U.S. Midterms: Key Senate battlegrounds

47 Democrats — CURRENT SENATE — Republicans **53**

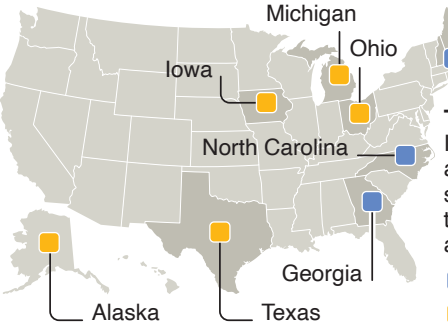
2026 ELECTION — *51 seats to win*

34 seats not up for election

35 seats up for re-election – 13 Democrat, 22 Republican

31 seats not up for election

Democrats need to flip four seats, while defending their two most vulnerable seats in Michigan and Georgia to win control of the 100-seat Senate in the midterm elections





Maine: Republican incumbent ***Susan Collins*** *(pic)* faces Democrat ***Troy Jackson*** after progressive ***Graham Platner*** withdrew amid sexual assault allegations



Ohio: Former Democratic senator ***Sherrod Brown*** *(pic)* seeks comeback against Republican incumbent ***Jon Husted***, testing party's appeal to white, working-class voters



Michigan: Progressive Democrat ***Abdul El-Sayed*** *(pic)* faces former Republican congressman ***Mike Rogers*** in fiercely contested race for crucial seat



Alaska: Republican incumbent ***Dan Sullivan*** faces former Democratic congresswoman ***Mary Peltola*** *(pic)* in competitive race, with Sullivan seeking third term



Texas: Democrat ***James Talarico*** *(pic)*, former Presbyterian seminarian, faces Republican ***Ken Paxton***, Trump-backed attorney general with history of scandals, in close race



Georgia: Democratic Senator ***Jon Ossoff*** *(pic),* seen as possible 2028 presidential candidate, runs for re-election against Republican congressman ***Mike Collins***



Iowa: Republicans face tougher-than-usual contest as congresswoman ***Ashley Hinson*** fights to win seat against former Paralympic basketball player ***Josh Turek*** *(pic)*



North Carolina: Democrats see strong chance to flip seat as former Democratic governor ***Roy Cooper*** *(pic)* holds lead over Republican ***Michael Whatley*** in polls



New Hampshire: Democrat congressman ***Chris Pappas*** *(pic)* faces former Republican senator ***John E Sununu*** in race Democrats need to win to retake chamber

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