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## 2020 United States Senate Races

### Notes:

- This chart is compiled by Riley Newman, [rileynew@gmail.com](mailto:rileynew@gmail.com). A current version is always available at [tinyurl.com/senatechart2020](http://tinyurl.com/senatechart2020).
- “Political Experts” and their most recent projection dates used here are in order: [Cook Political Report](#) (8/17) [Sabato Crystal Ball](#) (9/21) and [InsideElections](#) (formerly Rothenberg Political Report) (9/18)
- A “race rating” is assigned to each state race, based on the above projections. The chart below orders races in order from “tossups” (rating 1) to solid D or R (rating 4). See endnote for details, and a table indicating relatively recently changed projections
- One column displays Super Pac funds as of 7/24/2020. The first figure is the amount spent in the state in support of the Democratic candidate plus that spent against the Republican candidate, while the second figure is the amount spent for the Republican plus that against the Democrat. These figures are based on data found at [Center for Responsive Politics](#)

Endorsements are drawn from the following list, representing the indicated issue focus. Click on organization name here to view its website. Click on a candidate’s endorser (eg “CLW” following CO candidate John Hickenlooper) to see what the endorser says about him/her.

- [CLW](#) (Council for a Livable World) – nuclear arms control and foreign policy
- [Emily](#) (Emily’s List) – pro-choice Democratic women
- [J Street](#) – pro-Israel, pro-peace
- [LCV](#) (League of Conservation Voters) – environmental issues, particularly climate change

A candidate’s name, if underlined, is a link to VoteSmart.org which provides ratings and endorsements for the candidate by numerous organizations, organized in categories. From there, other Vote Smart information about the candidate is easily accessed. See notes on Vote Smart following this chart.

State	Race rating	Primary date as of May 6	“Experts” forecast for Senate seat	Candidates, prominent or with >1.0M raised. I =>incumbent	Organization endorsements	Funds raised in \$M, per FEC end of 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter	SuperPac fund transfers >0.1M As of 8-2-2020 Units \$M	Notes from John Isaacs, Senior Fellow, Council for a Livable World
CO	1	June 30	toss up leans D tilt D	<a href="#">Cory Gardner R, I</a> <a href="#">John Hickenlooper D</a>	<a href="#">CLW</a> <a href="#">Jstreet</a>	17.2 14.2	6.7 for D or against R 7.9 for R or against D	<b>Colorado</b> – Sen. Cory Gardner ® is considered one of the most vulnerable Republicans in the 2020 election. In 2018, Democrats won the governorship in Colorado and picked up one House seat, and Hillary Clinton carried the state in 2016. In August, former Governor John Hickenlooper dropped his candidacy for President and announced he will run for this Senate seat. Hickenlooper was hurt by self-inflicted wounds, but survived the primary 59%-41%. This remains one of the best opportunities for a Democratic pickup.

