National Cotton Council of America

Results of the 2026 Midterms

Overview

All 435 House seats and 33 Senate seats were on the ballot on Tuesday, November 3. Democrats had a very successful night, and they will hold significant majorities in both chambers when the 120th Congress convenes in January.

Going into election day, Republicans held a razor-thin majority in the House (218–214–1) and a small majority in the Senate (53–47), meaning Democrats needed to only net three seats in the House and four seats in the Senate to flip both chambers. Current projections point to a likely Democratic majority in the House of around 260 seats when the 120th Congress convenes; in the Senate, Democrats will hold a majority of 55 or 56 seats, depending on the outcome of the race in Alaska, which remains undecided.

Why Democrats Won and Republicans Struggled

Democrats successfully capitalized on widespread voter frustration over rising costs, perceived Trump administration improprieties, and, to a lesser degree, the war in Iran and the proliferation of data centers.

President Trump attempted to boost Republican turnout in the last weeks of the race by holding rallies across the country. However, neither his efforts, nor the heavy cash advantage held by the GOP, were able to turn the tide.

House of Representatives

Of the 54 races identified as highly competitive by the Cook Political Report, 44 have been won by Democrats so far, seven have been won by Republicans, and three races have not yet been called. (All 18 toss-up races were won by Democrats.)

Notable Cotton Belt Races

AL-01: Former representative Jerry Carl (R) defeated Clyde Jones (D) to replace incumbent U.S. Rep. Barry Moore (R), who successfully ran for a U.S. Senate seat. (Non-competitive race)

AL-02: Incumbent U.S. Rep. Shomari Figures (D) defeated state legislator Rhett Marques (R).

AZ-01: Former state legislator Amish Shah (D) defeated former NFL player Jay Feely (R) to replace incumbent U.S. Rep. David Schweikert (R), who unsuccessfully ran for governor.

AZ-02: Incumbent U.S. Rep. Eli Crane (R) defeated former Navajo Nation president Jonathan Nez (D).

AZ-06: Retired Marine JoAnna Mendoza (D) defeated incumbent U.S. Rep. Juan Ciscomani (R).

CA-22: Educator and auto shop owner Randy Villegas (D) defeated incumbent U.S. Rep. David Valadao (R).

FL-02: Former congressional staffer Austin Rogers (R) defeated Amanda Green (D) to replace retiring incumbent U.S. Rep. Neal Dunn (R). (Non-competitive race)

GA-01: Insurance broker Jim Kingston (R) defeated Amanda Hollowell (D) to replace incumbent U.S. Rep. Buddy Carter (R), who unsuccessfully ran for a seat in the U.S. Senate. (Non-competitive race)

GA-10: State legislator Houston Gaines (R) defeated Pam DeLancy (D) to replace incumbent U.S. Rep. Mike Collins, who unsuccessfully ran for a seat in the U.S. Senate. (Non-competitive race)

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LA-05: The race to replace incumbent U.S. Rep. Julia Letlow, who successfully ran for U.S. Senate, will head to a December run-off because no candidate in the ranked-choice election achieved a majority of the vote.

LA-06: The race to replace retiring incumbent U.S. Rep. Cleo Fields (D) will head to a December run-off because no candidate in the ranked-choice election achieved a majority of the vote.

NM-02: Incumbent U.S. Rep. Gabe Vasquez (D) defeated retired police officer Greg Cunningham (R).

NC-01: Incumbent U.S. Rep. Don Davis (D) defeated former Department of Defense official Laurie Buckhout (R).

NC-03: Former state legislator Raymond Smith Jr. (D) defeated incumbent U.S. Rep. Greg Murphy (R).

NC-05: Not yet called. Incumbent U.S. Rep. Virginia Foxx (R) is competing against journalist Chuck Hubbard (D). (Hubbard is leading.)

NC-07: Not yet called. Incumbent U.S. Rep. David Rouzer (R) is competing against social worker Kimberly Hardy (D). (Rouzer is leading.)

NC-08: Incumbent U.S. Rep. Mark Harris (R) defeated contractor Colby Watson (D).

NC-09: Former West Virginia state legislator Richard Ojeda II (D) defeated incumbent U.S. Rep. Richard Hudson (R).

NC-10: Not yet called. Incumbent U.S. Rep. Pat Harrigan (R) is competing against physician assistant Ashley Bell (D). (Harrigan is leading.)

NC-13: Attorney Paul Barringer (D) defeated incumbent U.S. Rep. Brad Knott (R).

SC-01: Retired Navy officer Nancy Lacore (D) defeated attorney Jenny Honeycutt (R) to replace incumbent U.S. Rep. Nancy Mace (R), who unsuccessfully ran for governor.

SC-02: Incumbent U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson (R) defeated Air Force reservist Zyon Khalifa (D).

