

ALABAMA

Voters in Alabama will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 105 Alabama State House seats will be on the ballot as well as all 35 Senate seats. Republicans are expected to maintain control of all branches of government.

Governor

Republican Nominee

[Governor Kay Ivey \(R\)](#)

Governor Kay Ivey (R) assumed the office of Governor of Alabama in 2017 after former Governor Robert Bentley (R) resigned following an ethics scandal. She was elected to a full term in 2018, defeating candidate Walt Maddox (D) by a wide margin.

After implementing mitigation measures, including a facemask mandate, during the first stages of the pandemic, she was primaried this cycle. Ivey was laser [focused](#) on convincing Republicans that she is conservative enough to continue leading the state. Ultimately she avoided a runoff securing 54% of the vote and moving on to the general election.

Ivey served as state treasurer in 2003 and was reelected in 2006. Unable to run a third time due to term limits, she announced her candidacy for governor in 2010 entering the Republican primary but faced with a crowded field of seven candidates decided to run as lieutenant governor instead. She defeated incumbent Lt. Governor Jim Folsom Jr. (D) and was then reelected in 2014.

In 2017, Ivey [launched](#) the Strong Start, Strong Finish initiative, designed to integrate Alabama's early childhood, K-12, and workforce development into one seamless path. The goal of the initiative is to ensure that every community is economically competitive and has a skilled workforce.

In 2018, Ivey [signed](#) a bill exempting economic development professionals from registering as lobbyists. Supporters argued that the legislation would keep Alabama competitive for economic development, while critics maintained that the move was a weakening of ethics laws.

Ivey has [resisted](#) pressure to expand Medicaid coverage in her state.

She [pledges](#) to make Alabama the best state in the nation for veterans. She [expresses](#) her support for law enforcement and first responders.

Ivey promises to back Alabama's farmers by reducing government interference. She has [stated](#) that agriculture is the backbone of the state's economy.

Trivia: Ivey was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2019 but responded well to treatment and was declared cancer-free in January 2020.