

MARYLAND

Voters in Maryland will elect a governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general this cycle. All 141 House seats and 47 Senate seats will be on the ballot. Democrats are expected to flip the Governor's Mansion, maintain control of the Office of Attorney General, and control of the legislature.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

[Wes Moore](#)

Wes Moore won the Democratic primary in June and is looking to replace term-limited Governor Larry Hogan (R) this fall. Moore is a veteran of the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne and the former CEO of Robin Hood Financial. This campaign is Moore's first bid for public office.

Moore's top campaign issue is making the state more equitable across racial, socioeconomic, and geographic boundaries. In order to enact this vision Moore has released several plans related to the economy, education, and health care.

If elected, Moore has promised to focus on growing job opportunities in the STEM field, incentivizing remote workers to move to Maryland, supporting small and micro businesses, and raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2023.

Moore pledges to implement plans to reduce 60% of greenhouse gas emissions in the state by 2030. He wants to see the Bay Restoration Fund fully funded and to adopt storm and wastewater treatment upgrades.

On the education front, his campaign has launched a [cradle to career](#) plan promising to thoroughly improve the education system in Maryland at all levels. Part of this plan includes fully funding previous state initiatives including the Blueprint for Education and the Child Care Scholarship Fund.

Finally, Moore has released a healthcare [plan](#) entitled A Healthy Maryland Today. In it, he pledges to empower the Prescription Drug Affordability Board to review costs and set limits for prescription drugs, exploring bulk buying pools, and leveraging the state's purchasing power to drive down costs. Moore intends to incentivize recent graduates to practice healthcare in rural Maryland. Additionally, he wants to bolster trauma-informed services in schools.

A late [September poll](#) shows Moore has a 22-point lead on Republican opponent State Delegate Dan Cox.

Trivia: If elected, Moore would be the first Black Governor of Maryland.