

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) ; 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) ; Hugh Lytle (I) ; Riso Lombardo (Green) ; Carlos Malendez (Green)	Barry Hess (L) ; Isaiah Gallegos (R) ; Donald Mucke (R) ; George Nicholson (R) ; Alan White (R)
Arkansas	March 3, 2026	State Sen. Fred Love (D)	Incumbent Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders (R)	Colt Shelby (L)	
California	June 2, 2026	fmr. U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra (D)	Political commentator Steve Hilton (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. <u>Sen. Michael Bennet (D)</u> ; William Moses (D)	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> ; <u>attorney Will McBride (R)</u> ; <u>Alex Mugatu (R)</u> ; <u>politician 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> ; Kelvin <u>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> ; Bradley Allen Wall	<i>Fmr. Sen. Ken Salazar (D)</i>
Connecticut	August 11, 2026	<u>Incumbent Gov. Ned Lamont (D)</u> ; <u>Rep. Josh Elliott (D)</u>	<u>State Sen. Ryan Fazio (R)</u> ; <u>Betsy McCaughey (R)</u> ; <u>Timothy Wilcox (R)</u> ; <u>Elias Silva (R)</u> ; <u>Scott Merrell (R)</u>	<u>Adrian Bonenberger</u>	
Delaware		Not in cycle in 2026.			
Florida	August 18, 2026	<u>Fmr. U.S. Rep David Jolly (D)</u> ; Richard Paul Dembinsky (D); Donald J. Peterson (D); Faith E. Antonio (D); <u>Dayna Foster (D)</u> ; Christopher Powell (D); <u>Bill Slater (D)</u> ; <u>Evelyn Castillo-Bach (D)</u> ; <u>Mayor Jerry Demings (D)</u> ; Thomas Fernandez (D)	<u>U.S. Rep. Byron Donalds (R)</u> ; <u>Shea Cruel (R)</u> ; Jim Holcomb (R); Daniel Imperato (R); <u>John Joseph Mercadante (R)</u> ; Bill Reicherter (R); Caneste Succe (R); <u>Robert Edward “Bobby” Williams Jr. (R)</u> ; <u>fmr. Florida Speaker of the House Paul Renner (R)</u> ; William Todd Andros (R); James Fishback (R); Angie Windhauser (R)	State Sen. <u>Jason Pizzo (I)</u> ; Brandon L. McIntyre (CPF); Scott Jewett (LPF); Surindar Singh Bedi (NPA); James Brown (NPA); <u>Moliere Dimanche (NPA)</u> ; <u>Insley Evans (NPA)</u> ; Kyle Gibson (NPA); Neil Gillespie (NPA); Mourice Hylton (NPA); Holly Klask (NPA); Andrea Lynn Klink (NPA); Reginald Strachan (I); Rodney Glover (WRI); Christopher Powell (WRI); Jeffrey Datto (NPA); Frank Russo (NPA)	<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> ; <u>Lt. Governor Burt Jones</u> ; <u>Secretary of State Brad Raffensberger</u> ; <u>Clark Dean</u> ; Gregg Kirkpatrick; Leland Olinger II; <u>Kenneth Yasger</u> ; <u>Rick Jackson</u>		<i>U.S. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R)</i> ; <i>fmr. Senator Kelly Loeffler (R)</i> ; <i>Stacey Abrams (D)</i>

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Hawaii	August 8, 2026	<u>Duke Bourgoi</u> n (D); <u>Incumbent Josh Green</u> (D); George (Teva) Lucas-Tadeo (D); Lauren Kapoliahi'iaka Shim (D)	<u>Gary Cordery</u> (R); Ken Fujiyama (R)	John (Raghu) Giuffre; Bu Laia Hill; Clyde McClain (Mac) Lawman; Calvert Williamson	<i>Incumbent Gov. Josh Green (D)</i>
Idaho	May 19, 2026	<u>Terri Pickens Manweiler</u> (D)	<u>Incumbent Gov. Brad Little</u> (R)	<u>Paul Sand</u> (L); Jacob Burnett (I); <u>Fmr. Supreme Court Justice John R. Stegner</u> (I); Pro-Life (Marvin Thomas Richardson) (C)	
Illinois	March 17, 2026	<i>Incumbent Gov. JB Pritzker (D)</i> - Nominee	fmr. State Senator <u>Darren Bailey</u> (R) - Nominee	<u>Gary Pierce</u> (i) <u>Collin Corbett</u> (I); <u>Griselda Romero</u> (Green)	
Indiana	Not in cycle in 2026.				
