

KANSAS

Voters in Kansas will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 125 House seats will be on the ballot as well as all 100 Senate seats. The gubernatorial race is considered to be a toss-up. The Office of Attorney General is an open seat. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the legislature.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

[Governor Laura Kelly](#)

Governor Laura Kelly (D) is looking to secure a second term as the head of state. In her 2018 upset, Kelly defeated then-Secretary of State Kris Kobach (R) by a margin of 5 percentage points. Before her role as governor, she served in the Kansas State Senate representing District 18 and spent 16 years as the executive director of the Kansas Recreation and Parks Association.

Kelly is promoting herself as a moderate who has worked with Republicans in her first term. Kelly was once again [endorsed](#) by former Republican Kansas Governor Bill Graves, who crossed the aisle in 2018 to give his endorsement, and former Republican Governor Mike Hayden.

Kelly has [highlighted](#) her accomplishments on the campaign trail including job creation, new infrastructure projects, and overall economic development while emphasizing her role in bringing Kansas back on track from fiscal mismanagement. She touts a balanced budget and fully funded schools.

Response to COVID-19 continues to be a focal point in the governor's race, and Kelly has continued to [defend](#) her decisions to close schools in 2020 after facing criticisms from Republican challenger, Attorney General Derek Schmidt. Kansas was the first state to end in-person classes for students in March of 2020.

She is promising to expand Medicaid and make reforms to KanCare. Kelly also [pledges](#) to send the legislature a bill to eliminate the food tax on day one of her second term.

From January 1 to July 21, Kelly [raised](#) over \$1.5 million and spent over \$2 million. At the end of summer, she has \$1.3 million left in the bank.

Kelly and Schmidt will take part in a series of [debates](#) and question-and-answer forums throughout the next two months.

Trivia: Governor Kelly invited every resident of the state of Alabama, all 4.9 million, to accept free tickets to the Tumbleweed Music Festival in eastern Kansas.