

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.

FOR 2024: HOLD ALL 11 AND FLIP 5, OR HOLD ALL BUT 1, FLIP 7, 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.

Races

DEMOCRATIC SEATS – 23 TO HOLD

There are 11 in tossup Districts. In due course there will be meaningful poll data to help choose what to do.

DEMOCRAT TOSSUPS

DISTRICT	DEM CANDIDATE	PARTISAN LEAN	COMMENTS
CO08	Yadira Caraveo	even	
ME02	Jared Golden	R+6	Has succeeded in past, but..
MI07	Curtis Hertel *	R+2	was Slotkin, who was popular
MI08	McDonald Rivet *	R+1	was Kildee?
NM02	Gabe Vasquez	D+1	
NC01	Don Davis *	R+1	
OH09	Marcy Kaptur	R+3	
OH13	Emilia Sykes	R+1	
PA07	Susan Wild *	R+2	
PA08	Matt Cartwright *	R+4	
WA03	Marie Gluesenkamp Perez	R+5	

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	DEM CANDIDATE
AZ01	Schweikert* (majority)	R+2	A Shah (plurality only)
AZ06	Cisciomani*	R+3	K Engel
CA13	John Duarte	D+4	Adam Gray
CA22	David Valadao	D+5	Rudy Salas
CA27	Mike Garcia	D+4	George Whitesides
CA41	Ken Calvert	R+3	Will Rollins
NJ07	Thomas Kean	R+1	Sue Altman
NY04	Anthony Desposito	D+5	Laura Gillen
NY17	Mike Lawler	D+3	Mondaire Jones
NY-19	Mark Molinaro	R+1	Josh Riley

Executive Summary

If the hold and flip goals can be met, then we have two more than the barest majority. Nobody can take this for granted though.

HOLD TEN SEATS, TRUST THAT POLLS WILL LOOK BETTER OVER TIME

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FLIP EIGHT SEATS IN WEAK GOP TOSSUP DISTRICTS

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OR05	Chavez-DeRemer	D+2	

References:

<https://www.cookpolitical.com/ratings/house-race-ratings>

PRIORITY 2

- MD Angela Alsobrooks (replacing Ben Cardin, D). Polls show Alsobrooks +10

* Priority 1 states

** Priority 2 states

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