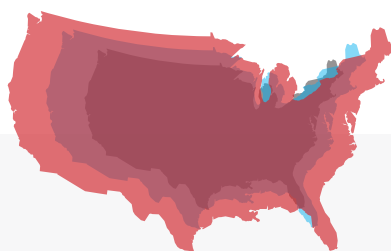




ELECTION 2022

RACES TO WATCH

THE POWER OF LATINO CANDIDATES



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In Election 2022, Latinos will continue their progress as leaders of their communities by seeking positions in Congress, statewide offices, and state legislatures across the nation. Latino candidates are demonstrating that they can successfully pursue seats in the executive and legislative branches of government throughout the country, where some of the most important decisions are made about the policies that affect the lives of all Americans. Additionally, Latinos are achieving new milestones in their efforts to attain full representation at the federal and state level. This *Election Profile* focuses on key federal and statewide races involving Latino candidates in the general election on November 8, 2022, and presents an analysis of potential Latino gains in Congress and state legislatures.

Latinos are running for top offices in 44 states. The geographic diversity of Latino candidates demonstrates that Latinos are mobilizing for political progress in both the traditional Latino population centers, and in regions with emerging Latino communities such as the Pacific Northwest, the Plains States, the Midwest, the Deep South, and New England.

Latinos in the U.S. Senate

In Election 2022, U.S. Senate races are crucial to either retaining or gaining partisan advantage in Congress' upper chamber. Three of the Senate's six Latino incumbents are running in 2022: Alex Padilla (D-CA), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), and Marco Rubio (R-FL). Senators Ted Cruz (R-TX), Ben Ray Luján (D-NM), and Robert Menendez (D-NJ) are not up for re-election in November.

In January 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom (D) appointed Senator Padilla to fill to the seat vacated by Kamala Harris (D) just before she became Vice President. Senator Padilla has excellent prospects of victory in his bid to win election to his first full term. Senator Rubio is facing a somewhat competitive challenge from U.S. Rep. Val Demings (D) in a race that is being closely watched by both political parties. Political observers believe that Senator Catherine Cortez Masto is facing one of the most serious Senate challenges in the nation, as former Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt (R) attempts to unseat her.

Latinos in the U.S. House of Representatives

The number of Latinos in the U.S. House could increase by as many as seven from 38 to 45. Additionally, there are likely to be several new Latinos in the U.S. House of Representatives. In California, Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia (D) has excellent chances of prevailing over Ocean View School District Trustee John Briscoe (R) in the 42nd Congressional District. In Florida, Latinos from both sides of the aisle are likely to win their elections. In the 10th Congressional District, organizer and gun violence prevention advocate Maxwell Alejandro Frost (D) has good prospects of victory in his battle against retired Green Beret Colonel Calvin Wimbish (R). In the 13th Congressional District, Air Force veteran and non-profit advocate Anna Paulina Luna (R) is likely to win her race against former Obama Administration Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Defense Eric Lynn (D).

Other Latinos with excellent chances of winning their first election to the U.S. House include Illinois State Rep. Delia Ramirez (D), who is facing real estate broker Justin Burau (R) in the state's 3rd Congressional District; attorney and Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Commissioner Robert Menendez, Jr. (D), who is facing housing inspector Marcos Arroyo (R) in New Jersey's 8th Congressional District; and former Austin City Councilmember Greg Casar (D), who is facing Navy veteran Dan McQueen (R) in Texas' 35th Congressional District.

In Oregon, two Latinas could make history by being the first to represent Oregon in the U.S. House. In Oregon's 6th Congressional District, State Rep. Andrea Salinas (D) is a strong contender against business owner Mike Erickson (R). In the 5th Congressional District, former Happy Valley Mayor Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R) is in an extremely competitive race against small business owner Jamie McLeod-Skinner (D).

In Colorado, a Latina could also reach a new political milestone if State Rep. Yadira Caraveo (D) beats State Senator Barbara Kirkmeyer (R) in the 8th Congressional District; Caraveo would be the first Latina to represent Colorado in the U.S. House. In Arizona, Juan Ciscomani (R), a Senior Advisor to Governor Doug Ducey (R), could be the first Latino Republican to represent Arizona in the U.S. House if he wins his contest against former State Rep. Kirsten Engel (D) in the 6th Congressional District.

