COLORADO PRIMARY REPORT

Colorado's primary took place this week on Tuesday, June 28th with just over 30 percent of eligible voters participating. The general election will take place on Tuesday, November 8th.

Below is an outline of all 23 State House and Senate primaries and their results. While the details matter, the most important question is....

What does it all mean?

Moderate/mainstream/establishment Republicans won statewide and in all key legislative races, including several primaries in El Paso County.

- Republicans will be more competitive in the General Election – though it is unlikely Governor Jared Polis (D) loses.
- Republicans have a credible (though far from guaranteed) chance of taking control of the State Senate. At a minimum, they are likely to close the current 20-15 division.
- The intra-party conflict within the House Republican caucus should be minimized.
- We do not yet know how much of the trend toward moderate candidates was driven by the participation of unaffiliated voters in the Republican primaries, but this could be an important factor.

On the Democratic side, when there was a clear distinction between a progressive and a moderate candidate, the progressive candidate was more likely to win.

- We are seeing a continuing move to the left in some parts of the Democratic party, though the smaller number of primaries with this dynamic makes it difficult to assess whether this is a statewide trend.
- Strong top-of-the-ticket candidates ensure that Democrats will be competitive.
- The House of Representatives is still highly likely to stay under Democratic control.

Legislative District Results

Red: Safe R District
Blue: Safe D District
Purple: Competitive seat
* denotes a race where the incumbent faces a primary
(i) incumbent

STATE SENATE *([Map Of 2022 Senate Districts](#))*

17 Senate seats are up for election in 2022. Three of those seats had Primary elections on Tuesday:

*SD9 Northern El Paso County
Republicans Paul Lundeen (i) vs. Lynda Zamora Wilson
Safe Republican seat. The primary winner will be in the General Assembly in 2023.
OUTCOME: Paul Lundeen (i)

SD11 Central El Paso County
Democrats Tony Exum (i) vs. Yolanda Avila
The winner will face a competitive race against Republican Dennis Hisey. This is a deciding race to determine whether the R's will take over the Senate in 2023.
OUTCOME: Tony Exum

SD27 Arapahoe County
Republicans Tom Kim vs. JulieMarie Shepherd Macklin
The winner will face a competitive race against Democrat Tom Sullivan. This is a deciding race to determine whether the R's will take over the Senate in 2023.
OUTCOME: Tom Kim

STATE HOUSE *([Map Of 2022 House Districts](#))*

All 65 House seats are up for election in 2022. Twenty of those seats had Primary elections on Tuesday, and five of those primary races included incumbent candidates:

HD6 Central/West Denver
Democrats Elisabeth Epps vs. Katie March
Safe Democratic seat. The primary winner will be in the General Assembly in 2023.
OUTCOME: Elisabeth Epps (very small chance that this is reversed as ballots are cured)

HD14 El Paso County
Republicans Rose Pugliese vs. Joe Woyte
Safe Republican seat. The primary winner will be in the General Assembly in 2023.
OUTCOME: Rose Pugliese

HD17 El Paso County
Democrats Regina English vs. Mischa Smith
Safe Democratic seat. The primary winner will be in the General Assembly in 2023.
OUTCOME: Regina English

HD18 El Paso County
Republicans Shana Black vs. Summer Groubert
The winner will face a competitive race against Incumbent Democrat Rep. Marc Snyder.
OUTCOME: Shana Black

*HD21 El Paso County
Republicans Mary Bradfield (i) vs. Karl Dent
Safe Republican seat. The primary winner will be in the General Assembly in 2023.
OUTCOME: Mary Bradfield (i)

*HD25 Jefferson County
Republicans Colin Larson (i) vs. Dede Wagner
Relatively safe Republican seat. The primary winner will face Tammy Story, who could not run successfully for her State Senate seat again due to redistricting.
OUTCOME: Colin Larson (i)

HD26 Northwestern Colorado
Republicans Glenn Lowe vs. Savannah Wolfson
The winner will face a competitive race against Democrat Meghan Lukens.
OUTCOME: Savannah Wolfson

HD34 Northglenn/Adams County
Democrats Sam Nizam vs. Jenny Wilford
Safe Democratic seat. The primary winner will be in the General Assembly in 2023.
OUTCOME: Jenny Wilford

*HD42 Arapahoe County
Democrats Mandy Lindsay (i) vs. Gail Pough
Safe Democratic seat. The primary winner will be in the General Assembly in 2023.
OUTCOME: Mandy Lindsay (i)

HD43 Northern Douglas County
Republicans Kurt Huffman vs. Robin Webb
Safe Republican seat. The primary winner will be in the General Assembly in 2023.
OUTCOME: Kurt Huffman

HD44 Parker/Northeast Douglas County
Republicans Terry Dodd vs. Anthony Hartsook
Safe Republican seat. The primary winner will be in the General Assembly in 2023.
OUTCOME: Anthony Hartsook

HD45 Castle Rock/Douglas County
Republicans Lisa Frizell vs. Bill Jack
Safe Republican seat. The primary winner will be in the General Assembly in 2023.
OUTCOME: Lisa Frizell

HD46 Pueblo County
Democrats Tisha Mauro vs. Jason Munoz
Relatively safe Democratic seat. The winner will go on to face Republican Jonathan Ambler.
OUTCOME: Tisha Mauro

HD48 Brighton/Platteville/Weld County
Republicans Terry DeGroot vs. Gabe Evans
Safe Republican seat. The primary winner will be in the General Assembly in 2023.
OUTCOME: Gabe Evans

HD49 Larimer/Boulder/Clear Creek County
Republicans John Caldwell vs. Kathryn Lehr
Safe Democratic seat. The primary winner will face incumbent Democrat Rep. Judy Amabile, who will likely win the seat in the General Election.
OUTCOME: Kathryn Lehr

*HD51 Loveland/Larimer County
Republicans Hugh McKean (i) vs. Austin Hein
Safe Republican seat. The primary winner will be in the General Assembly in 2023.
OUTCOME: Hugh McKean (i)

HD55 Grand Junction/Mesa County
Republicans Rick Taggart vs. Patricia Weber
Safe Republican seat. The primary winner will be in the General Assembly in 2023.
OUTCOME: Rick Taggart

HD57 Pitkin/Garfield/Eagle
Democrats Colin Buerger vs. Elizabeth Velasco
Safe Democratic seat. The primary winner will be in the General Assembly in 2023 and will likely unseat Republican Incumbent Perry Will. This district shifted party due to redistricting this year.
OUTCOME: Elizabeth Velasco

HD62 Southern Colorado
Republicans Carol Riggenbach vs. Ryan Williams
Safe Democratic seat. The primary winner will face Democrat Matthew Martinez, who will likely take the seat in the General Election.
OUTCOME: Carol Riggenbach

*HD63 Eastern Plains
Republicans Richard Holtorf (i) vs. Jessie Vance
Safe Republican seat. The primary winner will be in the General Assembly in 2023.
OUTCOME: Richard Holtorf (i)