Wisconsin	August 11, 2026	Zachary Roper (D); <u>Lieutenant Governor Sarah Rodriguez</u> (D); Milwaukee County Executive <u>David Crowley</u> (D); Senator <u>Kelda Roys</u> (D); <u>Rep. Francesa Hong</u> (D); <u>Missy Hughes</u> (D); fmr. State Rep <u>Brett Hulsey</u> (D); Former Lieutenant Governor <u>Mandela Barnes</u> (D); <u>Joel Brennan</u> (D); <u>Kirk Bangstad</u> (D)	<i>U.S.Rep <u>Tom Tiffany</u></i> (R); <u>Andy Manske</u> (R)	<u>Jill Ferguson</u> (Green)	<i>U.S. Secretary of Transportation <u>Sean Duffy</u></i> (R); <i>former Lieutenant Governor <u>Rebecca Kleefisch</u></i> (R); <i>Dane County Executive <u>Melissa Agard</u></i> (D)
Wyoming	August 18, 2026	<u>Ken Casner</u> (D)	<u>Brent Bien</u> (R); <u>Senator Eric Barlow</u> (R); Superintendent of Public Instruction <u>Megan Degenfelder</u> (R)		<i>Senator <u>Bo Biteman</u></i> (R); <i>SoS <u>Chuck Gray</u></i> (R); <i>Speaker <u>Chip Neiman</u></i> (R)