

Wyoming General Election Results

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Wyoming held its general election on Nov. 5, 2024

At the statewide level, Donald Trump garnered a commanding win over Kamala Harris with 192,576 votes to her 69,0508 votes, or 71% to 25%, the largest margin in the nation. U.S. Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY) and U.S. Congresswoman Harriet Hageman (R-WY) easily secured victories in their races, with Barrasso garnering 75.5% and Hageman 71% of the vote. Barrasso has served in the U.S. Senate since 2007 and is currently the chair of the Senate Republican Conference. Hageman has served since 2022.

Compared to the August primaries where voter turnout was the lowest since 2016, Wyoming saw a large number of voters turnout, with polling lines on election day approaching 90 minute waits or more. At the time of publication, the total ballots cast in Wyoming were 271,043.

Wyoming State Legislature

The Wyoming Legislature is solidly conservative. Republicans currently hold 57 of the 62 seats in the House and 29 of 31 seats in the Senate. Despite being a Republican stronghold, Wyoming's primary election on Aug. 20, 2024, featured a contrast between members who identified with the National Freedom Caucus and more traditional Wyoming Republicans. Candidates aligned with the Freedom Caucus secured additional seats in the Wyoming House. See [Wyoming Primary Results](#).

Given Republican dominance in Wyoming's capitol, the August primary decided more than 70% of the state's legislative races, leaving 30% to be decided in the general election. In other words, of the 77 legislative races (15 in the Senate and 62 in the House), only 19 of the races involved challenges between Republicans (R), Democrats (D) and Independents (I).

Three of these candidates, Martha Wright, Larry Alwin and Carmen Whitehead appeared on the general ballot after securing 25 write-in votes in the August primary. However, none were able to defeat their Republican opponents.

With the general election in hindsight, party leaders will convene in mid-November to vote on leadership positions in their respective chambers. Those leaders will ultimately decide committee chairmanships and appointments. Political insiders anticipate that a new majority of Freedom Caucus members in the House will significantly shift appointments for committees and committee chairmanships.

Many of the primary winners are political newcomers with no prior legislative experience. The newcomers include, Donald Trump-endorsed Darin Smith (SD06) and Laura Pearson (SD14) on the Senate side.

Steve Johnson(HD08), Joe Webb(HD19), Jayme Lien (HD38), Gary Brown (HD41), Ann Lucas (HD43), Darin McCann (HD48), Joel Guggenmos (HD55) and Marlene Brady(HD60) join as Freedom Caucus-endorsed House members.

WYOMING STATE SENATE

KEY RACES:

- Senate District 8-Laramie County
- Senate District 10-Albany County
- Senate District 12-Sweetwater County

Democrats had hoped to pick up seats in Laramie County, starting with Marguerite Herman, who ran for an open Senate seat (SD08) against Representative Jared Olsen. Herman and Olsen squared off against one another in 2022 for House District 11, with Olsen earning 1,145 to Herman's 1,013 votes, a difference of 132 votes. Despite the close margin in 2022, Olsen pulled ahead of Herman with 3,441 votes to her 2,463.

In Senate District 10 (Albany County), Gary Crum (R) faced Mike Selmer (D) for the open seat, held by Dan Furphy (R) since 2021. Crum was able to take the seat with 6,324 votes to Selmer's 3,403 votes.

Sweetwater County also hoped to pick up a democratic seat with Kenilynn Zanetti running for Senate District 12. Incumbent John Kolb retained his seat by 70% votes.

Thus, party composition of the Senate did not change with Republicans holding 29 of 31 seats.

