

Senators that could face a primary challenge in 2020

A look at the senators who faced a primary challenger in 2014 when running as an incumbent

State	Senator	2014 Primary vote share
KS	Pat Roberts	48.1%
TN	Lamar Alexander	49.7%
SC	Lindsey Graham	56.4%
TX	John Cornyn	59.4%
KY	Mitch McConnell	60.2%
ID	Jim Risch	79.9%
WY	Mike Enzi	81.8%
OK	Jim Inhofe	87.7%
OR	Jeff Merkley	92.0%

Of the five senators who received 60% or less of the vote share:

Sens. Pat Roberts (R-KS) and Lamar Alexander (R-TN) both faced a crowded primary in 2014, which could account for their lower primary vote share

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) narrowly escaped a run-off, which is triggered in South Carolina if no candidate wins more than 50%

Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn (R-TX) and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), as prominent Republican leaders, could face the brunt of public dissatisfaction with the party in 2020

*Primaries with two or more candidates are included in the list; only Senators up for reelection are included

Sources: Geoffrey Skelley, "Which Senators Might Be Vulnerable To A Primary Challenge In 2020?" *FiveThirtyEight*. November 30, 2018.