Four Latinos who are viable contenders in tougher races for the U.S. House include California State Assemblymember Rudy Salas, Jr. (D) who is trying to unseat incumbent U.S. Rep. David Valadao (R) in the 22nd Congressional District; former Connecticut State Senator George Logan (R), who identifies as Afro-Latino and is challenging incumbent Jahana Hayes (D) in Connecticut's 5th Congressional District; Nebraska State Senator Tony Vargas (D) who is facing incumbent U.S. Rep. Don Bacon (R) in the state's 2nd Congressional District; and Yesli Vega (R), a member of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors, who is in Virginia's 7th Congressional District battle to unseat U.S. Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D). If victorious, Logan, Vargas, and Vega would be the first Latinos to represent their respective states in the U.S. House.

California, Florida, New Mexico, and Texas are seeing some of the most competitive U.S. House races in the nation. In California's 27th Congressional District, U.S. Rep. Mike Garcia (R) is facing a re-match against former Assemblymember Christy Smith (D), whom he narrowly defeated by a 333-vote margin in 2020. In Florida's 27th Congressional District, U.S. Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar (R) is facing a competitive challenge from State Senator Annette Taddeo (D). In New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District, former Las Cruces City Councilmember Gabe Vasquez (D) is a strong contender in his attempt to unseat U.S. Rep. Yvette Herrell (R).

In a June 2022 special election in Texas, Mayra Flores (R) won the race to serve the remainder of the term of retiring former U.S. Rep. Filemon Vela (D). After redistricting, U.S. Rep. Vicente Gonzalez (D) has chosen to run against Flores in the 34th Congressional District. Both parties see this is a crucial race to win, with Republicans wanting to retain the seat they "flipped" in the special election. In Texas' 15th Congressional District, Latinas are running on both sides of the aisle in an extremely competitive contest — entrepreneur Monica De La Cruz (R) is facing small business owner Michelle Vallejo (D).

Latinos in Statewide Office

Twenty-four Latinos are running for statewide executive offices, including 11 incumbents. Those with good prospects for victory include three Democrats from New Mexico: Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, Lt. Governor Howie Morales, and Commissioner of Public Lands Stephanie Garcia Richard. Other incumbent Latino statewide executives who are likely win their races include California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara (D); California Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond (N-P); Georgia Insurance Commissioner John King (R); Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza (D); Nevada Lt. Governor Lisa Cano Burkhead (D); New York Lt. Governor Antonio Delgado (D); and Rhode Island Lt. Governor Sabina Matos (D).

Florida's first Latina Lt. Governor Jeanette Nuñez (R) is running for re-election on a ticket with Governor Ron De Santis (R). They will be faced by a somewhat competitive Democratic ticket. U.S. Rep. Charlie Crist (D), who once served as a Republican governor of the state, is seeking to regain that position, and his running mate is Karla Hernandez-Mats (D), an educator who has served as the president of the United Teachers of Dade.

In New Mexico, two Latinos with good chances of prevailing in their contests include Public Regulation Commissioner Joseph Maestas (D), who is running unopposed for State Auditor, and Bernalillo County District Attorney and former federal prosecutor Raul Torrez (D), who is in the race for Attorney General against former federal prosecutor Jeremy Gay (R). In New Mexico's State Treasurer race, Latinos are running on both sides of the aisle, with former Sandoval County Treasurer Laura Montoya (D) facing former Santa Fe County Commissioner and New Mexico School Board Association President Harry Montoya (R). Small business owner and community leader Audrey Trujillo (R) will have an uphill battle in her challenge to incumbent Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver (D).

Other strong Latino contenders for statewide office include former Maricopa County Recorder Adrian Fontes (D) who faces Arizona State Representative Mark Finchem (R) for Arizona Secretary of State; former U.S. Rep. Raul Labrador (R) who faces attorney and former prosecutor Tom Arkoosh (D) for Idaho Attorney General; former Chair of the Nevada Athletic Commission Cisco Aguilar (D) who faces former Assemblymember Jim Marchant (R) in Nevada's Secretary of State race; and former Central Falls Mayor James Diossa (D) who faces North Kingstown Finance Director James Lathrop (R) in Rhode Island's State Treasurer contest.

Latino candidates for statewide office with more difficult races include those who are trying to unseat incumbents: State Senator Martin Quezada (D) who is facing Arizona State Treasurer Kimberly Yee (R); Cudahy City Councilmember Jack Guerrero (R), who is battling California State Treasurer Fiona Ma (D), and attorney Rochelle Garza (D), who faces Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton (R).

