



As surprising as the overwhelming outcome of the presidential election was to many last night, there were no real surprises in Colorado. Vice President Kamala Harris easily won Colorado over President-elect Donald Trump by an 11% margin. All U.S. congressional races maintained their respective party control, except for a few new faces to the delegation. The 8th Congressional seat, however, remains too close to be called. Incumbent Congresswoman Yadira Caraveo faced former state legislator Gabe Evans in what was hailed as one of the most expensive and tight congressional races in the country. There were no statewide candidate elections on the ballot, however, with a term-limited Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State and Treasurer, the 2026 campaign for these offices will begin in earnest in January 2025. Voters also faced several statewide ballot initiatives that are highlighted further below.

As votes were tallied this cycle in Colorado, there was little doubt that Democrats would maintain control of the House of Representatives and the State Senate. The only question was whether the Democrats would be able to maintain their supermajority in the House and pick up one seat in the Senate to reach a supermajority status in both chambers. A supermajority in the legislature gives the ruling party three advantages: (1) the ability to refer constitutional amendments to the ballot without opposition support, (2) the power to override Governor Jared Polis' vetoes on progressive legislation that negatively impacts business interests, and (3) more majority party seats on committees.

Going into the election, the Democrats held a 46 to 19 advantage in the House of Representatives. All 65 seats were up this cycle. The Republicans needed to pick up 3 seats to end the Democrats' supermajority. Of the 65 races, 35 are solid Democrat seats, 19 are solid Republican seats, and 11 were originally considered competitive seats. As of the morning of November 6th, House Democrats appear to retain a supermajority, however, two races are too close to call. Nevertheless, Republicans need to net three seats to eliminate the 2/3 margin.

In the State Senate, the Democrats held a 23 to 12 advantage with 18 seats contested this cycle. Democrats needed only one more seat to achieve a supermajority. Of these 18 races, 10 are solid Democrat seats, 3 are solid Republican seats, and 5 were thought to be competitive seats. As of November 6th, the Senate Democrats do not appear to have attained super-majority status should Republican Marc Catlin win SD 5, which he currently leads by a 4% margin.

Overall, where President-elect Donald Trump tends to elevate Republicans in competitive state legislative races in other states, as he did in 2016 and 2024, he remains a liability to Colorado Republican legislative candidates in otherwise winnable seats.

We will continue to monitor these races and update you on the outcomes once the results are final. Additionally, the House and Senate leadership elections will take place this week and we'll provide those results to you as well.



U.S. Congress Results

- HD 1 **Dianna Degette (D)** def. Vladamar Archuleta (R)
- HD 2 **Joe Neguse (D)** def. Marshall Dawson (R)
- HD 3 **Jeff Hurd (R)** def. Adam Frisch (D)
- HD 4 **Lauren Boebert (R)** def. Trisha Calvarese (D)
- HD 5 **Jeff Crank (R)** def. River Gassen (D)
- HD 6 **Jason Crow (D)** def. John Fabbriatore (R)
- HD 7 **Brittany Pettersen (D)** def. Sergei Matveyuk (R)
- HD 8 **Yadira Caraveo vs. Gabe Evans (too close to call)**

Colorado House of Representatives Results

HD 1	Denver	Javier Mabrey (D) def. Barbara Dehann (R)
HD 2	Denver	Steve Woodrow (D) def. Michael Dimanna (R)
HD 3	Denver	Meg Froelich (D) def. Marla Fernandez (R)
HD 4	Denver	Cecelia Espenosa (D) def. Jack Daus (R)
HD 5	Denver	Alex Valdez (D) def. Jonnie Johnson (R)
HD 6	Denver	Sean Camacho (D) def. Kyle Witter (R)
HD 7	Denver	Jennifer Bacon (D) def. Tom Swift (R)
HD 8	Denver	Lindsay Gilchrist (D) def. Phil Borrelli (R)
HD 9	Denver	Emily Sirota (D) def. Tom Vincent (R)
HD 10	Boulder	Junie Joseph (D) def. Bill Doereo (R)
HD 11	Boulder/ Larimer	Karen McCormick (D) def. Kathy Reeves (R)
HD 12	Boulder	Kyle Brown (D) def. Mark Milliman (R)
HD 13	Summit/Grand	Julie McCluskie (D) def. Dave Williams (R)
HD 14	El Paso	Rose Pugliese (R) def. Katherine Gayle (D)
HD 15	El Paso	Scott Bottoms (R) def. Jeff Livingston (D)
HD 16	El Paso	Rebecca Keltie (R) Stephanie Vigil (D)
HD 17	El Paso	Regina English (D) def. Elizabeth Riggs (R)
HD 18	El Paso	Amy Paschal (D) def. James Boelens (R)
HD 19	Weld	Jillaire McMillan (D) def. Dan Woog (R)
HD 20	El Paso	Jarvis Calswell (R) def. Arik Dougherty (D)
HD 21	El Paso	Mary Bradfield (D) def. Liz Rosenbaum (D)
HD 22	El Paso	Ken DeGraff (R) def. Michael Peirson (D)

