



# Ohio Concrete General Election Guide 2024



The following guide was assembled by Ohio Concrete’s lobbyist, McKinley Strategies, and is intended to provide information on the candidates and issues that may potentially impact the concrete construction industry in Ohio.

## US SENATE

Republicans are once again pursuing their long-standing goal of unseating Ohio's senior senator, Sherrod Brown (D-Cleveland). This time, Trump-aligned businessman Bernie Moreno is stepping in to challenge Brown, who chairs the Senate Banking Committee.

With the advantage of incumbency, Brown has built a substantial war chest for his re-election campaign. In contrast, Moreno has already invested over \$9 million in a competitive three-way primary.

As the control of the U.S. Senate hangs in the balance, all eyes are on Ohio to see if Brown can retain his historic support from blue-collar voters, a group that has increasingly leaned toward the GOP in recent years.

## OHIO SUPREME COURT

Three races for the Ohio Supreme Court this fall will determine whether Republicans can solidify their hold on the court or if Democrats can reclaim control.

Currently, Republicans have a 4-3 majority, with only one GOP member up for election in November.

The most contentious race appears to be between Republican Justice Joseph Deters and Justice Melody Stewart. Deters opted to run against Stewart for a full six-year term instead of seeking to complete his unexpired term, which he was appointed to by Gov. Mike DeWine following Chief Justice Sharon Kennedy's departure.

Franklin County Common Pleas Court Judge Dan Hawkins, a Republican, is vying to fill Deters' unexpired term. He will face off against 8th District Court of Appeals Judge Lisa Forbes, who secured her spot by defeating 10th District Court of Appeals Judge Teri Jamison in the Democratic primary.

The final contest features Democratic Justice Michael Donnelly competing against Hamilton County Common Pleas Court Judge Megan Shanahan

## ISSUE 1

Establish the Citizens Redistricting Commission Initiative, a redistricting reform proposal that could change the balance of power within the Statehouse.

## POLITICAL GERRYMANDERING

Issue 1 would mandate that Ohio’s legislative districts be manipulated to ensure both Republicans and Democrats secure a predetermined number of seats in the General Assembly and Congress. This could leave voters with representatives from the opposite party, far removed from their viewpoints.

The amendment permits the division of any county, city, or township into numerous districts to achieve these seat allocations, leading to bizarrely shaped districts reminiscent of Ohio’s notorious “snake on the lake” gerrymandering.

## UNACCOUNTABLE BUREAUCRACY

Issue 1 establishes a commission lacking accountability, with members randomly selected by four retired judges, a private hiring firm, and the commission members themselves.

There are no minimum qualifications for commission members, who would be compelled to hire outside consultants to draw the maps. Once appointed, these members cannot be removed by Ohio voters, even in cases of serious misconduct.

The commission would have near-unlimited authority to spend taxpayer dollars without oversight. Members could set their own salaries and hire costly legal counsel at the expense of Ohio taxpayers.

Ultimately, Issue 1 represents a partisan power grab by out-of-state special interests seeking to rig Ohio’s elections and enshrine gerrymandering in the state’s constitution.

## US CONGRESSIONAL

### Solid Republican

#### Ohio 2

The seat has become available due to Rep. Brad Wenstrup's impending retirement from Congress. With a strong 70% GOP index, it appears to be a secure win for Republican business owner David Taylor from deeply conservative Clermont County. He will face off against Democrat Samantha Meadows, an EMT from Chillicothe.

#### Ohio 4

Rep. Jim Jordan is a divisive figure in Washington, but he remains popular in his home district, where he has easily won re-election for nine terms. His district has a solid 68% GOP index based on recent election results. Democrat Tamie Wilson is once again challenging him after losing to Jordan in 2022.

#### Ohio 5

Republican Rep. Bob Latta benefits from strong name recognition, having represented the area since 2007. Democrat Keith Mundy faces a significant challenge in this district, which has a 61% GOP index.

#### Ohio 14

Rep. David Joyce is seeking a seventh term in northeast Ohio. His incumbency and reputation as a relative moderate in a polarized Congress, combined with a nearly 55% GOP lean in his district, bolster his campaign. He faces a longshot challenge from Democrat Brian Kenderes, who has been charged with false voter registration.

