

WASHINGTON

Voters in Washington will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 98 seats in the House will be on the ballot as well as half (25) of the Senate. Democrats are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office, Lt. Governor's Office, Office of Attorney General, and the Legislature.

Governor

[Governor Jay Inslee \(D\)](#)

Governor Jay Inslee (D), after an unsuccessful and short-lived presidential bid in 2019, is seeking his third term as head of state. Only one other governor has served three terms in Washington. Like most of his fellow executives on the ballot, Governor Inslee has been focused on his state's response to COVID-19 instead of a traditional re-election campaign.

The Governor is focusing on his experience in the office including his administration's handling of the coronavirus pandemic which included myriad executive orders that place restrictions on and closed businesses and implemented facemask mandates. The top priority of the Governor is economic recovery for his state post-pandemic.

Governor Inslee is a steadfast progressive. He is touting the state's paid family and medical leave plan that he signed into law, the state's minimum wage, and the state's public healthcare option. He has championed the state's Reproductive Parity Act, which requires health plans that include maternity care services to also cover abortion services and for all health plans to cover over the counter contraceptives without a prescription.

While running for the Democratic presidential nomination, the Governor become known for his passion for the environment putting climate change policies at the [forefront](#) of his campaign. He wants to focus on growing the clean energy job sector as part of the state's economic recovery.

According to the [most recent](#) campaign finance filings, Governor Inslee has raised north of \$7.1 million. The Governor and his opponent Republican Loren Culp, will [debate](#) October 7.

***Trivia:** Governor Inslee is a fifth-generation Washingtonian.*