GA -A	1	June 9	toss up lean R tilt R	<a href="#">David Perdue R, I</a> <a href="#">Jonathan Ossoff D</a>	<a href="#">CLW</a> <a href="#">LCV</a>	14.9 7.3	0.1 for D or against R <0.10 for R or against D	<b>Georgia A</b> – The state has been moving towards a purple status; Stacey Abrams (D) lost her 2018 race for governor in a very close contest by only 50%-49%. On June 9, former House candidate Jon Ossoff (D) defeated two major foes for the Democratic nomination in a June 9 primary and avoided an August 11 runoff. Polls show a close general election against Sen. Davie Purdue @.
IA	1	June 2	toss up toss up toss up	<a href="#">Joni Ernst R, I</a> <a href="#">Theresa Greenfield D</a>	<a href="#">Emily</a> <a href="#">LCV</a> <a href="#">Jstreet</a> <a href="#">CLW</a>	14.6 11.6	15.4 for D or against R 11.2 for R or against D	<b>Iowa</b> – Iowa Sen. Joni Ernst @ is running for reelection. National Democrats, including the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and Emily's List, have rallied around real estate executive and former congressional candidate Theresa Greenfield (D), who won her June 2 primary handily. Ernst is considered a narrow favorite.
ME	1	July 14	toss up leans D toss up	<a href="#">Susan Collins R, I</a> <a href="#">Sara Gideon D</a>	<a href="#">CLW</a> <a href="#">Emily</a> <a href="#">LCV</a> <a href="#">Jstreet</a>	16.9 24.2	12.0 for D or against R 13.0 for R or against D	<b>Maine</b> – Sen. Susan Collins @ has been a highly popular incumbent in the state, but alienated many moderate voters with some votes, particularly to confirm Judge Kavanaugh. In 2018, Democrats picked up the governorship from a retiring Republican and won both House seats in the state. In late June, state House Speaker Sara Gideon's jumped into the race, and immediately was endorsed by the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and EMILY's List. Betsy Sweet (D), who took third place in last year's primary for governor and Bre Kidman (D) are also running. Gideon has produced strong fundraising numbers and is now in a toss up race.
MT	1	June 2	toss up leans R toss up	<a href="#">Steven Daines R, I</a> <a href="#">Steve Bullock D</a>	<a href="#">LCV</a>	13.0 11.2	5.6 for D or against R 8.2 for R or against D	<b>Montana:</b> In March 2020, popular Gov. Steve Bullock (D) made a late entry into the contest. Incumbent Sen. Steve Daines @ is still favored, but this is likely to be a close contest.
NC	1	March 3	toss up toss up toss up	<a href="#">Thom Tillis R, I</a> <a href="#">Cal Cunningham D</a>	<a href="#">CLW</a> <a href="#">LCV</a> <a href="#">Jstreet</a>	14.3 15.1	18.4 for D or against R 13.5 for R or against D	<b>North Carolina</b> – Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC), who alienated President Trump and now is his best friend, is running for re-election. Former Democratic state Sen. Cal Cunningham won the contested Democratic primary and is running even in polls and fundraising.
AK	2	Aug 18	likely R likely R likely R	<a href="#">Dan Sullivan R, I</a> Al Gross ind.	<a href="#">Jstreet</a> <a href="#">LCV</a>	7.6 4.7		<b>Alaska:</b> Orthopedic surgeon Al Gross, an independent who is seeking the Democratic nomination to face Sen. Dan Sullivan @ and has unified the Democratic Party behind his campaign. In late April, Sabato's Crystal Ball upgraded the race from Sure Republican to Likely Republican.
AL	2	March 3 July 14 runoff	lean R likely R lean R	<a href="#">Doug Jones D, I</a> <a href="#">Tommy Tuberville R</a>	<a href="#">LCV</a>	14.5 4.1	1.0 for D or against R 3.4for R or against D	<b>Alabama</b> – The most vulnerable Democratic incumbent in 2020 is Sen. Doug Jones (D). In 2017, Jones won a stunning upset victory 50%-48% over former state Supreme Court Justice Roy Moore @ in this usually solid Republican state. Jones is considered underdog. Former Auburn University football coach Tommy Tuberville @ and former Senator and Attorney General Jeff Sessions are in a July 15 runoff to face Jones.

