

PENNSYLVANIA

Voters in Pennsylvania will elect a Governor and Lieutenant Governor this cycle. All 203 House seats will be on the ballot, as well as half of the Senate seats (25). Democrats are likely to maintain control of the Governorship and Lieutenant Governorship this cycle. The gubernatorial race is expected to be competitive. Republicans are likely to maintain control of the legislature.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

[Attorney General Josh Shapiro](#)

Attorney General Josh Shapiro (D) is seeking to replace term limited Governor Tom Wolf (D) this cycle. He served as a State Representative and Chairman of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners before being elected as Attorney General in 2016. Shapiro faced no primary challengers in his bid for the democratic gubernatorial nomination. He is leveraging his record at all levels of elected office to build credibility in this campaign, especially his work as Attorney General.

Shapiro has pledged to invest in the state's infrastructure, focusing on rural communities, if elected to office. This includes the expansion of high-speed internet, agricultural infrastructure investment, and modernizing transportation pathways. He is also hoping to inspire technology-based companies to invest in Pennsylvania and make the state a key destination for innovation.

Strengthening protections for unionization, raising the minimum wage, and creating a program to help small businesses scale their operations have been put forward as key policy positions in his campaign.

Shapiro also has plans to expand job skills training programs including vocational training for high school students to grow the workforce. If elected, he has pledged to open an Office of Workforce Development to reduce bureaucratic red tape for long-term workforce development strategies.

Election integrity is another key tenant in Shapiro's campaign, specifically expanding voting access and protections. Contrasting himself with his republican challenger State Senator Doug Mastriano, Shapiro is vocal about his opposition to election fraud allegations in the 2020 presidential election.

The [Cook Political Report](#) has rated Pennsylvania as leans democratic for the Governor's race this cycle. As of August 2, Shapiro was up [eight points](#) in polls against Mastriano.

Trivia: Shapiro and his wife were high-school sweethearts.