

# The 2024 General Election

#### **2024 General Election Results**

- Donald J. Trump has won the White House: Former President Donald J. Trump has clinched the presidency, pushing America's political center further to the right after defeating Vice President Kamala Harris in a heated race that kept the nation on edge. This contest will ultimately see the 45th president return to office, also making him the 47th president.
- A Republican majority in the U.S. Senate, potentially a strong one, will give Trump a significant advantage in pushing his agenda forward: While Republicans have gained control of the Senate, the exact margin of their victory remains uncertain. As of November 7th, Republicans will hold at least 53 seats. Of the 34 Senate seats up for election in 2024, about half a dozen were expected to be decided by narrow margins.
- While control of the U.S. House remains uncertain, House Speaker Mike Johnson and his leadership team are already seeking support from their conference to retain power: With many precincts, particularly in the West, still counting votes, it's uncertain whether Republicans will maintain their slim majority. For Democrats, flipping the House is their best chance to block full Republican control of both the White House and Congress. It will take 218 seats to rule the House, and although neither party has reached the threshold, the numbers appear to favor the GOP. As of November 7th, Democrats had claimed 198 seats while Republicans had claimed 210. Dozens of races remained too close to call.
- Colorado stayed true to its blue reputation on Election Day, backing Democrats in statewide races and ensuring the party retains majorities in both the General Assembly and the state's congressional delegation: As anticipated, Colorado's electoral votes went to the Democratic presidential ticket by a wide margin, solidifying the state's status as a reliable blue stronghold. Down the ballot, Democratic-leaning districts backed Democratic candidates, while Republican-leaning areas favored GOP contenders, even in closely contested races. Colorado Democrats maintained their sizable majorities in the state legislature, but their hopes of securing a rare supermajority in both the House and Senate looks to have fallen just short. With ballot measures, voters displayed more unpredictability, approving a mix of progressive and conservative proposals while rejecting initiatives from both ends of the political spectrum.
- Denver voters faced the longest ballot in the city's history this election, deciding on a dozen local measures that included proposals for tax hikes to fund affordable housing and expanded animal rights initiatives: Denver voters expressed strong support for liberal candidates, public employee unions, and ballot measures aimed at funding essential local services. They backed initiatives designed to secure financial support for Denver Health, strengthen schools, and improve transit infrastructure. However, Mayor Mike Johnston's proposed \$100 million tax increase for affordable housing appears to have fallen short, with the latest results showing it failing by more than 3 percentage points.

### **Colorado Election Results**

#### **Congressional Races**

## **Decided Races:**

- HD1: Diana DeGette (D) DeGette is a long-time incumbent, and it's no surprise that she won re-election.
- HD2: Joe Neguse (D) Neguse has been a rising star in the Democratic Party, so his re-election is expected.
- HD4: Lauren Boebert (R) Despite some controversy, Boebert has managed to hold onto her (new) seat.
- HD5: Jeff Crank (R) A Republican hold in this district, which is considered more conservative.
- HD6: Jason Crow (D) Crow, representing a competitive district, has held onto his seat.
- HD7: Brittany Pettersen (D) Pettersen, a newer face to Congress, has managed to retain this seat.

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#### **Key Races Still Pending:**

- HD3: Jeff Hurd (R) v. Adam Frisch (D) This race is expected to be one of the closest. Adam Frisch narrowly lost to Boebert in 2022, and this rematch could be highly competitive, especially with the district being swingier than some other parts of Colorado.
- HD8: Yadira Caraveo (D) v. Gabe Evans (R) This is a newly drawn district that includes parts of the Denver suburbs and exurbs. Caraveo, the Democratic candidate, is an up-and-coming figure in Colorado politics, but Evans, the Republican challenger, has been making this race one to watch.

#### **General Assembly Races**

• Colorado Democrats maintained their sizable majorities in the state legislature, but their hopes of securing a rare supermajority in both the House and Senate were narrowing by Wednesday morning, with several races still too close to call. A supermajority would have allowed the progressive left to push a more aggressive agenda on issues like worker and tenant rights, environmental policy, and social services.

#### **Statewide Ballot Issues**

#### Passed/Failed Measures:

- Amendment 79: Right to Abortion *Passed with 62% in favor, 38% against.*
- Amendment G: Modify Veteran Property Tax *Passed with 73% in favor, 27% against.*
- Amendment H: Judicial Adjudicative Board *Passed with 73% in favor, 27% against.*
- Amendment I: Bail Exemption for Murder *Passed with 69% in favor, 31% against.*
- Amendment J: Definition of Marriage *Passed with 64% in favor, 36% against.*
- Proposition 128: Parole Eligibility *Passed* with 62% in favor, 38% against.
- Proposition JJ: Retain Betting Revenue *Passed* with 76% in favor, 24% against.
- Proposition KK: Firearms Excise Tax *Passed* with 54% in favor, 46% against.
- Proposition 129: Veterinary Professional Association *Passed with 52% in favor, 48% against.*
- Proposition 130: Law Enforcement Funding Passed with 53% in favor, 47% against.
- Proposition 127: Big Cat Trophy Hunting Failed with 45% in favor, 55% against.
- Amendment 80: School Choice Failed with 48% in favor, 52% against.
- Amendment K: Election Deadlines *Failed* with 45% in favor, 55% against.
- Proposition 131: Ranked Choice Voting *Failed* with 45% in favor, 55% against.

#### City & County of Denver Ballot Issues

#### Passed/Failed Measures:

- Denver Health Funding (2Q): *Passed* with 57% in favor, 43% against.
- Human Rights Office (2S): **Passed** with 64% in favor, 36% against.
- Citizenship Requirement for Police and Firefighters (2T): Passed with 51% in favor, 49% against.
- Collective Bargaining (2U): Passed with 64% in favor, 36% against.
- Firefighters Collective Bargaining (2V): *Passed* with 66% in favor, 34% against.
- Elected Officials' Salaries (2W): **Passed** with 61% in favor, 39% against.
- Denver Public Schools Bond (4A): **Passed** with 74% in favor, 26% against.
- Downtown Development (6A): *Passed* with 81% in favor, 19% against.
- Regional Transportation District (7A): *Passed* with 78% in favor, 22% against.
- Affordable Housing Funding (2R): *Failed* with 48% in favor, 52% against.
- Fur Ban (Ordinance 308): Failed with 42% in favor, 58% against.
- Slaughterhouse Ban (Ordinance 309): *Failed* with 35% in favor, 65% against.