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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	Former state Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins (D)	Business owner Bernadette Wilson (R); fmr. Anchorage Mayor Dave Bronson (R); fmr. Alaska Attorney General Treg Taylor (R)		
Arizona	August 4, 2026	Governor Katie Hobbs (D)	U.S. Rep. Andy Biggs (R)	Teri Hourihan (I); Riso Lombardo (Green)	*Barry Hess (L); Isaiah Gallegos (R); Donald Mucheck (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)*
Colorado	June 30, 2026	Attorney General Phil Weiser (D); U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet (D); William Moses (D)	Fmr. U.S. Rep. Greg Lopez (R); state Sen. Mark Baisley (R); state Rep. Scott Bottoms (R); sheriff Jason Mikesell (R); Jason Ray Clark (R); firefighter Brycen Garrison (R); Stevan Gess (R); John Gray-Ginsberg (R); Joshua Griffin (R); attorney Will McBride (R); Alex Mugatu (R); politician Jim Rundberg (R); state Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer (R); Robin Jones (R); Christian ministry leader Victor Marx (R); retiree Bob Brinkerhoff (R); Kelvin Wimberly (R)	Truck driver Stephen Hamilton (American Constitution Party); military officer Charles 'Chaz' Everson (unaffiliated); homemaker Marla Fernandez (unaffiliated); Chante Jones (unaffiliated); Bradley Allen Wall	*Fmr. Sen. Ken Salazar (D)*

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Connecticut	August 11, 2026	Incumbent Gov. Ned Lamont (D)	State Sen. Ryan Fazio (R)		
Delaware	*Not in cycle in 2026.*				
Florida	August 18, 2026	Fmr. U.S. Rep David Jolly (D)	U.S. Rep. Byron Donalds (R)		
Georgia	May 19, 2026	State Sen. Jason Esteves (D); fmr. Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms (D); State Rep. Derrick Jackson (D); Olu Brown (D); Michael Thurmond; Geoff Duncan; Ruwa Romman	Attorney General Chris Carr; Lt. Governor Burt Jones; Secretary of State Brad Raffensberger; Clark Dean; Gregg Kirkpatrick; Leland Olinger II; Kenneth Yasger, Rick Jackson		*U.S. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R); fmr. Senator Kelly Loeffler (R); Stacey Abrams (D)*
Hawaii	August 8, 2026	Incumbent Josh Green (D)	Gary Cordery (R)		
Idaho	May 19, 2026	Terri Pickens Manweiler (D)	Incumbent Gov. Brad Little (R)	Paul Sand (L); Jacob Burnett (I); Fmr. Supreme Court Justice John R. Stegner (I); Pro-Life (Marvin Thomas Richardson) (C)	
Illinois	March 17, 2026	*Incumbent Gov. JB Pritzker (D)* - Nominee	fmr. State Senator Darren Bailey (R) - Nominee	Mike Vick (Illinois Solidarity Party)) Collin Corbett (I); Griselda Romero (Green)	
Indiana	*Not in cycle in 2026.*				
Iowa	June 2, 2026	Auditor Rob Sand (D)	Zach Lahn (R)		*House Speaker Pat Grassley (R); state Sen. Mike Bousselot (R); state Rep. Bobby Kaufmann (R)*
Kansas	August 4, 2026	Sen. Cindy Holscher (D); Sen. Ethan Corson (D); Curt Skoog (D)	Secretary of State Scott Schwab (R); Senate President Ty Masterson (R); fmr. Gov. Jeff Colyer (R); fmr. state Rep. Charlotte O'Hara (R); conservative podcaster Doug Billings (R); business owner Stacy Rogers (R); Wichita school board member Joy Eakins (R); Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt (R); Financial services executive Phillip Sarnecki (R)		

