

New York

Voters in New York will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 150 seats are up in the state Assembly and all 63 seats are up in the state Senate. Democrats are expected to maintain the Governor's Mansion and Assembly. The state Senate, currently controlled by Republicans due to a Democrat choosing to caucus with them, is a battleground chamber.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

[Governor Andrew Cuomo](#)

Governor Andrew Cuomo easily defeated his Democratic primary challenger and will likely go on to win his third term as governor in November. Governor Cuomo is running on his record and his opposition to the Trump Administration.

Governor Cuomo has been pushed to the left over the past eight years. He has supported a raise to the state's minimum wage, family leave, free college tuition, and a ban on fracking. Governor Cuomo would also like to codify Roe v. Wade.

He has a joint proposal focused on the Long Island borough that includes keeping the property tax cap, ensuring the borough receives its share of the \$150 billion infrastructure plan, and receive full education funding.

Governor Cuomo supports red flag legislation that would prevent individuals determined by a court to be likely to engage in conduct that would result in serious harm to themselves or others from purchasing, possessing, or attempting to purchase or possess any type of firearm in New York. He also supports assault weapon bans, extending waiting period background checks, and raising the minimum age to purchase a gun to 21.

He supports DACA and has been a vocal opponent to the Trump Administration's immigration policies. He supports Medicaid coverage for those in the DACA program.

In addition he has recently signed legislation to further combat the opioid epidemic by adding acute pain management as a qualifying condition for medical marijuana.

Governor Cuomo wants to enact criminal justice reforms including eliminating the cash bail system.

***Trivia:** Governor Cuomo and his family introduced the state's First Dog back in February. His name is Captain and he is a Northern Inuit.*