Latinos in State Senates

There could be a modest increase in the number of Latinos in State Senates after Election 2022, from 99 to 104, a net gain of five. States with the largest potential increases include New York, which could see a net gain of three Latinos in its State Senate, and Michigan and Washington, which could each see a net gain of two. States with a potential net increase of one Latino include California, Georgia, Oregon, and Texas.

Latinos in state lower houses

In state lower houses, there could be an increase in the total number of Latinos from 244 to 272, a net gain of 28. States with the largest potential increases include California, which could see a net gain of six Latinos; Massachusetts, which could see a net gain of five Latinos; New Mexico, which could see a net gain of four Latinos; and Arizona, which could see a net gain of three Latinos. Florida, Illinois, New York and Washington could see a net gain of two Latinos each. States with a potential net increase of one Latino include many with emerging Latino communities: Arkansas, Connecticut, Idaho, Kansas, Maryland, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, and West Virginia.

The *Profile* includes a state-by-state description of the key federal and statewide races involving Latino candidates (an analysis of the growing number of candidates for local offices, such as county, municipal and school board seats is beyond the scope of the *Profile*). On pages 5-9, the *Profile* sets forth tables which include the number of Latino candidates for federal and state legislative offices, and potential Latino electoral gains for each state.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following table sets forth for each state: the number of Latinos currently serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, the number of Latinos running for the U.S. House, the potential net gain or loss of Latino seats, and the potential number of Latinos in the U.S. House after the November 2022 election.

In determining the potential gain of Latino seats, the table projects that strongly competitive Latino candidates will win their elections.

State	Number of Latinos Currently in U.S. House		Latinos Running in November 2022		Potential Net Gain or Loss	Potential Number of Latinos After Election
	DEM	GOP	DEM	GOP		
AZ	2	0	3	1	1	3
CA	13	1	16	5	1	15
CO	0	0	2	0	1	1
CT	0	0	0	1	0	0
FL	1	3	4	5	2	6
GA	0	0	1	2	0	0
IL	1	0	2	0	1	2
KS	0	0	1	0	0	0
MI	0	0	1	0	0	0
NE	0	0	1	0	0	0
NJ	1	0	1	1	0	1
NM	1	0	2	2	0	1
NY	4	1	4	2	0	5
OH	0	1	0	0	-1	0
OR	0	0	1	1	2	2
PA	0	0	1	0	0	0
TX	5	2	11	8	1	8
VA	0	0	0	1	0	0
WA	0	1	1	0	-1	0
WV	0	1	0	1	0	1
Total	28	10	52	30	7	45

See "Methodology" on page 15 for more information.

STATE SENATES

The following table sets forth for each state: the number of Latinos currently serving in State Senates, the number of Latinos running for State Senates, the potential net gain or loss of Latino seats, and the potential number of Latinos in State Senates after the November 2022 election.

In determining the potential gain of Latino seats, the table projects that strongly competitive Latino candidates will win their elections.

State	Number of Latinos Currently in State Senate		Latinos Running in November 2022		Potential Net Gain or Loss	Potential Number of Latinos After Election
	DEM	GOP	DEM	GOP		
AZ	8	1	9	2	-1	8
CA	9	1	10	2	1	11
CO	4	0	2	1	0	4
CT	3	0	2	0	-1	2
DE	1	1	1	0	-1	1
FL	3	2	4	5	0	5
GA	0	1	1	1	1	2
HI	4	0	4	1	0	4
ID	0	0	1	0	0	0
IL	6	0	6	1	0	6
IN	1	0	2	0	0	1
KS	0	0	1	0	0	0
KY	0	1	0	1	0	1
MA	2	0	2	0	0	2
ME	0	0	0	1	0	0
MI	1	0	3	0	2	3
MN	2	1	0	1	-2	1
NE	1	1	0	0	0	2
NV	1	0	1	0	0	1
NJ	3	0	0	0	0	3
NM	13	4	0	0	0	17
NY	6	0	9	3	3	9

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STATE SENATES (CONT.)

