

State AG Election Report 2024

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While the presidential race and balance of power in Congress attracted most of the media attention this cycle, 10 states had races for state attorney general.

The state AG race in North Carolina was anticipated to be close, but Jeff Jackson (D) pulled away and defeated Dan Bishop (R) by nearly 3 points. Both candidates opted to forgo re-election to Congress to vie for the chance to replace Josh Stein, who was elected governor. Of note, a Republican has not been elected AG in North Carolina since 1896.

The race in Pennsylvania was also anticipated to be close. The sitting AG Michelle Henry (D) decided not to run after being appointed last year to fill the vacancy created when Josh Shapiro (D) was elected governor. That opened the door for a competitive race in this battleground state between former state auditor general Eugene DePasquale (D), York County district attorney Dave Sunday (R) and four minor party candidates. Spending was significant, with DePasquale hauling in \$3.2 million last quarter and major Republican PACs spending \$5.5 million on TV advertisements in favor of Sunday. Ultimately, Sunday prevailed, winning just over 51% of the vote.

In West Virginia, J.B. McCuskey (R) will replace Patrick Morrissey (R), who was elected governor. In races with incumbents, Republicans Todd Rokita (Indiana), Andrew Bailey (Missouri) and Austin Knudsen (Montana) all won re-election, as did Democrat Charity Clark (Vermont).

Moving west, Utah had an open race for its AG, and Derek Brown (R) will replace Sean Reyes (R), who did not seek re-election after being in office since 2013. In Oregon, Dan Rayfield (D) will replace Ellen Rosenblum (D), who is retiring after serving three terms. And with Bob Ferguson (D) winning the governor's race, Washington state will also have a new AG in Nick Brown (D), who is a former U.S. attorney for the western part of the state.

Last, a note about New Hampshire where John Formella (R) is currently the appointed state AG. Gov. Chris Sununu (R) appointed Formella in 2021, but Sununu decided not to run for re-election, opening up the race for governor. With Kelly Ayotte (R) winning the race for Sununu's seat, fellow Republican Formella could be reappointed but the decision will be up to Ayotte. With Republicans picking up the Pennsylvania state AG seat, there are now 28 Republican AGs and 23 Democratic AGs, including the District of Columbia.

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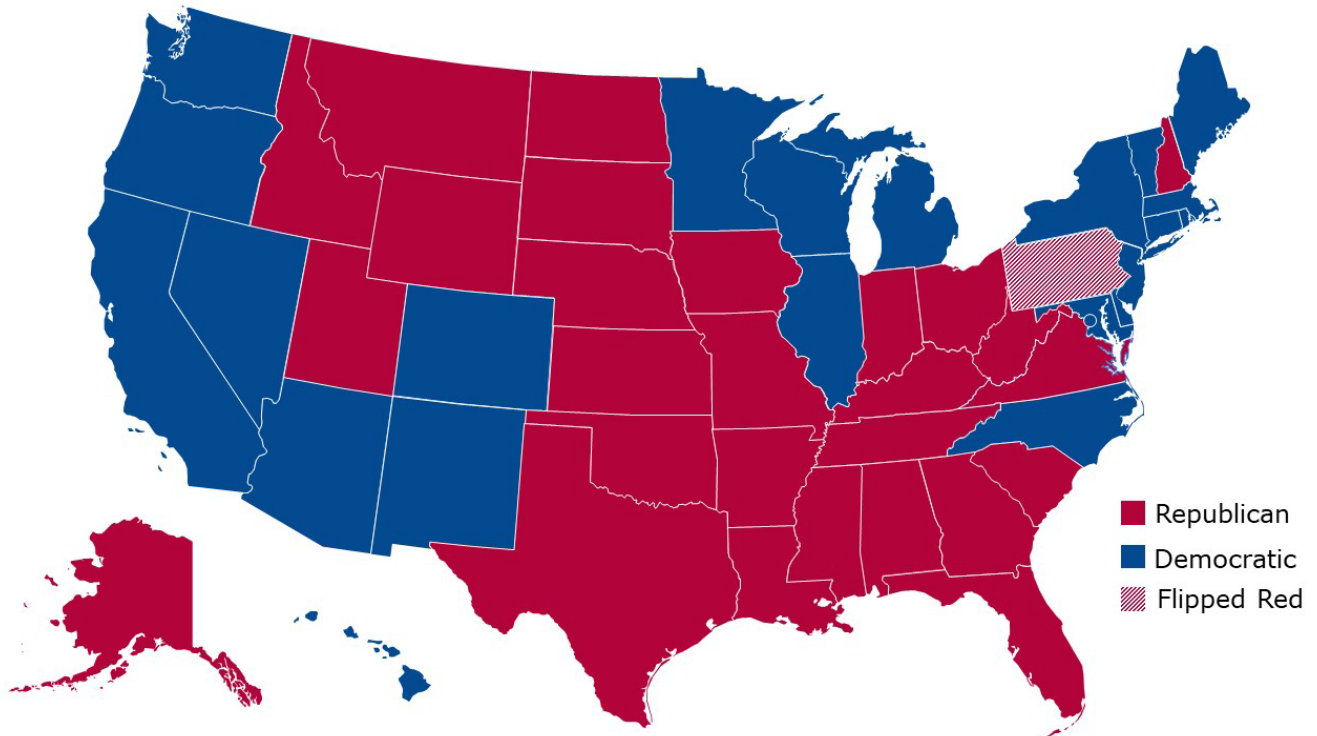
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Current Balance of Power

STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL BY PARTY



Incumbents Returning

- **Indiana – Todd Rokita (R)**
- **Missouri – Andrew Bailey (R)**
- **Montana – Austin Knudsen (R)**
- **Vermont – Charity Clark (D)**

Newcomers

- **North Carolina – Jeff Jackson (D)**
- **Oregon – Dan Rayfield (D)**
- **Pennsylvania – Dave Sunday (R) (flipped this AG seat from blue to red)**
- **Utah – Derek Brown (R)**
- **Washington – Nick Brown (D)**
- **West Virginia – J.B. McCuskey (R)**

Appointees

- **New Hampshire – John Formella (R)** was appointed by Gov. Chris Sununu (R) in 2021 and could be reappointed by Gov.-elect Kelly Ayotte (R), but the decision will be up to her.

State-by-State Results

Indiana	Todd Rokita* (R) – 59.0% Destiny Wells (D) – 41.0%
Missouri	Andrew Bailey* (R) 59.8% Elad Glass (D) – 37.9% Ryan Munro (Libertarian) – 2.3%
Montana	Austin Knudsen* (R) – 60.3% Ben Alke (D) – 39.7%
North Carolina	Jeff Jackson (D) – 53.3% Dan Bishop (R) – 46.7%
Oregon	Dan Rayfield (D) – 53.6% Will Lathrop (R) – 46.4%
Pennsylvania	Dave Sunday (R) – 51.0% Eugene DePasquale (D) – 46.0% Rob Cowburn (Libertarian) – 1.3% Richard Weiss (Green Party) – 1.0% Justin Magill (Constitution Party) – 0.5% Eric Settle (Forward Party) – 0.3%
Utah	Derek Brown (R) – 58.5% Rudy Bautista (D) – 28.4% Michelle Quist (United Utah Party) – 6.9% Andrew McCullough (Libertarian) – 3.3% Austin Hepworth (Unaffiliated) – 2.9%
Vermont	Charity Clark* (D) – 57.9% Ture Nelson (R) – 37.2% Kevin Gustafson (Green Mountain Peace & Justice Party of Vermont) – 5.0%
Washington	Nick Brown (D) – 56.3% Pete Serrano (R) – 43.7%
West Virginia	J.B. McCuskey (R) – 70.2% Teresa Toriseva (D) – 29.8%

*Incumbent

Note: voting percentages are up-to-date as of 10:15 a.m. ET on Nov. 6.

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