

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Voters in New Hampshire will elect a governor this cycle. All 400 House seats are on the ballot as well as all 24 Senate seats. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office and the legislature. The attorney general is appointed by the governor.

Governor

Republican Nominee

Governor Chris Sununu

Governor Chris Sununu (R) is looking to secure a fourth two-year term as governor. He faced mounting pressure to run for a U.S Senate seat, but ultimately decided to run for re-election. Prior to his tenure as Governor, Sununu served three terms on the New Hampshire Executive Council, from 2011 to 2017.

His campaign is focused on his <u>achievements</u> in office, including the legalization of sports betting, the creation of the state's first Department of Energy, and implementation of the first paid family leave program in state history.

Sununu has made economic issues <u>central</u> to his campaign, as he has done for his last three elections. He was named the nation's most fiscally responsible governor by Cato Institute and has highlighted his three balanced state budgets.

He <u>touted</u> the state's recovery from COVID-19, after New Hampshire was ranked as the fastest growing state in the Northeast, while also ranking among the safest states for the virus. New Hampshire was the first state in the country to make at-home COVID-19 tests available to households statewide.

Since the beginning of the campaign period, Sununu has <u>raised</u> \$1.46 million, which includes a \$369,000 surplus from his last campaign. Although his opponent Tom Sherman (D) has outraised him by a small margin over the duration of the fundraising period, Sununu has remained significantly ahead in polls. A 55% approval rate in the state combined with his funding sets him up for a likely fourth term in the governor's mansion.

Although there is no debate scheduled between Sherman and Sununu, the two candidates have participated in <u>town halls</u> together to deliver their respective policy platforms.

Trivia: In 1998, Sununu completed a five-month through-hike of the Appalachian Trail from Maine to Georgia.