State	Number of Latinos Currently in State Senate		Latinos Running in November 2022		Potential Net Gain or Loss	Potential Number of Latinos After Election
	DEM	GOP	DEM	GOP		
OH	0	1	0	0	0	1
OK	1	0	2	0	0	1
OR	0	0	1	1	1	1
RI	4	0	3	1	-1	3
TN	0	0	0	1	0	0
TX	7	0	6	3	1	8
UT	1	0	0	0	0	1
WA	2	0	3	1	2	4
WI	0	0	0	1	0	0
WV	0	1	0	0	0	1
WY	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	83	16	73	27	5	104

See "Methodology" on page 15 for more information.

STATE HOUSES OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following table sets forth for each state: the number of Latinos currently serving in the state lower house, the number of Latinos running for the state lower house, the potential net gain or loss of Latino seats, and the potential number of Latinos in state lower houses after the November 2022 election.

In determining the potential gain of Latino seats, the table projects that strongly competitive Latino candidates will win their elections.

State	Number of Latinos Currently in State House		Latinos Running in November 2022		Potential Net Gain or Loss	Potential Number of Latinos After Election
	DEM	GOP	DEM	GOP		
AK	0	0	0	1	0	0
AZ	13	2	16	5	3	18
AR	0	0	2	0	1	1
CA	21	1	32	12	6	28
CO	8	1	9	5	0	9
CT	11	0	15	5	1	12
DE	0	0	0	1	0	0
FL	4	8	8	17	2	14
GA	2	0	3	1	-1	1
HI	1	0	0	2	-1	0
ID	0	0	2	1	1	1
IL	10	0	11	3	2	12
IN	2	0	3	2	0	2
IA	0	1	1	1	0	1
KS	5	0	7	1	1	6
MD	3	0	4	1	1	4
MA	6	0	11	1	5	11
MI	3	0	4	0	-1	2
MN	2	2	2	1	-1	3
MO	1	0	2	0	0	1
NV	7	0	5	4	-3	4
NH	3	0	3	1	-1	2

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STATE HOUSES OF REPRESENTATIVES (CONT.)

State	Number of Latinos Currently in State House		Latinos Running in November 2022		Potential Net Gain or Loss	Potential Number of Latinos After Election
	DEM	GOP	DEM	GOP		
NJ	7	1	0	0	0	8
NM	23	6	31	11	4	33
NY	16	0	18	8	2	18
NC	1	0	2	3	1	2
ND	0	0	0	1	1	1
OH	0	0	2	0	0	0
OK	0	1	1	1	1	2
OR	5	0	4	0	-2	3
PA	4	0	6	1	1	5
RI	9	0	9	0	0	9
TN	0	0	0	1	1	1
TX	35	3	38	13	-1	37
UT	2	0	2	1	1	3
VT	0	0	1	0	1	1
VA	3	0	0	0	0	3
WA	4	1	7	1	2	7
WI	1	1	4	1	0	2
WV	1	1	3	1	1	3
WY	0	2	0	2	0	2
Total	213	31	268	110	28	272

See "Methodology" on page 15 for more information.

LATINO CANDIDATES FOR STATEWIDE OFFICE

State	Candidate	Office	Party
AZ	Adrian Fontes	Secretary of State	DEM
AZ	Martin Quezada	State Treasurer	DEM
CA	Ricardo Lara (i)	Insurance Commissioner	DEM
CA	Jack Guerrero	State Treasurer	GOP
CA	Tony Thurmond (i)	Superintendent of Public Instruction	N-P
FL	Jeannette Nuñez (i)	Lt. Governor	GOP
FL	Karla Hernandez-Mats	Lt. Governor	DEM
GA	John King (i)	Insurance Commissioner	GOP
ID	Raul Labrador	Attorney General	GOP
IL	Susana Mendoza (i)	Comptroller	DEM
NV	Lisa Cano Burkhead (i)	Lt. Governor	DEM
NV	Cisco Aguilar	Secretary of State	DEM
NM	Michelle Lujan Grisham (i)	Governor	DEM
NM	Howie Morales (i)	Lt. Governor	DEM
NM	Raúl Torrez	Attorney General	DEM
NM	Audrey Trujillo	Secretary of State	GOP
NM	Joseph Maestas	State Auditor	DEM
NM	Laura Montoya	State Treasurer	DEM
NM	Harry Montoya	State Treasurer	GOP
NM	Stephanie Garcia Richard (i)	Commissioner of Public Lands	DEM
NY	Antonio Delgado (i)	Lt. Governor	DEM
RI	Sabina Matos (i)	Lt. Governor	DEM
RI	James Diossa	State Treasurer	DEM
TX	Rochelle Garza	Secretary of State	DEM

“(i)” denotes incumbent.

