

Governorships In Play

State	Current Seatholder	Party	Comments	Likely Nominee			Recent Poll			Projected Winner
				Republican	Democrat	Other	Rep.	Dem.	Other	
Alaska	Frank H. Murkowski	R	Incumbent has not announced intention. Dems might have chance if he runs, due to his unpopularity	Murkowitz?/Pallin/Binkley	Berkowitz/Croft					R
Arkansas	Mike Huckabee	R	Term limited in 2006	Asa Hutchinson	Mike Beebe		38%	49%	Rasmussen 5/12	D
California	Arnold A. Schwarzenegger	R	Dems have not generated excitement in spite of incumbent's missteps	Arnold A. Schwarzenegger	Angelides/Westley		48%	40%	Rasmussen 4/17 vs Westley	R
Colorado	William F. Owens	R	Term limited in 2006. Previous poll had Ritter in the lead. Rep primary getting nasty	Beauprez/Holtzman	Bill Ritter		39%	37%	Rasmussen 5/5 vs Beauprez	R
Florida	John E. "Jeb" Bush	R	Term limited in 2006	Crist/Gallagher	Davis/Smith		44%	33%	Rasmussen 4/21 Crist vs Davis	R
Georgia	G. Ervin "Sonny" Perdue III	R		G. Ervin "Sonny" Perdue III	Cox/Taylor		48%	42%	Rasmussen 5/6 vs Cox	R
Hawaii	Linda Lingle	R		Linda Lingle	Randy Iwase					R
Idaho	Dirk A. Kempthorne	R	Retiring. Very conservative state. Rep nominee almost guaranteed to win	Various	Brady/Cheney	Richardson/Dunlap				R
Illinois	Rod R. Blagojevich	D	Incumbent administration under investigation for corruption. Topinka worked for former administration recently convicted of corruption. Gotta love Illinois!	Judy Topinka	Rod R. Blagojevich	Various	44%	38%	Rasmussen 4/24	R
Iowa	Thomas J. Vilsack	D	Retiring. Only Culver leads Nussle among the Dems	Jim Nussle	Culver/Fallon/Blouin		40%	46%	Rasmussen 5/2 vs Culver	D
Maine	John Elias Baldacci	D	Baldacci has less than 50% approval but Dem state	Emery/Woodcock/Mills	John Elias Baldacci		36%	44%	Rasmussen 5/7 vs Emery or Mills	D
Maryland	Robert L. Ehrlich	R	Incumbent trails but has relatively high approval rating	Robert L. Ehrlich	O'Malley/Duncan		42%	51%	Rasmussen 4/21 vs O'Malley	D
Massachusetts	W. Mitt Romney	R	Retiring. Healey is current Lt. Gov. Trails vs any of the Dems even though she has similar politics (liberal Rep) as Romney	Kerry Healey	Reilly/Patrick/Gabrielli	Christy Mihos	26%	38%	16% Rasmussen 5/15	D
Michigan	Jennifer M. Granholm	D	Incumbent has low approval rating but Dem state	Dick DeVos	Jennifer M. Granholm		43%	44%	Rasmussen 5/5	D
Minnesota	Timothy Pawlenty	R	Incumbent has been losing ground. Hatch is current Attorney General	Timothy Pawlenty	Hatch/Kelley	Tim Penney	40%	45%	Rasmussen 2/28 vs Hatch	D
Nebraska	Dave Heineman	R	Incumbent was Lt. Gov. to Johanns (who was appointed Sec of Agriculture). Was not expected to run for reelection, but ended up come-from-behind in primary.	Dave Heineman	David Hahn					R
Nevada	Kenny C. Guinn	R	Term limited in 2006	Jim Gibbons	Gibson/Titus		43%	38%	Rasmussen 2/2 vs Gibson	R
New York	George E. Pataki	R	Retiring. Spitzer currently the overwhelming favorite	Weid/Faso	Spitzer/Suozzi	Malachy McCourt				R
Oklahoma	Brad Henry	D		Ernest Istook	Brad Henry	Ben Westlund	36%	44%	Rasmussen 5/7	D
Oregon	Theodore R. Kulongoski	D	All Dems lead all Reps	Mannix/Saxton/Atkinson	Kulongoski/Hill		36%	51%	Rasmussen 2/27 Kulongoski vs Mannix	D
Pennsylvania	Edward G. Rendell	D	Poll shows Rendell winning if Diamond enters race (still needs signatures)	Lynn Swann	Edward G. Rendell	Russ Diamond	44%	41%	Rasmussen 4/29 excluding Diamond	R
Rhode Island	Donald L. Carcieri	R	Fogarty is current Lt. Gov.	Donald L. Carcieri	Charles Fogarty		41%	42%	Rasmussen 5/4	D
Tennessee	Philip N. Bredesen	D	Incumbent has greater than 50% approval	Jim Bryson	Philip N. Bredesen					D
Wisconsin	James E. Doyle	D	Incumbent 45% approval	Mark Green	James E. Doyle		43%	47%	Rasmussen 4/28	D

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Other Gubernatorial Seats Up In 2006

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Alabama	Robert R. Riley	R		Riley/Moore	Baxley/Siegelman		49%	37%		Rasmussen 5/9 Riley vs Baxley	R
Arizona	Janet Napolitano	D		Goldwater/Florez/Munsil	Janet Napolitano		32%	53%		Rasmussen 4/30 vs Goldwater	D
Connecticut	M. Jodi Rell	R	Incumbent was former Lt. Gov. who became Gov. when Rowland resigned. Highest approval rating of any Gov standing for reelection	M. Jodi Rell	Various						R
Kansas	Kathleen Sebelius	D		Jennison/Barnett	Kathleen Sebelius		37%	49%		Rasmussen 5/3 vs Barnett	D
New Hampshire	John Lynch	D	Incumbent has very high approval. Rep is still "exploring a run"	James Coburn	John Lynch						D
New Mexico	William B. Richardson	D	Incumbent has very high approval rating	Various	William B. Richardson						D
Ohio	Robert A. Taft II	R	Term limited in 2006	Ken Blackwell	Ted Strickland		36%	52%		Rasmussen 5/18	D
South Carolina	Mark C. Sanford	R		Mark C. Sanford	Tommy Moore		52%	33%		Rasmussen 5/10	R
South Dakota	M. Michael Rounds	R	Incumbent had 75% approval until signing abortion ban. Still majority approval, though	M. Michael Rounds	Billon/Weise						R
Texas	J. Richard Perry	R	The Ind vote is split between the two Ind candidates	J. Richard Perry	Chris Bell	Strayhorn/Friedman	40%	17%	34%	Rasmussen 4/20	R
Vermont	James H. Douglas	R		James H. Douglas	Scudder Parker		54%	31%		Rasmussen 1/10	R
Wyoming	David D. Freudenthal	D	Incumbent 68% approval	Ray Hunkins	David D. Freudenthal		29%	52%		Rasmussen 5/8	D

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