

## THE COOK POLITICAL REPORT

# 2021/2022 Governors At-A-Glance

This list of potential candidates for the 2021/2022 elections is highly speculative and contains names that have been mentioned as either publicly or privately considering candidacies, or worthy of consideration as candidates or recruiting prospects by the parties or interest groups. The numerical key indicating our assessment of each person's likelihood of running is obviously important, given the "long and dirty" nature of this list, which will be updated each week.

STATE AND RATING	INCUMBENT	LAST WIN %	2020 MARGIN	POTENTIAL AND ANNOUNCED (✓) CANDIDATES
Ala. <b>SOLID R</b>	Kay Ivey (R)	59.5%	+25.6 Trump	<u>Democrats:</u> • Doug Jones, frm. U.S. Sen.
Alaska <b>SOLID R</b>	Mike Dunleavy (R)	51.4%	+10.0 Trump	<u>Republicans:</u> • Valerie Nurr'araaluk Davidson, frm. Lt. Gov.
Ariz. <b>TOSS UP</b>	OPEN (R) <i>Ducey is term-limited</i>	56.0%	+0.3 Biden	<u>Democrats:</u> • Charlene Fernandez, st. House minority leader • Kate Gallego, Phoenix mayor • Katie Hobbs, Secretary of State • Marco Lopez, Nogales mayor • Greg Stanton, U.S. Rep.  <u>Republicans:</u> • Kirk Adams, frm. State House Speaker • Andy Biggs, U.S. Rep. • Mark Brnovich, st. Attorney General • Matt Salmon, frm. U.S. Rep. • David Schweikert, U.S. Rep. • Karrin Taylor Robson, Regents member • Kimberly Yee, Treasurer
Ark. <b>SOLID R</b>	OPEN (R) <i>Hutchinson is term-limited</i>	65.3%	+27.6 Trump	<u>Democrats:</u> • Larry Jegley, Pulaski County prosecutor  <u>Republicans:</u> • Sarah Huckabee Sanders, frm. Trump WH press secretary ✓ • Leslie Rutledge, st. Attorney General ✓ • Davy Carter, speaker of the state House • Jim Hendren, st. Sen. Pro Tempore
Calif. <b>SOLID D</b>	Gavin Newsom (D)	61.9%	+29.4 Biden	<u>Democrats:</u> • Chamath Palihapitiya, venture capitalist, Golden State Warriors co-owner  <u>Republicans:</u> • John Cox, '18 Gov. nom. ✓ • Kevin Faulconer, frm. San Diego mayor ✓ • Rhonda Furin, '20 CA-45 cand. ✓ • Errol Webber, '20 CA-37 nom. ✓ • Richard Grenell, frm. Acting Director of National Intelligence
Colo. <b>SOLID D</b>	Jared Polis (D)	53.4%	+13.5 Biden	<u>Republicans:</u> • Greg Lopez, frm. Mayor of Parker ✓ • Ken Buck, U.S. Rep. • Heidi Ganahl, University of Colorado Regent • Cory Gardner, frm. U.S. Sen.

