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Voters in Iowa will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 100 Iowa State House seats will be on the ballot as well as all half of the Senate seats (25). Republicans are expected to maintain control of both the Governor's Office and the legislature.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

[Deidre DeJear \(D\)](#)

Deidre DeJear is running for the governor's office of Iowa after advancing in the June 7 primary as the Democratic Party's only candidate. In 2018, DeJear ran for Iowa Secretary of State but lost to incumbent Paul Pate (R).

DeJear believes that Iowa has a shortage of workers and a skills gap. She [pledges](#) to implement a comprehensive plan that will attract jobs, strengthen small businesses, welcome unions, ensure sustainable wages, and close the skills gap.

DeJear [pledges](#) to invest in the state's education system by funding a universal pre-K and child-care systems, ensuring the availability of affordable colleges and trade schools, and giving educators equitable pay and benefits.

She [plans](#) to invest more in the state's broadband system in the hope that it will become a competitive technological hub.

DeJear [believes](#) that Iowa's healthcare system needs to be reformed, stating that affordable healthcare and mental health services are out of reach for many in rural parts of the state.

If elected, she hopes to [address](#) clean water and energy. She believes that doing so will not only enhance Iowans' lives but create well-paying jobs in the renewable energy industry.

DeJear [believes](#) that rural development must be a priority. She hopes to ensure that rural communities have sustainable farms, small business development, more jobs, technological upgrades, quality education, and accessible healthcare.

DeJear has raised slightly over \$500,000 as of [July](#). She remains far behind her opponent, incumbent Governor Kim Reynolds (R), who has raised more than ten times that amount and enjoys a significant lead in recent [polls](#).

Trivia: Early in her career, DeJear traveled throughout Iowa while coaching the East High girls' basketball team.