

2025 Election Report

On Tuesday, November 4, Virginians went to the polls to elect a new Executive Branch of the Commonwealth of Virginia, along with all 100 seats in the House of Delegates. After four years of divided government between Republican Governor Glenn Youngkin and a Democratic controlled Virginia General Assembly, this election marked the first opportunity since 2019 for Democrats to gain unified control of the Commonwealth. The State Senate, whose members won't be on the ballot until 2027, currently holds a narrow 21-19 Democratic majority.

After over a year of campaigning, Virginia saw Abigail Spanberger elected Governor, Ghazala Hashmi elected Lt. Governor, and Jay Jones elected Attorney General. The Commonwealth has now elected its first woman governor, as well as the first Muslim woman to ever be elected to a statewide office in the United States, and Virginia's first African American Attorney General, marking a significant milestone in the Commonwealth's political history. The Democrats in the House of Delegates expanded their majority significantly by picking up 13 seats, delivering Speaker Don Scott the biggest Democratic majority in nearly 40 years. With the exception of one open seat, the seats Democrats gained were all held by Republican incumbents that were flipped. This is the first time a singular political party has controlled all three branches of state government since 2021. There are now 42 women elected to serve in the House of Delegates, a 26% increase since 2017.

Virginia's off-year elections have taken on a distinctly national tone in recent years and are often viewed as a referendum on the sitting President's agenda. Both parties invested record numbers of campaign sums into competitive districts and statewide races, underscoring how closely national observers continue to watch Virginia as a bellwether for the 2026 congressional midterms and beyond.

Candidates focused their campaigns on issues including the cost of living, public safety, education, abortion access, and right to work laws. Late in the race, national attention intensified following reports in early October about unearthed violent texts sent in 2022 by Democratic attorney general nominee Jay Jones, which made his race with incumbent Attorney General Jason Miyares increasingly competitive. On the other side of the ticket, Democrats continued to nationalize their own messaging, attacking the Trump Administration's job and funding cuts as well as the prolonged government shutdown.

The Statewide Ticket Results

At the top of the ticket, former Democratic Congresswoman Abigail Spanberger secured a decisive victory against Republican Lieutenant Governor Winsome Sears by a margin of 57.62% to 42.38% as of publication, one of the largest margins for any Democratic statewide Gubernatorial candidate in recent memory. Throughout the campaign, Spanberger maintained a steady lead in the polls and held a significant fundraising advantage. Spanberger and the Democrats also had history on their side: only twice in Virginia history has the elected Governor of Virginia been of the same party as the sitting US President.

Spanberger's campaign emphasized economic and educational reform, affordability, rural broadband access, housing, and public safety. She has positioned herself as a centrist problem-solver rather than a political ideologue. Spanberger first rose to political prominence in 2018 when she unseated Republican Congressman Dave Brat in Virginia's 7th Congressional District.

She went on to serve three terms in Congress, ultimately deciding not to run for reelection in 2024 so she could instead pivot to her gubernatorial run.

In the historic Lieutenant Governor race, Democratic nominee Senator Ghazala Hashmi declared victory over Republican nominee and conservative talk radio host John Reid, winning by a margin of 55.73% to 44.27% as of publication. Senator Hashmi has served in the Senate since 2020, previously making history as the first Muslim and the first South Asian American elected to the chamber. With this victory, Senator Hashmi breaks new ground as the first Muslim woman to ever be elected to a statewide office in the United States. The Lieutenant Governor of Virginia serves the critical role of presiding over the Virginia Senate and casting tie-breaking votes, a significant duty given the chamber's narrow 21-19 divide.

Virginia's Attorney General election was once again historic. In 2021, Republican Jason Miyares, the Commonwealth's 48th Attorney General of Virginia, became the first Cuban American to hold statewide office in Virginia. Now, in 2025, former Democratic Delegate Jay Jones has made history being the first African American elected Attorney General by a margin of 53.30% to 46.70% as of publication. Many Republicans had hoped that Miyares' incumbency and the controversies surrounding Jones would be enough for the incumbent to retain his seat. However, in the end, Miyares was unable to withstand the Democratic Party's strong statewide performance and broader blue wave that defined this year's election.