Conn. <b>SOLID D</b>	Ned Lamont (D)	49.4%	+20.1 Biden	<u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Themis Klarides, frmr. st. House minority leader</li> <li>• Bob Stefanowski, '18 Gov. nom.</li> <li>• David Stemerma, businessman/'18 Gov. cand.</li> <li>• Erin Stewart, New Britain mayor</li> </ul>
Fla. <b>LEAN R</b>	Ron DeSantis (R)	49.6%	+3.4 Trump	<u>Democrats:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jane Castor, Tampa mayor</li> <li>• Charlie Crist, U.S. Rep./frmr. GOP Gov.</li> <li>• Val Demings, U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Ted Deutch, U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Buddy Dyer, Orlando mayor</li> <li>• Anna Eskamani, st. Rep.</li> <li>• Nikki Fried, Agriculture commissioner</li> <li>• Dan Gelber, Miami Beach mayor</li> <li>• Gwen Graham, frmr. U.S. Rep./'18 Gov. cand.</li> <li>• Rick Kriseman, St. Petersburg mayor</li> <li>• Al Lawson, U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Stephanie Murphy, U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Jason Pizzo, st. Sen.</li> </ul>
Ga. <b>LEAN R</b>	Brian Kemp (R)	50.2%	+0.3 Biden	<u>Democrats:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stacey Abrams, '18 Gov. nom.</li> </ul> <u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kandiss Taylor, teacher, '20 Sen. cand. ✓</li> <li>• Doug Collins, frmr. U.S. Rep.</li> </ul>
Hawaii <b>SOLID D</b>	<b>OPEN (D)</b> <i>Ige is term-limited</i>	62.7%	+29.5 Biden	<u>Democrats:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kirk Caldwell, frmr. Honolulu mayor</li> <li>• Donovan Dela Cruz, st. Sen.</li> <li>• Josh Green, Lt. Gov.</li> <li>• Colleen Hanabusa, frmr. U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Jill Tokuda, frmr. st. Sen.</li> </ul> <u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marissa Kerns, '18 Lt. Gov. nom.</li> <li>• Andria Tupola, '18 Gov. nom.</li> </ul>
Idaho <b>SOLID R</b>	Brad Little (R)	59.8%	+30.8 Trump	
Ill. <b>SOLID D</b>	J.B. Pritzker (D)	54.4%	+16.9 Biden	<u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul Schimpf, frmr. st. Sen. ✓</li> <li>• Darren Bailey, st. Rep.</li> <li>• Jason Barickman, st. Sen.</li> <li>• Bill Brady, frmr. st. Sen. minority leader</li> <li>• Rodney Davis, U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Adam Kinzinger, U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Richard Porter, attorney</li> <li>• Gary Rabine, paving company CEO</li> <li>• Todd Ricketts, Chicago Cubs co-owner</li> </ul>
Iowa <b>LIKELY R</b>	Kim Reynolds (R)	50.3%	+8.2 Trump	<u>Democrats:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katie Geltz, teacher ✓</li> <li>• Cindy Axne, U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Mark Nolte, Economic Development Group President</li> <li>• Rob Sand, st. Auditor</li> </ul>
Kan. <b>LEAN D</b>	Laura Kelly (D)	48.0%	+15.1 Trump	<u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeff Colyer, frmr. Governor</li> <li>• Kris Kobach, frmr. Sec. of State/2018 Gov. nom.</li> <li>• Ron Ryckman, st. House Speaker</li> <li>• Derek Schmidt, st. Attorney General</li> <li>• Susan Wagle, frmr. st. Sen. President</li> </ul>

Maine <b>LIKELY D</b>	Janet Mills (D)	50.9%	<b>+18.6</b> Trump	<u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul LePage, frm. Gov. ✓</li> <li>• Bruce Poliquin, frm. U.S. Rep.</li> </ul>
Md. <b>TOSS UP</b>	<b>OPEN (R)</b> <i>Hogan is term-limited</i>	55.4%	<b>+32.5</b> Biden	<u>Democrats:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter Franchot, Md. Comptroller ✓</li> <li>• Ashwani Jain, frm. Obama WH aide ✓</li> <li>• Angela Alsobrooks, Prince George's County Executive</li> <li>• Calvin Ball III, Howard County Executive</li> <li>• Anthony Brown, U.S. Rep./frm. Lt. Gov.</li> <li>• John Delaney, frm. Rep.</li> <li>• Doug Gansler, frm. st. Atty. Gen.</li> <li>• Ben Jealous, '18 Gov. nom./frm. NAACP pres.</li> <li>• Kweisi Mfume, U.S. Rep./frm. NAACP pres.</li> <li>• Martin O'Malley, frm. Gov.</li> <li>• John Olszewski, Baltimore County Executive</li> <li>• Tom Perez, frm. DNC chairman</li> <li>• Steuart Pittman, Anne Arundel County Executive</li> <li>• John Sarbanes, U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• David Trone, U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Ken Ulman, frm. Howard County Executive</li> <li>• Mary Washington, st. Sen.</li> </ul> <u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robin Ficker, frm. st. Del. ✓</li> <li>• Barry Glassman, Harford County Executive</li> <li>• Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, st. Natural Resources secretary</li> <li>• Andy Harris, U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• J.B. Jennings, st. Sen. minority leader</li> <li>• Kimberly Klacik, '20 MD-07 nom.</li> <li>• Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Gov.</li> <li>• Steve Schuh, frm. Anne Arundel County executive</li> <li>• Kelly Schulz, Secretary of Commerce</li> <li>• Christopher Shank, chief legislative officer to Gov. Hogan</li> <li>• Michael Steele, frm. Lt. Gov./frm. RNC chairman</li> </ul>
Mass. <b>SOLID R</b>	Charlie Baker (R)	66.6%	<b>+15.4</b> Trump	<u>Democrats:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Danielle Allen, Harvard professor ✓</li> <li>• Katherine Clark, U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Mo Cowan, frm. U.S. Sen.</li> <li>• Joseph Curatone, Somerville mayor</li> <li>• Ben Downing, frm. st. Sen.</li> <li>• Maura Healy, st. Attorney General</li> <li>• Joe Kennedy III, frm. U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Alex Morse, Holyoke mayor</li> <li>• Seth Moulton, U.S. Rep.</li> </ul> <u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geoff Diehl, frm. state Rep.</li> <li>• Karyn Polito, Lt. Gov.</li> </ul>
Mich <b>LEAN D</b>	Gretchen Whitmer (D)	53.3%	<b>+2.8</b> Biden	<u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom Barrett, st. Sen.</li> <li>• Jack Bergman, U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Lee Chatfield, frm. st. House speaker</li> <li>• Patrick Colbeck, frm. st. Sen./'18 cand.</li> <li>• John James, '18/'20 U.S. Sen. nom.</li> <li>• Lisa McClain, U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Jack O'Malley, st. Rep.</li> </ul>

