2026 General Election Report
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In response to President Trump's concerted effort to nationalize politics before Tuesday's mid-term election, voters soundly rejected his policies, including the Iran War, overly-broad ICE arrests, tariffs, and resulting increases in gas prices and inflation. Illinois felt the effects of the national tsunami – not just wave – in favor of Democratic candidates. The result in Springfield is historically large supermajorities for the Democrats. See below for match-ups and vote percentages (as known to date).

Statewide

At the state level, the Democrats held their complete control of statewide offices, with the only changes being Margaret Croke coming up from the General Assembly ranks to take departing Susana Mendoza's Comptroller role, and Christian Mitchell stepping into Lt. Governor, as Juliana Stratton soundly defeated Don Tracy to take the U.S. Senate seat that Dick Durbin is leaving. Governor JB Pritzker was elected to a third term by over 20 points. Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias, Attorney General Kwame Raoul and Treasureer Mike Frerichs were all also reelected by similarly wide margins.

Congress

In Congress, partisan division remains 14-to-3, but with several new faces:

- Donna Miller (D-2) was elected to replace the retiring Rep. Robin Kelly
- Patty Garcia (D-4) was elected to replace her boss, Rep. Chuy Garcia
- Daniel Biss (D-9) was elected to replace the retiring Rep. Jan Schakowsky
- La Shawn Ford (D-7) was elected to replace the retiring Rep. Danny Davis
- Melissa Bean (D-8) was elected to replace Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi

Chicago

Chicago elected its first full school board, drawing intense competition and funds in a way that may have impacts on candidate and organizational readiness, momentum, or resources available for mayoral candidates in the spring. Below are listed the results of ballot questions that came before Chicago voters. These questions include the same reflection of a Blue State rejection of national (Trump Administration) policies seen elsewhere across the country, which motivated opposition voters to drive up these resulting percentages. Secondly, re-visiting the question of a millionaire's tax provides advocates for that position with further fodder to push the point in upcoming Springfield budget debates, bolstered by slightly greater ranks of progressive-leaning lawmakers.

General Assembly

A few results of the November 3, 2026 General Election in Illinois hang in the balance, as nearly all precincts have reported results in each election jurisdiction across the state, but many eligible (and properly-postmarked) mail-in ballots have days yet to arrive. Results reported thus far are therefore subject to shift. Here's what we know now:

With six pick-ups, the current Democratic supermajority in the State House of 78-40 will go up to 84-34. With five pick-ups, the current Democratic supermajority in the State Senate of 40-19 will go up to 45-14.

Each chamber has one Republican incumbent holding on to slim margins.

In the House, at least one seat was expected to change hands at Rep. Amy Grant's departure in the 47th District. However, several more seats flipped than most expected:

- District 47: Erica Bray-Parker (D), open Republican seat (being left by Amy Grant)
- District 48: Amanda Zahorak (D) defeated Rep. Jennifer Sanalitro (R)
- District 52: Maria Peterson (D) defeated Rep. Martin McLaughlin (R)
- District 65: Ricky Rivard (D) defeated Rep. Dan Ugaste (R)
- District 104: Mary Catherine Roberson (D) defeated Rep. Brandun Schweizer (R)
- District 114: George McClellan (D) defeated Rep. Kevin Schmidt (R)

Several Republican incumbents faced tighter races than were expected, but managed to hang on:

- District 64: Rep. Tom Weber (R)
- District 69: Rep. Joe Sosnowski (R)
- District 71: Rep. Dan Swanson (R)
- District 75: Rep. Jed Davis (R)
- District 111: Rep. Amy Elik (R)

Additionally, Rep. Jeff Keicher (R) is holding on to his lead against Veronica Garcia-Martinez.
It is notable that several other Republicans were uncontested, while sitting in districts with a partisan index at or below the percentages in districts where races were hotter than expected. This tsunami has proven so large that it is possible that the Democratic super-majority could have been even greater if some additional candidates had been fielded. Incredible.

The two Democrats who faced the strongest opposition, but also held on by larger than expected margins were:

- District 76: Rep. Amy Briel (D)
- District 97: Rep. Jessica Dixon Heitman (D)

In the Senate, most estimates were a two-seat pick-up. Instead, there will be quite a few more Democrats entering the chamber, including:

- District 24: Benjamin McAdams (D) defeated Sen. Seth Lewis (R)
- District 26: Rep. Nabeela Syed (D) defeated Sen. Darby Hills (R)
- District 32: Karen Battaglia (D) defeated Sen. Craig Wilcox (R)
- District 33: Michele Clark (D), open Republican seat (being left by Don DeWitte)
- District 56: Marsia Geldert-Murphey (D) defeated Sen. Erica Harriss (R)

One Republican held on in the face of a stronger than expected challenge:

- District 38: Sen. Sue Rezin (R) defeated Ernie Marcelain (D)

And, as mentioned, in District 35, Sen. Dave Syverson (R) is holding on to his seat against Sarah Mertens, as of this writing.

