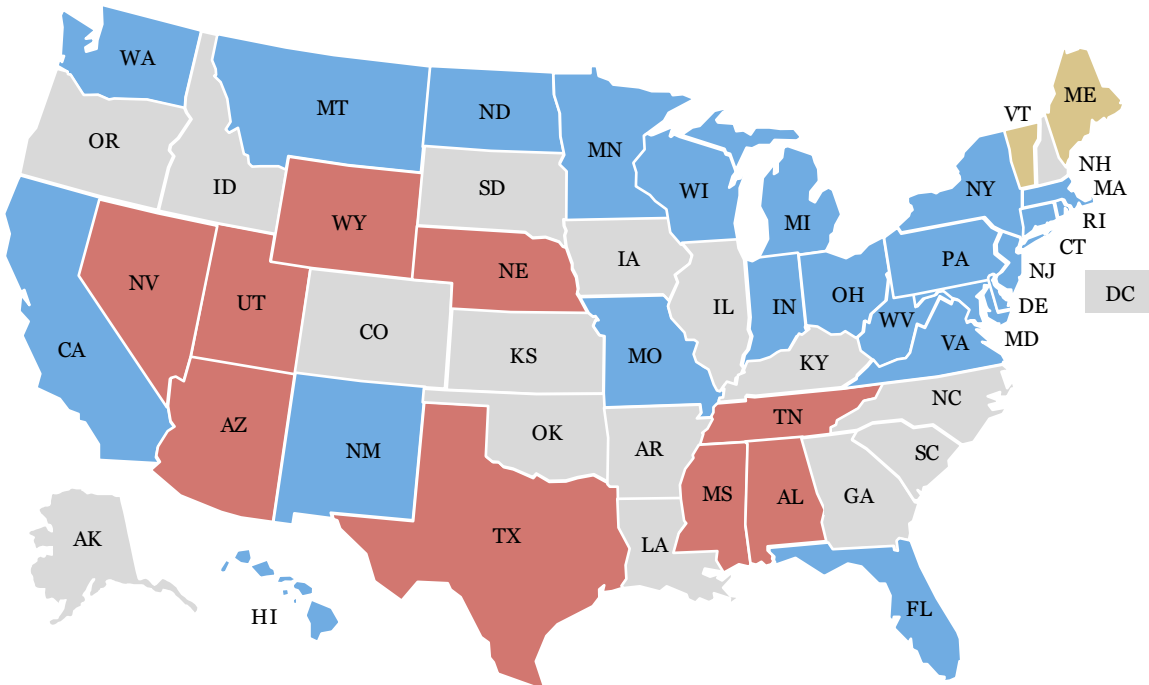


Democrats need a three-seat net gain to win a 2018 Senate majority; Republicans are defending fewer seats

States with Senate elections, 2018

■ Democrat incumbent ■ Independent incumbent ■ Republican incumbent



Analysis

- Democrats will be defending **25 seats** in 2018, while Republicans are defending only **nine**
- Of the nine Republican seats, just **Nevada**, held by freshman Sen. Dean Heller, is in a state won by Democrats in the 2012 or 2016 presidential elections
- No other GOP-held seat appears in danger, which means **Republicans are likely to hold onto their majority**
- Democrats will likely be on defense in **North Dakota** (a state Romney won by 20 points and Trump won by 36) and **West Virginia** (a state Romney won by 27 points and Trump won by 42)

Source: Cook subscriber briefing, April 4, 2017; Charlie Cook, "Uphill climb for Democrats in 2018," The Cook Political Report, December 2, 2016.

There is likely to be little volatility in the House in 2018

David Wasserman's House preview



House of Representatives

- There are **23 Republicans** sitting in districts carried by Hillary Clinton and just **12 Democrats** in districts won by Donald Trump
- The party holding the White House usually loses House seats in midterm elections, but it's unlikely that the House will flip
- Republicans won the presidency **while losing House seats**, so they aren't going into the midterm with a lot of new seats to defend
- There is no route for the Democrats to win a majority in the House without **winning at least one of the districts Trump carried in 2016**