Minn. <b>LIKELY D</b>	Tim Walz (D)	53.8%	+7.1 Biden	<u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matt Birk, retired Vikings NFL center</li> <li>• Jennifer Carnahan, Minnesota GOP chairwoman</li> <li>• Kurt Daudt, st. House minority leader</li> <li>• Paul Gazelka, st. Sen. majority leader</li> <li>• Karin Housley, '18 U.S. Sen. nom.</li> <li>• Scott Jensen, st. Sen.</li> <li>• Mike Lindell, My Pillow founder/Trump activist</li> <li>• Pete Stauber, U.S. Rep.</li> </ul>
Neb. <b>SOLID R</b>	<b>OPEN (R)</b> <i>Ricketts is term-limited</i>	59.0%	+19.2 Trump	<u>Democrats:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bob Krist, 2018 gov. nom.</li> </ul> <u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charles Herbster, agriculture entrepreneur ✓</li> <li>• Tim Clare, University of Nebraska Board of Regents chairman</li> <li>• Deb Fischer, U.S. Sen.</li> <li>• Mike Foley, Lt. Gov.</li> <li>• Greg Ibach, frmr. Trump USDA official</li> <li>• Charlie Janssen, st. Auditor</li> <li>• Brett Lindstrom, st. Sen.</li> <li>• Lou Ann Linehan, st. Sen.</li> <li>• Jim Pillen, University of Nebraska Board of Regents member</li> <li>• Bryan Slone, Nebraska Chamber of Commerce president</li> <li>• Jean Stothert, Omaha mayor</li> </ul>
Nev. <b>LIKELY D</b>	Steve Sisolak (D)	49.4%	+2.4 Biden	<u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Amodei, U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Dean Heller, frmr. U.S. Sen.</li> <li>• Mark Hutchison, frmr. Lt. Gov.</li> <li>• Adam Laxalt, 2018 gov. nom./frmr Atty. Gen.</li> </ul>
N.H. <b>SOLID R</b>	Chris Sununu (R)	65.1%	+7.4 Biden	<u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kelly Ayotte, frmr. U.S. Sen.</li> <li>• Corey Lewandowski, frmr. Trump campaign manager</li> </ul>
N.J. <b>SOLID D</b> *2021 race*	Phil Murphy (D)	56.0%	+15.9 Biden	<u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jack Ciattarelli, frmr. st. Assemblyman ✓</li> <li>• Brian Levine, frmr. Somerset County Freeholder ✓</li> <li>• Hirsch Singh, businessman</li> <li>• Bob Hugin, retired pharmaceuticals CEO</li> <li>• Phil Rizzo, pastor</li> </ul>
N.M. <b>SOLID D</b>	Michelle Lujan Grisham (D)	57.2%	+10.8 Biden	<u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rebecca Dow, st. Rep.</li> <li>• Steve Pearce, '18 gov. nom./frmr. U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Mark Ronchetti, '20 U.S. Sen. nom.</li> </ul>
N.Y. <b>SOLID D</b>	Andrew Cuomo (D)	59.6%	+14.6 Biden	<u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike Carpinelli, Lewis County Sheriff ✓</li> <li>• Derrick Gibson, auto shop owner ✓</li> <li>• Chris Gibson, frmr. U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• John Katko, U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Marc Molinaro, '18 Gov. nom.</li> <li>• George Pataki, frmr. Gov.</li> <li>• Tom Reed, U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Elise Stefanik, U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Harry Wilson, businessman</li> <li>• Lee Zeldin, U.S. Rep.</li> </ul>

