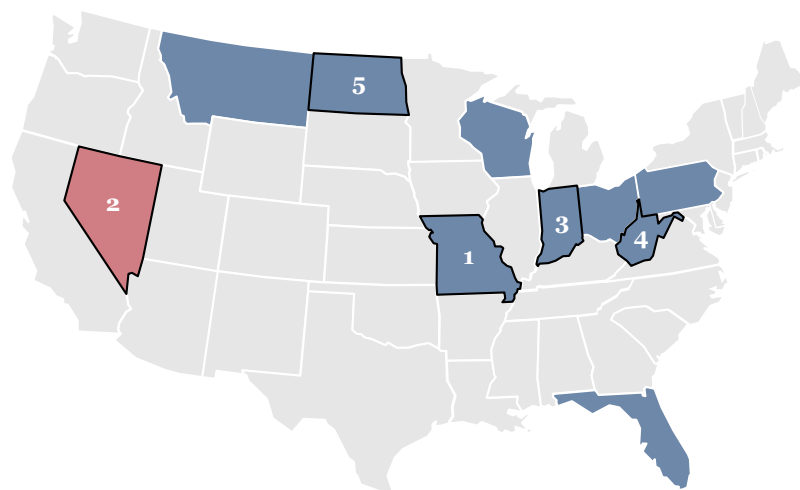


Democrats hold 9 of the 10 most vulnerable Senate seats in the 2018 election cycle

Hotline's 2018 Senate rankings

- Seat held by Republican ■ Seat held by Democrat
 □ Top five states most likely to flip



- **Florida:** Bill Nelson (D)
- **Montana:** Jon Tester (D)
- **Ohio:** Sherrod Brown (D)
- **Arizona:** Jeff Flake (R)
- **Wisconsin:** Tammy Baldwin (D)

1. Missouri: McCaskill has already declared herself the underdog. Trump won this state by 10 points more than Romney did. However, Missouri has an independent streak: Jason Kander came within 3 points of winning the seat even as Trump beat Clinton by almost 20 points.

Incumbent: [Claire McCaskill \(D\)](#)

Challenger: [AG Josh Hawley \(R\)](#)

2. Nevada: Nevada is the Democrats' best chance to pick up a seat, especially after the party carried the state at the presidential level, held an open Senate seat and flipped two House seats in 2016.

Incumbent: [Dean Heller \(R\)](#)

Challengers: [Danny Tarkanian \(R\)](#), [Rep. Jacky Rosen \(D\)](#)

3. Indiana: Trump won Indiana by 19 points, and incumbent Senator Donnelly benefited by facing a flawed opponent in the last election cycle.

Incumbent: [Joe Donnelly \(D\)](#)

Challengers: [Rep. Todd Rokita \(R\)](#), [Rep. Luke Messer \(R\)](#)

4. West Virginia: Trump carried West Virginia by 42 points, but Manchin has gone out of his way since the election to make clear he is open to working with Trump. Manchin is one of the most moderate Democrats in the Senate, but the GOP is already planning to tie him to Clinton.

Incumbent: [Joe Manchin \(D\)](#)

Challengers: [Rep. Evan Jenkins \(R\)](#), [AG Patrick Morrisey \(R\)](#)

5. North Dakota: This seat would be incredibly difficult for Democrats to hold if Heitkamp decides to retire, a decision she plans to announce this summer. Heitkamp ran 11 points ahead of President Obama in her first election, though Trump won the state by 36 points.

Incumbent: [Heidi Heitkamp \(D\)](#)

Potential challenger: [Rep. Kevin Cramer \(R\)](#)

Sources: Kimerly Railey and Kyle Trygstad, "Hotline's Senate Power Rankings," National Journal, August 15, 2017.