ARIZONA

U.S. House of Representatives

Arizona's two incumbent Latino U.S. Representatives, Raul Grijalva (D) and Ruben Gallego (D) are both running for re-election, and face excellent prospects of victory.

In the 6th Congressional District, which is being vacated by the retirement of U.S. Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D), Juan Ciscomani (R), a Senior Advisor to Governor Doug Ducey (R), is a very competitive contender against former State Rep. Kirsten Engel (D).

In the 5th Congressional District, attorney Javier Ramos (D) will face an uphill battle in his bid to unseat incumbent U.S. Rep. Andy Biggs (R).

Statewide Races

In the contest for Arizona Secretary of State, former Maricopa County Recorder Adrian Fontes (D) is a strong contender against Arizona State Representative Mark Finchem (R). In the race for State Treasurer, State Senator Martin Quezada (D) is facing a difficult bid to unseat incumbent Kimberly Yee (R).

CALIFORNIA

California Congressional contests are held under the “top two primary” system, where all candidates running in the primary election — regardless of their party preference — appear on a single primary election ballot, and people can vote for any candidate. The top two overall vote-getters (not the top vote-getter from each political party) move on to the November general election. On the ballot, candidates can list their affiliation with a political party or indicate “No Party Preference” (NPP). As a result, two candidates from the same political party may face each other in the general election.

U.S. Senate

Latino incumbent U.S. Senator Alex Padilla (D) is running for election for the first time, and has excellent prospects of victory. In January 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom (D) appointed Padilla to the seat vacated by Vice President-elect Kamala Harris (D) just before she became Vice President. Under California law, Padilla must run to fill both the remainder of Harris' term, and for a full six-year term ending in 2029. Thus, Padilla is on the ballot for both of these contests.

U.S. House of Representatives

Thirteen of California's 14 Latino incumbents are running for re-election. Veteran lawmaker U.S. Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D), who was the first Mexican-American woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, is retiring at the end of her term. Latino incumbents with excellent prospects of prevailing in the general election include Democratic Representatives Pete Aguilar, Salud Carbajal, Tony Cardenas, Lou Correa, Nanette Diaz Barragan, Jimmy Gomez, Mike Levin, Grace Napolitano, Raul Ruiz, Linda Sanchez, Norma Torres, and Juan Vargas.

California's 27th Congressional District encompasses much of the same area formerly included in the 25th Congressional District before redistricting, which had been a swing district since at least 2018, when Katie Hill (D) defeated incumbent Representative Steve Knight (R). Hill resigned in 2019, and former U.S. Navy pilot and business development manager Mike Garcia (R) won both a 2020 special election for the seat and election to a full term of office that year in the general election. Democrats hope to regain this seat, and Garcia is again facing former Assemblymember Christy Smith (D), whom he narrowly defeated by a 333-vote margin in 2020.

U.S. House of Representatives (California — cont.)

In the open-seat race for California's 42nd Congressional District, Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia (D) has excellent chances of prevailing over Ocean View School District Trustee John Briscoe (R).

In the 22nd Congressional District, Assemblymember Rudy Salas, Jr. (D) will have a tougher contest in his attempt to unseat incumbent U.S. Rep. David Valadao (R).

Latinos facing extremely difficult Congressional races include Daly City Mayor and San Mateo County Board of Supervisors President David Capena (D) who is facing State Assemblymember Kevin Mullin (D) in the 15th Congressional District; San Benito County Supervisor Peter Hernandez (R) who is trying to unseat incumbent U.S. Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D) in the 18th Congressional District; and small business owner Omar Navarro (R), who is facing incumbent U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters (D) in the 43rd Congressional District.

Statewide Officials

Both of California's Latino incumbent Latino statewide officials have good prospects of victory in their re-election bids: Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara (D), and Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond (NPP). Cudahy City Councilmember Jack Guerrero (R) will have a difficult battle against incumbent State Treasurer Fiona Ma (D).

COLORADO

U.S. House of Representatives

In the 8th Congressional District, State Rep. Yadira Caraveo (D) appears to be a very competitive candidate against State Senator Barbara Kirkmeyer (R). In the 5th Congressional District, healthcare administrator David Torres (D) will have an uphill battle in his bid to unseat incumbent Doug Lamborn (R).

