

Updated: Nevada 2024 Election Results and Analysis

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Despite former President Donald Trump winning Nevada comfortably, Democratic incumbent U.S. Sen. Jacky Rosen will hold on to her seat. Sen. Rosen's win will be more modest than pollsters predicted as she narrowly edged out Army veteran and Republican Sam Brown. Nevada is no stranger to split-ticket voting following the results of the 2022 election, when voters elected Democratic U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto and Republican Gov. Joe Lombardo.

Nevada had not swung for a Republican in the presidential election since electing George W. Bush in 2004. As a result, this created favorable results downballot for Republican Gov. Joe Lombardo, who will hold on to his veto pen as Democrats failed to get a supermajority in either the Assembly or Senate. Additionally, Gov. Lombardo was heavily involved in these outcomes as he endorsed a slate of moderate Republicans during the primary. These candidates were also boosted by the pro-Lombardo political action committee Better Nevada PAC. Every legislative race that is still too close to call has a Gov. Lombardo-endorsed candidate.

As ballot counting and curing continues, the bulk of the remaining ballots are mail from Clark County with 17,139 ballots and Washoe County with 16,324 ballots. Saturday, Nov. 9, marks the last day for Nevada counties to receive and count properly postmarked mail ballots. The deadline to "cure" ballot signatures is Tuesday, Nov. 12, meaning some of the tighter state and local races could come down to the result of ballot curing.

Close races to watch as final results come in:

- **Senate District 11:** Incumbent Democratic state Senator Dallas Harris is down by almost 1,000 votes to Republican Lori Rogich, who was endorsed by the Culinary Union. Democrats have a registration advantage of 6,000 more voters than Republicans in this district.
- **Assembly District 12:** Incumbent Democratic Assemblyman Max Carter is winning by less than 250 votes over Republican Nancy Roecker. This district has been Democratic for over a decade.
- **Assembly District 21:** Incumbent Democratic Assemblywoman Elaine Marzola is winning by less than 500 votes over Republican April Arndt. Democrats have a registration advantage of nearly 2,000 more voters than Republicans in this district.
- **Assembly District 41:** Incumbent Democratic Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui is winning by less than 280 votes against Republican Rafael Arroyo. Assemblywoman Jauregui is an integral part of Democratic leadership and her defeat could send waves through the caucus.

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Nevada Congressional Races

Incumbent Reps. Dina Titus (CD 1), Mark Amodei (CD 2) and Steven Horsford (NV-04) all have comfortable leads and are presumed to win their races. While two other Democratic incumbents—U.S. Sen. Jacky Rosen and Congresswoman Susie Lee (CD 3)—were in races too close to call on election night, these races can now be called with both incumbents winning. Following initial tabulations, Sen. Rosen was able to close the gap and grow a 17,500-vote lead over Republican Sam Brown. Rep. Lee grew her lead to roughly 10,000 votes over Republican Drew Johnson. Even though mail ballots are still coming in and ballots can still be cured, these leads should be insurmountable.

Nevada State Legislature

It was never a question of Democrats retaining control of the Nevada Legislature, but the prize of clinching a two-thirds supermajority was lost in both houses and, with it, the chance to override Republican Gov. Joe Lombardo's veto power. While Gov. Lombardo was not on the ballot in 2024, his endorsements proved to be successful as the State Assembly was able to flip at least one seat with a Gov. Lombardo-endorsed candidate. This reddish wave is likely to shape the 2026 Nevada election when Gov. Lombardo will be the top of the ticket.

Nevada Leadership Shifts and Committee Consequences

The Nevada Legislature might have major leadership shakeups following the 2024 election. Most important, Democratic Party leadership Assembly Majority Floor Leader Sandra Jauregui is in a contest that is too close to call, but the assemblywoman has a 280-vote lead as mail ballots are still coming in.

It is certain that five new committee chairs will be appointed:

1. **Assembly Education** - Assemblywoman Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod ran for a different office.
2. **Assembly Health and Humans Services** - Assemblywoman Sarah Peters did not run.
3. **Assembly Legislative Operations and Elections** - Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow did not run.
4. **Assembly Natural Resources** - Assemblywoman Lesley Cohen did not run.
5. **Senate Commerce and Labor** - Sen. Pat Spearman is termed out.

