

# Colorado Election Results

Election results as of 12:00 a.m. MT

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## The Colorado Results are in!

After a long-awaited night, the results of the 2020 general elections for Colorado are in and the determination of Colorado's leadership has been decided. The Colorado Secretary of State's (SOS) office is reporting, as of the morning of November 4, 2020, that after counting the votes the following races have been called based on majority percentages.

Key takeaways from last night is that Colorado now has two Democrat U.S. Senators. Former Governor John Hickenlooper defeated incumbent Senator Corey Gardner by a 10% margin.

In the June primary election, Congressional District 3 saw a contentious battle as incumbent Congressman Scott Tipton was challenged and defeated by ultra-conservative, Lauren Boebert. Late last night by a 6% margin, Boebert claimed electoral victory against former Democrat Colorado State Representative Diane Mitch Bush.

All but a couple of State Senate and House races have been called. As expected, Democrats will continue to control the Colorado House and Senate Chambers with additional pick-ups in former GOP controlled districts.

As of November 1, 2020, Colorado reported having 4,238,513 registered voters. Of that number 1,129,733 are active Democrats, 1,028,239 are active Republicans, and 1,541,199 are active Unaffiliated voters.

A look inside the state federal offices, the state legislature, and the 2020 amendments and propositions can be found in this report, and may be updated as results continue to roll in.

## Federal Office

### US Senate

John Hickenlooper (D) ✓

### US Congressional Offices

United States Congress - District 1

Diana DeGette (D) ✓

United States Congress - District 2

Joe Neguse (D) ✓

United States Congress - District 3

Lauren Boebert (R) ✓

United States Congress - District 4

Ken Buck (R) ✓

United States Congress - District 5

Doug Lamborn (R) ✓

United States Congress - District 6

Jason Crow (D) ✓

United States Congress - District 7

Ed Perlmutter (D) ✓

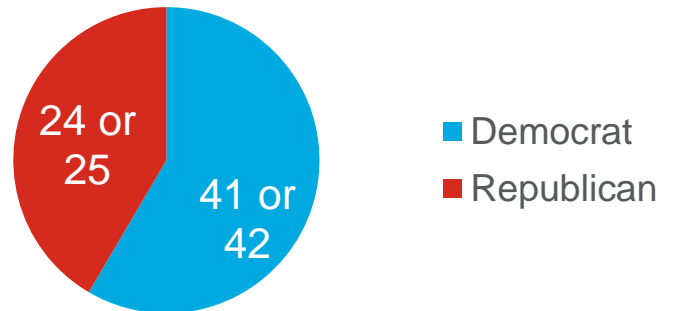
# State Legislature - Colorado House of Representatives

All 65 House Districts were up for grabs on election night as 52 incumbents faced re-election. After a shifting of a few seats since the last election in 2018, Democrats held a 17 seat majority totaling 41 Democrats and 24 Republicans. This year there were a total of 9 State Representatives that were term limited leaving their seat open to new candidates.

Additionally 4 Democrats and 1 Republican did not seek re-election for their House seat and filed to run for their Senate districts opening up a total of five seats with new candidates. That in total will bring 15 “First-Year” members in the Colorado House of Representatives. Keep in mind House District 47 with incumbent Democrat Bri Buentello has not yet been called but likely will be won by the Republican candidate. Republicans currently hold the lead in that race.

As of 12:00pm on 11/4/2020, the Colorado Secretary of State’s office is reporting that the **Democrats** flipped one seat (HD 38) historically held by Republicans. Republicans hold tight as they remain in the lead for the race to win HD 47 in Pueblo.

Colorado House Party Breakdown



## 2020 House Election Winners

District	Candidate	County
1	Susan Lontine	Denver, Jefferson
2	Alec Garnett	Denver
3	Meg Froelich	Arapahoe
4	Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez	Denver
5	Alex Valdez	Denver
6	Steven Woodrow [Replacing Chris Hansen]	Denver
7	Jennifer Bacon [Replacing James Coleman]	Denver
8	Leslie Herod	Denver
9	Emily Sirota	Arapahoe, Denver
10	Edie Hooton	Boulder
11	Karen McCormick [Replacing Jonathan Singer]	Boulder
12	Tracey Bennett [Replacing Sonya Jaquez Lewis]	Boulder
13	Judy Amabile [Replacing KC Becker]	Boulder, Clear Creek, Gilpin, Grand, Jackson
14	Shane Sandridge	El Paso
15	Dave Williams	El Paso
16	Andres Pico [Replacing Larry Liston]	El Paso
17	Tony Exum	El Paso