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 Bousset (R); state Rep. Bobby Kaufmann (R)</i>
Kansas	August 4, 2026	<u>Sen. Cindy Holscher</u> (D); <u>Sen. Ethan Corson</u> (D); Curt Skoog (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); Financial services executive <u>Phillip Sarnecki</u> (R)		
Kentucky	Not in cycle in 2026.				
Louisiana	Not in cycle in 2026.				
Maine	June 9, 2026	Fmr. speaker of the House <u>Hannah Pingree</u> (D)- Nominee	fmr. U.S. Asst. Sec. of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement <u>Robert Charles</u> (R) - Nominee	<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) - Nominee	fmr. State Del. <u>Dan Cox</u> (R) - Nominee	<u>Andy Ellis</u> (Green); <u>Cathy White</u> (Working Class Party)	<i>Fmr. Governor Bob Ehrlich (R);</i>
Massachusetts	September 1, 2026	<u>Incumbent Gov. Maura Healey</u> (D); <u>Matthew Dewar</u> (D); Seartch Delva (D)	Acting General Manager of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority <u>Brian Shortsleeve</u> (R); <u>Michael Minogue</u> (R)	Muhammed Kokonezis-Hanino (I); <u>Andrea James</u> (I);	<i>Former Ambassador Alan Leventhal (D)</i>
Michigan	August 4, 2026	Secretary of State <u>Jocelyn Benson</u> (D), Sheriff <u>Chris Swanson</u> (D),	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>Senator Amy Klobuchar</u> (D); <u>Kobey Layne</u> (D); <u>Paul Ference</u> (D); <u>Thomas Evenstad</u> (D); <u>Po Vang</u> (D); <u>Bill E Gates Jr.</u> (D); Ole Savior (D); Mohammad Wazwaz (D)	<u>Kendall Qualls</u> (R); <u>State Rep. Lisa Demuth</u> (R); <u>MyPillow Founder Mike Lindell</u> (R); <u>John Krhin</u> (R); <u>Raul Estrada</u> (R); Loner Blue (R); <u>Ross Nova</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)	Incumbent Gov. <u>Jim Pillen</u> (R)	<u>Rick Beard</u> (Legal Marijuana Now Party)	
Nevada	June 9, 2026	<u>Attorney General Aaron Ford</u> (D); Washoe County Commissioner <u>Alexis Hill</u> (D)	Incumbent Gov. Joe Lombardo (R); <u>Irina Hansen</u> (R); <u>Matthew Winterhawk</u> (R)		<i>Fmr. Gov. Steve Sisolak (D)</i>
New Hampshire	September 8, 2026	Businessman <u>Jon Kiper</u> (D) ; Executive Councilor Cinde Warmington (D)	Incumbent Gov. <u>Kelly Ayotte</u> (R)		<i>Fmr. U.S. Rep. Tom Sherman (D); Corey Lewandowski (R)</i>
New Jersey			<i>Not in cycle in 2026.</i>		

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New Mexico	June 2, 2026	Fmr. U.S. Interior Secretary <u>Deb Haaland</u> (D)- Nominee	Rio Rancho Mayor <u>Gregg Hull</u> (R) - Nominee		
New York	June 23, 2026	Incumbent Gov. <u>Kathy Hochul</u> (D)	Union Leader <u>Pat Hahn</u> (R)); Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman (R); <u>Larry Sharpe</u> (R)		<i>Fmr. U.S. Rep. Jamaal Bowman (D); U.S. Rep. Ritchie Torres (D)</i>
North Carolina			Not in cycle in 2026.		
North Dakota			Not in cycle in 2026.		
