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The classification of “Toss Up” is used to refer to those races which are the most competitive of the cycle, and which either party stands a reasonable chance of winning. Yet, if the results of Toss Up races taken together actually broke down like coin flips, we would expect to see parties walking away with roughly equal shares of these competitive seats each year. In reality, the closest races each election tend disproportionately toward one party.

In the chart below, we’ve listed each cycle’s Toss Up Senate races over the last twelve cycles and how their eventual outcomes broke down by party. The ratings are based on the last ratings published before Election Day.

YEAR	DEM-HELD TOSS UPS	GOP-HELD TOSS UPS	RESULT
2020		Georgia (Loeffler) ← Georgia (Perdue) ← Iowa (Ernst) → Maine (Collins) → Montana (Daines) → North Carolina (Tillis) → South Carolina (Graham) →	GOP won 5/7 (71%) 
2018	Indiana (Donnelly) → Florida (Nelson) → Missouri (McCaskill) → Montana (Tester) ← New Jersey (Menendez) ←	Arizona (OPEN) ← Nevada (Heller) ← Tennessee (OPEN) → Texas (Cruz) →	GOP won 5/9 (56%) 
2016	Nevada (OPEN) ←	Indiana (OPEN) → Missouri (Blunt) → N. Hampshire (Ayotte) ← N.Carolina (Burr) → Pennsylvania (Toomey) → Wisconsin (Johnson) →	GOP won 5/7 (71%) 
2014	Alaska (Begich) → Arkansas (Pryor) → Colorado (Udall) → Iowa (OPEN) → Louisiana (Landrieu) → N. Hampshire (Shaheen) ← N. Carolina (Hagan) →	Georgia (OPEN) → Kansas (Roberts) →	GOP won 8/9 (89%) 
2012	Montana (OPEN) ← N. Dakota (OPEN) ← Virginia (OPEN) ← Wisconsin (OPEN) ← Connecticut (OPEN) ←	Arizona (OPEN) → Indiana (OPEN) ← Maine (OPEN) ← Massachusetts (Brown) ← Nevada (Heller) →	Dems won 8/10 (80%) 
2010	California (Boxer) ← Colorado (Bennet) ← Illinois (OPEN) → Nevada (Reid) ← Pennsylvania (Specter) → Washington (Murray) ← W. Virginia (Manchin) ←		Dems won 5/7 (71%) 
2008		Alaska (Stevens) ← Colorado (OPEN) ← Georgia (Chambliss) → Minnesota (Coleman) ← Mississippi (Wicker) → N. Hampshire (Sununu) ← N. Mexico (OPEN) ← N. Carolina (Dole) ← Oregon (Smith) ← Virginia (OPEN) ←	Dems won 8/10 (80%) 

2006	Maryland (OPEN) ← New Jersey (Menendez) ←	Missouri (Talent) ← Montana (Burns) ← Ohio (DeWine) ← Pennsylvania (Santorum) ← Rhode Island (Chafee) ← Tennessee (OPEN) → Virginia (Allen) ←	Dems won 8/9 (89%) 
2004	Florida (OPEN) → Louisiana (OPEN) → N. Carolina (OPEN) → S. Carolina (OPEN) → S. Dakota (Daschle) →	Alaska (Murkowski) → Colorado (OPEN) ← Kentucky (Bunning) → Oklahoma (OPEN) →	GOP won 8/9 (89%) 
2002	Georgia (Cleland) → Louisiana (Landrieu) ← Minnesota (OPEN) → Missouri (Carnahan) → S. Dakota (Johnson) ←	Alaska (Murkowski) → Colorado (OPEN) ← Kentucky (Bunning) → Oklahoma (OPEN) →	GOP won 6/9 (67%) 
2000	New York (OPEN) ← Virginia (Robb) →	Delaware (Roth) ← Florida (Mack) ← Michigan (Abraham) ← Minnesota (Grams) ← Missouri (Ashcroft) ← Montana (Burns) → Washington (Gorton) ←	Dems won 7/9 (78%) 
1998	California (Boxer) ← Kentucky (Ford) → Nevada (Reid) ← S. Carolina (Hollings) ← Wisconsin (Feingold) ←	New York (D'Amato) ← N. Carolina (Faircloth) ←	Dems won 6/7 (86%) 