

GEORGIA

Georgia has some of the most competitive executive races this year. The governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general seats are all open. All 56 senate seats are up for election along with all 180 house seats. Both chambers are expected to remain in Republican control.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

[Keisha Lance Bottoms](#)

Former Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms (D) secured the Democratic nomination for governor after emerging from a crowded primary field with 56% of the vote. Lance Bottoms brings a prominent profile to the race. Before serving as Atlanta's mayor, she was a member of the Atlanta City Council, and she later served as a senior adviser to President Biden.

Her campaign [priorities](#) span veterans and military families, environmental stewardship, public safety, small business, agriculture, education, housing, and healthcare.

On **healthcare**, she has released her [CARE Plan](#), aimed at lowering costs across the state. Key elements include stabilizing rural hospitals, launching a Rural Care First Initiative to expand EMS, mobile health, telehealth, and labor and delivery access, establishing a Georgia Rx Savings Board to address prescription drug costs, and strengthening the state's mental health system.

On **housing**, Lance Bottoms proposes a Georgia Housing Fast Track initiative to streamline permitting and improve coordination, along with expanded down payment and renter assistance and a new affordable housing trust fund.

Her [education agenda](#) centers on **literacy and early learning**. A centerpiece is her Head Start for Georgia's Children proposal, which would guarantee universal Pre-K for every 4-year-old whose family wants it and make full-day kindergarten a required step for all Georgia children.

Lance Bottoms has announced [plans](#) to establish an Office of Small Business and a Deputy Commissioner for Small Business, with a focus on businesses with 0 to 25 employees, while also expanding the state's **small business** loan and grant programs.

Georgia represents one of Democrats' clearest opportunities to flip a governor's seat in the 2026 midterms. The party has not held the office since 1998, but recent polling, demographic shifts, and campaign momentum suggest a path to a breakthrough. **Both the [Cook Political Report](#) and [Sabato's Crystal Ball](#) currently rate the race as a toss-up.**

Trivia: Lance Bottoms became the first mayor in Atlanta's history to have served in all three branches of government, having previously served as a Judge and a City Councilmember.