Contested House Races

Heading into Election Day, the political map and overall environment appeared favorable for Democrats and their path to victory. Not a single Democratic incumbent represented a district that President Donald Trump won in the 2024 presidential election, giving the Democrats a relatively secure foundation.

Conversely, seven Republican incumbents were running in districts that voted for former Vice President Kamala Harris in 2024, making them top Democratic targets. In addition, six other districts that narrowly supported Trump in 2024 were viewed as potential pickup opportunities for Democrats, who invested heavily in these competitive races hoping the dynamics of an off-year election cycle would put them into play.

The breakdown of the top 13 races our government relations team closely monitored on election night is below. A comprehensive analysis of all 100 House of Delegates contests can be found at the end of this report.

Red = Republican Blue = Democrat Black = Other third party

District	Democrat	Republican	Other	Trump/Harris 2024 Margin	Winner
HD 57	May Nivar	David Owen*		Harris +9.42	May Nivar
HD 71	Jessica Anderson	Amanda Batten*		Harris +4.7	Jessica Anderson
HD 82	Kimberly Pope Adams	Kim Taylor*		Harris +3.9	Kimberly Pope Adams
HD 89	Karen Robins Carnegie	Mike Lamonea		Harris +2.9	Karen Robins Carnegie
HD 22	Elizabeth Guzman	Ian Lovejoy*		Harris +1.1	Elizabeth Guzman

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HD 86	Virgil Gene Thornton, Sr.	A.C. Cordoza*		Harris +1.1	Virgil Gene Thornton, Sr.
HD 73	Leslie Mehta	Mark Earley, Jr*		Harris +0.6	Leslie Mehta
HD 30	John Chilton McAuliff	Geary Higgins*		Trump +0.8	John Chilton McAuliff
HD 69	Mark Downey	Chad Green*	Valerie D Beverley	Trump +1.4	Mark Downey
HD 64	Stacey Annie Carroll	Paul Milde*		Trump +2.0	Stacey Annie Carroll
HD 66	Nicole Cole	Bobby Orrock*		Trump +2.2	Nicole Cole
HD 41	Lily Franklin	Chris Obenshain*		Trump +4.5	Lily Franklin
HD 99	Cat Porterfield	Anne Ferrell Tata*		Trump +4.6	Anne Ferrell Tata*

*Denotes Incumbent

As of publication, Democrats continue to keep and significantly expand their majority in the House of Delegates, 64-36.

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What This Means and What Comes Next

With the election results now set and a substantially expanded Democratic majority, policymakers turn their attention from campaigning to governing and legislating. The new administration and members of the General Assembly will begin preparing for the upcoming session, shaping their priorities on budget, education, workforce development, health care, housing, infrastructure, and other pressing state issues.

Based on last night's results, several legislative initiatives are expected to be under serious consideration during the 2026 legislative session, including:

- > Establishing a Prescription Drug Affordability board to help control rising medication costs.
- > Continuing scheduled increases to the minimum wage and evaluating future indexing to inflation.
- > Revisiting right-to-work laws and exploring potential reforms to expand collective bargaining.
- > Addressing the impact of expiring federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) subsidies on Virginia's health insurance marketplace.
- > Expanding investment in renewable and clean energy projects, including solar, wind, and battery storage.
- > Implementing data center site selection and environmental reforms to manage energy demand and community impacts.
- > Debating the expansion and regulation of skill games, iGaming, and casino gaming, alongside establishing a Virginia Gaming Commission.
- > Proposing legislation to restrict the use of artificial intelligence, especially in decisions related to mortgages, insurance, and consumer lending.
- > Advancing policies to increase Virginia's housing supply and make homeownership and rental housing more affordable.
- > Expanding paid family and medical leave options for workers.
- > Establishing a regulated marketplace for the retail sale of recreational cannabis.

The coming months will be a period of transition as the Governor-elect names her cabinet members, appoints agency heads, and outlines her key legislative proposals. New members of the House of Delegates will participate in freshman orientation and caucus meetings in November and December to prepare for the upcoming legislative session, which will begin on Wednesday, January 14. The 2026 legislative session will last 60 days (as traditionally occurs in even-numbered years), during which lawmakers will consider thousands of bills and the biennial state budget. The Governor-elect's inauguration is scheduled for Saturday, January 17, after which the Governor-elect's administration will formally assume office and begin implementing its agenda.

