

NORTH DAKOTA

Voters in North Dakota will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor this cycle. Forty-six (46) House seats will be on the ballot as well as half (23) of the Senate. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office, Lt. Governor's Office, and the Legislature.

Governor

[Governor Doug Burgum \(R\)](#)

Governor Doug Burgum (R) is seeking his second term as head of state. Governor Burgum is a successful businessman whose former company was named to FORTUNE magazine's list of "100 Best Companies to Work for in America" four times. He established the Doug Burgum Family Fund, which focuses its charitable giving on youth and education.

Governor Burgum, like most of his fellow executives on the ballot, was focused on his state's response and recovery to COVID-19 rather than his re-election campaign for most of this year. His state also sports a [+33R](#) partisan lean making the obstacles of campaigning during a pandemic almost a non-issue for the Governor.

Governor Burgum is running on his [achievements](#) of his first term. He also is focusing on building and diversifying the state's economy. Prior to the pandemic, the Burgum administration tackled the state's \$1 billion budget shortfall and turned it into a surplus. He has also touted a property relief package of \$174 million.

The Governor highlights his support from President Trump while maintaining that the state is working more closely with the White House than ever before.

According to the most recent campaign finance filings, the Governor had [raised](#) nearly \$160,000. The Governor is scheduled to [debate](#) his two opponents on October 21.

***Trivia:** Governor Burgum was awarded the Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Award, North Dakota's highest honor, in 2009. The award recognizes North Dakotans who have been influenced by North Dakota in achieving national recognition in their fields of endeavor.*