

## NEVADA

Nevada voters will select a new governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general this cycle in what are all considered to be competitive contests. All 42 house seats are on the ballot along with 11 of the 21 senate seats: Democrats are expected to maintain control of both chambers.

### Governor

#### Republican Nominee

#### Governor Joe Lombardo

Governor Joe Lombardo is seeking reelection after securing 91% of the vote in the primary against six challengers. The seat last changed hands in 2022, when Lombardo became the only challenger in the nation to unseat an incumbent governor that cycle, defeating Governor Steve Sisolak (D) by 1.5 percentage points. Before entering elected office, Lombardo served as Sheriff of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department from 2015 to 2022, following 26 years as an officer on the force.

His campaign centers on his **first term record**, which he highlights as including regulatory reform, historic investments in education, restored accountability in schools, support for law enforcement, and efforts to address the housing crisis.

The economy has been a central theme of Lombardo's reelection bid. He has pointed to the generation of over **\$5 billion in new economic investment** and the creation of more than **44,500 jobs** during his tenure and has pledged to continue investing in workforce training and innovative solutions to align the state's labor pool with ongoing private sector growth. Lombardo also touts **repealing over 600 regulations**.

On education, Lombardo has highlighted the signing of what he has called the single largest education investment in state history, a **\$2 billion K-12 spending increase** passed by the legislature in 2023. He supports the Read by Grade 3 program for early **literacy** improvement.

Lombardo promotes a **10% reduction in violent crime** during his first term coupled with a double digit **pay increase for law enforcement**.

Lombardo has also built a substantial financial advantage heading into the fall. He closed 2025 with a record \$9 million in cash on hand after raising \$4.28 million that year. From January through March 2026, he raised an additional \$2.3 million.

With no presidential or U.S. Senate race on the ballot this cycle, Nevada's gubernatorial contest has drawn considerable national attention. **The Cook Political Report currently rates the race as a toss-up, while Sabato's Crystal Ball leans Republican.**

*Trivia: Lombardo was born into a military family in Japan and grew up living around the world before settling in Las Vegas.*