HD 23	Jefferson Cty	Monica Duran (D) def. Cory Ohnesorge (R)
HD 24	Jefferson Cty	Lisa Feret (D) def. Gwen Henderson (R)
HD 25	Jefferson Cty	Tammy Story (D) def. George Mumma (R)
HD 26	Routt	Meghan Lukens (D) def. Tom Butler (R)
HD 27	Jefferson Cty	Brianna Titone (D) def. Edward Cox (R)
HD 28	Jefferson Cty	Sheila Leider (D) def. Paul Boddie (R)
HD 29	Adams	Shannon Bird (D) def. Evan Hunt (R)
HD 30	Jefferson Cty	Rebecca Stewart (D) def. Ramey Johnson (R)
HD 31	Adams	Jacque Phillips (D) def. Heidi Pitchforth (R)
HD 32	Adams	Mannie Rutinel (D) unopposed
HD 33	Broomfield	William Lindstedt (D) def. Michael Martinez (R)
HD 34	Adams	Jenny Willford (D) def. Craig Sullivan (R)
HD 35	Weld	Lorena Garcia (D) def. Lee Knoll (R)
HD 36	Arapahoe	Michael Carter (D) def. Eric Mulder (Fwd)
HD 37	Arapahoe	Chad Clifford (D) def. Kevin Biehl (U)
HD 38	Arapahoe	Gretchen Rydin (D) def. Jeff Patty (R)
HD 39	Arapahoe	Brandi Bradley (R) def. Eric Brody (D)
HD 40	Arapahoe	Naquetta Ricks (D) def. Darryl Gibbs (R)
HD 41	Arapahoe	Iman Jodeh (D) def. Robert McKenna (R)
HD 43	Douglas	Bob Marshall (D) def. Matt Burcham (R)
HD 44	Douglas	Anthony Hartsook (R) def. Alyssa Nilemo (D)
HD 45	Douglas	Max Brooks (D) def. Chad Cox (D)
HD 46	Pueblo	Tisha Mauro (D) def. Kim Swearingen (R)
HD 47	Las Animas	Ty Winter (R) def. Elizabeth Bulthuis (D)
HD 48	Weld	Chris Barron unopposed
HD 49	Boulder	Leslie Smith (D) def. Steve Ferrante (R)
HD 50	Weld	Mary Young (D) v. Ryan Gonzales (R)
HD 51	Weld	Ron Weinberg (R) def. Sarah McKeen (D)
HD 52	Larimer	Yara Zokaie (D) def. Steve Yurash (oth)
HD 53	Larimer	Andrew Boesenecker (D) def. Donna Walter(R)
HD 54	Delta	Matt Soper (R) Unopposed
HD 55	Mesa	Rick Taggart (R) Unopposed
HD 56	Elbert	Chris Richardson (R) def. Alessandra Navetta (D)
HD 57	Garfield	Elizabeth Velasco (D) def. Caleb Waller (R)
HD 58	Gunnison	Don Suckla (R) def. Kathleen Curry (D)
HD 59	Cortez	Katie Stewart (D) def. Clark Craig (R)
HD 60	Chaffee	Stephanie Luck (R) def. Kathryn Green (D)
HD 61	Douglas	Eliza Hamrick (D) def. Joe Johnson (Lib)
HD 62	Alamosa	Matthew Martinez (D) def. Carol Rigggenbach (R)
HD 63	Logan	Dusty Johnson (R) unopposed



HD 64	Weld	Ryan Armagost (R) def. Mark Matthews (D)
HD 65	Weld	Lori Sander (R) def. Will Walters (D)
TOTAL*		
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*Depending on the outcome of HD16 and HD50