<b>AZ</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Aug 4</b>	lean D lean D tilt D	<a href="#">Martha McSally R, I</a> Mark Kelly D	<a href="#">LCV CLW</a> <a href="#">Jstreet</a>	28.2 44.0	8.0 for D or against R 5.0 for R or against D	<b>Arizona</b> – Martha McSally ®, after losing a close election in 2018 to Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (D) by 50%-48%, was appointed to take the seat of late Sen. John McCain ®, and has to run again in 2020. Mark Kelly (D), astronaut and husband of former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, is her challenger. Kelly is leading in fundraising and the polls.
<b>GA-B Special election</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>June 9</b>	lean R likely R lean R	<a href="#">Kelly Loeffler R, I</a> Raphael Warnock D	<a href="#">LCV</a>	17.6 4.4	4.9 for D or against R <0.1 for R or against D	<b>Georgia B</b> – Kelly Loeffler ®, a businesswoman and co-owner of the Atlanta Dream in the Women's National Basketball Association, has been named Sen. Johnny Isakson's ® replacement by Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp. Loeffler will hold the seat until the November 2020 special election, creating two elections then. She is challenged by Rep. Doug Collins ®, Matt Lieberman (D), and Rev. Dr. Raphael Warnock (D) in an open primary. If no candidate wins 50% of the vote in November, there will be a runoff vote in January, which could mean Senate control is in doubt long after the November election.
<b>KS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Aug 4</b>	lean R likely R lean R	<a href="#">Roger Marshall R</a> <a href="#">Barbara Bollier D</a>	<a href="#">Emily LCV</a> <a href="#">CLW</a>	2.6 7.2	10.3 for D or against R 3.6 for R or against D	<b>Kansas</b> – Incumbent Sen. Pat Roberts (R) will retire after this term, his fourth. The state has not elected a Democratic Senator since 1932, and although a Democrat captured the governorship in 2018, Republicans had been favored to hold the seat. Prospects for the Democratic candidate state senator Barbara Bollier, a former Republican, have picked up. Her opponent is U.S. Rep. Roger Marshall (R) after a very bitter Republican primary.
<b>MI</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Aug 4</b>	lean D leans D lean D	<a href="#">Gary Peters D, I</a> John James R	<a href="#">CLW LCV</a>	21.0 19.5	8.9 for D or against R 7.3 for R or against D	<b>Michigan</b> – Army veteran John James ®, who lost in 2018 to Sen. Debbie Stabenow, is challenging Democratic incumbent Gary Peters. James lost by a fairly close 52%-46% to Stabnow, and raised \$12 million for his race. Peters is one of only two Democratic incumbents at all vulnerable.
<b>SC</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>June 9</b>	lean R leans R lean R	<a href="#">Lindsey Graham R, I</a> Jaime Harrison D	<a href="#">LCV Jstreet</a> <a href="#">CLW</a>	30.9 29.0	0.2 for D or against R 0.8 for R or against D	<b>South Carolina</b> – Sen. Lindsey Graham ® has gone from Trump opponent in 2016 to Trump critic to Trump ally. Democrats have rallied around former South Carolina Democratic Party Chair Jaime Harrison, former top aide to Rep. Jim Clyburn (D). The Cook Report has upgraded Harrison's chances after a terrific fundraising first quarter of 2020 and some polls show a close race.
<b>TX</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>March 3 July 14 runoff</b>	likely R likely R lean R	<a href="#">John Cornyn R, I</a> M.J. Hegar D	<a href="#">Emily Jstreet</a>	22.4 6.6	5.3 for D or against R 1.7 for R or against D	<b>Texas</b> – Republican Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn is the clear favorite to be re-elected. Air Force veteran MJ Hegar (D), who lost a close 51%-48% House race in TX-31 in 2018, and state sen. Royce West (D) face a July 14 runoff to face Cornyn. Either one will be a major underdog.

