

# Control of the US House

## Current Makeup

There are 435 seats, of which 212 are Democratic, 220 are GOP. There are 3 vacancies, a sure 2 D, 1 R. The Cook Political Report lists 42 races which are competitive 11 D and 11 R. 218 is a majority.

How many seats must the Democrats hold, and how many flip in order to get a majority of the House? Remember that the vacancies should add 2 to the D column, but one to the R column so we are really looking at 214 D and 221 R.

As of Sep 24, there are few current polls. Only NY of the places of interest has fairly good coverage.

### FOR 2024: HOLD ALL 11 AND FLIP 5, OR HOLD ALL BUT 1, FLIP 6, ETC...

The competitive races are labelled *tossups*. The Cook Report deems tossups about even probability. The Cook Report also scores the *Party Lean (or Party Voting Index)* of the candidate's district. It is an indicator of how the district generally votes. For example, Jared Golden, D, in northern Maine is in an R+6 district where Republicans usually win, but is still in the tossup category indicating even odds. This is probably because Golden has won his last three races there despite the Republican lean of his district. Therefore, the Party Lean (PVI) can be taken as an obstacle or assist to the candidate, but only a subtle modifier of the tossup race. Aggregated +D's or -R's however are not quite so subtle.

For seats to hold, list tossup and Lean D. For GOP flip seek only the tossups which would be easier to flip than candidates in Lean R category. The easiest GOP flips will be in those districts where the GOP party lean is weakest. The safest Dem tossups will be in those districts with some Lean D.

## Race Data

### DEMOCRATIC SEATS – 23 TO HOLD

There are 12 in tossup Districts. Poll data since 9/1, older is too unreliable (n/a). Green is new since last update.

### DEMOCRAT TOSSUPS

DISTRICT	DEM CANDIDATE	PARTISAN LEAN	POLLS DEM			COMMENTS
			9/23			
AK-AL	<a href="#">Peltola</a>	R+8	-4			Dark horse who won 2022
CO08	<a href="#">Yadira Caraveo</a>	even	n/a			
ME02	<a href="#">Jared Golden</a>	R+6	-3			Has succeeded in past, but..
MI07	<a href="#">Curtis Hertel</a> *	R+2	n/a			was Slotkin, who was popular
MI08	<a href="#">McDonald Rivet</a> *	R+1	n/a			was Kildee?
NM02	<a href="#">Gabe Vasquez</a>	D+1	n/a			
NC01	<a href="#">Don Davis</a> *	R+1	n/a			
OH09	<a href="#">Marcy Kaptur</a> >Lean D	R+3	n/a			
OH13	<a href="#">Emilia Sykes</a>	R+1	n/a			
PA07	<a href="#">Susan Wild</a> *	R+2	n/a			
PA08	<a href="#">Matt Cartwright</a> *	R+4	n/a			
WA03	<a href="#">Marie Gluesenkamp Perez</a>	R+5	n/a			

All 11 are at risk according to these numbers, but the probability is that we will hold 5 anyway.

### GOP TOSSUPS IN DEMOCRATIC OR WEAK GOP DISTRICT

DISTRICT	GOP CANDIDATE	PARTISAN LEAN	POLLS DEM			DEM CANDIDATE
			9/23			
AZ01	<a href="#">Schweikert</a> * (majority)	R+2				<a href="#">A Shah</a> (plurality in primary)
AZ06	<a href="#">Cisciomani</a> *	R+3	n/a			<a href="#">K Engel</a>
CA13	John Duarte	D+4	n/a			<a href="#">Adam Gray</a>
CA22	David Valadao	D+5	+2			<a href="#">Rudy Salas</a>
CA27	Mike Garcia	D+4	n/a			<a href="#">George Whitesides</a>
CA41	Ken Calvert	R+3	+6			<a href="#">Will Rollins</a>
CA-45	<a href="#">Steel</a>	D+2	n/a			<a href="#">Derek Tran</a>
NE-02	<a href="#">Bacon</a>	even	n/a			<a href="#">Tony Vargas</a>
NJ07	Thomas Kean	R+1	n/a			<a href="#">Sue Altman</a>
NY04	Anthony Desposito	D+5	+3			<a href="#">Laura Gillen</a>
NY17	Mike Lawler	D+3	-3			<a href="#">Mondaire Jones</a>
NY19	Mark Molinaro	R+1	+3			<a href="#">Josh Riley</a>
OR05	<a href="#">Chavez-DeRemer</a>	D+2	+1			<a href="#">Janelle Bynum</a>

## Executive Summary

If the hold and flip goals can be met, then we have one more than the barest majority. Nobody can take this for granted though. Only ten candidates are in who are even or in a D+ lean, so choose some in Republican districts to support – five are in R+1 districts. Longshots Golden and Peltola are past winners.

### HOLD NINE SEATS OF THESE 11, HOPE THAT THERE ARE MORE CANDIDATES LIKE GOLDEN AND PETOLA

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### FLIP EIGHT OF THESE 13 SEATS IN LEAN D AND WEAK GOP TOSSUP DISTRICTS

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References:

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## PRIORITY 2

Just priority 1 this time, as more choices make it easier to match grassroots work like post cards to an important House race.

\* Priority 1 states

\*\* Priority 2 states

Sources: [Cook Political Report, House](#), [538 Senate Polls](#)

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