Full House of Delegates Election Breakdown

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District	Democrat	Republican	Other	Winner
HD 1	Patrick Hope*	Bill Moher		Patrick Hope*
HD 2	Adele McClure*	Wendy Sigley		Adele McClure*
HD 3	Alfonso Lopez*			Alfonso Lopez*
HD 4	Charniele Herring*			Charniele Herring*
HD 5	Elizabeth Bennett-Parker*			Elizabeth Bennett-Parker*
HD 6	Rip Sullivan*	Kristin Hoffman		Rip Sullivan*
HD 7	Karen Keys-Gamarra*	Cassandra Aucoin		Karen Keys-Gamarra*
HD 8	Irene Shin*	Indira Massey		Irene Shin*
HD 9	Karrie Delaney*	Nhan Huynh		Karrie Delaney*
HD 10	Dan Helmer*	David Guill		Dan Helmer*
HD 11	David Bulova*	Adam Wise	Brandon Norman Givens	David Bulova*
HD 12	Holly Seibold*	Nelson Figueroa-Velez		Holly Seibold*
HD 13	Marcus Simon*	Sylvia Oleksy	Dave Crance	Marcus Simon*
HD 14	Vivian Watts*	Eric Johnson		Vivian Watts*
HD 15	Laura Jane Cohen*	Saundra Davis		Laura Jane Cohen*
HD 16	Paul Krizek*	Richard Hayden	Shelly Arnoldi	Paul Krizek*
HD 17	Mark Sickles*	Naomi Mesfin		Mark Sickles*
HD 18	Kathy Tran*	Ed McGovern		Kathy Tran*
HD 19	Rozia Henson*			Rozia Henson*
HD 20	Michelle Maldonado*			Michelle Maldonado*
HD 21	Josh Thomas*	Gregory Lee Gorham		Josh Thomas*
HD 22	Elizabeth Guzman	Ian Lovejoy*		Elizabeth Guzman
HD 23	Candi King*	James Tully		Candi King*
HD 24	Luke Torian*			Luke Torian*
HD 25	Briana Sewell*			Briana Sewell*
HD 26	JJ Singh*	Ommair N Butt		JJ Singh*
HD 27	Atoosa Reaser*	Junaid Khan		Atoosa Reaser*
HD 28	David Reid*	Janet Geisler		David Reid*
HD 29	Marty Martinez*	Scott K Thomas		Marty Martinez*
HD 30	John Chilton McAuliff	Geary Higgins*		John Chilton McAuliff