Ohio	May 5, 2026	Fmr. <u>Director of the Ohio Department of Health Amy Acton</u> (D);)	<u>Vivek Ramaswamy</u> (R);	<u>Analyst Tim Grady</u> (No party affiliation); <u>Don Kissick</u> (Libertarian);	
Oklahoma	June 16, 2026	House Minority Leader <u>Cindy Munson</u> (D)	Attorney General <u>Gentner Drummond</u> (R); fmr. Speaker <u>Charles McCall</u> (R); <u>Leisa Mitchell Haynes</u> (R); fmr. Sen. <u>Mike Mazzei</u> (R); fmr. Sen <u>Jake Merrick</u> (R); Kenneth Sturgell (R); <u>Chip Keating</u> (R)		<i>Fmr. Superintendent Ryan Walters (R)</i>
Oregon	May 19, 2026	Incumbent Gov. <u>Tina Kotek</u> (D); political activist <u>Brittany Jones</u> (D); <u>James Atkinson</u> (D); Cal Kishawi (D); volunteer firefighter Tristan Sheppard (D); rabbi <u>Forest Alexander</u> (D); Donnie Beckwith (D); David Beem (D); author Steve Laible (D); <u>Miranda Weigler</u> (D)	House Minority Leader <u>Christine Drazan</u> (R); State Rep. <u>Ed Diehl</u> (R); Wealth management executive <u>Chris Dudley</u> (R); Marion County Commissioner <u>Danielle Bethell</u> (R); Genomics researcher Kyle Duyck (R); Business owner <u>Robert Neuman</u> (R); <u>David Medina</u> (R); <u>Paul Romero</u> (R); <u>Matthew Piatt</u> (R); <u>Patrick A. Kopke-Hales</u> (R); Caleb Kintz (R); <u>Brad T. Peters</u> (R); <u>DeAngelo Turner</u> (R); <u>Wen Waddell</u> (R); Martin Ward (R); Tim Youker (R); Hope A. Dalrymple (R)	Alexander Ziwahatan (I); <u>LaNicia Duke</u> (Unaffiliated)	
Pennsylvania	May 19, 2026	Incumbent Gov. <u>Josh Shapiro</u> (D)	<u>State Treasurer Stacy Garrity</u> (R)		
Rhode Island	September 8, 2026	Incumbent Gov. <u>Dan McKee</u> (D); Fmr. CVS Executive <u>Helena Buonanno Foulkes</u> (D); <u>Gregory Stevens</u> (D)	<u>Elaine Pelino</u> (R); <u>Aaron Guckian</u> (R); <u>Robert Raimondo</u> (R)	Ken Block (I)	<i>Ashley Kalus (R); fmr. U.S. Commerce Sec./RI Gov. Gina Raimondo (D);</i>
South Carolina	June 9, 2026	<u>Rep. Jermaine Johnson</u> (D)	<u>Attorney General Alan Wilson</u> (R). ; <u>Lt. Governor Pamela Evette</u> (R)	<u>Walid Hakim</u> (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); 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)	U.S. Rep. John Rose (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 (R)</i>
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); Gina Hinojosa (D); <u>Jose Navarro Balbuena</u> (D); <u>Zach Vance</u> (D); Angela Villescaz (D); <u>Andrew White</u> (D)	Incumbent Greg Abbott (R); <u>R.F. Achgill</u> (R); <u>Evelyn Brooks</u> (R); Pete “Doc” Chambers (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 Ron Nirenberg (D)</i>
Utah		Not in cycle in 2026.			
Vermont	August 11, 2026	Vermont Commission on Women Co-Chair Esther Charlestin (D)	Incumbent Governor <u>Phil Scott</u> (R)		<i>State Treasurer Mike Pieciak (D)</i> <i>State AG Charity Clark (D)</i>
Virginia		Not in cycle in 2026.			
Washington		Not in cycle in 2026.			
West Virginia		Not in cycle in 2026.			
Wisconsin	August 11, 2026	Zachary Roper (D); Lieutenant Governor Sarah Rodriguez (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)	U.S.Rep Tom Tiffany (R); <u>Andy Manske</u> (R)	<u>Jill Ferguson</u> (Green)	<i>U.S. Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy (R); former Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch (R); Dane County Executive Melissa Agard (D)</i>
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); <u>Curt Blake</u> (R)		<i>Senator Bo Biteman (R); SoS Chuck Gray (R); Speaker Chip Neiman (R)</i>