

VERMONT

Voters in Vermont will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 150 seats in the House will be on the ballot as all 30 seats in the Senate. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office. Democrats are expected to maintain control of the office of Attorney General and the Legislature. The Lt. Governor race will be one to watch on election night.

Governor

[Governor Phil Scott \(R\)](#)

Governor Phil Scott (R) is seeking his third two-year term as head of state. The Governor, 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. Governor Scott originally declared he would not be politicking until the end of the state of emergency – but eventually, he virtually debated his Republican primary opponents late in the cycle.

The Governor appears to be continuing this game plan [announcing](#) on September 7 that “while leading the state out of this crisis, campaigning will not be my highest priority.” The Governor went on to state that his focus in his third term will be on rebuilding and growing the state's economy. He has [pledged](#) to not raise taxes to address the state's impending budget woes due to the pandemic.

Pre-pandemic the Governor had a [double digit advantage](#) over any Democratic opponent and that lead has never diminished. In fact, [68%](#) of Vermonters polled in September believe the Governor is doing a good job as head of the Green Mountain State.

Governor Scott [endorsed](#) Bill Weld for president this year and has been [recently critical](#) of the leader of his party because of his remarks about election fairness and security. The Governor does not hold some of the same traditional conservative values as other members of the Republican party do – he is pro-choice, a supporter of same-sex marriage, and has signed gun safety legislation banning bump stocks, limited high-capacity magazine purchases, and expanding background checks.

According to the [most recent](#) campaign finance filings, Governor Scott has raised approximately \$134,800. Governor Scott and his opponent – Democratic Lt. Governor David Zuckerman – have already had one debate and one forum. As of this publication, no other debates had been announced.

***Trivia:** Governor Scott is a champion stock car racer and is third in all-time wins in Thunder Road's LMS Division.*