#### **Likely Republican**

#### Ohio 8

Republican Rep. Warren Davidson of Troy has held his red western Ohio seat since 2016 and is favored to keep it against Democrat Vanessa Enoch, a public policy and business consultant from West Chester.

#### Ohio 10

Rep. Mike Turner is seeking a seventh term representing the Dayton area and enjoys a 53.3% GOP lean in his district, positioning him well against Democrat Amy Cox of Eaton, who has previously run unsuccessfully for the Ohio House.

#### Ohio 12

Rep. Troy Balderson, who has served since 2018, benefits from a strong 63.3% Republican lean in his district. He faces Democrat Jerrad Christian, a software engineer from Galena.

#### **Lean Republican**

#### Ohio 6

Republican Michael Rullis's closer-than-expected victory over Democrat Michael Kripchak in this expansive district raised some eyebrows. However, the former Ohio senator is still favored to retain the seat for his party.

#### Ohio 7

Rep. Max Miller is up against Democrat Mathew Diemer for the second consecutive cycle in a northeastern Ohio district that leans right with a 54.4% GOP index. As a Trump loyalist, Miller is likely to benefit from the former president's presence on the ballot, but Diemer has emerged as one of the more active Democratic candidates this cycle and performed well in Cuyahoga County.

#### Ohio 15

Rep. Mike Carey has benefited from the last redistricting, representing a district that includes parts of western Ohio and has a 54% GOP index. He faces Democratic state Rep. Adam Miller, an attorney and Judge Advocate General's Corps member from Columbus.

#### **Toss up**

#### Ohio 1

Rep. Greg Landsman is aiming to hold his seat for the Democrats in a district with a slight 51% leftward lean. He is considered a slight favorite against Republican Orlando Sonza Jr., a U.S. Army veteran and assistant county prosecutor who previously lost a bid for the Ohio Senate.

Recent performance stats:

- 2022 Gubernatorial: 54.9% Republican
- 2022 U.S. Senate: 54.1% Democratic
- 2020 Presidential: 53.4% Democratic

#### Ohio 9

In what is expected to be one of the most closely watched U.S. House races this cycle, longtime Rep. Marcy Kaptur is looking to fend off a challenge from state Rep. Derek Merrin (R-Monclova Twp.) in a district that is essentially a toss-up. Kaptur benefited last cycle when a fringe candidate upset the GOP primary. This time, the National Republican Congressional Committee is expected to invest heavily in Merrin, a real estate investor known for his anti-tax initiatives.

Recent performance stats:

- 2022 Gubernatorial: 63% Republican
- 2022 U.S. Senate: 50% Democratic
- 2020 Presidential: 50.6% Democratic

#### **Lean Democrat**

#### Ohio 13

Freshman Rep. Emilia Sykes enjoys strong name recognition in her district, having roots in a family that has served in the Statehouse for years. However, the district's political index, at around 52% Democratic, offers some hope to GOP challenger Kevin Coughlin, also a former state lawmaker.

Recent performance stats:

- 2022 Gubernatorial: 57.3% Republican
- 2022 U.S. Senate: 52.8% Democratic
- 2020 Presidential: 50.7% Democratic

#### **Solid Democrat**

#### Ohio 3

Rep. Joyce Beatty is seeking a seventh term in a solidly Democratic district covering part of Franklin County. With a 69% Democratic index, her Republican challenger, Michael Young, a Columbus real estate developer, faces an uphill battle.

#### Ohio 11

Democratic Rep. Shontel Brown appears to be a shoo-in, as her district features one of the strongest political indexes for a congressional seat at about 80% Democratic. She faces Republican Alan Rapoport, a lawyer and former Cleveland Heights City Council member.

## OHIO SENATE

### Solid Republican

#### Senate District 4

Sen. George Lang (*OC supported candidate*) is a strong favorite to retain his seat in a district with a political index exceeding 63% Republican. He is up against Democrat Thomas Cooke, a retired U.S. Army veteran from Oxford.

#### Senate District 10

In a district that has shifted to the right in recent years, with a GOP political index of 63%, former Senate District Republican Rep. Kyle Koehler (*OC supported candidate*), a business owner from Springfield, is favored to defeat Democrat Daniel McGregor, an electrical engineer from Beaver Creek.

