

2022 General Election | November 8, 2022

Unofficial General Election Results as of 11/15/2022

This report serves as a document highlighting the 2022 general election results as of 11/15/2022. All data has been pulled from the Montana Secretary of State website.

Overview

Montana’s general election was held on November 8, 2022 with the ability to elect a second Congressional district for the first time in 50 years. However, voter turnout was down slightly, just over 60 percent for the General Election.

With 102 seats across both the House and Senate, the Montana GOP will have its first bicameral supermajority in the history of the state’s modern Constitution. The GOP required a net gain of two seats in order to achieve the supermajority and did so by picking up six districts and losing two districts to Democrats. Republicans will hold 68 seats in the House, up by two compared to the 2021 session, and 34 seats in the Senate, increasing their seats by three.

Holding two-thirds supermajority provides Republicans the ability to refer constitutional amendments to the ballot without support from minority party Democrats.

State of Montana

Precincts 307 of 307 Reporting (Precincts Fully Reported)

Statewide Voter Turnout
Total Turnout: 468,360
(61%)

Registered Voters: 762,933
Total Percent:

Congressional Leaders

Ryan Zinke (R), former Congressman won the seat for Montana’s 1st Congressional District over Monica Tranel (D) 50-46 percent.

Montana’s eastern 2nd Congressional District will retain incumbent Matt Rosendale (R) winning 57 percent of the vote.

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE 1ST DISTRICT

RYAN K ZINKE Republican	123,068 (50%)
MONICA TRANEL Democrat	115,265 (46%)

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE 2ND DISTRICT

Matt Rosendale Republican	121,975 (57%)
Penny Ronning Democrat	43,474 (20%)
Gary Buchanan Independent	47,193 (22%)

Montana Supreme Court

Sitting Justice Jim Rice easily won re-election against challenger Bill D’Alton by a 78-22% margin. Justice Ingrid Gustafson maintained her seat but was challenged by James Brown, the current PSC Chairman.

Public Service Commission

The PSC is a five-member board that regulates energy rates, railroad transportation, and pipeline safety in the state. Two of the five seats were up for election this cycle. District 1 incumbent Randy Pinocci (R) was unchallenged and re-elected. District 5 was sought by John Repke (D) and Ann Bukacek (R), with Bukacek securing the seat, continuing the fully Republican Commission.

Ballot Initiatives

LR-131 was referred by the Legislature to the ballot and would have created a law requiring health care providers take all measures possible to save the life of an infant born alive, including born in the event of an abortion. If the health care provider did not take all measures possible to save the infant, the health care provider would have been subject to criminal punishment of 20 years in prison and up to a \$50,000 fine. The referendum failed 53-47 percent.

C-48, also referred to the ballot by the Legislature, amended the Montana Constitution to explicitly include electronic data and electronic communications in the search and seizure protections afforded by the Constitution. This referendum passed 82-18 percent.

Montana Constitutional Amendment 48 Search Warrant for Electronic Data Amendment Ballot Question	Yes: 363,908 No: 78,092	82% 18%
Montana Legislative Referred Statute 131 Medical Care Requirements for Born-Alive Infants Measure Ballot Question	No: 235,896 Yes: 212,951	53% 47%

Statewide Demographics

State Senate

The state Senate elected in 34 Republicans and 16 Democrats, securing a supermajority. Key Senate races include:

- SD 11: Daniel Emrich (R) defeated incumbent Tom Jacobsen (D) in Great Falls.
- SD 12: Wendy McKamey (R) defeated Jacob Bachmeier (D) in Great Falls.
- SD 13: Jeremy Trebas (R) defeated Casey Schriener (D) in Great Falls.
- SD 24: Kathy Kelker (D) defeated Elijah Tidswell (R) in Billings.
- SD 39: Terry Vermeir (R) defeated appointee Jesse James Mullen (D) in Anaconda.
- SD 49: Willis Curdy (D) defeated Brad Tschida (R) in Lolo.

SENATE DISTRICT	CANDIDATE	PARTY AFFILIATION	TOTAL
DISRICT 01	Michael J Cuffe	Republican	7,586 (100%)
DISTRICT 04	John Fuller	Republican	8,319 (62%)
DISTRICT 05	Mark Noland	Republican	7,989 (97%)