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Kentucky			*Not in cycle in 2026.*		
Louisiana			*Not in cycle in 2026.*		
Maine	June 9, 2026	Fmr. speaker of the House Hannah Pingree (D)- Nominee	fmr. U.S. Asst. Sec. of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Robert Charles (R) - Nominee	Alexander Murchison; state Senator Rick Bennett; John Glowa; State Rep. Ed Crockett; Derek Levasseur	
Maryland	June 23, 2026	Incumbent Gov. Wes Moore (D) - Nominee	fmr. State Del. Dan Cox (R) - Nominee	Andy Ellis (Green); Cathy White (Working Class Party)	
Massachusetts	September 1, 2026	Incumbent Gov. Maura Healey (D)	Michael Minogue (R)		
Michigan	August 4, 2026	Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson (D), Sheriff Chris Swanson (D),	U.S. Rep. John James (R), fmr. AG Mike Cox (R), Ralph Rebandt (R), Perry Johnson (R)		
Minnesota	August 11, 2026	Senator Amy Klobuchar (D)	State Rep. Lisa Demuth (R)		
Mississippi			*Not in cycle in 2026.*		
Missouri			*Not in cycle in 2026.*		
Montana			*Not in cycle in 2026.*		
Nebraska	May 12, 2026	Lynne Walz (D)	Incumbent Gov. Jim Pillen (R)	Rick Beard (Legal Marijuana Now Party)	
Nevada	June 9, 2026	Attorney General Aaron Ford (D); Washoe County Commissioner Alexis Hill (D)	Incumbent Gov. Joe Lombardo (R); Irina Hansen (R); Matthew Winterhawk (R)		*Fmr. Gov. Steve Sisolak (D)*
New Hampshire	September 8, 2026	Executive Councilor Cinde Warmington (D)	Incumbent Gov. Kelly Ayotte (R)	Stephen Villee (Libertarian Party)	*Fmr. U.S. Rep. Tom Sherman (D); Corey Lewandowski (R)*
New Jersey			*Not in cycle in 2026.*		
New Mexico	June 2, 2026	Fmr. U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland (D)- Nominee	Rio Rancho Mayor Gregg Hull (R) - Nominee		
New York	June 23, 2026	Incumbent Gov. Kathy Hochul (D)	Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman (R)		
North Carolina			*Not in cycle in 2026.*		
North Dakota			*Not in cycle in 2026.*		

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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)	Fmr. Sen. Mike Mazzei (R)		
Oregon	May 19, 2026	Incumbent Gov. Tina Kotek (D)	House Minority Leader Christine Drazan (R)	Tradesman Brett Smith (Green)	
Pennsylvania	May 19, 2026	Incumbent Gov. Josh Shapiro (D)	State Treasurer Stacy Garrity (R)		
Rhode Island	September 8, 2026	Fmr. CVS Executive Helena Buonanno Foulkes (D)	Elaine Pelino (R); Aaron Guckian (R)	Ken Block (I)	*Ashley Kalus (R); fmr. U.S. Commerce Sec./RI Gov. Gina Raimondo (D);*
South Carolina	June 9, 2026	Rep. Jermaine Johnson (D)	Attorney General Alan Wilson (R), Lt. Governor Pamela Evette (R)	Walid Hakim (Green)	*fmr. State Treas. Thomas Ravenel (R), State Senator Sean Bennett (R)*
South Dakota	June 2, 2026	Dan Ahlers (D)	Incumbent Gov. Larry Rhoden (R)		
Tennessee	August 6, 2026	Jerri Green (D)	Marsha Blackburn(R)	David Hatley (I), Lauren Pinkston (I), Robert Vick (I)	*Diana Harshbarger (R)*
Texas	March 3, 2026	Patricia Abrego (D); Chris Bell (D); Bobby Cole (D); Bay City Councilman Ben Flores (D); Carolton Hart (D); Gina Hinojosa (D); Jose Navarro Balbuena (D); Zach Vance (D); Angela Villescaz (D); Andrew White (D)	Incumbent Greg Abbott (R); R.F. Achgill (R); Evelyn Brooks (R); Pete "Doc" Chambers (R); Charles Crouch (R); Arturo Espinosa (R); Mark Goloby (R); Kenneth Hyde (R); Stephen Samuelson (R); Ronnie Tullos (R)		*Fmr. San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg (D)*
Utah	*Not in cycle in 2026.*				
Vermont	August 11, 2026	Amanda Janoo (D)	Incumbent Governor Phil Scott (R)		*State Treasurer Mike Pieciak (D) State AG Charity Clark (D)*
Virginia	*Not in cycle in 2026.*				
Washington	*Not in cycle in 2026.*				
West Virginia	*Not in cycle in 2026.*				
Wisconsin	August 11, 2026	Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley (D)	U.S.Rep Tom Tiffany (R)	Jill Ferguson (Green)	
Wyoming	August 18, 2026	Ken Casner (D)	Senator Eric Barlow (R)	Rebecca Bextel (Constitution Party)	