

ARIZONA

Voters in Arizona will elect a governor, Lt. governor, attorney general, and treasurer. All executive races are considered to be competitive. All 30 state senate seats and all 60 state house seats are up for reelection. Republicans currently hold narrow majorities in both chambers. Democrats are targeting the legislature in an effort to gain control of one or both chambers, making Arizona one of the key state legislative battlegrounds in 2026.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

Governor Katie Hobbs

Governor Hobbs was first elected in 2022. She previously served four terms in the legislature, including two as Senate Minority Leader. In 2018, Hobbs was elected Arizona Secretary of State, becoming the first Democrat elected to the position in nearly three decades. She gained national attention overseeing the state's 2020 election and defending Arizona's election results amid intense political pressure.

Hobbs has emphasized **economic** and **workforce development** initiatives. Her administration highlights more than \$100 billion in semiconductor and related private investment, more than 100,000 jobs added since she took office, and programs aimed at expanding workforce training and connecting Arizonans with jobs in high-growth industries.

She has also backed investments in **childcare** and **education**, expanded access to health care, supported affordable housing initiatives, and directed federal broadband funding toward expanding high-speed internet access in rural and Tribal communities. Her administration also points to **water legislation**, **border-security investments**, and efforts to reduce medical and household costs as central accomplishments.

Hobbs' reelection campaign has highlighted **tax cuts**, **lower utility and prescription drug costs**, **expanded school meals**, **affordable housing**, **workforce and technical-training programs**, and **medical debt relief**.

Her 2026 State of the State agenda also called for additional **middle-class tax relief**, an Arizona Affordability Fund, water-security investments, **and measures requiring data centers to contribute more toward the infrastructure costs associated with their growth**.

The Cook Political Report and The Center For Politics Sabato's Crystal Ball have rated this race as Leans Democratic.

Trivia: Hobbs began her career working with homeless youth and later helped run the Sojourner Center, one of the country's largest domestic violence shelters at the time.