DISTRICT 08	Susan Webber	Democrat	2,675 (57%)
DISTRICT 09	Bruce "Butch" Gillespie	Republican	6,773 (99%)
DISTRICT 11	Daniel Emrich	Republican	3,683 (53%)
DISTRICT 12	Wendy McKamey	Republican	3,358 (56%)
DISTRICT 13	Jeremy Trebas	Republican	2,681 (52%)
DISTRICT 14	Russ Tempel	Republican	5,624 (72%)
DISTRICT 15 UNEXPIRED TERM	Dan Bartel	Republican	7,504 (80%)
DISTRICT 19	Kenneth Bogner	Republican	7,643 (99%)
DISTRICT 20	Barry Usher	Republican	7,739(98%)
DISTRICT 22	Daniel Zolnikov	Republican	4,855 (66%)
DISTRICT 24	Kathy Kelker	Democrat	3,950 (56%)
DISTRICT 27	Dennis Lenz	Republican	9,670 (96%)
DISTRICT 29	Forrest James Mandeville	Republican	8,437 (97%)
DISTRICT 30	John Esp	Republican	6,041 (55%)
DISTRICT 32	Pat Flowers	Democrat	5,572 (52%)
DISTRICT 33	Denise Hayman	Democrat	8,039 (68%)
DISTRICT 34	Shelly Vance	Republican	6,516 (64%)
DISTRICT 41	Dave Galt	Republican	2,182
DISTRICT 39	Terry Vermeire	Republican	4,490 (55%)
DISTRICT 41	Janet Ellis	Democrat	5,423 (55%)
DISTRICT 42	Mary Ann Dunwell	Democrat	5,070 (55%)
DISTRICT 43	Jason Ellsworth	Republican	7,867 (68%)
DISTRICT 48	Shane Morigeau	Democrat	6,329 (64%)
DISTRICT 49	Willis Curdy	Democrat	5,630 (54%)
DISTRICT 50	Andrea Olsen	Democrat	7,455 (73%)

House of Representatives

The House of Representatives elected in 32 freshman legislators, securing 69 Republicans and 31 Democrats. Key House races include:

- HD 7: Courtenay Sprunger (R) defeated Angela Kennedy (D).
- HD 15: Marvin Weatherwax (D) narrowly retains seat over Ralph Foster (R).
- HD 28: Paul Tuss (D) defeats Incumbent Ed Hill (R).
- HD 41: Paul Green (R) defeats incumbent Rynalea Pena (D).
- HD 47: Denise Baum (D) retains Democrat seat over Thomas Madigan (R).
- HD 48: Jodee Etchart (R) defeats Jennifer Merecki (D).
- HD 50: Mallerie Stromswold (R) retains seat over challenger James Reavis (D).
- HD 77: John Fitzpatrick (r) defeats incumbent Sara Novak (D).
- HD 96: Jonathan Karlen (D) defeats incumbent Kathy Whitman (R).

HOUSE DISTRICT	CANDIDATE	PARTY AFFILIATION	TOTAL
DISTRICT 01	Steve Gunderson	Republican	3220 (100%)

DISTRICT 02	Neil Duram	Republican	4,365 (100%)
DISTRICT 03	Braxton Mitchell	Republican	2,751 (59%)
DISTRICT 04	Matt Regier	Republican	4,222 (76%)
DISTRICT 05	Dave Fern	Democrat	3,673 (61%)
DISTRICT 06	Amy Regier	Republican	4,703 (61%)
DISTRICT 07	Courtenay Sprunger	Republican	2,180 (63%)
DISTRICT 08	Terry Falk	Republican	3,285 (72%)
DISTRICT 09	Tony Brockman	Republican	3,146 (97%)
DISTRICT 10	Bob Keenan	Republican	4,942 (97%)
DISTRICT 11	Tanner Smith	Republican	4,301 (97%)
DISTRICT 12	Linda Reksten	Republican	3,346 (62%)
DISTRICT 13	Paul Fielder	Republican	4,602 (77%)
DISTRICT 14	Denley Loge	Republican	4,231 (95%)
DISTRICT 15	Marvin Weatherwax Jr.	Democrat	1,303 (50%)
DISTRICT 16	Tyson Running Wolf	Democrat	1,605 (94%)
DISTRICT 17	Ross Fitzgerald	Republican	3,499 (77%)
DISTRICT 18	Llew Jones	Republican	2,802 (98%)
DISTRICT 19	Russel Miner	Republican	3,399 (98%)
DISTRICT 20	Fred Anderson	Republican	3,538 (70%)
DISTRICT 21	Ed Buttrey	Republican	2,479 (65%)
DISTRICT 22	Lola Sheldon-Galloway	Republican	1,787 (56%)
DISTRICT 23	Scot Kerns	Republican	1,572 (55%)
DISTRICT 24	Steven Galloway	Republican	1,677 (53%)
DISTRICT 25	Steve Gist	Republican	1,566 (51%)
DISTRICT 26	George Nikolakakos	Republican	1,206 (57%)
DISTRICT 27	Josh Kassmier	Republican	3,851 (99%)
DISTRICT 28	Paul Tuss	Democrat	1,793 (55%)
DISTRICT 29	Douglas Flament	Republican	3,795 (98%)
DISTRICT 30	James Bergstrom	Republican	3,814 (81%)
DISTRICT 31	Frank Smith	Democrat	1,280 (54%)
DISTRICT 32	Jonathan Windy Boy	Democrat	1,326 (96%)
DISTRICT 33	Casey Knudsen	Republican	2,917 (77%)
DISTRICT 34	Rhonda Knudsen	Republican	3,590 (98%)
DISTRICT 35	Brandon Ler	Republican	3,160 (98%)
DISTRICT 36	Bob Phalen	Republican	3,281 (98%)
DISTRICT 37	Jerry Schillinger	Republican	4,654 (100%)
DISTRICT 38	Greg Kmetz	Republican	2,323 (65%)
DISTRICT 39	Gary Parry	Republican	3,760 (99%)
DISTRICT 40	Greg Oblander	Republican	4,029 (99%)
DISTRICT 41	Paul Green	Republican	1,229 (57%)
DISTRICT 42	Sharon Stewart-Peregoy	Democrat	1,374 (53%)
DISTRICT 43	Kerri Seekins-Crowe	Republican	2,998 (96%)