#### Senate District 12

GOP Rep. Susan Manchester (*OC supported candidate*) of Lakeview is running unopposed in a district that leans heavily Republican at 76%.

#### Senate District 14

Sen. Terry Johnson (*OC supported candidate*) is heavily favored for re-election against Democrat Shane Marcum in a district with a 70-30% GOP advantage based on recent election results.

#### Senate District 20

Sen. Tim Schaffer (*OC supported candidate*), an incumbent from Lancaster serving his second term, is also a strong favorite in a district with a GOP index surpassing 64%. His challenger is Democrat Nick Hubbell from Johnstown.

#### Senate District 22

Sen. Mark Romanchuk (*OC supported candidate*) is projected to win comfortably in a district that favors Republicans by more than 63%. He is facing Democrat Kathy Salem, managing director and producer at Night is Alive Productions, a jazz music agency.

#### Senate District 26

Sen. Bill Reineke's (*OC supported candidate*) district is among the strongest for the GOP, boasting a 67% index. He will face Democrat Mohamed Juma from Plain City.

### Likely Republican

#### Senate District 2

GOP Sen. Theresa Gavarone, (*OC supported candidate*) a small business owner, has represented the area in the Senate since 2019. Her Democratic opponent, Toledo University student Paloma De La Fuente, initially withdrew from the race on August 6 but announced her return on August 26. The district has a political index leaning about 55% Republican based on the latest redistricting.

#### Senate District 8

Sen. Louis (Bill) Blessing (*OC supported candidate*) is a strong incumbent in a district that trends nearly 60% Republican based on recent election results. He faces Democrat Timothy (Ty) Hogan, a real estate executive and U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

#### Senate District 30

Sen. Brian Chavez (*OC supported candidate*), appointed to his seat and owner of an oil and gas business, is a solid favorite in a district with a 61% GOP lean. He will compete against Ari Faber, the outreach director for United Campus Ministry in Athens.

#### Senate District 32

Sen. Sandra O'Brien benefits from incumbency and strong name recognition in a district where she has held various offices. Democrat Michael Shrodek, a retired teacher from Warren, faces a challenging race in a district with a 55% Republican political index.

### Toss up

#### Senate District 18

Sen. Jerry Cirino (*OC supported candidate*) is aiming to leverage his incumbency for a win in a district that appears fairly politically balanced. He faces Democrat Katie O'Neill, an environmental lawyer from Chagrin Falls.

O'Neill is challenging Cirino, who chairs the Senate Higher Education & Workforce Committee, in this competitive Northeast Ohio district. Covering Lake County and part of eastern Cuyahoga County, the district has a Republican index of 51.28% based on past election results.

Cirino, 72, is seeking a second term to address what he describes as "unfinished business" in higher education and workforce development. He aims to improve services in Ohio's Appalachian region and advance his controversial higher education legislation (SB 83).

O'Neill contends that Cirino's focus on SB 83, which she views as an "attack on higher education," motivated her to run. She opposes its implications for collective bargaining, tenure, and funding for schools that address controversial issues. Citing the 2023 toxic train derailment in East Palestine and the push for oil and gas exploration in state parks, she aims to advocate for renewable energy in the Senate if elected.

Recent performance stats:

- 2022 Gubernatorial: 59.8% Republican
- 2022 U.S. Senate: 51.2% Democrat
- 2020 Presidential: 50.8% Republican

#### Senate District 24

Rep. Tom Patton (*OC supported candidate*) faces challenges in a district that leans slightly Democratic, though he has consistently outperformed those numbers throughout his two-decade legislative career. His opponent, Democrat Sue Durichko, a nurse and Parma Heights City Council member, hopes to reverse that trend.

Recent performance stats:

- 2022 Gubernatorial: 59% Republican
- 2022 U.S. Senate: 52.9% Democrat
- 2020 Presidential: 49.36% Republican | 49.35% Democrat

#### Likely Democrat

#### Senate District 6

Rep. Willis Blackshear's bid for the open seat, now redrawn to favor Democrats, presents a promising pick-up opportunity for his party. He faces Republican Charlotte McGuire, a member of the State Board of Education from Centerville.