CONNECTICUT

U.S. House of Representatives

In Connecticut's 5th Congressional District, former Connecticut State Senator George Logan (R), who identifies as Afro-Latino, will have a tough but competitive battle against incumbent U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes (D).

DELAWARE

Statewide Officials

Delaware Insurance Commissioner Trinidad Navarro (D) is not up for re-election in 2022.

FLORIDA

U.S. Senate

Florida's Latino incumbent U.S. Senator Marco Rubio (R) is facing a somewhat competitive challenge from U.S. Rep. Val Demings (D). With the balance of power in the U.S. Senate at stake in Election 2022, this is one of the most closely-watched races in the country.

U.S. House of Representatives (Florida — cont.)

Florida's four Latino incumbent U.S. Representatives are running for re-election, and three do not face serious opposition: Democrat Darren Soto and Republicans Mario Diaz-Balart and Carlos Gimenez. In the 27th Congressional District, U.S. Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar (R) is facing a competitive challenge from State Senator Annette Taddeo (D).

Two Latinos are likely to prevail in their open seats contests. In the 10th Congressional District, organizer and gun violence prevention advocate Maxwell Alejandro Frost (D) has good prospects of victory in his battle against retired Green Beret Colonel Calvin Wimbish (R). In the 13th Congressional District, Air Force veteran and non-profit advocate Anna Paulina Luna (R) is likely to win her race against former Obama Administration Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Defense Eric Lynn (D).

In the 24th Congressional District, equipment supply worker Jesus Navarro (R) has an uphill battle to unseat incumbent U.S. Rep. Frederica Wilson (D).

Statewide Officials

Florida's first Latina Lt. Governor Jeanette Nuñez (R) is running for re-election on a ticket with Governor Ron De Santis (R). They will be faced by a somewhat competitive Democratic ticket. U.S. Rep. Charlie Crist (D), who once served as a Republican governor of the state, is seeking to regain that position, and his running mate is Karla Hernandez-Mats (D), an educator who has served as the president of the United Teachers of Dade.

GEORGIA

U.S. House of Representatives

Three Latinos who are trying to unseat incumbents are facing very difficult battles in the general election: health care professional Jonathan Chavez (R) who is facing U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson (D) in the 4th Congressional District; small business owner Antonio Daza (D) who is facing U.S. Rep. Barry Loudermilk (R) in the 11th Congressional District; and engineer Caesar Gonzales (R) who is facing U.S. Rep. David Scott (D) in the 13th Congressional District.

Statewide Officials

Incumbent Insurance Commissioner John King (R), who identifies as Hispanic, has good prospects of prevailing in his re-election bid.

IDAHO

Statewide Officials

Former U.S. Rep. Raul Labrador (R) is in a somewhat competitive open seat race against attorney and former prosecutor Tom Arkoosh (D) for Idaho Attorney General, and Labrador has fairly good prospects for victory.

ILLINOIS

U.S. House of Representatives

U.S. Rep. Jesus 'Chuy' Garcia (D) faces no serious opposition in his 4th Congressional District re-election bid. He is very likely to be joined in Congress by State Rep. Delia Ramirez (D), who has excellent prospects of victory in her 3rd Congressional District race against real estate broker Justin Burau (R).

Statewide Officials — Illinois

State Comptroller Susana Mendoza (D) is very likely to prevail in her re-election contest.

KANSAS

U.S. House of Representatives

In the 4th Congressional District, Army veteran Bob Hernandez (D) faces an uphill battle in his effort to unseat incumbent U.S. Rep. Ron Estes (R).

MICHIGAN

U.S. House of Representatives

In the 4th Congressional District, Marine Corps veteran Joseph Alfonso (D) will have a difficult race against incumbent U.S. Rep. Bill Huizenga (R).

NEBRASKA

U.S. House of Representatives

In the 2nd Congressional District, Nebraska State Senator Tony Vargas (D) is a strong contender against incumbent U.S. Rep. Don Bacon (R), in a contest that some political observers believe to be extremely competitive.

NEVADA

U.S. Senate

Nevada's incumbent Latina U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D) faces an extremely tough challenge from former Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt (R). With the control of the U.S. Senate at stake in Election 2022, both political parties see this as a crucial race to win.

