






Partisan composition of state houses

The **partisan composition of state houses** refers to which party holds the majority of seats in the state house or the lower level of each state legislature. Altogether, in the 49 state houses, there are 5,411 state representatives.

The breakdown of chamber control after the November 2018 election is as follows:

-  19 chambers
-  29 chambers
-  1 chamber with power sharing between the parties

The breakdown of chamber control prior to the November 2018 election was as follows:

-  18 chambers
-  31 chambers

Ties




A total of 61 state legislative chambers around the country have an even number of members, raising the possibility of a tie between the two major parties. In some instances, a bipartisan coalition of legislators is formed to act as leadership. This tactic has not been the universal

approach, however; some legislative bodies have used a coin toss, gubernatorial choice, shared time, or dividing chairperson positions between the parties.^[1]

See also: Partisan composition of state senates

Cumulative numbers

As of **September 30, 2019**, 5,356 state representatives were affiliated with either the Republican or Democratic parties. This total is updated monthly.

Partisan balance of all 7,383 state legislative seats			
Legislative chamber			 [2]
State senates	879	1,079	14
State houses	2,585	2,771	55
Total:	3,464	3,850	69

Vacancies

As of **September 30, 2019**, there were 24 state house vacancies in 14 different states. This total is updated monthly.

State	Vacancies
Alabama	2
Arkansas	1
California	1
Georgia	2
Kansas	1
Kentucky	2
Louisiana	1
Mississippi	2
Missouri	7
Nevada	1
New Hampshire	1
South Carolina	1
Texas	1
Virginia	1

Third Party

As of **September 30, 2019**, there were 31 state representatives in nine states identifying as independents or parties other than Democratic and Republican. This total is updated monthly.

State	Independents/Third Party
Alaska	1 (Nonpartisan), 1 (Undeclared)
Louisiana	5 (Independent)
Maine	5 (Independent), 1 (Common Sense Independent)
Massachusetts	1 (Independent)
Mississippi	2 (Independent)
New Hampshire	1 (Libertarian)
New York	1 (Independence)
Vermont	12 (7 Vermont Progressive Party, 5 Independent)
Wyoming	1 (Independent)

Election breakdowns

Below is partisan composition data at the time of major elections.




2019 Elections

See also: State legislative elections, 2019 and State legislative special elections, 2019

Heading into the 2019 elections, Republicans hold a majority of state legislative chambers. As of October 2019, 61 chambers were under GOP control, while Democrats held majorities in 37 chambers.^[3] A power sharing agreement was established between Democrats and Republicans in one chamber.

- State houses controlled by a Democratic majority: **19**
- State houses controlled by a Republican majority: **29**
- One chamber with power sharing between the parties

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2018 Elections

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Heading into the 2018 elections, Republicans held a majority of state legislative chambers. As of November 2018, 67 chambers were under GOP control, while Democrats held majorities in 32 chambers.^[4]

- State houses controlled by a Democratic majority: **18**
- State houses controlled by a Republican majority: **31**

At the time of the 2018 elections, 5,332 state representatives were affiliated with either the Republican or Democratic parties.

Party	Number	Percentage
Democratic state representatives	2,427	44.9%
Republican state representatives	2,905	53.7%
Independent state representatives	20	0.4%
Third party representatives	8	0.1%
Vacancies	51	0.9%

2017 Elections

See also: State legislative elections, 2017 and State legislative special elections, 2017

Heading into November 2017, the Democratic Party held the majority in 18 state houses and the Republican Party held the majority in 31 state houses. Nebraska has only one chamber and was counted under the state senate pages.

- State houses controlled by a Democratic majority: **18**
- State houses controlled by a Republican majority: **31**

At the time of the 2017 elections, 5,326 state representatives were affiliated with either the Republican or Democratic parties.

Party	Number	Percentage
Democratic state representatives	2,309	43%
Republican state representatives	3,017	56%
Independent state representatives	20	0.37%
Third party representatives	12	0.22%
Vacancies	53	0.97%

2016 Elections

See also: State legislative elections, 2016 and State legislative special elections, 2016

Heading into November 2016, the Democratic Party held the majority in 16 state houses and the Republican Party held the majority in 33 state houses. Nebraska has only one chamber and was counted under the state senate pages.

- State houses controlled by a Democratic majority: **16**
- State houses controlled by a Republican majority: **33**

At the time of the 2016 elections, 5,348 state representatives were affiliated with either the Republican or Democratic parties.

Party	Number	Percentage
Democratic state representatives	2,332	43.0%
Republican state representatives	3,016	56%
Independent state representatives	19	0.35%
Third party representatives	9	0.17%
Vacancies	35	0.65%

2015 Elections

See also: State legislative elections, 2015 and State legislative special elections, 2015

Heading into November 2015, the Democratic Party held the majority in 16 state houses and the Republican Party held the majority in 33 state houses. Nebraska has only one chamber and is counted under the state senate pages.

- State houses controlled by a Democratic majority: **16**
- State houses controlled by a Republican majority: **33**

At the time of the 2015 elections, 5,354 state representatives were affiliated with either the Republican or Democratic parties.

