

★ ELECTION 2024 UPDATE ★

September 20, 2024

THE RACE FOR PRESIDENT REMAINS TIGHT

The debate between Vice President **Kamala Harris** and former President **Donald Trump** over a week ago gave her a slight bump in national polls and a fundraising boost, but it did not significantly alter the trajectory of the race. Polls in key battleground states remain extremely close. Pennsylvania, in particular, is essentially tied. There are a few key issues driving voters in the closing weeks of the race. According to a recent New York Times/Sienna poll, Vice President Harris continues to have an advantage with voters who prioritize reproductive rights while President Trump has a lead with voters for whom the economy is the top concern.

NYT/Sienna September 2024 Poll of Likely Electorate

Regardless of how you might vote, who do you trust, Kamala Harris or Donald Trump to do a better job on each of the following:



HARRIS
REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS
+13



TRUMP
ECONOMY
+13

Source – Cross-Tabs: September 2024 Times/Siena Poll of the Likely Electorate

COUNTDOWN TO ELECTION DAY:

46

DAYS UNTIL NOVEMBER 5

EARLY VOTING IS UNDERWAY

Early voting is already underway in several states across the country. Both campaigns will be working overtime to consolidate their supporters' votes ahead of election day, particularly in swing states.

SWING STATE MAIL IN/EARLY VOTING DATES

ARIZONA

Mail: Oct. 9
Early: Oct. 9

GEORGIA

Mail: Oct. 9
Early: Oct. 15

MICHIGAN

Absentee: Sept. 24
Early: Oct. 21

NEBRASKA

Mail: Sept. 30
Early: Oct. 7

NEVADA

Mail: Oct. 16
Early: Oct. 19

NORTH CAROLINA

Early: Oct. 17

PENNSYLVANIA

Mail: Available –
Varies by County

WISCONSIN

Mail: Sept. 21
Absentee: Oct. 22

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NATIONAL POLLING AVERAGE

Harris leads polls +1.9



49.3%



47.4%

Source: [Real Clear Politics](#) as of 09/20/24

BATTLEGROUND STATE POLLING AVERAGES



Source: [Real Clear Politics](#) as of 09/20/24

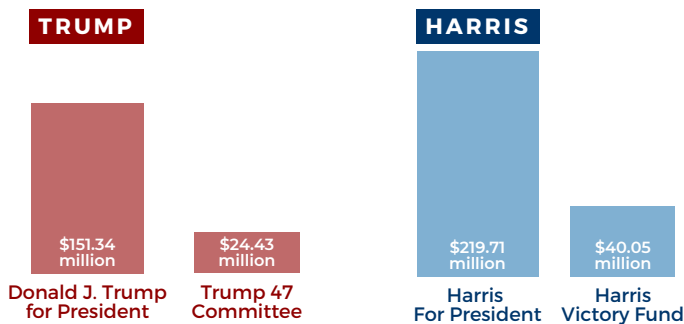
SWING STATE SPOTLIGHT: GEORGIA

Georgia remains a critical toss-up state this election cycle. President Biden narrowly secured a win there in 2020 by less than a quarter of a percentage point, becoming the first Democrat to carry the state in a presidential race since Bill Clinton in 1992. This victory disrupted the South's typically solid Republican voting bloc. As the 2024 election approaches, Georgia's 16 electoral votes are once again fiercely contested and polls show a virtual tie between Trump and Harris. Harris aims to build on Democratic gains in the Atlanta metro area, while Trump is focusing on mobilizing rural and exurban GOP supporters and regaining voters who backed him in 2016 but switched to Biden in 2020. Vice President Harris will be campaigning there in the coming week.



POLLING AVG:
Trump +2.0 as of 09/20/24

FUNDRAISING

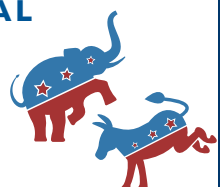


Source: [FEC.gov](#) as of 09/20/24

WHAT'S NEXT?



**DAYS UNTIL THE
VICE PRESIDENTIAL
DEBATE ON
OCTOBER 1st**



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Congressional Elections 2024

GENERIC BALLOT AVG. AND FUNDRAISING

Democrats lead polls +2.0

46.1%
44.1%

National
Republican
Senatorial
Committee

\$51.01
million

Democratic
Senatorial
Campaign
Committee

\$59.33
million

National
Republican
Congressional
Committee

\$73.35
million

Democratic
Congressional
Campaign
Committee

\$91.99
million

Source: RCP as of 09/20/24

Source: FEC.gov as of 09/20/24

SENATE RACES TO WATCH



Ohio
D+3.6



West Virginia
R+34 (FLIP)



Montana
R+5.2 (FLIP)



Arizona
D+4.3



Nevada
D+8.8



Michigan
D+5.1



Pennsylvania
D+4.5



Texas
R+6.0

Source: RCP as of 09/20/24

SENATE SPOTLIGHT: OHIO

Senator Sherrod Brown (D) is seeking reelection to a fourth term. He has been Ohio's lone statewide-elected Democrat since 2011. Despite Ohio's recent Republican lean, Brown remains popular, consistently polling ahead of his opponent, Bernie Moreno. Moreno is a successful former car dealership owner who previously ran for Ohio's other Senate seat in 2022. He dropped out of that primary and endorsed the eventual winner, now Senator and GOP Vice Presidential nominee JD Vance. After securing former President Trump's endorsement in 2024, Moreno became the GOP nominee in the race to unseat Brown. While Brown holds a lead in most polls, forecasters still rate the contest a toss-up due to Ohio's strong Republican shift, making a Brown victory critical to Democrats' chances of retaining Senate control.

HOUSE RACES TO WATCH



NY-17



NY-04



NY-22



CA-27



CA-41



WA-03



PA-08



ME-02

HOUSE SPOTLIGHT: NEW YORK - DISTRICT 17

New York's 17th congressional district is represented by freshman Republican Mike Lawler, who scored an upset victory over then-DCCC Chair Sean Patrick Maloney in 2022. Lawler's win reflected a broader Republican surge driven by growing dissatisfaction with the state's Democratic leadership. In 2024, he faces a challenge from former Congressman Mondaire Jones, who previously held Lawler's current seat. Although the district has historically leaned Democratic, the race is expected to be close with a slight edge toward Lawler. He has maintained a lead in polls, while state Democrats continue grappling with voter discontent toward party officials.