Additionally, there are two committee chairs in jeopardy of losing this election:

1. **Assembly Commerce and Labor** - Assembly Elaine Marzola's race is too close to call.
2. **Senate Growth and Infrastructure** - Sen. Dallas Harris' race is too close to call.

In total, there are seven potential committees that will or could see a change in leadership. These committees are sure to see growing pains with new leaders as institutional knowledge is lost.

Even without the consequences of this election, the Republican Senate Caucus will lose decades of institutional knowledge as Senate Minority Leader Heidi Seevers-Gansert decided not to run for reelection and state Sen. Pete Goicoechea termed out.

NEVADA SENATE

Democrats will retain control of the Nevada Senate with a majority, but with one race still too close to call, the ratio could be either 14 Democrats to 7 Republicans or 13 Democrats to 8 Republicans. In the previous session, Nevada Senate Democrats were a single seat short from a two-thirds supermajority with a 14-7 margin in their favor.

RACES TO WATCH:

- **SD 5:** Incumbent Republican Sen. Carrie Buck will win by almost 6,000 votes, a near 8% win over Democratic challenger Jennifer Atlas. Sen. Buck won this seat in 2020 by less than 350 votes.
- **SD 6:** Incumbent Democratic Senate Majority Leader Nicole Cannizzaro will win her race by over 4,000 votes over Republican challenger Jill Douglass.
- **SD 11:** This could be the upset race of the Senate, with incumbent Democrat Dallas Harris losing by roughly 1,000 votes, more than 1%, to Republican challenger Lori Rogich.
- **SD 15:** This Reno seat was projected to flip blue since redistricting and Democrat Angie Taylor is projected to win by 5,000 or more votes over Republican challenger Mike Ginsburg. Taylor served in the Nevada Assembly in 2023.

SD 1	Michelee Crawford (D) defeated Patricia Brinkley (R) with 59%.
SD 3	Incumbent Rochelle Nguyen (D) defeated Brent Howard (R) with 54%.
SD 4	Incumbent Dina Neal (D) ran unopposed in the general election.
SD 5	Incumbent Carrie Buck (R) is leading Jennifer Atlas (D) with 54%.
SD 6	Incumbent Nicole Cannizzaro (D) defeated Jill Douglass (R) with 52%.
SD 7	Incumbent Roberta Lange (D) defeated Henderson (R) by 58%.
SD 11	Lori Rogich (R) is leading incumbent Dallas Harris (D) with 51%.
SD 15	Angie Taylor (D) is leading Michael Ginsburg (R) with 54%.
SD 18	John Steinbeck (R) defeated Ron Bilodeau (D) by 57%.
SD 19	John Ellison (R) ran unopposed in the general election.

NEVADA ASSEMBLY

Assembly Democrats will lose their two-thirds supermajority of 28-14 from the last legislative session with one confirmed seat flipping to Republican—the question remaining how many seats were lost as mail-in ballots are still being counted. A handful of Assembly races could result in major upsets, potentially wiping out top leadership and key committee chairs.

RACES TO WATCH:

- **AD 4:** Republican Lisa Cole will win by almost 3,500 votes over Democrat Ryan Hampton. Democrats had targeted this seat as one to flip, but it stayed red.
- **AD 5:** Incumbent Democrat Brittney Miller will win by more than 1,000 votes over Republican Kelly Quinn.
- **AD 9:** Another nailbiter for the incumbent Democrat and Speaker of the Assembly Steve Yeager, but he will win by more than 800 votes over Republican Erica Nelly.
- **AD 12:** This race is too close to call as incumbent Democrat Max Carter II is winning by less than 250 votes to Republican Nancy Roecker.
- **AD 21:** This race is too close to call as incumbent Democrat Elaine Marzola is currently winning by less than 500 votes to Republican April Arndt.
- **AD 29:** Democrat Joe Dalia will win by more than 1,000 votes over Republican Annette Owens. This seat is currently blue and one Republicans targeted to flip.
- **AD 34:** Democrat Hanadi Nadeem will win by almost than 2,000 votes over Republican Brandon Davis.
- **AD 35:** This seat was held by a Democrat last session and was thought to be a pivotal flip seat for Republicans. Republican Rebecca Edgeworth will win by more than 3,000 votes, beating Democrat Sharifa Wahab.
- **AD 37:** Another close race but incumbent Democrat Shae Backus will win by almost 1,000 votes over Republican David Brog.
- **AD 41:** Assembly Majority Leader and Democrat Sandra Jauregui is currently winning by less than 280 votes to Republican challenger Refael Arroyo. Jauregui’s loss would amount to a major upset favoring Republicans.