Recent performance stats:

- 2022 Gubernatorial: 54.7% Republican
- 2022 U.S. Senate: 55.6% Democratic
- 2020 Presidential: 55.1% Democratic

#### Senate District 16

Democratic Rep. Beth Liston, a doctor from Dublin, holds an advantage in a district that has trended blue in recent years, now leaning about 56% Democratic. She faces Republican Besa Sharrah, owner of Sharrah Group Consulting from New Albany, who aims to retain the seat for the GOP.

Recent performance stats:

- 2022 Gubernatorial: 51.4% Democratic
- 2022 U.S. Senate: 61.6% Democrat
- 2020 Presidential: 60.2% Republican

#### Solid Democrat

#### Senate District 28

Rep. Casey Weinstein of Hudson benefits from a district now leaning 58% Democratic after redistricting. His opponent is Republican Jon Leissler of Stow, an accountant and member of the Stow-Munroe Falls Board of Education.

### OHIO HOUSE

All eyes are on the Ohio House this cycle, where the post-election landscape will significantly influence whether House Speaker Jason Stephens (R-Kitts Hill) or Senate President Matt Huffman (R-Lima) secures the speaker's gavel for the next session.

With several toss-up seats up for grabs, Democrats are aiming to reduce their 67-32 disadvantage and capitalize on ongoing infighting within the GOP caucus, particularly concerning control of the majority caucus campaign fund.

Key contested toss-up districts, where no party holds a significant advantage (less than 52%), include: Districts 10 (+50.58% D), 11 (+51.87% D), 23 (+50.41% D), 27 (+50.3% D), 31 (+50.4% D), 35 (+51.53% R), 49 (+51.55% D), 52 (+50.51% D), and 72 (+51.66% R).

Additionally, several adjacent seats are on the radar, particularly in suburban areas that have become more favorable to Democrats in recent cycles, such as the red-leaning 60th district in Delaware County.

Meanwhile, Republicans are targeting regions where blue-collar voters have increasingly aligned with GOP perspectives, notably in the 15th district in Cuyahoga County.

Following a contentious primary season marked by dissatisfaction over Stephens' election as speaker, four incumbent Republicans were defeated, opening the door for new candidates in the 47th, 51st, 72nd, and 83rd districts. Of these, all except the 72nd are expected to favor Republicans.

#### Solid Republican

#### House District 12

Rep. Brian Stewart (*OC supported candidate*) is on track for a third term in his district, which leans nearly 69% Republican, despite facing a challenge from Democrat Brad Cotton, an emergency physician.

#### House District 30

With Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Green Twp.) terming out, either Republican Mike Odioso or Democrat Stefanie Hawk, a Cheviot City Council member, will likely succeed him in this 71.6% Republican district, favoring Odioso, a teacher at St. Xavier High School.

#### House District 40

Rep. Rodney Creech seeks a third term in his solidly Republican district (74.7%) against Democrat Bobbie Arnold, an independent contractor and one of the few transgender candidates on the primary ballot.

#### House District 45

Rep. Jennifer Gross is also expected to win against Gen-Z Democrat Landon Meador, a 23-year-old college student, in the 62.66% Republican district.

#### House District 46

Rep. Thomas Hall appears set for a third term in his district, which has a 65.36% Republican lean. His Democratic challenger is Benjamin McCall, a principal consultant.

#### House District 47

Diane Mullins (R-Hamilton) has a strong chance of winning after unseating Rep. Sara Carruthers (R-Hamilton), who faced backlash for supporting Speaker Jason Stephens. The district has a 61.34% Republican index, likely favoring Mullins against fellow pastor and Oxford NAACP President Vanessa Cummings.

#### House District 51

Jodi Salvo, director of substance use prevention services at OhioGuidestone, is poised for victory after defeating an incumbent in the GOP primary. She faces Democrat Joe Rinehart in a district with a 64.72% Republican index.

#### House District 54

In Norwalk, Republican Kellie Deeter is up against Democrat Brenda Buchanan, a former school board president, in a district with a 58.33% Republican index. Deeter has the endorsement of term-limited Rep. Dick Stein (R-Norwalk).