Party	Number of	Percentage
Democratic state representatives	2,336	43.17%
Republican state representatives	3,018	55%
Independent state representatives	19	0.35%
Third party representatives	6	0.11%
Vacancies	30	0.554%

2014 Elections

See also: State legislative elections, 2014 and State legislative special elections, 2014

Heading into November 2014, the Democratic Party held the majority in 21 state houses and the Republican Party held the majority in 28 state houses. Nebraska has only one chamber and is counted under the state senate pages.

- State houses controlled by a Democratic majority: **21**
- State houses controlled by a Republican majority: **28**

At the time of the 2014 elections, 5,339 state representatives were affiliated with either the Republican or Democratic parties:

Party	Number of	Percentage
Democratic state representatives	2,550	47.1%
Republican state representatives	2,789	51.6%
Independent state representatives	13	0.24%
Third party (and nonvoting) representatives	10	0.18%
Vacancies	47	0.87%

2012 Elections

See also: State legislative elections, 2012

Heading into November 2012, the Democratic Party held the majority in 18 state houses and the Republican Party held the majority in 30 state houses. The Oregon House of Representatives was evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans. Nebraska has only one chamber and is counted under the state senate pages.

- State houses controlled by a Democratic majority: **18**
- State houses controlled by a Republican majority: **32**
- State houses that were split evenly: **1**

At the time of the 2012 elections, 5,348 state representatives were affiliated with either the Republican or Democratic parties:

Party	Number of	Percentage
Democratic state representatives	2,429	44.9%
Republican state representatives	2,919	53.9%
Independent state representatives	18	0.33%
Third party (and non-voting) representatives	10	0.18%
Vacancies	25	0.46%

2010 Elections

See also: State legislative elections, 2010

Heading into November 2010, the Democratic Party held the majority in 32 state houses and the Republican Party held the majority in 16 state houses. Montana was split evenly, with 50 Democrats and 50 Republicans. Nebraska has only one chamber and is counted under the state senate pages.

- State houses controlled by a Democratic majority: **32**
- State houses controlled by a Republican majority: **16**
- State houses that are split evenly: **1**

At the time of the 2010 elections, 5,360 state representatives were affiliated with either the Republican or Democratic parties:

Party	Number of	Percentage
Democratic state representatives	3,010	55.6%
Republican state representatives	2,354	43.4%
Independent state representatives	23	0.4%
Vacancies	30	0.5%

States

In the partisan control charts below, state houses with a Democratic majority are encased in a blue () box (a weak Democratic majority may show slate blue), while state houses with a Republican majority are encased in a red () box (a weak Republican majority may show slate red). State houses where Democrats and Republicans hold an identical number of seats are encased in a purple () box.

Alabama

See also: Alabama House of Representatives, Alabama State Legislature

Party	As of October 2019
Democratic Party	28
Republican Party	75
Vacancies	2
Total	105

Alaska

See also: Alaska House of Representatives, Alaska State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	15
	Republican Party	23
	Independent	2
	Vacancies	0
Total		40^[5]

Arizona

See also: Arizona House of Representatives, Arizona State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	29
	Republican Party	31
	Vacancies	0
Total		60

Arkansas

See also: Arkansas House of Representatives, Arkansas State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	23
	Republican Party	75
	Vacancies	2
Total		100

California

See also: *California State Assembly, California State Legislature*

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	61
	Republican Party	18
	Vacancies	1
Total		80

Colorado

See also: *Colorado House of Representatives, Colorado General Assembly*

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	41
	Republican Party	24
	Vacancies	0
Total		65

Connecticut

See also: *Connecticut House of Representatives, Connecticut State Legislature*

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	91
	Republican Party	60
	Vacancies	0
Total		151

Delaware

See also: Delaware House of Representatives, Delaware State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	26
	Republican Party	15
	Vacancies	0
Total		41

Florida

See also: Florida House of Representatives, Florida State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	47
	Republican Party	73
	Vacancies	0
Total		120

Georgia

See also: Georgia House of Representatives, Georgia State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	75
	Republican Party	104
	Vacancies	1
Total		180

Hawaii

See also: Hawaii House of Representatives, Hawaii State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	46
	Republican Party	5
	Vacancies	0
Total		51

Idaho

See also: Idaho House of Representatives, Idaho State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	14
	Republican Party	56
	Vacancies	0
Total		70

Illinois

See also: *Illinois House of Representatives*, *Illinois State Legislature*

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	74
	Republican Party	44
	Vacancies	0
Total		118

Indiana

See also: *Indiana House of Representatives*, *Indiana State Legislature*

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	33
	Republican Party	67
	Vacancies	0
Total		100

Iowa

See also: *Iowa House of Representatives*, *Iowa State Legislature*

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	47
	Republican Party	53
	Vacancies	0
Total		100

Kansas

See also: Kansas House of Representatives, Kansas State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	41
	Republican Party	83
	Vacancies	1
Total		125

Kentucky

See also: Kentucky House of Representatives, Kentucky State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	39
	Republican Party	59
	Vacancies	2
Total		100

