

Massachusetts

Voters in Massachusetts will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 160 seats are up in the state Assembly and all 40 seats are up in the state Senate. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the governorship while Democrats are expected to maintain control of legislature.

Governor

Republican Nominee

[Governor Charlie Baker](#)

Governor Charlie Baker was first election in 2014 and has maintained a moderate record in a blue state which has aided his impressive approval ratings. He is running on his record and his administration's budget success. He also has successfully distanced himself from the Trump Administration.

Governor Baker recently [signed](#) opioid legislation that his campaign has been touting as a blueprint to fight the epidemic. Since taking office, the state has invested \$200 million to combat substance abuse and the administration has pushed for treatment over incarceration. He is making this issue a central focus in campaign.

He is running on an unemployment record that is below the national average and touting household incomes that have risen since he took office. His administration doubled the Earned Income Tax Credit. He's also running on minimizing the role of the state's bureaucracy.

Governor Baker favors state and local government cooperation. He is touting his work on the Green Line extension to Somerville. He recently announced a \$2.5 million state grant for the restoration of a historic theater and building in Springfield as part of the City's revitalization efforts.

***Trivia:** Previously, Governor Baker served as the state's Secretary for Administration and Finance and Secretary for Health and Human Services.*