Statewide Officials

In December 2021, Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak (D) appointed Lisa Cano Burkhead (D) to serve as Lieutenant Governor, to fill the seat vacated by Kate Marshall (D), who resigned to take a position with the Biden Administration. Cano Burkhead is running for a full term and is in a tough but competitive contest against Las Vegas City Councilmember Stavros Anthony (R).

Statewide Officials (Nevada — cont.)

Former Chair of the Nevada Athletic Commission Cisco Aguilar (D) is also a strong contender battling former Assemblymember Jim Marchant (R) in Nevada's Secretary of State race.

NEW JERSEY

U.S. Senate

Senator Robert Menendez (D) is not up for re-election in 2022.

U.S. House of Representatives — New Jersey

Attorney and Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Commissioner Robert Menendez, Jr. (D) is likely to win his 8th Congressional District race against housing inspector Marcos Arroyo (R), for the seat being vacated by retiring U.S. Rep. Albio Sires (D).

NEW MEXICO

U.S. Senate

Senator Ben Ray Luján (D) is not up for re-election in 2022.

U.S. House of Representatives

New Mexico's incumbent Latina U.S. Rep. Theresa Leger Fernandez (D) has excellent prospects of victory in her re-election bid.

In the 2nd Congressional District, former Las Cruces City Councilmember Gabe Vasquez (D) is a competitive contender in his attempt to unseat U.S. Rep. Yvette Herrell (R). In the 1st Congressional District, Michelle Garcia Holmes (R), former Chief of Staff for the New Mexico Attorney General's office, will have an uphill battle in her effort to unseat U.S. Rep. Melanie Ann Stansbury (D).

Statewide Officials

Three of New Mexico's five incumbent Latino statewide officials are running for re-election in 2022, and have good prospects of winning their contests: Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham (D), Lt. Governor Howie Morales (D), and Commissioner of Public Lands Stephanie Garcia Richard (D). Attorney General Hector Balderas (D) is termed out, and State Auditor Brian Colón (D) is not running for re-election.

Public Regulation Commissioner Joseph Maestas (D) is running unopposed for State Auditor. In the Attorney General race, Bernalillo County District Attorney and former federal prosecutor Raul Torrez (D) is a strong contender against attorney and former federal prosecutor Jeremy Gay (R).

In the State Treasurer race, Latinos are running on both sides of the aisle, with former Sandoval County Treasurer Laura Montoya (D) facing former Santa Fe County Commissioner and New Mexico School Board Association President Harry Montoya (R). Small business owner and community leader Audrey Trujillo (R) will have an uphill battle in her challenge to incumbent Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver (D).

NEW YORK

U.S. House of Representatives

All five of New York's Latino incumbent U.S. Representatives are running for re-election and have good prospects for victory: Democrats Adriano Espaillat, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Ritchie Torres, and Nydia Velazquez; and Republican Nicole Malliotakis.

Statewide Officials

The Democratic ticket of Governor Kathy Hochul (D) and Lt. Gov. Antonio Delgado (D) is likely to prevail in the race against the Republican ticket of U.S. Rep. Lee Zeldin and former New York City Police deputy inspector Alison Esposito. Delgado was appointed to serve as Lt. Governor in May 2022, and with a general election victory, he would be the first person who identifies as Latino to be elected Lt. Governor in New York.

OHIO

U.S. House of Representatives

U.S. Rep. Anthony Gonzalez decided not to seek re-election in Ohio's 16th Congressional district.

OREGON

U.S. House of Representatives

In Oregon's 6th Congressional District, State Rep. Andrea Salinas (D) has good prospects of prevailing in her battle against business owner Mike Erickson (R). In the 5th Congressional District, former Happy Valley Mayor Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R) is in an extremely competitive race against small business owner Jamie McLeod-Skinner (D).

PENNSYLVANIA

U.S. House of Representatives

Harrisburg City Councilmember Shamaine Daniels (D) will have a tough contest in her 10th Congressional District bid to unseat incumbent U.S. Rep. Scott Perry (R).

RHODE ISLAND

Statewide Officials

In Rhode Island, the lieutenant governor is elected in a contest separate from the governor's race. Incumbent lieutenant governor Sabina Matos (D) was appointed to that position in April 2021 and is the first Dominican American to hold a lieutenant governor position in the United States. She is very likely to prevail in her bid against nonprofit executive Aaron Guckian (R) to win election to her first full term of office.