#### House District 55

Michelle Teska, president of Golden Heart Senior Care, is favored to succeed term-limited Rep. Scott Lipps (R-Franklin) after winning the GOP primary. She will face Democrat Laura Davis in a district with a 73.71% Republican index.

#### House District 56

Democrat Cleveland Canova has a challenging road ahead against Rep. Adam Mathews, who is finishing his first term in a district favorable to Republicans at 63%. Incumbent Rep. Callender is likely to retain his Lake County seat with a 58.85% Republican index, facing small business owner Rick Walker, a repeat candidate.

#### House District 57

Incumbent Rep. Callender (*OC supported candidate*) is a strong favorite to retain the Lake County district with a Republican index of 58.85%. He faces small business owner Rick Walker, a Democrat who unsuccessfully sought a House seat in 2014, 2016 and 2018.

#### House District 61

Heidelberg College professor David Hogan, a Democrat, aims to unseat Rep. Beth Lear (R-Gelena) in a district with a 62.81% Republican index. Both candidates won their primaries with significant margins.

#### House District 62

Rep. Jean Schmidt is expected to win against Democrat Katie Vockell in a 68.23% Republican district, having narrowly held off a primary challenger.

#### House District 63

Democrat Tracey McCullough faces a steep challenge against Rep. Bird in a district with a Republican index of 74.5%.

#### House District 65

David Thomas (R) is running unopposed.

#### House District 66

After overcoming a primary challenge, Rep. Sharon Ray is likely to win against Democrat Bradford Quade in a Medina County district favoring Republicans (61.49%).

#### House District 67

Rep. Melanie Miller is expected to secure a second term against Democrat Drew McIlveen in a district with a 65.09% Republican index.

#### House District 68

Rep. Thad Claggett is positioned to retain his Licking County seat with a 59.30% Republican index, facing Democrat Mike Smith, who previously ran for the U.S. House.

#### House District 69

Rep. Kevin Miller (R-Newark), a supporter of Speaker Stephens, is well-positioned for reelection in a 71.37% Republican district against Democrat Jamie Hough.

#### House District 71

In Greene County, Rep. Brian Lampton is a strong favorite to keep his seat against Democrat Joseph Wilson in a district with a 62.93% Republican index. Xenia City Councilman Levi Dean looks set to succeed his father, term-limited Rep. Bill Dean (R-Xenia), after winning a four-way GOP primary in a district with a 67.99% Republican index.

#### House District 74

Rep. Bernard Willis is likely to win a second term against Democrat Derek Alvarado in a Clark County district with a 58.17% Republican index.

#### House District 76

Rep. Marilyn John is favored to secure a third term against Democrat Alomar Davenport in a district with a Republican lean of over 66%.

#### House District 77

Meredith Craig, director of healthcare policy for the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, is expected to succeed term-limited Rep. Scott Wiggam (R-Wooster) after winning a competitive GOP primary. She faces Democrat Mark Gooch, who lost to Wiggam in 2022.

#### House District 78

Sen. Matt Huffman (R) (*OC supported candidate*), the Senate president, is running unopposed.

#### House District 79

Lisbon schoolteacher Dan Votaw, a Democrat, faces a tough challenge against Republican Rep. Robb (*OC supported candidate*) in a district that skews 68% Republican.

#### House District 80

In an open seat race, Republican pastor Jonathan Newman is favored over business owner Melissa VanDyke (D) in a district with over 74% GOP support.

#### House District 81

Rep. Jim Hoops (*OC supported candidate*), a seasoned lawmaker, is expected to win against Democrat Gene Redinger, a write-in candidate, in a heavily Republican district.

#### House District 82

Rep. Roy Klopfenstein is likely to fend off Democrat Magdalen Markward in a district that strongly favors the incumbent's party.

#### House District 83

A new face is set to join the House after Republican Ty Mathews (*OC supported candidate*) defeated incumbent Rep. Jon Cross in the primary. Mathews is favored against Democrat Sheila Coressel in a district with nearly 72% Republican support.

#### House District 84

Rep. Angela King is expected to win in the most Republican district on the map (80%) against Democrat Arienne Childrey, a transgender candidate.

#### House District 85

Rep. Tim Barhorst faces Democrat Victoria Maddox in another Republican-leaning district (76.18%).

