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Voters in Maine this year will elect a Governor and Lieutenant Governor. All 151 seats of the Maine State House of Representatives will be up for reelection, as well as all 35 Senate seats. All races are expected to be competitive. The House and Senate are legislative chamber battlegrounds as well.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

[Governor Janet T. Mills \(D\)](#)

Governor Janet Mills (D) assumed office as Maine's head of state in January 2019 and is seeking her second term. Prior to being elected governor, Mills served as Maine's Attorney General from 2009-2011 and from 2013-2019. In between these terms, she was the vice chair of the Maine Democratic Party. Prior to serving as Attorney General, Mills was elected to the Maine House of Representatives where she represented the towns of Farmington and Industry from 2002-2009. Like many incumbents, she is running for reelection on her first term accomplishments.

Mills has [advocated](#) for affordable healthcare for Maine residents in her first term: Her first day as governor she signed an executive order to implement Medicaid expansion—which had already been approved as a ballot measure—as quickly as possible.

She has made it clear that climate change is an important issue for her administration, [promising](#) in 2019 that Maine would be carbon-neutral by 2045.

Mills has invested in her state's education system, [supporting](#) improvements at Career and Technical Education schools and enacting a minimum salary of \$40,000 for teachers.

She has touted Maine's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the Maine Democratic Party has even capitalized on [praise](#) from the RNC regarding the state's job recovery rate. Maine's unemployment was at 3.2% as of May 2022.

Mills has [raised](#) nearly \$4 million for her campaign, giving her a steep fundraising advantage over her opponent, former Maine Governor Paul LePage (R).

Trivia: Mills became fluent in French while traveling Western Europe during her time at the University of Massachusetts.