DISTRICT 44	Larry Brewster	Republican	2,377 (64%)
DISTRICT 45	Katie Zolnikov	Republican	3,564 (96%)
DISTRICT 46	Bill Mercer	Republican	3,204 (64%)
DISTRICT 47	Denise Baum	Democrat	1,897 (58%)
DISTRICT 48	Jodee Etchart	Republican	1,914 (50%)
DISTRICT 49	Emma Kerr-Carpenter	Democrat	1,438 (58%)
DISTRICT 50	Mallerie Stromswold	Republican	1,486 (52%)
DISTRICT 51	Mike Yakawich	Republican	1,872 (56%)
DISTRICT 52	Sherry Essman	Republican	1,711 (59%)
DISTRICT 53	Nelly Nicol	Republican	5,918 (97%)
DISTRICT 54	Terry Moore	Republican	3,778 (97%)
DISTRICT 55	Lee Deming	Republican	3,144 (97%)
DISTRICT 56	Sue Vinton	Republican	2,968 (95%)
DISTRICT 57	Fiona Nave	Republican	3,440 (73%)
DISTRICT 58	Brad Barker	Republican	3,841 (66%)
DISTRICT 59	Marty Malone	Republican	3,643 (65%)
DISTRICT 60	Laurie Bishop	Democrat	3,085 (58%)
DISTRICT 61	Jim Hamilton	Democrat	4,263 (62%)
DISTRICT 62	Ed Stafman	Democrat	4,734 (73%)
DISTRICT 63	Alice Buckley	Democrat	4,046 (60%)
DISTRICT 64	Jane Gillette	Republican	3,551 (54%)
DISTRICT 65	Kelly Kortum	Democrat	4,562 (64%)
DISTRICT 66	Eric Matthews	Democrat	3,739 (94%)
DISTRICT 67	Jedediah Hinkle	Republican	3,213 (59%)
DISTRICT 68	Caleb Hinkle	Republican	3,156 (65%)
DISTRICT 69	Jennifer Carlson	Republican	3,951 (69%)
DISTRICT 70	Julie Dooling	Republican	4,952 (76%)
DISTRICT 71	Ken Walsh	Republican	5,215 (97%)
DISTRICT 72	Tom Welch	Republican	4,064 (81%)
DISTRICT 73	Jennifer Lynch	Democrat	2,355 (62%)
DISTRICT 74	Derek Harvey	Democrat	2,208 (68%)
DISTRICT 75	Marta Bertoglio	Republican	4,409 (96%)
DISTRICT 76	Donovan Hawk	Democrat	3,135 (63%)
DISTRICT 77	John Fitzpatrick	Republican	2,490 (50%)
DISTRICT 78	Gregory Frazer	Republican	2,503 (97%)
DISTRICT 79	Laura Smith	Democrat	3,326 (61%)
DISTRICT 80	Becky Beard	Republican	4,702 (96%)
DISTRICT 81	Melissa Romano	Democrat	4,882 (58%)
DISTRICT 82	Mary Caferro	Democrat	2,944 (61%)
DISTRICT 83	Kim Abbott	Democrat	2,516 (58%)
DISTRICT 84	Jill Cohenour	Democrat	2,586 (54%)
DISTRICT 85	Michele Binkley	Republican	4,735 (76%)
DISTRICT 86	David Bedey	Republican	3,591 (67%)

DISTRICT 87	Ron Marshall	Republican	4,010 (73%)
DISTRICT 88	Wayne Rusk	Republican	4,110 (70%)
DISTRICT 89	Katie Sullivan	Democrat	2,861 (62%)
DISTRICT 90	Marilyn Marler	Democrat	3,290 (69%)
DISTRICT 91	Connie Keogh	Democrat	4,730 (84%)
DISTRICT 92	Mike Hopkins	Republican	2,770 (56%)
DISTRICT 93	Joe Read	Republican	2,419 (57%)
DISTRICT 94	Tom France	Democrat	2,798 (55%)
DISTRICIT 95	SJ Howell	Democrat	3,117 (75%)
DISTRICT 96	Jonathan Karlen	Democrat	3,035 (53%)
District 97	Lyn Hellegaard	Republican	2,898 (56%)
DISTRICT 98	Bob Carter	Democrat	2,985 (59%)
DISTRICT 99	Mark Thane	Democrat	3,417 (66%)
DISTRICT 100	Zoey Zephyr	Democrat	4,053 (79)