Louisiana

See also: Louisiana House of Representatives, Louisiana State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	39
	Republican Party	60
	Independent	5
	Vacancies	1
Total		105

Maine

See also: Maine House of Representatives, Maine State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	89
	Republican Party	56
	Independent	5
	Common Sense Independent	1
	Vacancy	0
Total		151^[6]

Maryland

See also: Maryland House of Delegates, Maryland State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	98
	Republican Party	42
	Vacancies	1
Total		141

Massachusetts

See also: Massachusetts House of Representatives, Massachusetts State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	127
	Republican Party	32
	Independent	1
	Vacancies	0
Total		160

Michigan

See also: Michigan House of Representatives, Michigan State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	52
	Republican Party	58
	Vacancies	0
Total		110

Minnesota

See also: *Minnesota House of Representatives*, *Minnesota State Legislature*

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	75
	Republican Party	59
	Vacancies	0
Total		134

Mississippi

See also: *Mississippi House of Representatives*, *Mississippi State Legislature*

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	44
	Republican Party	74
	Independent	2
	Vacancies	2
Total		122

Missouri

See also: *Missouri House of Representatives*, *Missouri State Legislature*

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	43
	Republican Party	113
	Vacancies	7
Total		163

Montana

See also: Montana House of Representatives, Montana State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	42
	Republican Party	58
	Vacancies	0
Total		100

Nebraska

See also: Nebraska State Legislature

The Nebraska legislature is nonpartisan.

Nevada

See also: Nevada Assembly, Nevada State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	28
	Republican Party	13
	Vacancies	1
Total		42

New Hampshire

See also: New Hampshire House of Representatives, New Hampshire State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	233
	Republican Party	166
	Libertarian Party	1
	Vacancies	0
Total		400

New Jersey

See also: New Jersey General Assembly, New Jersey State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	54
	Republican Party	26
	Vacancies	0
Total		80

New Mexico

See also: New Mexico House of Representatives, New Mexico State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	46
	Republican Party	24
	Vacancies	0
Total		70

New York

See also: New York State Assembly, New York State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	106
	Republican Party	43
	Independence	1
	Vacancies	0
Total		150

North Carolina

See also: North Carolina House of Representatives, North Carolina State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	55
	Republican Party	65
	Vacancies	0
Total		120

North Dakota

See also: North Dakota House of Representatives, North Dakota State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	15
	Republican Party	78
	Vacancies	0
Total		94

Ohio

See also: Ohio House of Representatives, Ohio State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	38
	Republican Party	60
	Vacancies	0
Total		99

Oklahoma

See also: Oklahoma House of Representatives, Oklahoma State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	24
	Republican Party	77
	Vacancies	0
Total		101

Oregon

See also: Oregon House of Representatives, Oregon State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	38
	Republican Party	22
	Vacancies	0
Total		60

Pennsylvania

See also: Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Pennsylvania State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	93
	Republican Party	110
	Vacancies	0
Total		203

Rhode Island

See also: *Rhode Island House of Representatives*, *Rhode Island State Legislature*

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	66
	Republican Party	9
	Vacancies	0
Total		75

South Carolina

See also: *South Carolina House of Representatives*, *South Carolina State Legislature*

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	44
	Republican Party	80
	Vacancies	0
Total		124

South Dakota

See also: *South Dakota House of Representatives*, *South Dakota State Legislature*

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	11
	Republican Party	58
	Vacancies	1
Total		70

Tennessee

See also: Tennessee House of Representatives, Tennessee State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	26
	Republican Party	73
	Vacancies	0
Total		99

Texas

See also: Texas House of Representatives, Texas State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	65
	Republican Party	82
	Vacancies	3
Total		150

Utah

See also: Utah House of Representatives, Utah State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	16
	Republican Party	59
	Vacancies	0
Total		75

Vermont

See also: Vermont House of Representatives, Vermont State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	95
	Republican Party	43
	Vermont Progressive Party	7
	Independent	4
	Vacancies	1
Total		150

Virginia

See also: Virginia House of Delegates, Virginia State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	48
	Republican Party	51
	Vacancies	1
Total		100

Washington

See also: *Washington House of Representatives*, *Washington State Legislature*

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	57
	Republican Party	41
	Vacancies	0
Total		98

West Virginia

See also: *West Virginia House of Delegates*, *West Virginia State Legislature*

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	41
	Republican Party	58
	Vacancies	1
Total		100

Wisconsin

See also: *Wisconsin State Assembly*, *Wisconsin State Legislature*

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	36
	Republican Party	63
	Vacancies	0
Total		99

Wyoming

See also: Wyoming House of Representatives, Wyoming State Legislature

Party		As of October 2019
	Democratic Party	9
	Republican Party	50
	Independent	1
	Vacancies	0
Total		60

See also

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Footnotes

1. *Governing*, "How Tied Chambers Affect States," June 9, 2011
2. *This tally includes third party incumbents and vacancies.*
3. Although the Nebraska State Senate elects its members in nonpartisan elections, members of the chamber generally function along party lines when it comes to voting and caucusing. Please see Nebraska State Senate partisan affiliation for more information.
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