District	Candidate	County
18	Marc Snyder	El Paso
19	Tim Geitner	El Paso
20	Terri Carver	El Paso
21	Mary Bradfield [Replacing Rep. Lois Landgraf]	El Paso
22	Colin Larson	Jefferson
23	Chris Kennedy	Jefferson
24	Monica Duran	Jefferson
25	Lisa Cutter	Jefferson
26	Dylan Roberts	Eagle Routt
27	Brianna Titone	Jefferson
28	Kerry Tipper	Jefferson
29	Lindsey Daugherty [Replacing Rep. Tracy Kraft-Tharp]	Jefferson
30	Dafna Michaelson Janet	Adams
31	Yadira Caraveo	Adams
32	Adrienne Benavidez	Adams
33	Matt Gray	Boulder, Broomfield
34	Kyle Mullica	Adams
35	Shannon Bird	Adams
36	Mike Weissman	Arapahoe
37	Tom Sullivan	Arapahoe
38	David Ortiz [Replacing Rep. Richard Champion]	Arapahoe
39	Mark Baisley	Douglas, Teller
40	Naquetta Ricks [Replacing Rep. Janet Buckner]	Arapahoe
41	Iman Jodeh [Replacing Rep. Jovan Melton]	Arapahoe
42	Dominique Jackson	Arapahoe
43	Kevin Van Winkle	Douglas
44	Kim Ransom	Douglas
45	Patrick Neville	Douglas
46	Daneya Esgar	Pueblo
47	RACE NOT YET CALLED	Fremont, Otero, Pueblo
48	Tonya Van Beber [Replacing Rep. Stephen Humphrey]	Weld
49	Mike Lynch [Replacing Rep. Perry Buck]	Larimer, Weld

District	Candidate	County
50	Mary Young	Weld
51	High McKean	Larimer
52	Cathy Kipp	Larimer
53	Jennifer Arndt	Larimer
54	Matt Soper	Delta, Mesa
55	Janice Rich	Mesa
56	Rod Bockenfield	Adams, Arapahoe
57	Perry Will	Garfield, Moffat, Rio Blanco
58	Marc Catlin	Dolores, Montezuma, Montrose, San Miguel
59	Barabara McLachlan	Archuleta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, La Plata, Ouray, San Juan
60	Ron Hanks [Replacing Rep. James Wilson]	Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Park
61	Julie McCluskie	Delta, Gunnison, Lake, Pitkin, Summit
62	Donald Valdez	Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Huerfano, Mineral, Pueblo, Rio Grande, Saguache
63	Dan Woog [Replacing Rep. Lori Saine]	Weld
64	Richard Holtorf	Baca, Bent, Crowley, Elbert, Kiowa, Las Animas, Lincoln, Prowers, Washington
65	Rod Pelton	Cheyennem Kit Carson, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedwick, Yuma

# State Legislature - Colorado Senate

This election cycle, nearly half of the Senate (18 Seats) was up for re-election, giving the Democrats a chance at picking up seats in districts where unaffiliated voters are considered strong. In the 2018 election Democrats gained control of the Senate by winning 3 seats shifting the Democrats to hold the majority 19 to 16.

This year a total of 5 Senators reached their term limits leaving those seats open for new candidates. Additionally two other sitting Senators, Mike Foote (D) and Angela Williams (D) did not seek re-election. That is a total of 7 open seats. Of those 7 seats, 5 winning candidates are former members of the Colorado House of Representatives.

As of 8:00 am on 11/4/2020, the Colorado Secretary of State's office is reporting that the **Democrats** flipped one seat (SD27) historically held by Republicans. Republicans and Democrats hold tight as a few seats are still too close to call (SD 8 -Bob Rankin) (SD 25-Priola). Democrats will maintain the majority regardless.

## Colorado Senate Party Breakdown



## 2020 Senate Winners

District	Candidate	County
4	Jim Smallwood	Douglas
8	Too Class to Call [Bob Rankin vs. Karl Hanlon]	Garfield, Grand, Routt, Rio Blanco
10	Larry Liston [Replacing Senator Own Hill]	El Paso
12	Bob Gardner	El Paso
14	Joann Ginal	Larimer
17	Sonya Jaquez Lewis [Replacing Senator Mike Foote]	Boulder
18	Steve Fenberg	Boulder
19	Rachel Zenzinger	Jefferson
21	Dominick Moreno	Adams
23	Barbara Kirkmeyer [Replacing Senator Vicki Marble]	Weld
25	Too Close to Call [Kevin Priola vs. Paula Dickerson]	Adams
26	Jeff Bridges	Arapahoe
27	Chris Kolker [Replacing Senator Jack Tate]	Arapahoe
28	Janet Buckner [Replacing Senator Nancy Todd]	Arapahoe
29	Rhonda Fields	Arapahoe
32	Chris Hansen	Denver
33	James Coleman [Replacing Senator Angela Williams]	Denver
35	Cleave Simpson [Replacing Senator Larry Crowder]	Alamosa, Rio Grande, Otero, Huerfano, Las Animas, Baca, Bent, Conejos, Prowers, Saguache, Mineral, Custer, Costilla, Kiowa, Pueblo

