

MARYLAND

Voters in Maryland will elect a governor, attorney general, and Lt. governor in 2026. All 47 Senate seats are on the ballot along with all 141 House seats. Democrats are expected to retain control of the state executive offices and both legislative chambers.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

Governor Wes Moore

Governor Wes Moore has served as Maryland's 63rd governor since January 2023. Before entering elected office, he served as a U.S. Army officer, worked in finance, led the Robin Hood Foundation, and served as CEO of the anti-poverty organization One Hundred Black Men of New York.

Moore is seeking reelection, campaigning on his **first-term record in economic development, public safety, education, affordability, and government efficiency.**

On **economic development**, the [campaign points to](#) the creation of more than 55,000 new businesses in Maryland since Moore took office, along with high-profile investments such as a \$2 billion AstraZeneca expansion and the Sphere National Harbor project.

Public safety is another focus of the campaign's messaging. Moore's team cites a 44% drop in homicides and a 40% drop in non-fatal shootings during his tenure, alongside criminal justice changes such as expanded eligibility for record expungement.

On **education**, the administration points to record K-12 funding, including more than \$10 billion in the most recent state budget, along with what it describes as improvements in reading and math scores and a decline in teacher vacancies.

On **affordability**, the campaign highlights tax changes it says provided relief or no increase for 94% of Maryland taxpayers, along with expanded housing programs, broadened healthcare access, and energy policies aimed at lowering long-term costs while growing clean energy production.

The administration has also promoted a Government Modernization Initiative intended to streamline state services and reduce waste; the campaign estimates roughly \$50 million in savings in a single fiscal year.

The Cook Political Report and the Center for Politics Sabato's Crystal Ball have the race rated as Safe Democratic.

Trivia: Wes Moore became Maryland's first Black governor when he was elected in 2022.