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Voters in New York will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 150 Assembly seats will be on the ballot as well as all 63 Senate seats. Democrats are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office, the Office of Attorney General, and the Legislature.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

[Governor Kathy Hochul \(D\)](#)

Governor Kathy Hochul (D) is seeking her first full term as head of state after running on a joint ticket with former Governor Andrew Cuomo (D) in 2014 and 2018. Hochul assumed the office of governor upon Cuomo's resignation in August 2021. Hochul served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2011-2012 after she won a special election to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of U.S. Representative Chris Lee (R).

While serving as Lt. governor, Hochul led numerous initiatives related to economic development and job creation. She touts her experience spearheading [initiatives](#) including the 'Enough is Enough' law to prevent sexual assault on college campuses and the State's Paid Family leave program. While serving in the U.S. Congress, Hochul frequently criticized tax breaks for the wealthy and called for tax cuts for low and middle-income workers.

Hochul has made it clear that climate change is a key [issue](#) since she has assumed the office of governor, [promising](#) to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by investing in water infrastructure.

She touts the efforts she has made in her career to lower healthcare cost and expand its access. During her time in Congress, Hochul did not vote for the repeal of the Affordable Care Act. During her 2012 campaign, she [opposed](#) efforts by Republicans to privatize healthcare. As governor, Hochul has committed to a \$10 billion investment, the largest healthcare investment in the state's history, aimed to grow the healthcare workforce of New York by 20% over the next five years.

Hochul cites [efforts](#) she has made to combat homelessness exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic and rising house prices. Earlier this year, \$104 million was [awarded](#) for the creation and preservation of affordable homes across the state of New York.

Hochul had [collected](#) around \$34 million in political donations by June 2022 and has set a target of raising \$50-\$70 million by election day.

Trivia: Hochul is the first female governor of New York.