SC-05: State legislator Wes Climer (R) defeated Mallory Dittmer (D) to replace incumbent U.S. Rep. Ralph Norman (R), who unsuccessfully ran for a seat in the U.S. Senate. (Non-competitive race)

TN-05: Former state agriculture commissioner Charlie Hatcher (R) defeated Chaz Molder (D) to replace incumbent U.S. Rep. Andy Ogles, who had been defeated in the Republican primary. (Non-competitive race)

TN-09: State legislator Brent Taylor (R) defeated state legislator Justin Peterson (D) to replace retiring incumbent U.S. Rep. Steve Cohen (D).

TX-10: Attorney Chris Gober (R) defeated Caitlin Rourk (D) to replace retiring incumbent U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul (R). (Non-competitive race)

TX-15: Singer Bobby Pulido (D) defeated incumbent U.S. Rep. Monica De La Cruz (R).

TX-19: Agriculture lobbyist Tom Sell (R) defeated Kyle Rable (D) to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Jodey Arrington (R). (Non-competitive race)

TX-22: Political consultant Trever Nehls (R) defeated city councilwoman Marquette Greene-Scott (D) to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Troy Nehls (R).

TX-23: Attorney Katy Padilla Stout (D) defeated firearms manufacturer Brandon Herrera (R) for the seat vacated by former U.S. Rep. Tony Gonzales.

TX-27: U.S. Rep. Michael Cloud (R) defeated teacher Tanya Lloyd (D).

TX-28: Incumbent U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar (D) defeated Webb County judge Tano Tijerina (R).

TX-34: Incumbent U.S. Rep. Vicente Gonzalez (D) defeated attorney Eric Flores (R).

VA-02: Former representative Elaine Luria (D) defeated incumbent U.S. Rep. Jen Kiggans (R).

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Senate

Democrats have so far won 12 of the 15 Senate races identified by the Cook Political Report as competitive, while Republicans have so far won two. The race in Alaska remains undecided.

Notable Cotton Belt Races

Alabama:	Current U.S. Rep. Barry Moore (R) defeated Everett Wess (D) to replace retiring Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R). (Non-competitive race)
Georgia:	Incumbent Sen. Jon Ossoff (D) defeated current U.S. Rep. Mike Collins (R).
Kansas:	Pastor Adam Hamilton (D) defeated incumbent Sen. Roger Marshall (R).
Louisiana:	Current U.S. Rep. Julia Letlow (R) defeated Jamie Davis (D) to replace incumbent Sen. Bill Cassidy (R), who had been defeated in the Republican primary.
Mississippi:	Prosecutor Scott Colom (D) defeated incumbent Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R).
North Carolina:	Former governor Roy Cooper (D) defeated former Republican National Committee chairman Michael Whatley (R) to replace retiring Sen. Thom Tillis (R).
Oklahoma:	Current U.S. Rep. Kevin Hern (R) defeated N'Kiyla Thomas (D) to replace Sen. Alan Armstrong (R), who was appointed to the role after Markwayne Mullin (R) left the Senate to serve as Secretary of Homeland Security. (Non-competitive race)
South Carolina:	Physician Annie Andrews (D) defeated incumbent Sen. Darline Graham (R).
Texas:	State legislator James Talarico (D) defeated Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton (R) to replace incumbent Sen. John Cornyn (R), who had been defeated in the Republican primary. EW OR

New or Transitioning Members of the 120th Congress from the Cotton Belt

*Previously served in Congress


AL (Senate): Barry Moore (R)


AL-01: Jerry Carl (R)*


AZ-01: Amish Shah (D)


AZ-06: JoAnna Mendoza (D)


CA-22: Randy Villegas (D)


FL-02: Austin Rogers (R)


GA-01: Jim Kingston (R)


GA-10: Houston Gaines (R)


KS (Senate): Adam Hamilton (D)


LA (Senate): Julia Letlow (R)


MS (Senate): Scott Colom (D)