<b>KY</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>June 23</b>	likely R likely R solid R	<a href="#">Mitch McConnell R, I</a> <a href="#">Amy McGrath D</a>	<a href="#">CLW</a> <a href="#">Jstreet</a>	37.7 47.3	5.5 for D or against R 0.2 for R or against D	<b>Kentucky</b> – Majority Leader Mitch McConnell ® surmounted a tough challenge in 2014, 56%-41%. But he is facing a difficult election because of his close connection to President Trump and his lukewarm ratings in the state. . Former fighter pilot and House candidate Amy McGrath (D) had key endorsements, a bucketful of money and the momentum, until a few weeks before the primary when Democratic opponent Charles Booker suddenly caught fire, with newspaper backing, his own key endorsements and national attention. McGrath survived, but barely 45%-43%. She was wounded by the primary, but has the resources and time to make it a close general election.
<b>MN</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Aug 11</b>	solid D likely D solid D	<a href="#">Tina Smith D, I</a>  <a href="#">Jason Lewis R</a>	<a href="#">CLW</a> <a href="#">Emily</a> <a href="#">LCV</a> <a href="#">Jstreet</a>	9.7 2.2		<b>Minnesota</b> – Sen. Tina Smith (D), appointed to replace Sen. Al Franken, won in 2018 by 53%-42% over former state senator Karen Housley for the last two years of Franken's term. Smith faces another election this year for a full six-year term. Jason Lewis, who served as U.S. representative for one term before being ousted by Rep. Angie Craig in 2018, is running against Sen. Smith.
<b>NH</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Sept 8</b>	solid D likely D solid D	<a href="#">Jeanne Shaheen D, I</a>  <a href="#">Corky Messner R</a>	<a href="#">CLW</a> <a href="#">Jstreet</a> <a href="#">Emily</a> <a href="#">LCV</a>	14.1 4.3	0.2 for D or against R 0.7 for R or against D	<b>New Hampshire</b> – Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D) has prospered with a strong but moderate record that works well in New Hampshire.
<b>NM</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>June 2</b>	solid D likely D solid D	<a href="#">Ben Lujan D</a>  <a href="#">Mark Ronchetti</a>	<a href="#">CLW</a> <a href="#">LCV</a> <a href="#">Jstreet</a>	6.3 1.4		<b>New Mexico</b> – Sen. Tom Udall (D) has announced his retirement at the end of this term. While Democrats have dominated elections in recent years, Republicans are still competitive. Rep. Ben Ray Lujan (D) is the Democratic candidate and the clear favorite.
<b>AR</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>March 3</b>	solid R safe R solid R	<a href="#">Thomas Cotton R, I</a> <a href="#">Joshua Mahony D</a>		9.9 Not yet reported		<b>Arkansas</b> – Sen. Tom Cotton ® will have no problems being reelected.
<b>DE</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Sept 15</b>	solid D solid D solid D	<a href="#">Christopher Coons D, I</a>	<a href="#">CLW</a>	5.5		<b>Delaware</b> – Sen. Chris Coons (D) is in great shape.
<b>ID</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>May 19</b>	solid R safe R solid R	<a href="#">James Risch R, I</a>		2.4		<b>Idaho</b> – Sen. James Risch ® will certainly be reelected.
<b>IL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>March 17</b>	solid D safe D solid D	<a href="#">Richard Durbin D, I</a>	<a href="#">Jstreet</a> <a href="#">CLW</a>	8.5		<b>Illinois</b> – Sen. Dick Durbin (D) has no opponent.
<b>LA</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Nov 3</b>	solid R safe R solid R	<a href="#">William Cassidy R, I</a>		9.2		<b>Louisiana</b> – In July, Shreveport Mayor Adrian Perkins launched a campaign against Republican Sen. Bill Cassidy, and was immediately endorsed by the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.
<b>MA</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Sept 1</b>	solid D safe D solid D	<a href="#">Ed Markey D, I</a>	<a href="#">CLW</a> <a href="#">LCV</a>	10.4	4.4 for D or against R 0.7 for R or against D	<b>Massachusetts</b> – While incumbent Democratic Sen. Ed Markey first appeared to have an easy reelection, U.S. Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy III (D) is challenging the incumbent. Polls show that Kennedy could be a favorite, with conflicting polls.

