

Five of seven governors' seats most likely to flip are held by Democrats

Based on Headlines From National Journal's Hotline

Hotline's 2016 gubernatorial rankings

1. North Carolina: Attorney General Cooper is a top Democratic recruit and leads in polling and fundraising. McCrory's embrace of legislation seen as anti-LGBT may hurt his chances.
Incumbent: *Pat McCrory (R)*
Challenger: *Roy Cooper (D)*

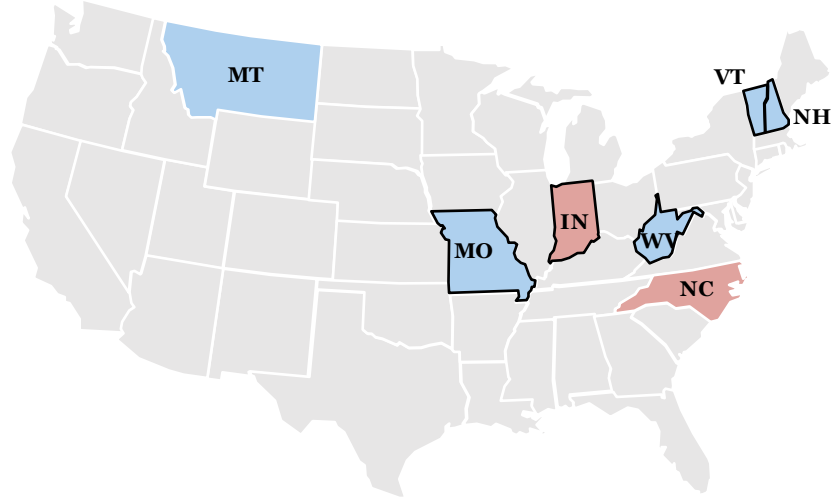
2. Indiana: Gregg, the Democratic nominee for the second straight election, is not well known, but is leading public polls.
Incumbent: *Mike Pence (R) (retiring)*
Challenger: *John Gregg (D), Eric Holcomb (R)*

3. Missouri: Republican-turned-Democratic state Attorney General Koster has run an impressive campaign, appealing to conservatives and expanding his base.
Incumbent: *Jay Nixon (D) (retiring)*
Challenger: *Chris Koster (D), Eric Greitens (R)*

4. Vermont: Despite Clinton's wide lead in the state, the Republican Governors Association is bolstering Scott with record spending.
Incumbent: *Peter Shumlin (D) (retiring)*
Challenger: *Sue Minter (D), Phil Scott (R)*

5. New Hampshire: New Hampshire will be a swing state in the Presidential and Senate elections, which will have an effect on these lower profile candidates.
Incumbent: *Maggie Hassan (D) (retiring)*
Challengers: *Colin Van Ostern (D), Chris Sununu (R)*

■ Republican incumbent ■ Democrat incumbent



*Outlined states have open races

6. Montana: The state's limited polling show the candidates tied, but Trump is likely to win the state, which might make it difficult for Bullock to secure a second term.
Incumbent: *Steve Bullock (D)*
Challenger: *Greg Gianforte (R)*











7. West Virginia: Democrat Justice leads in polling and fundraising.
Incumbent: *Earl Ray Tomblin (D) (Retiring)*
Challenger: *Jim Justice (D), Bill Cole (R)*

Source: Zach Cohen, "Hotline's 2016 governor race rankings," National Journal, October 25, 2016.

Which governors' seats are most likely to flip?

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<u>State</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Challenger</u>	<u>Cook Political Report Rating</u>	
1. North Carolina	 Pat McCrory	 Roy Cooper	Toss Up	
2. Indiana	Open	 Eric Holcomb	 John Gregg	Toss Up
3. Missouri	Open	 Eric Greitens	 Chris Koster	Toss Up
4. Vermont	Open	 Phill Scott	 Sue Minter	Toss Up
5. New Hampshire	Open	 Chris Sununu	 Colin Van Ostern	Toss Up

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