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Voters in Indiana 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. Republicans are expected to maintain control the Governor's Office, Lt. Governor's Office, Office of the Attorney General, and the Legislature.

Governor

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Governor Eric Holcomb (R) is seeking his second term as head of state. Four years ago, he was elected after a grueling 100-day campaign after then Indiana Governor Mike Pence was selected to be President Trump's running mate leaving the Governor's Mansion a few months before the scheduled election.

Governor Holcomb, 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 joined a handful of other Republican executives in issuing a statewide facemask mandate. He has recently moved the state forward in its reopening plan – there are hardly any restrictions on business entities however the mask mandate remains in place through mid-October.

The Governor has tailored his campaign message to <u>unite Indianans</u> of all socioeconomic backgrounds to focus on economic recovery.

The Governor is also running on his <u>achievements</u> during his first term including expanding <u>broadband</u> connectivity and investing \$32 billion into state infrastructure projects. He has touted Indiana's pre-pandemic wage growth and the over 100,000 new jobs since he took office.

He has also made lowering the state's infant mortality rate a top priority of his administration. He is aiming to make the state home to the lowest infant mortality rate in the Midwest by 2024.

As of <u>July 15</u>, Governor Holcomb had a campaign war chest of \$8 million. He will <u>debate</u> his two opponents on October 20 and October 27.

Trivia: Governor Holcomb enjoys basketball and has played on a court and made a basket in all 92 counties in the Hoosier State.