## 2018 Senate races and beyond

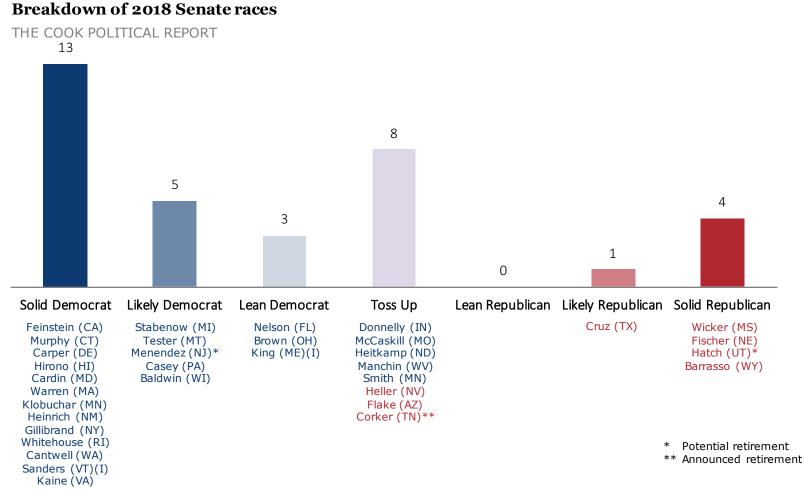
**Cook Political Report ratings** 

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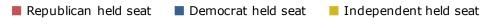
## Senate Dems are defending 26 seats in 2018, five toss-ups

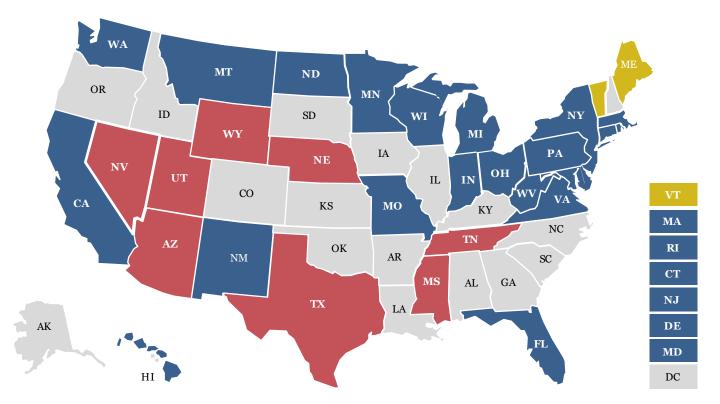


NB: Corker and Strange refer to their seats rather then the candidates who announced retirement and lost a special election primary challenge, respectively. Source: The Cook Political Report, September 29, 2017.

## 26 seats up for election in 2018 are held by Democrats and Independents out of a total of 34

#### States with U.S. Senate seats up for election



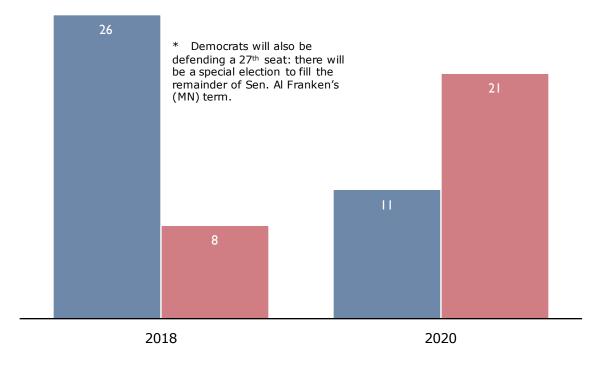


Sources: Charlie Cook, "Will History Hold in 2018 Midterms?" The Cook Political Report, January 9, 2017, National Journal Research, 2017.

# Democrats, Republicans will take turns playing defense in upcoming elections

#### Senate seats in play, by election year

Republican seats



Source: The Cook Political Report, 2017.

## 2018 Senate races by 2016 presidential performance

#### Senate seats in play, by election year

Clinton + 15 or greater	Clinton +5 to +14.9	Clinton +4.9 to Trump +4.9	Trump +5 to +14.9	Trump +15 or greater			
DEMOCRATS (26)							
Feinstein (CA) +16.2 Hirono (HI) +32.2 Cardin (MD) +25.2 Warren (MA) +27.3 Gillibrand (NY) +21.3 Whitehouse (RI) +15.6 Sanders (VT)(I) +28.5 Cantwell (WA) +16.2	Murphy (CT) +13.3 Carper (DE) +11.5 Menendez (NJ) +13.2 Heinrich (NM) +8.3	King (ME)(I) D +2.7 Klobuchar (MN) D +1.5 Smith (MN) D +1.5 Kaine (VA) D +4.9 Stabenow (MI) R +0.3 Nelson (FL) R +1.3 Baldwin (WI) R +1 Casey (PA) R +1.2	Brown (OH) +8.6	Donnelly (IN) +19.3 McCaskill (MO) +19.1 Tester (MT) +20.5 Heitkamp (ND) +36.3 Manchin (WV) +42.2			
REPUBLICANS (8)							
		Heller (NV) +2.4 Flake (AZ) +4.1	Cruz (TX) +9.2	Fischer (NE) +226.3 Corker (TN) +26.2 Hatch (UT) +18.1 Wicker (MS) +18.6 Barrasso (WY) +47.6			