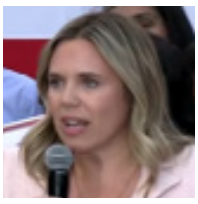

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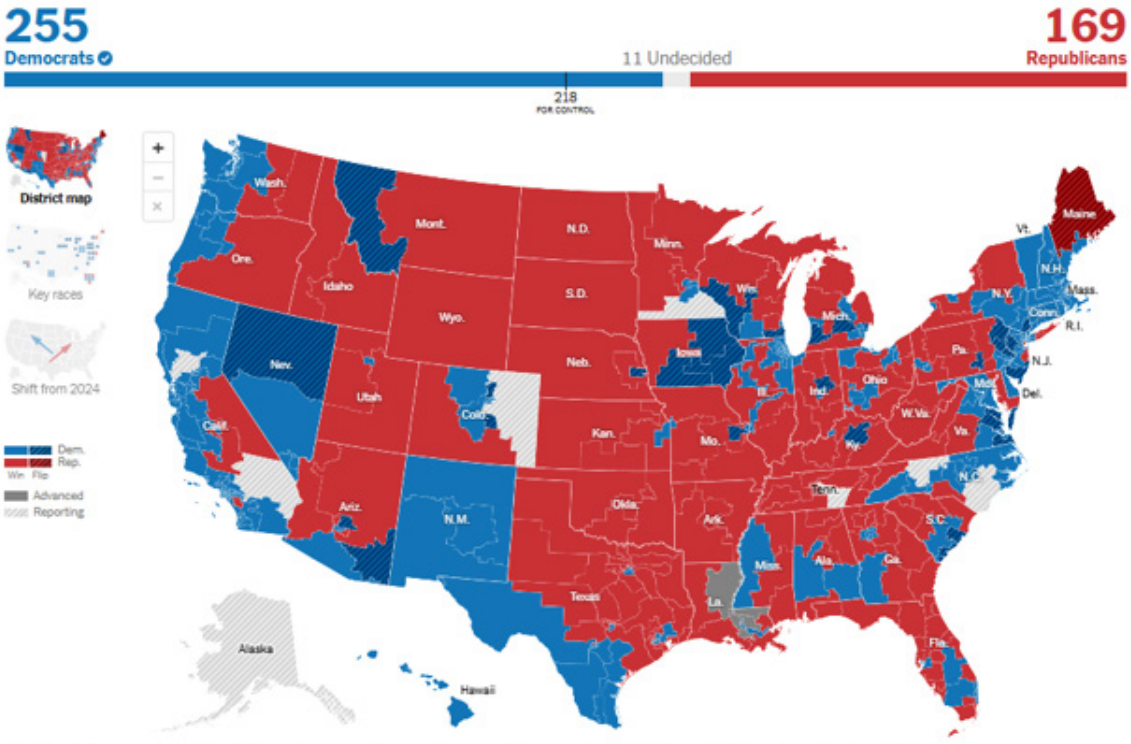
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House and Senate Election Maps

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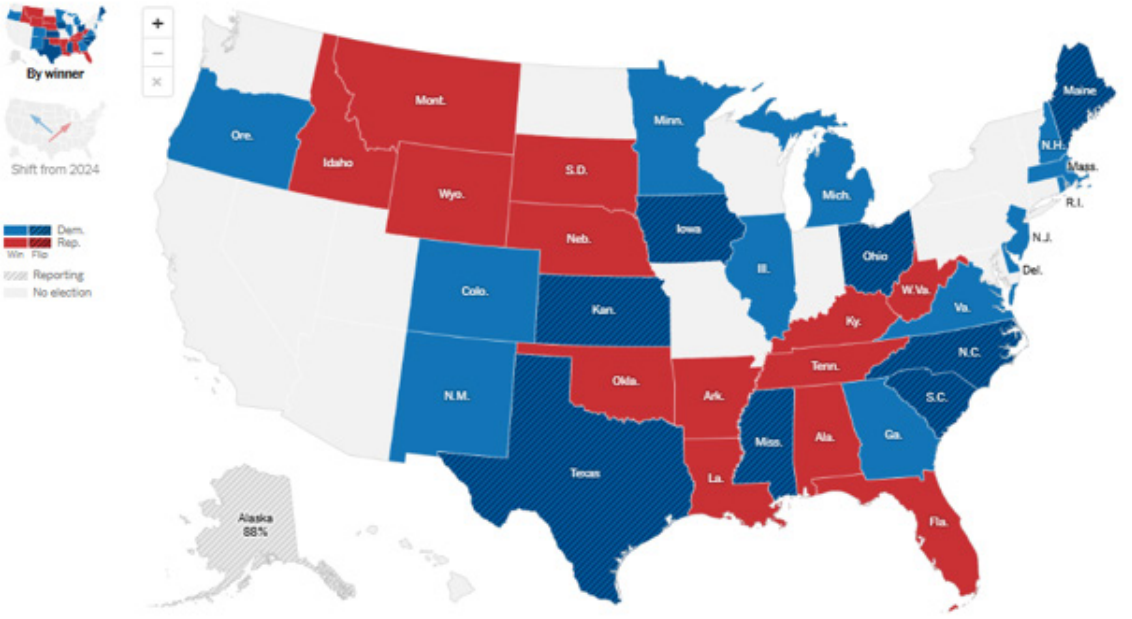
U.S. House Election Results

Democrats took control of the House early Wednesday and were on track to amass the largest majority since the 2008 election.



U.S. Senate Election Results

Democrats have taken control of the Senate, securing victories in several states that President Trump won by double digits in 2024.



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