

CQ's Governor's Race Rankings — Republican Seats

The following are Congressional Quarterly's rankings of this year's 23 contests for governorships held by Republican incumbents. "No Clear Favorite" means neither party has a definite lead. "Leans" means that the named party has an edge, but the contest appears competitive. "Favored" means that the named party has a definite lead, but an upset cannot be completely ruled out. "Safe Republican" means that the party appears certain to win the contest.

State	Incumbent	First Won	Last Vote	Contenders
Democrat Favored				
RHODE ISLAND	Lincoln C. Almond (term-limited)	1994	51-42% (1998)	D: State Atty. Gen. Sheldon Whitehouse; ex-state Sen./'94,'98 gov. nominee Myrth York; state Rep. Tony Pires R: Businessmen Jim Bennett, Don Carcieri
Leans Democratic				
ILLINOIS	George H. Ryan (retiring)	1998	51-47% (1998)	D: Rep. Rod Blagojevich R: State Atty. Gen. Jim Ryan (nominated in March 19 primary)
MICHIGAN (Primary Aug. 6)	John Engler (term-limited)	1990	62-38% (1998)	D: Rep. David E. Bonior; ex-Gov. Jim Blanchard; state Atty. Gen. Jennifer Granholm R: Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus; state Sen. Joe Schwarz
NEW MEXICO	Gary E. Johnson (term-limited)	1994	55-45% (1998)	D: Ex-Energy Secy./ex-Rep. Bill Richardson R: State Rep. John Sanchez (nominated in June 4 primary)
PENNSYLVANIA	Mark Schweiker (retiring)	Moved up from lt. gov. ²	N/A	D: Ex-Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell R: State Atty. Gen. Mike Fisher (nominated in May 21 primary)
No Clear Favorite				
ARIZONA	Jane Dee Hull (term-limited)	1998	61-36% (1998)	D: State Atty. Gen. Janet Napolitano; ex-state Sen. Alfredo Gutierrez R: Ex-Rep. Matt Salmon; Arizona Secy. of State Betsey Bayless
MASSACHUSETTS	Jane Swift (retiring)	Moved up from lt. gov. ¹	N/A	R: Businessman Mitt Romney D: State Treasurer Shannon O'Brien; State Sen. President Thomas Birmingham; ex-Labor Secy Robert Reich; ex-DNC Chairman Steve Grossman; ex-state Sen. Warren Tolman
TENNESSEE (Primary Aug. 1)	Don Sundquist (term-limited)	1994	69-29% (1998)	D: Ex-Nashville Mayor/'94 gov. nom. Phil Bredesen; ex-state Bd. of Regents Chancellor Charles Smith; Knox Cty. Dist. Atty. Randy Nichols R: Rep. Van Hilleary; ex-state Rep. Jim Henry
WISCONSIN	Scott McCallum	Moved up from lt. gov. ⁴	N/A	D: Rep. Thomas M. Barrett; state Atty. Gen. Jim Doyle; Dane Cty. Exec. Kathleen Falk; state Sen. Gary George
Leans Republican				
KANSAS (Primary Aug. 6)	Bill Graves (term-limited)	1994	73-23% (1998)	D: State Insurance Comm. Kathleen Sebelius R: State Treasurer Tim Shallenburger; Wichita Mayor Bob Knight
SOUTH DAKOTA	William J. Janklow (term-limited)	1978 (served 8 years, re- elected 1994)	64-33% (1998)	D: U. of South Dakota Pres. Jim Abbott R: Ex-state Sen. Mike Rounds (nominated in June 4 primary)
TEXAS	Rick Perry	Moved up from lt. gov. ³	N/A	D: Businessman Tony Sanchez (nominated in March 12 primary)

Republican Favored

ARKANSAS	Mike Huckabee	1998	60-39% (1998)	D: State Treasurer Jimmie Lou Fisher (nominated in May 21 primary)
COLORADO	Bill Owens	1998	49-48% (1998)	D: Businessman Rollie Heath
CONNECTICUT <i>(Ranking change from Safe Republican)</i>	John G. Rowland	1994	63-35% (1998)	D: Ex-state Comptroller/'94 gov. nominee Bill Curry
FLORIDA	Jeb Bush	1998	55-45% (1998)	D: Ex-U.S. Atty. Gen. Janet Reno; lawyer Bill McBride; state Sen. Daryl Jones;
NEVADA	Kenny Guinn	1998	52-42% (1998)	D: State Sen. Joe Neal; community activist Barbara Scott; three others
NEW YORK	George E. Pataki	1994	54-33% (1998)	D: State Comptroller Carl McCall; ex-HUD Secy. Andrew Cuomo
OHIO	Bob Taft	1998	50-45% (1998)	D: Ex-Cuyahoga County Commissioner Tim Hagan (nominated in May 7 primary)
OKLAHOMA	Frank Keating (term-limited)	1994	58-41% (1998)	D: Businessman Vince Orza; state Sens. Enoch Kelly Haney, Brad Henry; state Rep. James Dunegan; R: Ex-Rep. Steve Largent; motivational speaker Jim Denny
WYOMING	Jim Geringer (term-limited)	1994	56-40% (1998)	D: Lawyer Paul Hickey; ex-U.S. Atty. Dave Freudenthal; R: Ex-state Rep. Eli Bebout; state Rep. Stephen Watt; publisher Bill Sniffin

Safe Republican

IDAHO	Dirk Kempthorne	1998	68-29% (1998)	D: Newspaper publisher Jerry Brady (nominated in May 28 primary)
NEBRASKA	Mike Johanns	1998	54-46% (1998)	D: Businessman Stormy Dean (nominated in May 14 primary)

1 - Swift in April 2001 succeeded Massachusetts Republican Gov. Paul Cellucci, who resigned to become U.S. ambassador to Canada.

2 - Schweiker in October 2001 succeeded Pennsylvania Republican Gov. Tom Ridge, who resigned to head the federal Office of Homeland Security.

3 - Perry in December 2000 succeeded Texas Republican Gov. George W. Bush, who resigned to become president.

4 - McCallum in February 2001 succeeded Wisconsin Republican Gov. Tommy G. Thompson, who resigned to become secretary of Health and Human Services.

CQ's Governor's Race Rankings — Independent Seats

State	Incumbent	First Won	Last Vote	Contenders
Leans Democratic				
MAINE	Angus King (term-limited)	1994	59-19R-12D% (1998)	D: Rep. John Baldacci; R: Ex-State Rep. Peter Cianchette (nominated in June 11 primary); I: Green Party activist Jonathan Carter; state Rep. John Michael
No Clear Favorite				
MINNESOTA	Jesse Ventura (retiring)	1998	37-34R-28D% (1998)	R: State Rep. Tim Pawlenty (won state party endorsement at convention June 15) D: State Sen. Roger Moe (won state party endorsement at convention May 4) Independence: Former Democratic Rep. Timothy J. Penny (endorsed by state party convention July 13)