Finally, the Democratic incumbent who succeeded in the face of the toughest opposition was:

- District 48: Sen. Doris Turner (D) defeated Frank Lesko (R)

Election Results

Color indicates incumbent

Bold indicates projected winner

Office	Democratic		Republican		Other		Previous seat holder
Governor Lt. Governor	**JB Pritzker Christian Mitchell**	59.70%	Darren Bailey Aaron Del Mar	36.9%	Collin Corbett (Ind.) Carolyn Schofield	3.30%	
Attorney General	**Kwame Raoul**	61.3%	Robert Fioretti	38.7%			
Comptroller	**Margaret Croke**	60.7%	Bryan Drew	39.3%			Susana Mendoza
Treasurer	**Michael Frerichs**	61.8%	Max Solomon	38.2%			
Secretary of State	**Alexi Giannoulias**	64.4%	Diane Harris	35.6%			

Congress-ional District	Democratic		Republican		Other		Previous seat holder
1	**Jonathan Jackson**	70.5%	Christian Maxwell	29.5%			
2	**Donna Miller**	72.9%	Michael Noack	27.1%			Robin Kelly
3	**Delia Ramirez**	75.8%	Angel Oakley	24.2%			
4	**Patty Garcia**	71.0%	Lupe Castillo	16.2%	Chris Getty	9.3%	Chuy Garcia
5	**Mike Quigley**	75.5%	Tommy Hanson	24.5%			
6	**Sean Casten**	62.5%	Niki Conforti	37.5%			
7	**La Shawn Ford**	89.1%	Chad Koppie	10.9%			Danny Davis
8	**Melissa Bean**	64.8%	Jennifer Davis	35.2%			Raja Krishnamoorthi
9	**Daniel Biss**	75.8%	John Elleson	24.2%			Jan Schakowsky
10	**Brad Schneider**	69.8%	Carl Lambrecht	30.2%			
11	**Bill Foster**	65.4%	Jeff Walter	34.6%			
12	Julie Fortier	30.3%	**Mike Bost**	69.7%			
13	**Nikki Budzinski**	62.6%	Jeff Wilson	37.4%			
14	**Lauren Underwood**	62.5%	James Marter	37.5%			
15	Jennifer Todd	33.1%	**Mary Miller**	66.9%			
16	Paul Nolley	41.4%	**Darin LaHood**	58.6%			
17	**Eric Sorenson**	60.1%	Dillan Vancil	39.9%			
US Senate	**Juliana Stratton**	60.9%	Don Tracy	37.5%	Whitfield Harrington	1.6%	Dick Durbin

House District	Democratic		Republican		Previous seat holder
2	Elizabeth Hernandez	81.8%	Laura Hruska	18.2%	
12	Paul Kendrick	85.5%	Justin Kumar	14.5%	Margaret Croke
13	Demi Palecek	91.6%	Terry Le	8.4%	Hoan Huynh
17	Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz	75.7%	Jim Geldermann	24.3%	
18	Robyn Gabel	85.5%	Pete Donaghue	14.5%	
19	Lindsey LaPointe	76.4%	John Zimmers	23.6%	
21	Abdelnasser Rashid	75.4%	Eric Su	24.6%	
25	Curtis Tarver II	93.4%	Antoinette Simmons	6.6%	
35	Mary Gill	66.3%	David Dewar	33.7%	
36	Rick Ryan	67.7%	David Sheppard	32.3%	
39	Will Guzzardi	89.2%	Cesar Guillen	10.8%	
41	Janet Yang Rohr	67.4%	Ajay Gupta	32.6%	
42	Margaret DeLaRosa	66.1%	Stephanie Trussell	33.9%	
44	Fred Crespo	72.8%	Ralph Black	27.2%	
45	Martha Deuter	62.0%	Gina Parrilli	38.0%	
46	Diane Blair-Sherlock	68.4%	Pedro Mendoza	31.6%	
47	Erica Bray-Parker	59.1%	Robert Vrankovich	40.9%	Amy Grant
48	Amanda Zahorak	54.7%	Jennifer Sanalitro	45.3%	
49	Maura Hirschauer	65.8%	John Paul Augustynowicz	34.2%	
51	Jenny Levin	59.8%	Lori Smith	40.2%	Nabeela Syed
52	Maria Peterson	56.1%	Martin McLaughlin	43.9%	
53	Nicolle Grasse	65.5%	Elizabeth Bauer	34.5%	
54	Mary Beth Canty	66.6%	Joseph Tracy	33.4%	
55	Justin Cochran	64.2%	Joseph Johnson	35.8%	
56	Michelle Mussman	67.7%	Rhys Read	32.3%	
57	Tracy Katz Muhl	67.1%	Daniel Behr	32.9%	
61	Joyce Mason	67.5%	Tina Durrant	32.5%	
64	AJ Johnson	47.9%	Tom Weber	52.1%	
65	Ricky Rivard	58.0%	Dan Ugaste	41.9%	
66	Suzanne Ness	65.2%	Laurie Parman	34.8%	
68	Dave Vella	62.5%	Kathy Easton	37.5%	
69	Peter Janko	47.3%	Joe Sosnowski	52.6%	
70	Veronica Garcia-Martinez	49.23%	Jeff Keicher	50.77%	
71	Kermit Thomas	43.8%	Daniel Swanson	56.2%	
73	Nicole Dopler	36.9%	Ryan Spain	63.1%	
74	Nolan Kemp	42.2%	Brad Fritts	57.8%	
75	Caroline McCree	45.8%	Jed Davis	54.2%	
76	Amy Murri Briel	57.3%	Liz Bishop	42.7%	
77	Norma Hernandez	71.5%	Anthony Airdo	28.5%	
78	Camille Y. Lilly	88.1%	Julian-Jahleel Jemison	11.9%	

