



Rhode Island

Voters in Rhode Island will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 75 seats are up in the state House and all 38 seats are up in the state Senate. Democrats are likely to maintain the governorship, Office of the Attorney General, and both chambers.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

[Governor Gina Raimondo](#)

Governor Gina Raimondo resoundingly defeated her progressive primary challenger with her largest ever statewide vote percentage. She is considered to be a centrist Democrat.

She is running on her record of achievements as governor, touting over 15,000 new jobs, funding for over 100 small businesses, and recruiting or expanding 24 companies.

Governor Raimondo supports phasing out the state car tax.

Governor Raimondo supports universal pre-K and has pledged to implement it in her second term. She is promoting her administration's education advancements like all-day kindergarten in every public school, computer science courses taught in every public school, and a \$1 billion investment in public education. She also eliminated the freeze on state funding for school repairs and construction. One of her biggest accomplishments and one that she frequently lauds is tuition-free access for community college.

Governor Raimondo opposes off-shore drilling. She supports aggressive reduction in emissions and entered the state into the U.S. Climate Alliance. She has released a proposal to make the state a leader of North America's offshore wind economy that focuses on workforce development and R&D investments.

She pledges to improve the state's pay equity law including clarifying the definition of pay to include "comparable work." She supports expanding access to paid family leave by increasing the wage-replacement rate for lower-wage workers and increasing the number of weeks a worker can use per year. She also supports expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit.

She wants to reform the state's payday loan industry in her second term and she supports lowering the state's usury caps and APR limits on small payday loans.

Governor Raimondo has been a vocal critic of the Trump administration and Congress' attempts to dismantle the ACA. She lauded Attorney General Peter Kilmartin's (D) lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors and has called the opioid crisis the most urgent health care crisis of our time.

***Trivia:** Governor Raimondo is Rhode Island's first female head of state.*

*Information is heavily borrowed from campaign websites, social media, and news and blogs.