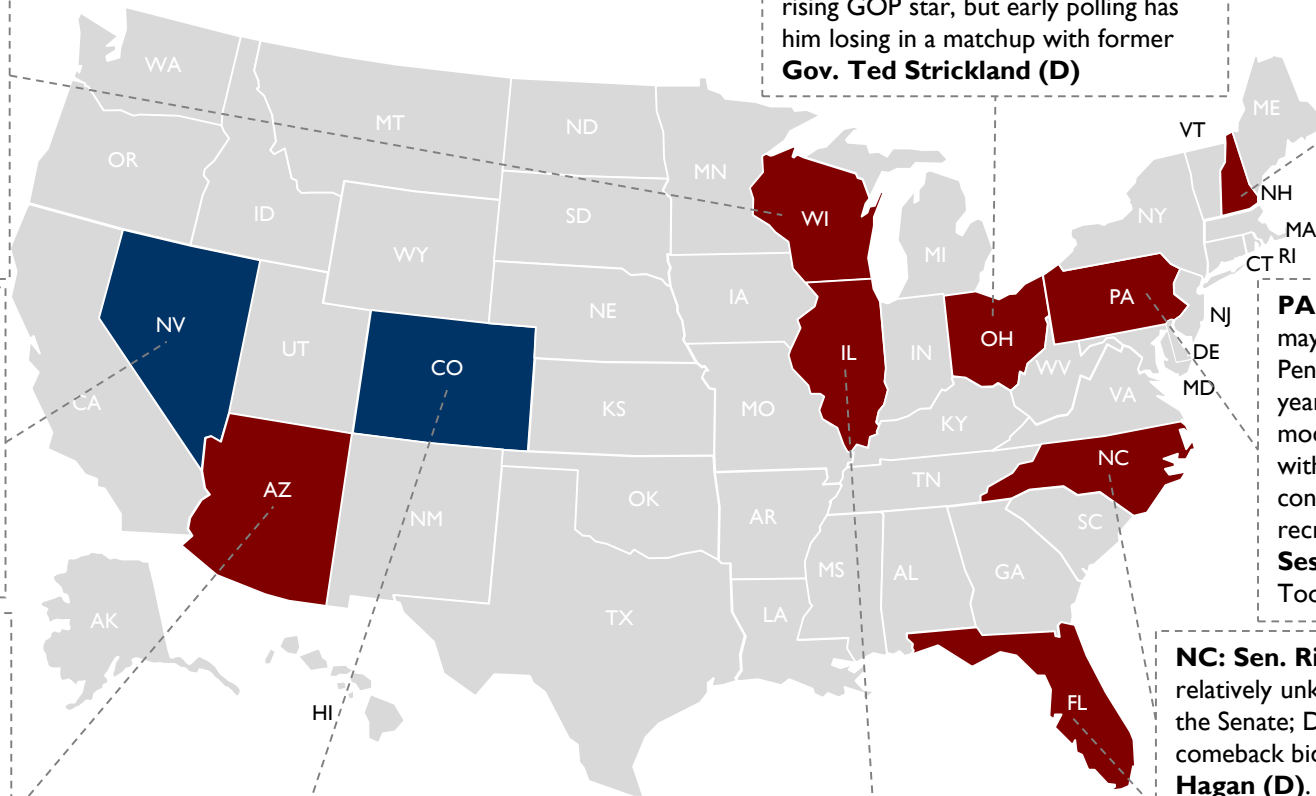


Most Competitive 2016 Senate Seats Held by GOP

Competitive Senate Races in the 2016 Election

■ Republican-Held Seats ■ Democratic-Held Seats



WI: Sen. Ron Johnson (R) is a relatively unknown quantity in his home state, and may be too conservative for a presidential-year electorate; Dems are hoping that **former Sen. Russ Feingold (D)** is interested in a rematch.

NV: Sen. Harry Reid (D) is retiring, leaving a competitive open seat race; Reid has indicated that he would support a run by former attorney general **Catherine Cortez Masto (D)**.

AZ: Sen. John McCain (R) is running for re-election, but he may face stiff primary competition; Democrats have a number of competitive candidates, including **Rep. Kyrsten Sinema (D)**.

CO: Sen. Michael Bennet (D) won a surprise victory for this seat in 2010, and is likely to have another tough race in 2016 against an energized Republican base still celebrating the defeat of Mark Udall in 2014; the GOP's top potential recruit is **Rep. Mike Coffman (R)**.

OH: Sen. Rob Portman (R) is a rising GOP star, but early polling has him losing in a matchup with former **Gov. Ted Strickland (D)**

NH: Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R) is well-liked, but running in a blue state in a presidential year; Democrats are hoping popular **Gov. Maggie Hassan (D)** enters the race

PA: Sen. Pat Toomey (R) may be too conservative for Pennsylvania in a presidential year, but has worked to moderate his record, working with Democrats on gun control; currently, Dems' only recruit is **former Rep. Joe Sestak (D)**, who lost to Toomey in 2010.

NC: Sen. Richard Burr (R) is still relatively unknown after two terms in the Senate; Democrats are hoping for a comeback bid by **former Sen. Kay Hagan (D)**.

FL: Sen. Marco Rubio (R)'s entrance into the presidential contest leaves a competitive open seat in a presidential swing state; moderate **Rep. Patrick Murphy (D)** has already entered the race

IL: Sen. Mark Kirk (R) won a close race against a scandal-plagued opponent in 2010 and faces Iraq War veteran **Rep. Tammy Duckworth (D)** in a presidential election year in a very blue state.