AD 1	Incumbent Daniele Monroe-Moreno (D) defeated Garland Brinkley by 56%.
AD 2	Incumbent Heidi Kasama (R) defeated Ron Nelsen by 56%.
AD 3	Incumbent Selena Torres (D) is leading Michele Rizza (R) with 55%.
AD 4	Lisa Cole (R) defeated Ryan Hampton (D) with 55%.

AD 5	Incumbent Brittney Miller (D) defeated Kelly Quinn (R) with 50.8%.
AD 6	Jovan Jackson (D) defeated Nephi Oliva (R) with 70%.
AD 7	Tanya Flanagan (D) ran unopposed in the general election.
AD 8	Incumbent Duy Nguyen (D) is leading Kelly Chapman (R) with 54%.
AD 9	Incumbent Steve Yeager (D) defeated Erica Neely (R) with 51%.
AD 10	Venise Karris (D) defeated Sean Moore (Libertarian) with 64%.
AD 11	Cinthia Moore (D) defeated Jeffrey Lustick (R) with 69%.
AD 12	incumbent Max Carter II (D) is leading Nancy Roecker (R) by 50.4%.
AD 13	Incumbent Brian Hibbetts (R) defeated Daniel Andrews (D) with 56%.
AD 14	Incumbent Erica Mosca (D) ran unopposed in the general election.
AD 15	Incumbent Howard Watts III (D) defeated Melissa Lynn Spence (R) with 58%.
AD 16	Incumbent Cecelia González (D) is leading James Neville with 52%.
AD 17	Linda Hunt (D) defeated Robert Olson (R) by 65%.
AD 18	Incumbent Venicia Considine (D) is leading Antario Brown (R) with 59%.
AD 19	Incumbent Thaddeus Yurek (R) ran unopposed in the general election.
AD 20	Incumbent David Orentlicher (D) defeated Stan Vaughan (R) by 59%.
AD 21	Incumbent Elaine Marzola (D) is leading April Arndt (R) by 50.6%.
AD 22	Incumbent Melissa Hardy (R) ran unopposed in the general election.
AD 23	Incumbent Danielle Gallant (R) ran unopposed in the general election.
AD 24	Erica Roth (D) defeated Terisia Kolesnick (R) with 64%.

AD 25	Incumbent Selena La Rue Hatch (D) defeated Diana Sande (R) with 53%.
AD 26	Incumbent Rich DeLong (R) defeated Diane Sullivan (D) with 61%.
AD 27	Heather Goulding (D) is leading Carmen Ortiz (R) with 55%.
AD 28	Incumbent Reuben D'Silva (D) ran unopposed in the general election.
AD 29	Joe Dalia (D) defeated Annette Owens (R) with 52%.
AD 30	Incumbent Natha Anderson (D) ran unopposed in the general election.
AD 31	Incumbent Jill Dickman (R) defeated Stuart MacKie (D) by 63%.
AD 32	Incumbent Alexis Hansen (R) defeated Arnold Thomas (D) by 70%.
AD 33	Incumbent Bert Gurr (R) defeated Darryl Baber (Libertarian) by 85%.
AD 34	Hanadi Nadeem (D) defeated Brandon Davis (R) by 53%.
AD 35	Rebecca Edgeworth (R) defeated Sharifa Wahab (D) by 54%.
AD 36	Incumbent Gregory Hafen (R) defeated Marlene Drake (D) by 64%.
AD 37	Incumbent Shea Backus (D) defeated David Brog (R) with 51%.
AD 38	Incumbent Gregory Koenig (R) ran unopposed in the general election.
AD 39	Incumbent Ken Gray (R) defeated Erich Obermayr (D) with 72%.
AD 40	Incumbent Philip O'Neill (R) defeated Katherine Ramsey (D) with 62%.
AD 41	Incumbent Sandra Jauregui (D) is leading Rafael Arroyo-Montalvo (R) with 50.4%.
AD 42	Incumbent Tracy Brown-May (D) is leading Kevin Child (R) with 55%.