Former Central Falls Mayor James Diossa (D) has excellent prospects of victory in his battle against North Kingstown Finance Director James Lathrop (R) to serve as Rhode Island Treasurer.

TEXAS

U.S. Senate

U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (R) is not up for re-election in 2022.

U.S. House of Representatives

All seven of Texas' incumbent Latino U.S. Representatives are running for re-election (Democrats Joaquin Castro, Henry Cuellar, Veronica Escobar, Sylvia Garcia, and Vicente Gonzalez — and Republicans Mayra Flores and Tony Gonzales). U.S. Reps. Castro, Escobar, Garcia, and Gonzales do not face any serious opposition in the general election. In the 28th Congressional District, U.S. Rep. Cuellar faces a somewhat competitive challenge from Cassy Garcia (R), a former aide to Senator Ted Cruz, with many political observers believing that Cuellar will prevail. In a June 2022 special election, Mayra Flores won the race to serve the remainder of the term of retiring former U.S. Rep. Filemon Vela (D). After redistricting, U.S. Rep. Vicente Gonzalez has chosen to run against Flores in the 34th Congressional District. Both parties see this is a crucial race to win, with Republicans wanting to retain the seat they “flipped” in the special election.

In the 35th Congressional District, former Austin City Councilmember Greg Casar (D) has excellent prospects of victory in his contest against Navy veteran Dan McQueen (R). In the 15th Congressional District, Latinas are running on both sides of the aisle in an extremely competitive contest – entrepreneur Monica De La Cruz (R) is facing small business owner Michelle Vallejo (D).

Latinos who will have very difficult races include army veteran Jimmy Leon (R), who is challenging U.S. Rep. Al Green (D) in the 9th Congressional District; community activist Linda Nuno (D) who is trying to unseat U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul (R) in the 10th Congressional District; broadcast journalist Carmen Maria Montiel (R) who is facing U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D) in the 18th Congressional District; budget analyst Claudia Zapata (D), who is battling U.S. Rep. Chip Roy (R) in the 21st Congressional District; broadcaster Maclovio Perez (D), who is trying to unseat U.S. Rep. Michael McCloud (R) in the 27th Congressional District; and caregiver Jenny Garcia Sharon (R) who is challenging U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D) in the 37th Congressional District.

Statewide Officials

Attorney Rochelle Garza (D) is facing a tough contest in her bid to unseat incumbent Attorney General Ken Paxton (R)

UTAH

Statewide Officials

Incumbent Attorney General Sean Reyes (R) is not up for re-election in 2022.

VIRGINIA

U.S. House of Representatives

Yesli Vega (R), a member of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors, is in a tough 7th Congressional District battle to unseat U.S. Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D).

Statewide Officials

Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares (R) is not up for re-election in 2022.

WASHINGTON

U.S. House of Representatives

Incumbent U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler (R) did not win her primary bid in the 3rd Congressional District, and is not running for re-election. In that district, small business owner Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D) is facing a difficult contest against Army veteran Joe Kent (R).

WEST VIRGINIA

U.S. House of Representatives

Incumbent Latino U.S. Rep. Alex Mooney (R) faces no serious competition in his re-election bid.

METHODOLOGY

In the three tables presented on pages 5-9, potential Latino gains and losses were calculated with reference to the number of candidates in very competitive races. In determining which Latino candidates were running in competitive races, we considered a variety of factors including the extent to which candidates were challenging strong incumbents, the party registration of the district, campaign finance information, and information obtained from local political observers. The number of Latino candidates includes all those we could identify as running for legislative office, both incumbent and non-incumbent, and without reference to whether the candidates were running in competitive races. Although we have made every effort to verify that candidates identified as Latino are of Hispanic or Latino origin, it is possible that a small number of candidates have been misidentified and that we may have included or excluded a few candidates incorrectly.

In determining whether a candidate is of Hispanic or Latino origin, we categorize candidates based on their self-identification of ancestry from a predominantly Spanish-speaking country. For the U.S. House of Representatives, we only include candidates from states whose Representatives have voting rights. Thus, our figures for U.S. House candidates may differ from sources which use different criteria.

Generally, this *Profile* only discusses Latinos who are running either as Democrats or Republicans, unless the candidacy of an Independent or third-party Latino will have a major impact on the outcome of the race in which the candidate is involved.