



## Ohio

Voters in Ohio will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 99 seats are up in the House and 17 out of 33 seats are up in the Senate. Republicans currently have a trifecta in the state and will maintain control of the legislature.

### Governor

#### Republican Nominee

#### [Attorney General Mike DeWine](#)

Attorney General Mike DeWine was first elected in 2010 and then re-elected by a 23-point margin in 2014. He has been in public office in some capacity for over 35 years.

Attorney General DeWine has made the opioid epidemic a center piece in his campaign and has released a twelve-point recovery plan that focuses on drug task forces models, drug courts, prevention programs, and incentives for employers who hire substance use addicts. Attorney General DeWine [opposes](#) legalizing marijuana. His office has filed suit against pharmaceutical drug companies. He has stated that "They must be held to account. And I will do everything within my power to make them do that. They created this misery. They created this destruction and I'm determined to bring them to justice by demanding they fund the extensive effort needed to clean up their mess."

He pledges to establish regional job-training partnerships and implement occupational licensing reform. He favors expanding broadband. He also wants to suspend implementation of any regulation that will negatively impact job creation.

Attorney General DeWine now supports the state's Medicaid expansion but would like to tie work requirements to it. He has been non-committal [when asked](#) about right to work legislation.

He has also released a children's agenda which includes raising the eligibility level for publicly funded early childhood programs for working families from 130% of the federal poverty level to 150% of the federal poverty level and reforming the state's foster care system.

Additionally, he wants to implement tuition rate guarantees at public universities and has pledged to increase state funding for grants for lower income students.

*Trivia: Attorney General DeWine has 23 grandchildren.*