

MINNESOTA

Voters in Minnesota this year will elect a governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general. All 67 seats in the State Senate and all 134 seats in the State House will be on the ballot. While all races are expected to be competitive, including control of the legislature, Democrats have an edge in the race for governor.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

[Governor Tim Walz](#)

Governor Tim Walz (D) assumed office in 2019 after defeating Jeff Johnson (R) by a wide margin in the 2018 general election. Prior to this he was the U.S. representative for Minnesota's first congressional district from 2007 to 2019. Walz is running on his first term accomplishments.

Walz [established](#) the Governor's Council on Economic Expansion, bringing together business leaders from around the state to provide recommendations. He also formed the Governor's Biofuels Council to support the state's transition to the clean energy economy.

He [totes](#) a bill he signed that gave tax rate cuts to middle-class workers.

His most recent budget included [investments](#) in summer learning programs to help students keep up despite COVID-19 pandemic-related setbacks.

His administration also created the Climate Change Subcabinet, the Governor's Advisory Council on Climate Change, and directed the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to implement clean car standards.

Walz advocated public safety reform that provided investments in violence prevention programs and funding for law enforcement and first responders. After the death of George Floyd in 2020 he signed a [bill](#) that prohibited the use of chokeholds and warrior-style training by police.

Having served for 24 years in the Army National Guard, Walz has prioritized veteran's rights during his public service career. In congress he [supported](#) the GI Bill of 2008 and was the lead House sponsor of the Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act.

He has long [supported](#) the legalization of recreational and medical cannabis use in Minnesota.

Trivia: Upon his swearing in, Walz became the highest-ranking retired enlisted soldier to serve in the U.S. Congress.