

GEORGIA

Voters in Georgia this year will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General. All 180 seats in the State House of Representatives will be up for election, as well as all 56 seats in the State Senate. The gubernatorial and attorney general races are expected to be competitive while Republicans anticipate maintaining control of the legislature.

Governor

Republican Nominee

[Governor Brian Kemp \(R\)](#)

Governor Brian Kemp (R) is seeking his second term as Georgia's head of state. Prior to being elected governor, Kemp served in the Georgia State Senate from 2003-2007 and as Georgia's Secretary of State from 2010-2018. He defeated Stacey Abrams (D) in 2018 by a narrow margin—a little over 1%. Abrams is the Democratic nominee this cycle too setting up a re-match of the contentious battle four years ago.

Kemp received criticism from former President Donald Trump (R) for certifying results after the 2020 presidential election and was ultimately primaried earlier this cycle. Trump endorsed David Perdue before the GOP's primary in May 2022. However, Kemp won the nomination by a wide margin.

Kemp, like many incumbents is running on his first term accomplishments. He is running ads on his decision to suspend the state's gas tax and the [signing](#) of a measure implementing income tax cuts. He also plans to roll out \$1.6 billion of state income tax rebates.

Kemp [wishes](#) to strengthen rural areas of Georgia by improving access to healthcare, broadband, and education. He has supported [efforts](#) to overturn the Affordable Care Act, and, along with the Georgia legislature, opposed Medicaid expansion.

Kemp touts his administration's [funding](#) of schools in Georgia citing the millions of dollars allocated to support K-12 and higher education. He plans to [continue](#) providing money to schools, teachers, universities, and state employees if re-elected. He has tried to [appeal](#) to conservative voters by announcing his intention to protect students from ideologies, create a parents' bill of rights, and remove "obscene materials" from school libraries and online resources.

Kemp's campaign has shifted its focus in the general election to paint Abrams as "dangerous" on crime releasing [several](#) ads tying her to the Defund the Police movement.

Kemp will debate his opponent, Stacey Abrams, on Monday, October 17 and Sunday, October 30.

Trivia: Before entering politics, Kemp was a home builder and developer.