WYOMING STATE HOUSE

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KEY RACES:

- House District 4-Laramie, Platte County
- House District 7-Laramie County
- House District 10-Laramie County
- House District 11-Laramie County
- House District 13-Albany County
- House District 14-Albany County
- House District 28-Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park County
- House District 29-Sheridan County
- House District 33-Fremont County
- House District 41-Laramie County
- House District 42-Laramie County
- House District 45-Albany County
- House District 46-Albany County
- House District 47-Carbon, Sweetwater County
- House District 57-Natrona County
- House District 60-Sweetwater County

Laramie County is the most populous county in the state of Wyoming, with a population of 100,984, with four open seats in the House. In **HD4, Jeremy Haroldson** retained his seat by 76% of the votes. HD(7) Nicholas retained his seat against Democrat Jordan Evans. HD(42)

Rob Geringer defeated Bob Ray (D), and in HD(10) John Eklund won over Independent Tim Forbis.

Democrats hoped to pick up a House seat with Sara Burlingame (D), who previously represented House District 44 from 2019-2021. She ran for House District 11 and was unsuccessful in her efforts to secure the open seat, losing to **Jacob Wasserburger(R)** by a slim margin with 1,481 votes to his 1,774.

Another focus was on Jen Solis (D), who fell 221 votes short when she ran in 2022 against Bill Henderson for House District 41. Candidate **Gary Brown(R)** defeated Henderson in the 2024 primary and Solis was once again narrowly defeated by Brown with 2,039 votes to her 1,852.

Albany County is the home of the University of Wyoming and brings in a younger and more diverse population, causing an upswing of Democratic voters. In HD(13), incumbent Ken Chestek (D) retained his seat over Shane Swett (R). In HD(14), incumbent Trey Sherwood (D) retained her seat. In HD(45) Karlee Provenza (D) retained her seat over Paul Crouch (R) by over 1,000 votes. **Ocean Andrew (R)** retained his seat in HD(46) over Democratic hopeful Chris Lowry by 1,927 votes.

Fremont County is comprised of tribal communities located on the Wind River Indian Reservation. Ivan Posey (D), an enrolled member of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, unseated incumbent **Sarah Penn (R)** for House District 33. Political action committee (PAC), Common Sense For HD33, supported Posey's campaign. Penn ultimately lost her seat with Posey garnering 1,675 votes to Penn's 1,210.

Thus, with Posey's victory, the composition of the House changed marginally with Republicans losing one of its 57 House seats.

In HD(28) **John Winter (R)** swept the votes with an 80% lead over write-in Larry Alwin(D). Similarly, in HD(29) **Ken Pendergraft (R)** won over write-in candidate Martha Wright(D). In HD(47), Bob Davis (R) will retain his seat over James Wilson. In HD(57), political newcomer Julie Jarvis defeated Independent candidate Tyler Cessor. And, in HD(60) **Marlene Brady (R)** prevailed over write-in Carmen Whitehead (D).

Statewide Ballot Initiatives

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	OUTCOME
Property Tax on Residential Property and Owner-Occupied Primary Residences Amendment	A legislatively referred constitutional amendment that would add residential real property as a fourth, separate, class of property and authorizes the legislature to create a subclass of residential property for owner-occupied primary residences, which could be assessed at a different rate from other property in the residential property class.	Amendment A passed by 59.3%.

Political Spending in 2024

In 2024, Representatives JT Larson (R) and Cody Wylie (R) filed a [lawsuit](#) against the Wyoming Freedom Caucus PAC for knowingly distributing false statements in political mailers.

In this election cycle, Wyoming saw an uptick in money spent by outside groups.

Notable contributions included:

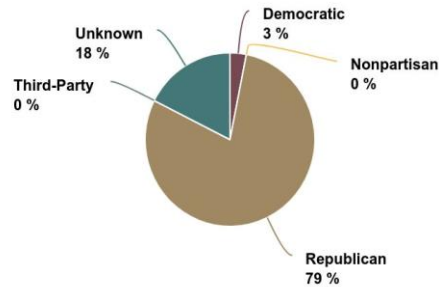
[Make Liberty Win](#)- \$426,782.89

[Americans For Prosperity](#)- \$83,199.33

[4Wyoming](#)- \$539,645.57

[AFC Victory Fund](#)- \$81,854.28

Dollars Raised in State Races by Party WY 2023 & 2024



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