Statewide Ballot Initiatives

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	OUTCOME
Question 1: Remove Constitutional Status of Board of Regents Amendment	A legislatively referred constitutional amendment that would remove the constitutional status of the Board of Regents, which oversees state universities, allowing the legislature to change the governing structure of these universities through statute	FAILED 54.6% to 45.4%
Question 2: Revise language in the state constitution related to public entities that benefit individuals with mental illness, blindness, or deafness	A legislatively referred constitutional amendment that would revise language in the state constitution related to public entities that benefit individuals with mental illness, blindness or deafness	PASSED 65.8% to 34.2%
Question 3: Top-Five Ranked-Choice Voting Initiative	A citizen-initiated constitutional amendment that would establish top-five primaries and ranked-choice voting for federal and state offices in Nevada	FAILED 53.5% to 46.5%
Question 4: Remove Slavery as Punishment for Crime from Constitution Amendment	A legislatively referred constitutional amendment that would repeal language from the Nevada Constitution that allows the use of slavery and involuntary servitude as criminal punishments	PASSED 60.5% to 39.8=5%
Question 5: Sales Tax Exemption for Diapers Measure	A legislatively referred statute that would amend the Sales and Use Tax of 1955 to provide a sales tax exemption for child and adult diapers	PASSED 68.4% to 31.6%
Question 6: Right to Abortion Initiative	A citizen-initiated constitutional amendment that would provide for a state constitutional right to abortion before fetal viability	PASSED 64% to 36%
Question 7: Voter Identification Initiative	A citizen-initiated constitutional amendment that would require voters to present photo identification when voting in person or to provide the last four digits of their driver's license or Social Security number when voting by mail	PASSED 73.3% to 26.7%

Local Elections

CLARK COUNTY COMMISSION

Four out of seven Clark County Commission seats were at play, and initial results favor incumbent Democrats despite the top of the ticket leaning red. Incumbent Commissioners Marilyn Kirkpatrick (District B) and William McCurdy II (District D) will win their elections. However, incumbent Democrat Michael Naft's (District A) race is too close to call with a lead of roughly 3,000 votes over Republican Ryan Hamilton. Notably, Republican April Becker will win District C by nearly 9,000 votes, almost 5%, over Democrat Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod. This is the first Republican elected to the Clark County Commission since 2008.

LAS VEGAS MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Shelley Berkley will win the election for mayor of Las Vegas against City Councilwoman Victoria Seaman by over 15,000 votes, or 6%. While the mayor's race is nonpartisan, Berkley is a Democrat who represented Nevada's First Congressional District from 1999 to 2013. Seaman is a Republican currently representing Las Vegas City Council Ward 2. Seaman will remain a council member for the next two years. Shondra Summers-Armstrong will win the Ward 5 seat against Cameron "CH" Miller by almost 2,000 votes. Both candidates are Democrats who most recently served in the Nevada Assembly together.

HENDERSON CITY COUNCIL

A stunning upset in Henderson, Monica "Doc" Larson will win the Ward II City Council seat against incumbent Dan Shaw by over 5,000 votes—over 12%. Both of Henderson's ballot questions failed, as residents rejected the proposed tax increases. Henderson's Ballot Question 1, seeking to increase property taxes by six cents (\$0.06) per \$100 of assessed valuation, failed 61.4% to 38.6%. Ballot Question 2, which would increase additional property tax for Henderson District Public Libraries by 2 cents (\$0.02) per \$100 of assessed valuation, failed 64% to 36%.

NORTH LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL

In North Las Vegas, the Ward 2 city council seat is too close to call as Robert "Twixx" Taylor has a narrow lead of less than 45 votes against incumbent Ruth Garcia-Anderson .

NYE COUNTY COMMISSION

As expected, Republicans will sweep all Nye County Commission seats up for election, including incumbent Nye County Commissioner Bruce Jabbour in District 1 and newcomers John Koenig in District 2 and Ian Bayne in District 3.

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