



House and Senate seats that flipped

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As the country awaits final results of races for both the Senate and House after Election Day, three Senate seats and 12 House seats have already flipped.

Arizona and Colorado elected Democrat nominees to the Senate in a big win for the left. Now, both states will be represented by two Democrats. Currently, Democrats have been elected to 48 seats, and Republican to 50. The wait is in Georgia, which is heading into two runoffs. In the House, Republicans made some significant gains and are waiting on 15 seats to be called, but Democrats, it is confirmed, will keep the majority in the U.S. House.

Democrats flipped two Senate seats, and Republicans took one back

Currently, Republicans hold a two-seat lead in the Senate races. The final results depend on Georgia's two special elections, in which Republican incumbent Kelly Loeffler will face the Rev. Raphael Warnock, and David Perdue will go up against Jon Ossoff.

States where Senate seats flipped

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Alabama

Republican Tommy Tuberville defeated Democratic incumbent Doug Jones by a wide margin, which came as no surprise for the deep-red state. In 2017, Jones won a special election — a rare occurrence for a Democrat in Alabama. He had defeated Roy Moore — who has been accused of sexual misconduct.

Arizona

Democrat and former astronaut Mark Kelly ousted incumbent Republican Sen. Martha McSally. With his win, both Arizona Senate seats will be held by Democrats.

Colorado

Two-term governor and former Denver mayor John Hickenlooper defeated GOP Sen. Cory Gardner. Hickenlooper will join the Senate with a background in Western energy and environmental issues.

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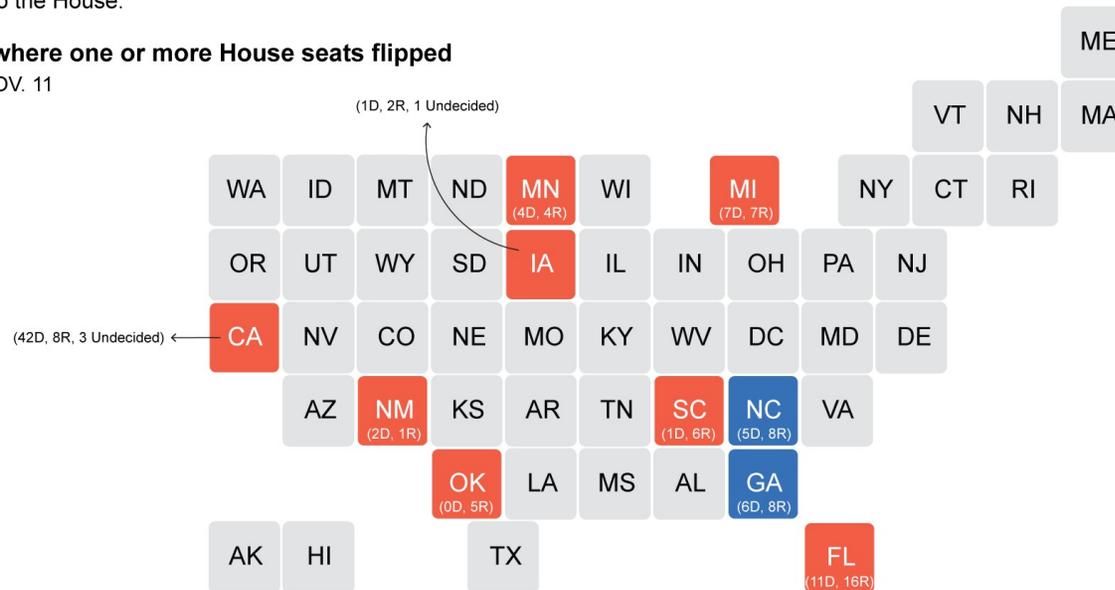
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Republicans gain nine seats, but Democrats maintain control of the House

Democrats, with 218 representatives elected so far, will continue to maintain control of the House. However, Republicans have made significant gains, with nine flips across eight states. In Minnesota, for example, a 15-term Democratic incumbent was beat out by a Republican freshman. And South Carolina elected a female Republican representative — the second woman from the state ever elected to the House.

States where one or more House seats flipped

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California 48

Republican challenger Michelle Steel will represent California's 48th Congressional District, ousting Democratic incumbent Harley Rouda. The two waged a contentious battle and disagreed on issues relating to the pandemic. Steel condemned mandatory mask policies, while Rouda argued those policies are a matter of public safety.

Florida 26

GOP nominee Carlos Giménez will replace Democratic incumbent Debbie Mucarsel-Powell. The former mayor of Miami-Dade County was endorsed by President Donald Trump and supported the President's approach to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Florida 27

Republican Maria Elvira Salazar, a former Spanish-language television newscaster, beat out Democratic incumbent Donna Shalala — the oldest freshman member of the 116th Congress. Shalala had previously served as President Bill Clinton's secretary of Health and Human Services.

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Georgia 7

Democrat and former college professor Carolyn Bordeaux will replace Republican Rep. Rich McCormick in the suburban district northeast of Atlanta. In 2018, Bordeaux lost to McCormick by less than 500 votes.

Iowa 1

Republican nominee Ashley Hinson ousted freshman Democratic incumbent Abby Finkenauer and will be representing the northeastern Iowa congressional seat. The two-term state representative and former television news reporter said her priorities include reducing taxes, reforming health care systems and securing the border.

Michigan 3

Republican businessman Peter Meijer beat out Democrat and former attorney Hillary Scholten in a race for the seat being vacated by Rep. Justin Amash. Meijer, an heir to the Meijer supermarket chain, is also endorsed by the Right to Life and the NRA.

Minnesota 7

Rep. Collin Peterson, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, will not return to the House for what would have been his 16th term. He will be replaced with Republican Michelle Fischbach.

New Mexico 2

Republican Yvette Herrell beat out freshman Democratic incumbent Xochitl Torres Small. Herrell, a former real estate agent was vocal in supporting Trump's border wall and will represent the state's traditionally conservative-leaning district.

North Carolina 2

Democrat Deborah Ross won an open House seat and will be replacing GOP incumbent George Holding — who announced his retirement last year. Ross is a civil rights lawyer and former state representative.

North Carolina 6

Democrat Kathy Manning also won an open seat in North Carolina, defeating Republican Joseph Lee Haywood to take over GOP Rep. Mark Walker's seat. Manning's victory came as no surprise after the state redrew its congressional map ahead of the election.

Oklahoma 5

Republican Stephanie Bice has been elected to replace Democratic congresswoman Kendra Horn — who had been holding onto the only blue seat in the state's congressional delegation. Now, all five Oklahoma House seats will be held by Republicans.

South Carolina 1

Republican Nancy Mace, a former state lawmaker, will represent the district after defeating Democratic incumbent Joe Cunningham. She will be the second woman ever to represent a South Carolina district in the House.

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