#### House District 86

Rep. Tracey Richardson (*OC supported candidate*), who supported Speaker Stephens, is likely to win against Marysville Democrat Lesley Verbus in a district favoring Republicans 66.06%.

#### House District 87

Rep. Riordan McClain is expected to defeat Democrat Craig Swartz in a district with a 72% Republican index.

#### House District 88

Democrat Dianne Selvey faces an uphill battle against Rep. Click in a district that leans 62% Republican.

#### House District 90

Appointed Rep. Justin Pizzulli is mounting his first campaign for elected office in a district with a 68% Republican index, facing Democrat Kaitlyn Nunnolley.

#### House District 91

Longtime lawmaker Rep. Bob Peterson is on track to continue his term despite a challenge from Democrat Ellen Clark in a district with a 71% Republican index.

#### House District 92

Rep. Mark Johnson is favored for reelection against Democrat Arthur Beatty in a district with a nearly 63% Republican lean.

#### House District 93

Rep. Jason Stephens (R) (*OC supported candidate*), the House speaker, is running unopposed.

#### House District 94

Washington County Commissioner Kevin Ritter aims to keep the seat held by term-limited Rep. Jay Edwards (R-Nelsonville) in GOP hands against Democrat Wenda Sheard in a district with a 62.89% Republican index.

#### House District 96

Rep. Ron Ferguson (R) (*OC supported candidate*) is unopposed.

#### House District 97

Rep. Adam Holmes (R) is also unopposed.

#### House District 98

The Republican primary winner, Mark Hiner, is expected to succeed term-limited Rep. Darrell Kick (R-Loudonville) in a district that leans GOP by 70.66%. He faces Democrat Annie Homstad, an accounting business owner.

#### House District 99

Democrat Louis Murphy, a recent college graduate with a master's degree, is challenging Rep. Fowler Arthur in a seat favoring the incumbent by nearly 60%.

### **Likely Republican**

#### House District 29

Rep. Cindy Abrams, a former police officer, is seeking a third term in a contest against Democrat Joe Salvato, who positions himself as a challenger to the "corrupt Republican supermajority." With a district leaning over 57% Republican, Abrams is the favorite to win.

#### House District 37

Rep. Tom Young (R) is running unopposed.

#### House District 48

North Canton Democrat Lynn Gorman, a former teacher and minister who previously ran as a write-in candidate against Sen. Kirk Schuring, is now challenging longtime lawmaker Rep. Oelslager (*OC supported candidate*). However, with a 60.82% Republican index, Oelslager is favored to secure a fourth term.

#### House District 50

In another Republican stronghold, Minerva City Councilman Matthew Kishman is expected to defeat Democrat Doremus Redvine in a district with a Republican index of 58.97%.

#### House District 59

Recently appointed Republican Rep. Tex Fischer of Boardman faces Democratic Beloit Village City Councilwoman Laura Schaeffer in a district that leans Republican at 55.82%.

#### House District 60

Appointed GOP Rep. Brian Lorenz is likely to hold onto his seat in Delaware County, which has a 56.91% Republican index. He faces Democrat Rachel Morocco, a pediatrician and Ohio State University professor who previously ran for a House seat in 2020.

#### House District 73

Rep. Jeff LaRe has solid odds for reelection against Democrat Michael Scarmack, who is running as a write-in candidate in a district leaning nearly 60% Republican.

#### House District 89

Rep. D.J. Swearingen (R-Huron) is up against lawyer Alisha Roshong in a district formerly held by Democratic Party Chairman Chris Redfern, now with a Republican index of 55.4%.

#### House District 95

Rep. Don Jones is campaigning in a district with a 58% Republican lean, facing Democrat Micah McCarey, a member of Athens City Council, who entered the race after Lish Greiner withdrew.

### **Lean Republican**

#### House District 17

Mike Dovilla is vying to return to the House for a second term, hoping to retain the seat currently held by term-limited Rep. Patton for the GOP. Democrats are targeting this suburban Cleveland district (53.5% Republican) with progressive activist Jessica Sutherland as their candidate.

#### House District 36

Rep. Andrea White is facing a challenge from Dayton Democrat Rose Lounsbury, a former public-school teacher and small business owner. Lounsbury won her primary with 73.6% of the vote but now contends with White, a two-term incumbent, in a district leaning 52.82% Republican.