Ohio <b>LIKELY R</b>	Mike DeWine (R)	50.4%	+8.0 Trump	<u>Democrats:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Cranley, Cincinnati mayor</li> <li>• Zach Klein, Columbus City atty.</li> <li>• Josh Mandel, '14 Sen. nom./frmr. st. Treasurer</li> <li>• David Pepper, frmr. Ohio Dem. Party chairman</li> <li>• Emilia Sykes, st. House minority leader</li> <li>• Nan Whaley, Dayton mayor</li> </ul> <u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warren Davidson, U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Jim Renacci, '18 Sen. nom./frmr. U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Mary Taylor, frmr. Lt. Gov.</li> </ul>
Okla. <b>SOLID R</b>	Kevin Stitt (R)	54.3%	+33.1 Trump	<u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ervin Yen, frmr. st. Sen./physician</li> </ul>
Ore. <b>SOLID D</b>	OPEN (D) <i>Brown is term-limited</i>	50.1%	+16.1 Biden	<u>Democrats:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rukaiyah Adams, Meyer Memorial Trust CIO</li> <li>• Shermia Fagan, Secretary of State</li> <li>• Val Hoyle, st. Labor Commissioner</li> <li>• Deborah Kafoury, Multnomah County Commission chair</li> <li>• Tina Kotek, st. House Speaker</li> <li>• Lynn Peterson, Metro Council President</li> <li>• Tobias Read, st. Treasurer</li> <li>• Ellen Rosenblum, st. Attorney General</li> <li>• Ted Wheeler, Portland mayor</li> </ul> <u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bud Pierce, '16 nom./physician ✓</li> <li>• Paul Romero, Navy veteran ✓</li> <li>• Tim Knopp, st. Sen.</li> <li>• Julie Parrish, frmr. state Rep.</li> </ul>
Pa. <b>TOSS UP</b>	OPEN (D) <i>Wolf is term-limited</i>	57.8%	+1.2 Biden	<u>Democrats:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jim Kenney, Philadelphia mayor</li> <li>• Josh Shapiro, st. Attorney General</li> <li>• Joe Torsella, frmr. st. Treasurer</li> </ul> <u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camera Barlotta, st. Sen.</li> <li>• Jeff Bartos, '18 Lt. Gov. nom.</li> <li>• Jim Cawley, frmr. Lt. Gov.</li> <li>• Jake Corman, st. Sen. majority leader</li> <li>• Laureen Cummings, frmr. Lackawanna County Commissioner</li> <li>• Mike Kelly, U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Doug Mastriano, st. Sen.</li> <li>• Dave Reed, frmr. st. House majority leader</li> <li>• Mike Turazai, frmr. st. House speaker</li> <li>• Scott Wagner, '18 Gov. nom./frmr. st. Sen.</li> </ul>