# Amendments and Propositions

## Predicted to Pass

### Amendment B ‘Repeal Gallagher’

Description: Amendment B will effectively repeal the Gallagher Amendment, which Colorado voters approved back in 1982. Repealing Gallagher will prevent future cuts to residential property taxes. It will lock one part of the residential property tax formula at its current rate and stabilize funding for schools and local governments.

### Amendment C “Conduct of Charitable Gaming”

Description: Amendment C will change how non-profits organizations in Colorado operate charitable gaming events like bingo and raffles. Non-profits will now be able to apply for a bingo-raffle license after three years of operating in the state. Currently, the requirement is five years.

### Amendments 76 ‘Citizenship Qualifications of Voters

Description: Amendment 76 changes the language in the state constitution to explicitly state that “only U.S. citizens” can vote in elections. Colorado’s constitution currently says that “every citizen” may vote.

### Amendment 77 “Local Voter Approval of Casino Bet Limits”

Description: Amendment 77 will allow local voters in Black Hawk, Central City, Cripple Creek, the only Colorado cities with legal gambling to approve higher betting limits and more types of games. Currently, the state’s limited gaming model caps individual wagers at \$100.

### Proposition EE “Taxes on Nicotine Products”

Description: Proposition EE will create a tax on nicotine products such as electronic cigarettes and increase cigarette and tobacco taxes. Money raised would go to K-12 education, rural schools, tobacco programs and a smaller portion to state spending. Of the amount allocated for that, 27% must be distributed to local governments and the remainder used for general state spending.

### Proposition 113 “Elect U.S. Presidents by National Popular Vote

Description: Proposition 113 will affirm a decision Colorado lawmakers made in 2019 to join the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. This proposition will make the Electoral College in Colorado obsolete without actually removing it from the constitution.

### Proposition 116 “State Income Tax Rate Reduction

Description: Proposition 116 will reduce Colorado’s flat income tax rate from 4.63% to 4.55%. Colorado taxpayers pay the same tax rate regardless of income. For the last 20 years, the rate has been 4.63%.

### Proposition 117 “Creation of Certain Fee-Based Enterprises”

Description: Proposition 117 gives the voters the final decision-making authority when the state government wants to create certain new “enterprises,” which are funded by fees. Voting no would keep the system as is, allowing lawmakers to create new fees and enterprises without direct voter approval.

### Proposition 118 “Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program”

Description: Proposition 118 guarantees that workers across Colorado can take at least 12 weeks of paid leave from their jobs for family medical purposes. It would be funded by fees paid by workers and employers. The program would be funded by requiring workers and employers to pay fees equivalent

to 0.9% of a workers wage, starting in 2023. Those fees could rise to 1.2% under the law. Local governments and employers with equivalent paid-leave plans will be exempt.

**Proposition 114 “The Reintroduction of Gray Wolves”**

Description: Proposition 114 will direct the Colorado Parks and Wildlife to reintroduce gray wolves to the Western Slope by the end of 2023.

**Failed**

**Proposition 115 “Prohibit Abortions After 22 Weeks”**

Description: Proposition 115 would have banned abortions after 22 weeks except in cases in which the pregnant woman’s life is directly threatened by the pregnancy.



## Stay Tuned!

What do we know and what does this mean for Colorado in the days and months ahead? What we do know is our state's legislature will continue to be controlled by a Democrat majority. As we navigate through COVID-19 and a tense societal climate, policies will be crafted by the liberal and progress Democrats to continue moving their agenda forward before the next state election in 2022, which we will see new district lines after re-apportionment and re-districting.

What to expect next in the coming days? Aside from the Presidential race, the Colorado Secretary of State will officially call the close House and Senate races that will determine the final makeup of the Colorado General Assembly. With majorities still in-tact, Democrats in both the Senate and House will each vote internally and announce caucus leadership for both the Majority and Minority caucuses. We will provide an updated announcement as the new Speaker of the House and leadership members are announced along with committee assignments.

As a bipartisan team dedicated to solutions and oriented to find answers for our clients, we see great opportunity in the days ahead. Our relationships are consistently bipartisan and we always see opportunities to work together.

We look forward to working with you as a new year approaches. Do not hesitate to call us with any questions or concerns we are here at your service.

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