

Iowa

Voters in Iowa will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 100 seats in the State House are up as well as 25 of the 50 seats in the State Senate. Iowa is a battleground state this cycle with Republicans on defense and Democrats hoping to pick up 10 seats in the House and six in the Senate to flip both chambers.

Governor

Republican Nominee

[Governor Kim Reynolds](#)

Governor Kim Reynolds is the first female governor of the state of Iowa. She ascended to the Governor's Mansion in 2017 when former Governor Terry Branstad (R) was appointed ambassador to China.

Governor Reynolds holds traditional conservative values: she is pro-life, pro-second amendment rights, and anti-tax. She is touting her administration's tax cuts on the trail.

The Governor is campaigning on job creation, tax cuts, and investing in public schools. She has created the Future Ready Iowa program, which aims to increase the state's skilled workforce. Recently, she signed an executive order creating the Empower Rural Iowa Initiative to identify legislative and regulatory changes needed to increase opportunity in rural areas of the state. Governor Reynolds is also running on the recently signed mental health care reform.

Governor Reynolds supports the overall goal of the Trump Administration's proposed tariffs but has expressed her concern of its effects on Iowa's farmers and agribusiness. She has split with the Administration on [NAFTA](#), while agreeing it should be modernized but noting that withdrawal would have adverse effects on the state.

Trivia: Governor Reynolds was raised in rural Iowa – the town had a population of approximately 500 folks.