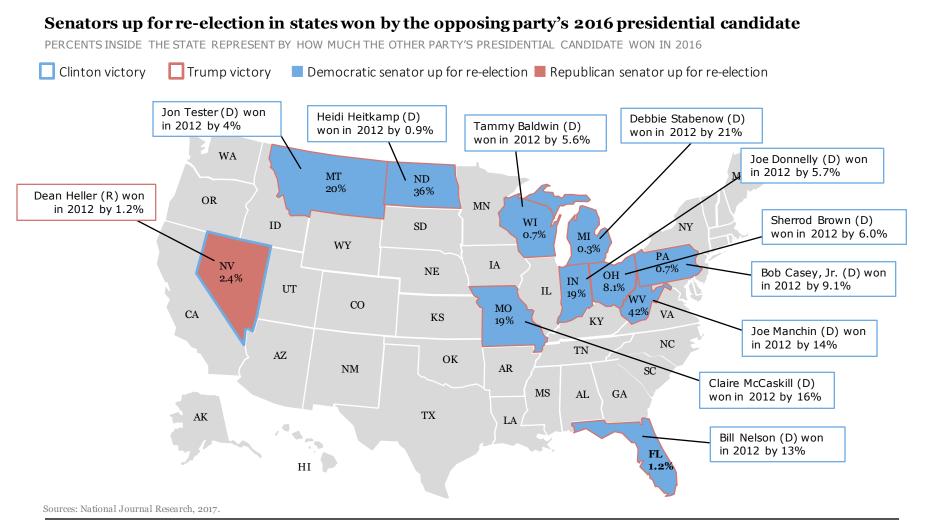
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DEMOCRATS (11)							
Coons (DE) +11.5 Durbin (IL) +16 Markey (MA) +27.3 Booker (NJ) +13.2 Reed (RI) +15.6	Franken (MN) +8.3 Shaheen (NH) +6 T. Udall (NM) +0.4 Merkley (OR) +10.6	Warner (VA) D+4.9 Peters (MI) R+0.3					
REPUBLICANS (21)							
		Collins (ME) D+2.7 Tillis (NC) R+3.8	Perdue (GA) +5.7 Ernst (IA) +9.6 Graham (SC) +14.1 Cornyn (TX) +9.2	Sullivan (AK) $+27.4$ Cotton (AR) $+26.6$ Risch (ID) $+31.6$ Roberts (KS) $+21$ McConnell (KY) $+25.3$ Cochran (MS) $+18.6$ Daines (MT) $+20.5$ Cassidy (LA) $+19.7$ Sasse (NE) $+26.1$ Inhofe (OK) $+36.4$ Rounds (SD) $+29.8$ Alexander (TN) $+26.2$ Capito (WV) $+42.2$ Enzi (WY) $+47.6$			

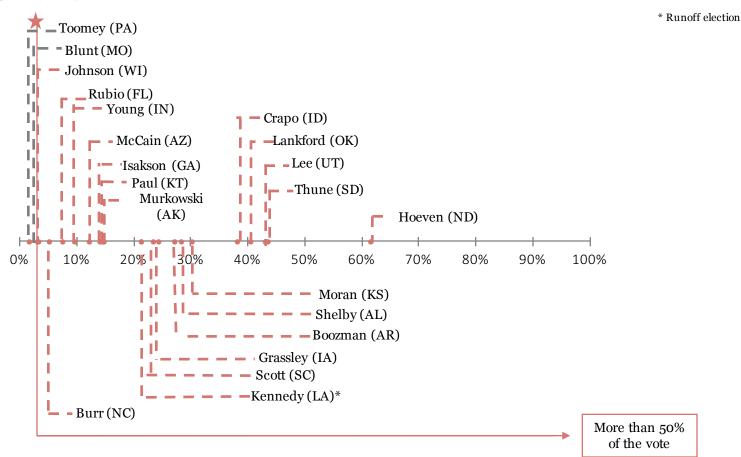
Source: "2016 Senate election results," Politico, December 13, 2016.

## Of the 26 Democratic senators up for re-election, Trump won 10 of their states – and five by double digits



## Two GOP senators won with less than 50% of the vote in 2016

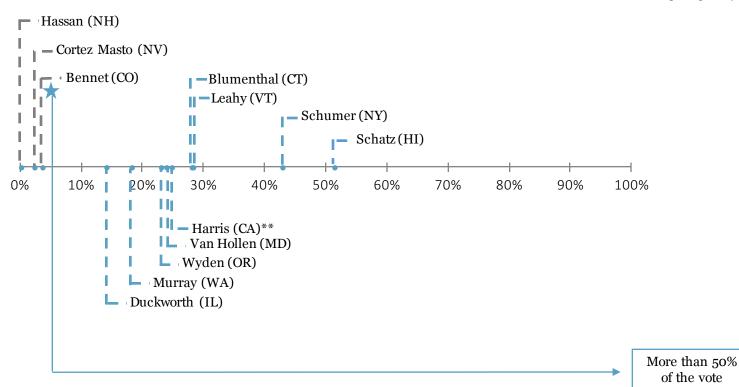
#### Margin of victory of GOP senators in the 2016 election



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Margin of victory of Democratic senators in the 2016 election

\*\* Top two primary system



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## **Breakdown of current senators**

Number of Senate seats in the 115th Congress, by party

Republican seats
Democrat seats
Independent seats



Source: "2016 Senate election results," Politico, December 13, 2016; "115th Congress (2017-2019)" United States Senate, 2018.