R.I. <b>SOLID D</b>	Daniel McKee (D)*	52.6%	+20.8 Biden	<u>Democrats:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matt Brown, frm. Secretary of State</li> <li>• David Cicilline, U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• James Diossa, Central Falls mayor</li> <li>• Brendan Doherty, frm. state police superintendent</li> <li>• Jorge Elozara, Providence mayor</li> <li>• Nellie Gorbea, Secretary of State</li> <li>• Jeff Grybowski, energy executive</li> <li>• Jim Langevin, U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Seth Magaziner, Treasurer</li> <li>• Peter Neronha, st. Attorney General</li> </ul> <u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ken Block, businessman</li> <li>• Giovanni Feroce, frm. st. Sen.</li> <li>• Blake Filppi, st. House minority leader</li> <li>• Allan Fung, '14/'18 Gov. nom.</li> <li>• Jeff Grybowski, businessman</li> <li>• Paul Vaccaro, Oakland Beach mayor</li> </ul>
S.C. <b>SOLID R</b>	Henry McMaster (R)	54.0%	+11.7 Trump	<u>Democrats:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephen Benjamin, Columbia mayor</li> <li>• Joe Cunningham, frm. U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Marlon Kimpson, st. Sen.</li> <li>• Mia McCleod, st. Sen.</li> <li>• Mandy Powers Norrell, frm. st. Rep.</li> <li>• Todd Rutherford, st. House minority leader</li> <li>• Bakari Sellers, frm. st. Rep./CNN commentator</li> </ul> <u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catherine Templeton, frm. cabinet member/'18 cand.</li> <li>• John Warren, mortgage executive/'18 cand.</li> </ul>
S.D. <b>SOLID R</b>	Kristi Noem (R)	51.0%	+26.2 Trump	<u>Democrats:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Billie Sutton, '18 Gov. nom.</li> </ul> <u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marty Jackley, frm. st. Attorney General</li> </ul>
Tenn. <b>SOLID R</b>	Bill Lee (R)	59.6%	+20.5 Trump	
Texas <b>LIKELY R</b>	Greg Abbott (R)	55.8%	+5.6 Trump	<u>Democrats:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eric Johnson, Dallas mayor</li> <li>• Beto O'Rourke, '18 U.S. Sen. nom./frm. U.S. Rep.</li> </ul> <u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Martin Holsome, Rusk City Councilman</li> <li>• Chad Prather, comedian</li> <li>• Dan Crenshaw, U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Sid Miller, st. Agriculture Commissioner</li> <li>• Allen West, st. GOP chairman/frm. U.S. Rep. from FL</li> </ul>

\* Gov. Gina Raimondo has been nominated by President Biden as Commerce Secretary. Once she is confirmed, Lt. Gov. McKee will then take over

Va. <b>LIKELY D</b> *2021 race*	<b>OPEN (D)</b> <i>Northam is term-limited</i>	53.9%	<b>+10.1</b> Biden	<u>Democrats:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jennifer Carroll Foy, frmr. st. Del. ✓</li> <li>• Lee Carter, st. Del. ✓</li> <li>• Justin Fairfax, Lt. Gov. ✓</li> <li>• Terry McAuliffe, frmr. Gov. ✓</li> <li>• Jennifer McClellan, st. Sen. ✓</li> <li>• Lou Barletta, 2018 U.S. Sen. nom./frmr. U.S. Rep.</li> </ul>
				<u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amanda Chase, st. Sen. ✓</li> <li>• Kirk Cox, state Del./frmr. Speaker ✓</li> <li>• Paul Davis, businessman</li> <li>• Sergio de la Pena, frmr. Defense Dept. official ✓</li> <li>• Kurt Santini, disabled Army veteran ✓</li> <li>• Pete Snyder, venture capitalist/'13 Lt. Gov. cand. ✓</li> <li>• Glenn Youngkin, frmr. Carlyle Group CEO ✓</li> </ul>
Vt. <b>SOLID R</b>	<b>Phil Scott (R)</b>	68.5%	<b>+35.4</b> Biden	<u>Democrats:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T.J. Donovan, st. Attorney General</li> <li>• Molly Gray, Lt. Gov.</li> <li>• Beverly Powell, st. Sen.</li> </ul>
Wis. <b>LEAN D</b>	<b>Tony Evers (R)</b>	49.5%	<b>+0.6</b> Biden	<u>Republicans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sean Duffy, frmr. U.S. Rep.</li> <li>• Paul Farrow, Waukesha County Executive</li> <li>• Ron Johnson, U.S. Sen.</li> <li>• Chris Kapenga, st. Sen. president</li> <li>• Rebecca Kleefisch, frmr. Lt. Gov.</li> <li>• Kevin Nicholson, Iraq &amp; Afghanistan war veteran</li> </ul>
Wyo. <b>SOLID R</b>	<b>Mark Gordon (R)</b>	67.1%	<b>+43.4</b> Trump	