80	**Anthony DeLuca**	63.5%	Adam Beaty	36.5%	
81	**Anne Stava**	65.4%	Laura Hois	34.6%	
83	**Matt Hanson**	69.2%	Jesse Rodriguez	30.8%	
84	**Saba Haider**	70.9%	Brian Scopa	29.1%	Stephanie Kifowit
85	**Dagmara Avelar**	68.2%	Chris Metcalfe	31.8%	
97	**Jessica Dixon Heitman**	61.1%	Gabby Shanahan	38.9%	Harry Benton
98	**Natalie Manley**	69.4%	Nona Parker	30.6%	
101	Douglas Fagan	34.8%	**Chris Miller**	65.2%	
104	**Mary Catherine Roberson**	51.3%	Brandun Schweizer	48.7%	
111	Rosetta Brown	44.8%	**Amy Elik**	55.2%	
112	**Katie Stuart**	62.4%	Jimmy Ford	37.6%	
114	**George McClellan Jr.**	50.8%	Kevin Schmidt	49.2%	
118	Homer Markel	47.7%	**Scott Doody**	52.3%	Paul Jacobs

Senate District	Democratic		Republican		Previous seat holder
8	**Ram Villivalam**	73.4%	Vince Romano	26.6%	
9	**Patrick Hanley**	80.8%	Tom Lally	19.2%	Laura Fine
14	**Emil Jones**	75.7%	Brian Skala	24.3%	
17	**Elgie R. Sims, Jr.**	84.9%	Frederick L. Walls	15.1%	
18	**Frances Ann Hurley**	66.3%	Christine McGovern	33.7%	Bill Cunningham
21	**Laura Ellman**	66.5%	Julie Berkowicz	33.5%	
23	**Suzi Glowiak Hilton**	64.1%	Linda Polacek	35.9%	
24	**Ben McAdams**	54.6%	Seth Lewis	45.4%	
26	**Nabeela Syed**	57.1%	Darby Hills	42.9%	
27	**Carina Santa Maria**	65.9%	David Mathis	34.1%	Mark Walker
29	**Julie Morrison**	71.2%	Kate McGrath	28.8%	
32	**Karen Battaglia**	52.7%	Craig Wilcox	47.3%	
33	**Michele Clark**	62.2%	Danielle Penman	37.8%	*Don DeWitte*
35	Sarah Mertens	49.15%	**Dave Syverson**	50.85%	
36	**Michael Halpin**	61.4%	Brad Beekman	38.6%	
38	Ernie Marcelain	48.0%	**Sue Rezin**	52.0%	
42	**Jared Ploger**	70.7%	Edgardo Perez	29.3%	Linda Holmes
45	Joe Berning	40.0%	**Andrew Chesney**	60.0%	
48	**Doris Turner**	58.9%	Frank Lesko	41.1%	
56	**Marsia Geldert-Murphey**	52.9%	Erica Harriss	47.1%	
57	**Christopher Belt**	59.9%	Daniel Rhyne	40.1%	
59	Tamiko Mueller	34.5%	**Paul Jacobs**	65.5%	

** Only contested legislative races are shown. In the House, all lawmakers are 'up' for election, in the Senate, only one third. So, some lawmakers were on the ballot, but without opposition.*

Chicago-only Ballot Question	Support %
Restart Chicago Gunshot Detection: Should the City of Chicago restart the use of gunshot detection technology that informs first responders when gunshots are detected?	72.5%
Permanent Chicago Festival Space: Should Chicago develop a permanent festival and outdoor event space for large-scale events?	67.9%
Chicago Cost Recovery from Midway Blitz: Shall the City of Chicago pursue all lawful means to recover financial compensation from the federal government for the costs and economic harm caused by the Donald Trump administration's violent, militarized ICE operations, including the Midway Blitz operation led by Greg Bovino, to recover lost tax revenue, public safety response costs, and services provided to residents and families affected by those operations?	84.9%
Advisory Question Regarding Millionaires Surcharge: Shall Illinois use revenue from a surcharge on millionaires to increase funding to public schools?	80.7%
Advisory Question Regarding Chicago Land Owners: Should the City of Chicago require owners of long-term vacant or undeveloped commercial or investment properties to pay an additional annual charge that would support Chicago Public Schools?	73.8%