Colorado State Senate Results

SD 2	Douglas	Lisa Frizell (R) def Jennifer Brady (D)
SD 5	West Slope	Marc Catlin (R) def. Cole Buerger (D)
SD 6	Alamosa	Cleve Simpson (R) def. Vivian Smotherman (D)
SD 10	El Paso	Larry Liston (R) def. Ryan Lucas (D)
SD 12	El Paso	Marc Snyder (D) def. Stan VanderWerf (R)
SD 13	Adams	Scott Bright (R) def. Matt Johnston (D)
SD 14	Larimer	Cathy Kipp (D) def. Phoebe McWilliams (R)
SD 16	Arapahoe	Chris Kolker (D) def. Robyn Carnes (R)
SD 17	Boulder	Sonya Jaquez Lewis (D) def. Tom Van Lone (R)
SD 18	Boulder	Judy Amabile (D) def. Gary Swing (R)
SD 19	Jefferson	Lindsay Daugherty (D) def. Sam Bandimere (R)
SD 21	Adams	Dafna Michaelson Jenet (D) def. Fred Alfred (R)
SD 26	Arapahoe	Jeff Bridges (D) def. Bob Lane (R)
SD 28	Arapahoe	Mike Weissman (D) def. Pedro Espinoza (R)
SD 31	Denver	Chris Hansen (D) def David Aitken (lib)
SD 33	Denver	James Coleman (D) def. Max Minnig (R)
Total		D 23 R 12



Ballot Measures

Fourteen ballot measures appeared on the statewide ballot. Of these, the most surprising results were the defeat of Proposition 131, a ranked choice voting measure and the passage of Proposition 129, which expands the scope of veterinary practice to a new type of veterinary license. In Colorado, constitutional amendments (referred to as Amendment) must receive over 55% of the vote for adoption. Statutory changes (propositions) only need a simple majority. Below is a brief description of all the statewide measures and their outcome. Please let us know if you need more specific information on any of these proposals.

Amendment G: Amends the Colorado Constitution to expand the eligibility for property tax exemptions to veterans with a non-service-connected disability rated as one hundred percent permanent disability. **Passed**

Amendment H: Amends the Colorado Constitution to establish an independent judicial discipline adjudicative board made up of citizens, lawyers, and judges to conduct judicial misconduct hearings and impose disciplinary actions. **Passed**

Amendment I: Amends the Colorado Constitution to create an exception to the right to bail for cases of murder in the first degree to allow a judge to deny bail for persons charged with this when the judge determines that the proof is evident, or presumption is great that the person committed the crime. **Passed**

Amendment J: Amends the Colorado Constitution to remove the ban in the Colorado Constitution on same-sex marriage by repealing the definition of marriage as being a union between one man and one woman. **Passed**

Amendment K: Amends the Colorado Constitution to modify certain deadlines for certain election filings and publication of ballot measures in newspapers. **Passing – too close right now**

Amendment 79: Amends the Colorado Constitution to recognize the right to abortion and prohibits state and local governments from denying, impeding, or discriminating against the exercise of that right, and allows abortion to be a covered service under state and local health insurance plans. **Passed**



Amendment 80: Amends the Colorado Constitution to establish a right to school choice for K-12 children and declares that school choice includes neighborhood schools, charter schools, private schools, home schools, open enrollment options, and future innovations in education. **Failed**

Proposition JJ: Asks the voters to retain and spend all sports betting tax revenue above the voter-approved limits to fund water conservation and protection projects instead of refunding the revenue to casinos. **Passed**

Proposition KK: Asks the voters to approve an excise tax on the sale of guns, gun parts, and ammunition at the rate of 6.5% to pay for mental health services and domestic violence support services. **Passed**

Proposition 127: Prohibits the hunting of mountain lions, lynx, and bobcats except in certain circumstances. **Failed**

Proposition 128: Amends Colorado statute to require a person convicted of certain crimes of violence to serve at least 85 percent of their sentence in prison before being eligible for discretionary parole or earned time reductions, and makes a person convicted of a third or subsequent crime of violence ineligible for earned time or discretionary parole. **Passed**

Proposition 129: Amends Colorado statute to create a new veterinary professional association profession and establishes the qualifications for the new profession. **Passed**

Proposition 130: Amends Colorado statute to direct the state to appropriate \$350 million in additional funding to local law enforcement agencies to improve officer recruitment and retention and requires the state to provide a one-time \$1 million death benefit to the family of state and local law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. **Passed**

Proposition 131: Establishes an all-candidate primary for all voters regardless of their political party affiliation for certain offices and advances the top four candidate in a ranked-choice general election. **Failed**