

MONTANA

Voters in Montana will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 100 House seats will be on the ballot as well as half (25) of the Senate. Democrats will be defending the Governor's Office and Republicans will be defending the Office of the Attorney General. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the Legislature. This gubernatorial race is one of three in the country that is competitive this cycle.

Governor

[Congressman Greg Gianforte \(R\)](#)

Congressman Greg Gianforte (R) was first elected as Montana's lone U.S. House representative in 2017. He is a successful businessman and founded Bozeman's largest commercial employer which he later sold to the tech-giant Oracle. He has focused on that success and campaigned on job growth throughout the cycle.

The Congressman has released the [Montana Comeback Plan](#) outlining his priorities to rebuild the state's economy post-coronavirus. The plan focuses on developing value-added supply chains, increasing beef processing capacity, growing the technology sector, and developing the state's fossil fuels. The plan also calls for a reduction in regulations; reforming the tax code surrounding property, income, and business taxes; and expanding broadband connectivity throughout the state. He has pledged to cut taxes for all brackets and to oppose a statewide sales tax [under any circumstance](#).

He supports maintaining the state's Medicaid expansion but has stated that he would like to take a closer look at [applicants' eligibility](#). Gianforte has [pledged](#) to hold pharmacy benefit managers accountable for lack of transparency. He wants to address the state's drug-addicted population and favors expanding treatment courts while focusing on rehabilitation.

Congressman Gianforte has vowed to protect the state's public land and wants to manage the federal lands more actively through increased use of the Good Neighbor Authority and collaborative stewardship agreements.

He has been enjoying the support of the Trump administration with Vice President Pence and Donald Trump Jr. already making trips to Montana to campaign for him while simultaneously exciting the President's base. In 2016, President Trump won Montana by 20 points while the Congressman lost to the Bullock/Cooney ticket by nearly 4 points.

It has been [reported](#) that outside groups including the Republican Governors Association have planned to drop over \$8 million in support of the Gianforte campaign leading up Election Day. As of September 22, Gianforte himself has already given his campaign over [\\$3.5 million](#). He and the Lt. Governor will debate on [air on October 6](#).

***Trivia:** Congressman Gianforte was the wealthiest member of Congress until current Georgia Senator Kelly Loeffler was appointed to her seat in January 2020.*