

# Nine kinds of races that will decide the fate of the House

The Cook Political Report's insights into the types of competitive House races in the 2018 midterms

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# 1. Vulnerable Democratic open seats

These are the only five seats this cycle where Republicans are on offense

DISTRICT	INCUMBENT	COOK POLITICAL REPORT RATING
MN-01	OPEN (Walz) (D)	Toss Up
MN-08	OPEN (Nolan) (D)	Lean Republican
NV-03	OPEN (Rosen) (D)	Lean Democratic
NV-04	OPEN (Kihuen) (D)	Lean Democratic
PA-14	OPEN (Lamb) (D)	Likely Republican

## 2. Republicans in suburbs won by Clinton in 2016

**Trump is unpopular among the college-educated, particularly women, in elite/professional suburbs**

DISTRICT	INCUMBENT	RATING
CA-45	Mimi Walters (R)	Toss Up
CA-48	Dana Rohrabacher (R)	Toss Up
CO-06	Mike Coffman (R)	Lean Democratic
IL-06	Peter Roskam (R)	Lean Democratic
KS-03	Kevin Yoder (R)	Lean Democratic
MN-03	Erik Paulsen (R)	Lean Democratic
NJ-07	Leonard Lance (R)	Toss Up
PA-01	Brian Fitzpatrick (R)	Toss Up
TX-32	Pete Sessions (R)	Toss Up
VA-10	Barbara Comstock (R)	Lean Democratic

Sources: David Wasserman, "Nine Kinds of Races that Will Decide the Fate of the House," Cook Political Report, Oct. 19, 2018.

### 3. GOP open seats won by Clinton

**Hillary Clinton won these eight seats where Republican incumbents are retiring rather than running again in a competitive race**

DISTRICT	INCUMBENT	RATING
AZ-02	OPEN (McSally) (R)	Lean Democratic
CA-39	OPEN (Royce) (R)	Toss Up
CA-49	OPEN (Issa) (R)	Lean Democratic
FL-27	OPEN (Ros-Lehtinen) (R)	Lean Democratic
PA-05	VACANT (Meehan) (R)	Likely Democratic
PA-06	OPEN (Costello) (R)	Likely Democratic
PA-07	VACANT (Dent) (R)	Lean Democratic
WA-08	OPEN (Reichert) (R)	Toss Up

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## 4. GOP open seats won by Trump

Trump won these districts, but incumbent retirements are leaving the seats vulnerable

DISTRICT	INCUMBENT	RATING
FL-15	OPEN (Ross) (R)	Toss Up
KS-02	OPEN (Jenkins) (R)	Toss Up
MI-11	OPEN (Trott) (R)	Lean Democratic
NC-09	OPEN (Pittenger) (R)	Toss Up
NJ-02	OPEN (LoBiondo) (R)	Likely Democratic
NJ-11	OPEN (Frelinghuysen) (R)	Lean Democratic
NM-02	OPEN (Pearce) (R)	Toss Up
SC-01	OPEN (Sanford) (R)	Lean Republican
VA-05	OPEN (Garrett) (R)	Lean Republican
WI-01	OPEN (Ryan) (R)	Lean Republican
WV-03	OPEN (Jenkins) (R)	Lean Republican

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## 5. Republicans in bellwether suburbs

Trump only won these professional and middle-class districts by a single-digit margin in 2016

DISTRICT	INCUMBENT	RATING
GA-06	Karen Handel (R)	Lean Republican
IL-14	Randy Hultgren (R)	Toss Up
MI-08	Mike Bishop (R)	Toss Up
MN-02	Jason Lewis (R)	Lean Democratic
MO-02	Ann Wagner (R)	Lean Republican
NE-02	Don Bacon (R)	Lean Republican
NJ-03	Tom MacArthur (R)	Toss Up
OH-01	Steve Chabot (R)	Toss Up
PA-17	Keith Rothfus (R)	Likely Democratic
UT-04	Mia Love (R)	Toss Up

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## 6. Republicans in non-white districts

All but one of these minority-majority, Republican-held districts voted for Clinton in 2016

DISTRICT	INCUMBENT	RATING
CA-10	Jeff Denham (R)	Toss Up
CA-25	Steve Knight (R)	Toss Up
FL-26	Carlos Curbelo (R)	Toss Up
GA-07	Rob Woodall (R)	Lean Republican
TX-07	John Culberson (R)	Toss Up
TX-23	Will Hurd (R)	Lean Republican

## 7. Republicans in “Trump surge zones”

**These are heavily white, working-class districts that previously voted for Obama but were won by Trump in 2016**

DISTRICT	INCUMBENT	RATING
IA-01	Rod Blum (R)	Lean Democratic
IL-12	Mike Bost (R)	Lean Republican
ME-02	Bruce Poliquin (R)	Toss Up
NY-11	Dan Donovan (R)	Lean Republican
NY-19	John Faso (R)	Toss Up
PA-16	Mike Kelly (R)	Lean Republican

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## 8. Republicans in districts with urban/rural divides

These are districts that combine mid-size cities and large rural components

DISTRICT	INCUMBENT	RATING
AR-02	French Hill (R)	Lean Republican
IA-03	David Young (R)	Toss Up
IL-13	Rodney Davis (R)	Lean Republican
KY-06	Andy Barr (R)	Toss Up
NC-02	George Holding (R)	Lean Republican
NC-13	Ted Budd (R)	Toss Up
NY-24	John Katko (R)	Lean Republican
OH-12	Troy Balderson (R)	Toss Up
PA-10	Scott Perry (R)	Lean Republican
TX-31	John Carter (R)	Likely Republican
WA-03	Jaime Herrera Beutler (R)	Lean Republican
WA-05	Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R)	Lean Republican

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## 9. Republicans with self-inflicted wounds

**Incumbents have imperiled their standing with ethics or corruption scandals in these districts**

DISTRICT	INCUMBENT	RATING
CA-50	Duncan Hunter (R)	Lean Republican
FL-16	Vern Buchanan (R)	Lean Republican
MT-AL	Greg Gianforte (R)	Lean Republican
NY-22	Claudia Tenney (R)	Toss Up
NY-27	Chris Collins (R)	Lean Republican
VA-02	Scott Taylor (R)	Toss Up
VA-07	Dave Brat (R)	Toss Up

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