<b>MS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>March 10</b>	solid R safe R solid R	Cindy Hyde-Smith R, I Michael Espy D		2.1 1.4		<b>Mississippi</b> – Democrat Mike Espy, a former Congressman and Secretary of Agriculture, who held Republican Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith to a 54%-46% win for the last two years of Sen. Thad Cochran's ® seat, has filed to run against her again. Hyde-Smith is the overwhelming favorite.
<b>NE</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>May 12</b>	solid R safe R solid R	Benjamin Sasse R, I		5.7		<b>Nebraska</b> – Sen. Ben Sasse ® will be back in 2021.
<b>NJ</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>July 7</b>	solid D solid D solid D	Cory Booker D, I	<a href="#">LCV</a>	12.7	1.0 for D or against R <0.10 for R or against D	<b>New Jersey</b> –Sen. Cory Booker (D) withdrew from the race for President and will return to the Senate next year.
<b>OK</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>June 30</b>	solid R safe R solid R	James Inhofe R, I		4.5		<b>Oklahoma</b> –Senate Armed Services Committee Chair James Inhofe ® will be back for another term.
<b>OR</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>May 19</b>	solid D safe D solid D	Jeffrey Merkley D, I	<a href="#">CLW</a> <a href="#">Jstreet</a> <a href="#">LCV</a>	9.9		<b>Oregon</b> –Sen. Jeff Merkley (D) avoided any serious Republican opposition.
<b>RI</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Sept 8</b>	solid D safe D solid D	John Reed D, I		3.5		<b>Rhode Island</b> –Senate Ranking Armed Services Committee Democrat John Reed will be an easy winner.
<b>SD</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>June 2</b>	solid R safe R solid R	Mike Rounds R, I		3.8		<b>South Dakota</b> –Sen. Mike Rounds ® will have no problem being reelected.
<b>TN</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Aug 6</b>	solid R safe R solid R	Bill Hagerty R Manny Sethi R James Mackler D George Flinn R		10.6 4.2 2.0 4.8	1.0 for D or against R 1.0 for R or against D	<b>Tennessee</b> –Tennessee Republican Sen. Lamar Alexander, who has served since 2003, announced his retirement at the end of this term. His replacement is likely to be a Republican; In 2018, Democrats thought they had a chance to win a Senate seat in this state, but ex-governor Phil Bredesen (D) won only 44% of the vote against then-Rep. Marsha Blackburn ®. Attorney and Iraq War Army veteran James Mackler (D), who ran in 2018 before dropping out when Bredesen entered the race, is running. Former Ambassador to Japan Bill Hagerty is favored to win the Republican nomination and the election.
<b>VA</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>June 23</b>	solid D safe D solid D	Mark Warner D, I	<a href="#">LCV</a>	14.1	<0.1 for D or against R 0.1 for R or against D	<b>Virginia</b> – Sen. Mark Warner (D) had an unexpectedly close race in 2014, but should romp this year.
<b>WV</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>June 9</b>	solid R safe R solid R	Shelley Capito R, I Paula Swearengin D		4.4 0.6		<b>West Virginia</b> –Sen. Shelley Capito ® will be back for a second term.
<b>WY</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Aug 18</b>	solid R safe R solid R	Cynthia Lummis R		1.7	<0.10 for D or against R 0.2 for R or against D	<b>Wyoming</b> – Sen. Michael Enzi (R-WY) announced his retirement at the end of this term. Former Rep. Cynthia Lummis is running and will win the seat. Rep. Liz Cheney ®, who would have been major opposition, declined to run.

**Race rating definition:** (1) at least one “tossup”, (2) no tossup and no solid, (3) “solid” and “likely” mix, (4) all “solid” or “safe”

RECENT CHANGES IN RACE ASSESSMENTS					
State	Assessor	Date 1	Date 2	From	To
Georgia A	Sabato	4/30	7/9	Likely R	Lean R
Arizona	InsideElections	4/3	7/10	Toss up	Lean D
Iowa	InsideElections	4/3	7/10	Lean R	Toss up
Montana	InsideElections	4/3	7/10	Lean R	Toss up
Georgia A	InsideElections	4/3	7/10	Likely R	Tilt R
Texas	InsideElections	4/3	7/10	Solid R	Likely R
Alaska	InsideElections	4/3	7/10	Solid R	Likely R
South Carolina	InsideElections	4/3	7/10	Solid R	Likely R
Arizona	Cook	6/18	7/23	Toss up	Lean D
Iowa	Cook	6/18	7/23	Lean R	Toss up
Georgia A	Cook	6/18	7/23	Lean R	Toss up
Minnesota	Cook	6/18	7/23	Likely D	Solid D
New Mexico	Cook	6/18	7/23	Likely D	Solid D
Iowa	Sabato	7/9	8/5	Lean R	Toss up
Georgia B	Sabato	7/9	8/5	Lean R	Likely R
South Carolina	Cook	7/23	8/17	Likely R	Lean R
South Carolina	InsideElections	9/4	9/18	Likely R	Lean R
South Carolina	Sabato	8/5	9/21	Likely R	Lean R
Maine	Sabato	8/5	9/21	Toss up	Lean D

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[VoteSmart.org](https://www.vote-smart.org) provides a treasure chest of information about many of the candidates in our chart. Vote Smart sends a “Political Courage Test” to candidates – a questionnaire asking for his/her position on a range of issues. Unfortunately, in recent years candidates are increasingly unwilling to respond to this test. So Vote Smart’s website now presents what it thinks a candidate’s answers would have been, based on Vote Smart’s analysis of the candidate’s past statements and votes. The links in our chart take you directly to the Vote Smart page for each candidate. Far more information is readily accessed from this Vote Smart section, including the candidate’s biography, voting record, copies of speeches and statements, and funding. In addition, Vote Smart provides a huge nicely organized table showing ratings and endorsements of the candidate by a wide range of organizations – an excellent way to explore evaluations of the candidate by organizations that address particular concerns the reader may have.