

DELAWARE

Voters in Delaware will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor this cycle. All 41 seats in the House will be on the ballot as half (11) of the seats in the Senate. Democrats are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Mansion as well as the Legislature.

Governor

[Governor John Carney \(D\)](#)

Governor John Carney (D) is seeking his second term as head of the First State. Prior to his time as governor, he served as the state's lone Congressman and Lt. Governor.

Governor Carney, 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. He has been critical of the Trump administration's response to the coronavirus and has stood by his decisions made earlier in the year that placed restrictions on businesses and shut down the state's economy.

When he [announced](#) his re-election bid this summer, the Governor pledged to continue strengthening public schools, build on the investments made in state infrastructure, and put a focus on environmental issues such as clean water. The Governor has also pledged to focus on workforce development if re-elected. The Carney campaign is also highlighting the Governor's accomplishments during his first term.

During [an interview](#) in early September, the Governor stated that he does not support re-instating the death penalty. He opposes full legalization of marijuana. He supports a semi-automatic assault weapons ban as well as a high capacity magazine ban. He wants to find a way to stem the tide on gun violence, particularly in the city of Wilmington.

The Governor wants to see [more](#) community policing, de-escalation training, and transparency in policing. The Governor also has an objective to place more people of color in his cabinet.

At the [most recent](#) campaign finance filing deadline, the Governor had just north of \$454,000 in the bank. The Governor is [scheduled](#) to debate his Republican opponent, Julianne Murray, on October 13.

***Trivia:** Governor Carney once served on the staff of then-U.S. Senator Joe Biden (D).*