District	Democrat	Republican	Other	Winner
HD 31	Shane Boswell	Delores Oates*		Delores Oates*
HD 32	Jon Lucci	Bill Wiley*		Bill Wiley*
HD 33	Catherine Elizabeth Rec	Justin Pence		Justin Pence
HD 34	Andrew Payton	Tony Wilt*		Tony Wilt*
HD 35	Jena Lisa Crisler	Chris Runion*		Chris Runion*
HD 36	Makayla Venable	Ellen Campbell*		Ellen Campbell*
HD 37	Andrew W Hartless	Terry Austin*		Terry Austin*
HD 38	Sam Rasoul*		Maynard L. Keller, Jr.	Sam Rasoul*
HD 39	Eric Klotz	Will Davis*		Will Davis*
HD 40	Donna M Littlepage	Joe McNamara*		Joe McNamara*
HD 41	Lily Franklin	Chris Obenshain*		Lily Franklin
HD 42	Biko Agozino	Jason Ballard*		Jason Ballard*
HD 43	Mary Etta Sumner	Will Morefield*		Will Morefield*
HD 44	Cindy Green	Israel O'Quinn*		Israel O'Quinn*
HD 45	Joshua Outsey	Terry Kilgore*		Terry Kilgore*
HD 46	Jamie Ralston Hendry	Mitchell D Cornett		Mitchell D Cornett
HD 47	Yvonne Rorrer	Wren Williams*		Wren Williams*
HD 48	Melody Ann Cartwright	Eric Phillips*		Eric Phillips*
HD 49	Gary Miller	Madison John Redd Whittle		Madison John Redd Whittle
HD 50	Earnadette Powell Farrar	Tommy Wright*	Trudy Berry	Tommy Wright*
HD 51	Joy Powers	Eric Zehr*		Eric Zehr*
HD 52	Rise Marie Hayes	Wendell Walker*		Wendell Walker*
HD 53	Sam Soghor	Tim Griffin*		Tim Griffin*
HD 54	Katrina Callsen*			Katrina Callsen*
HD 55	Amy Laufer*			Amy Laufer*
HD 56	Angela Chainer	Tom Garrett*		Tom Garrett*
HD 57	May Nivar	David Owen*		May Nivar
HD 58	Rodney Willett*	Milad H Mikhail		Rodney Willett*
HD 59	Scott O Konopasek	Buddy Fowler*		Buddy Fowler*
HD 60	Andrew Ward	Scott Wyatt*		Scott Wyatt*
HD 61	Jacob Bennington	Michael Webert*		Michael Webert*
HD 62	Sara Ratcliffe	Karen Hamilton		Karen Hamilton
HD 63	Forrest Miller	Phillip Scott*		Phillip Scott*
HD 64	Stacey Annie Carroll	Paul Milde*		Stacey Annie Carroll
HD 65	Joshua Cole*	Sean Steinway		Joshua Cole*
HD 66	Nicole Cole	Bobby Orrock*		Nicole Cole
HD 67	Mario D. Haggerty	Hillary Pugh Kent*	Richard W. Kenski	Hillary Pugh Kent*
HD 68	Elaine Walters	Keith Hodges*		Keith Hodges*
HD 69	Mark Downey	Chad Green*	Valerie D Beverley	Mark Downey
HD 70	Shelly Simonds*	Cynthia Scaturico	John Bloom	Shelly Simonds*
HD 71	Jessica Anderson	Amanda Batten*		Jessica Anderson
HD 72	Randolph Todd Critzer, Jr	Lee Ware*	Kristin Ann Farry	Lee Ware*
HD 73	Leslie Mehta	Mark Earley, Jr*		Leslie Mehta
HD 74	Jonas James Eppert	Mike Cherry*		Mike Cherry*

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HD 75	Lindsey Dougherty	Carrie Coyner*		Lindsey Dougherty
HD 76	Debra Gardner*	John R. Thomas		Debra Gardner*
HD 77	Michael Jones*	Richard Stonage, Jr		Michael Jones*
HD 78	Betsy Carr*	Rich Prado		Betsy Carr*
HD 79	Rae Cousins*	Kelsey Linnehan		Rae Cousins*
HD 80	Destiny LeVere Bolling*			Destiny LeVere Bolling*
HD 81	Delores McQuinn*			Delores McQuinn*
HD 82	Kimberly Pope Adams	Kim Taylor*		Kimberly Pope Adams
HD 83	Mary Person	Otto Wachsmann*		Otto Wachsmann*
HD 84	Nadarius Clark*	Felisha Rose Leffler Storm		Nadarius Clark*
HD 85	Cia Price*			Cia Price*
HD 86	Virgil Gene Thornton, Sr	A.C. Cordoza*		Virgil Gene Thornton, Sr
HD 87	Jeion Ward*	John Chapman		Jeion Ward*
HD 88	Don Scott*			Don Scott*
HD 89	Karen Robins Carnegie	Mike Lamonea		Karen Robins Carnegie
HD 90	Rodney Nickens	Jay Leftwich*		Jay Leftwich*
HD 91	Cliff Hayes*			Cliff Hayes*
HD 92	Bonita Anthony*	Nash Bilisoly		Bonita Anthony*
HD 93	Jackie Glass*			Jackie Glass*
HD 94	Phil Hernandez*	Andy Pittman		Phil Hernandez*
HD 95	Alex Askew*			Alex Askew*
HD 96	Kelly Fowler*	Kyle Pasquarella		Kelly Fowler*
HD 97	Michael Feggans*	Tim Anderson		Michael Feggans*
HD 98	Cheryl Smith	Barry Knight*		Barry Knight*
HD 99	Cat Porterfield	Anne Ferrell Tata*		Anne Ferrell Tata*
HD 100	Liz Richardson	Rob Bloxom, Jr*		Rob Bloxom, Jr*

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