#### House District 39

Rep. Phil Plummer (*OC supported candidate*), a leader of the faction opposing Speaker Jason Stephens, is defending his seat against Democrat Dion Green, a survivor of the 2019 Dayton shooting and son of one of the victims. Plummer's district has a Republican lean of 53.55%.

#### House District 44

Democrat David Blyth is challenging freshman Rep. Williams, an attorney, in a district with a Republican tilt of 54.58%. Blyth previously served as a staff representative for the AFSCME Ohio Council 8.

#### House District 52

Rep. Gayle Manning (*OC supported candidate*) is working to keep her toss-up district in Republican hands. Genevieve Flieger, a project specialist at Second Harvest Food Bank, is attempting to take control of this Lorain County district, which has a 50.51%

Republican index and has been held by Manning and her family for years.

#### House District 75

Rep. Ghanbari (*OC supported candidate*), who faced a primary challenge, enjoys a 54% Republican index and is up against former Democratic Perrysburg councilwoman Jan Materni, a military mom.

### **Toss up**

#### House District 10

Both parties are closely watching the seat currently held by Rep. David Dobos (D-Columbus), who is not seeking reelection in a district with a Democratic index of 50.58%. Attorney Brian Garvine (*OC supported candidate*) is running to keep the seat for Republicans, while Grove City Councilman Mark Sigrist aims to flip it after narrowly winning a contested Democratic primary.

Recent Performance Stats:

- 2022 Gubernatorial: 55.9% Republican
- 2022 U.S. Senate: 52.8% Democratic
- 2020 Presidential: 49.24% Democratic, 49.13% Republican

#### House District 11

In the northwest Franklin County district, which has a Democratic index of 51.87%, a competitive rematch is on the horizon. Republican Sen. Stephanie Kunze is facing Democrat Crystal Lett again after a tight race in 2020.

Recent Performance Stats:

- 2022 Gubernatorial: 52% Republican
- 2022 U.S. Senate: 58.7% Democratic
- 2020 Presidential: 57.1% Democratic

#### House District 23

Rep. Dan Troy is being targeted by Republicans in his northern Ohio district with a Democratic index of 50.41%. He faces Army veteran and small business owner Tony Hocevar.

Recent Performance Stats:

- 2022 Gubernatorial: 59% Republican
- 2022 U.S. Senate: 52.3% Democratic
- 2020 Presidential: 49.89% Republican, 48.78% Democratic

#### House District 27

First-term Rep. Rachel Baker, who flipped a Hamilton County district in 2022, is now in a tough fight against Republican Curt Hartman, a former judge. Baker's district has a Democratic lean of 51.21%.

Recent Performance Stats:

- 2022 Gubernatorial: 53% Republican
- 2022 U.S. Senate: 56.8% Democratic
- 2020 Presidential: 55.7% Democratic

#### House District 28

Democrat Karen Brownlee is pursuing a seat favoring Democrats less than 52% after former Rep. Jessica Miranda's departure. She faces Republican Jenn Giroux, who previously lost to Baker.

Recent Performance Stats:

- 2022 Gubernatorial: 53.7% Republican
- 2022 U.S. Senate: 56.4% Democratic
- 2020 Presidential: 55.7% Democratic

#### House District 31

Rep. Bill Roemer (*OC supported candidate*) is seeking a fourth term in a highly competitive district with a Democratic index of 50.40%. He faces A.J. Harris, a member of the Cuyahoga Falls school board, in a race where both candidates are emphasizing their commitment to education and community issues.

Recent Performance Stats:

- 2022 Gubernatorial: 56.7% Republican
- 2022 U.S. Senate: 53.4% Democratic
- 2020 Presidential: 49.6% Democratic

#### House District 32

Appointed Rep. Jack Daniels (R-Akron) (*OC supported candidate*) is running against Democrat Jim Colopy, a former member of the Green City Council. This district has a Republican index of 52.57%, but Colopy's local government experience may resonate with voters looking for effective representation.

Recent Performance Stats:

- 2022 Gubernatorial: 62.6% Republican
- 2022 U.S. Senate: 53.1% Republican
- 2020 Presidential: 55% Republican

#### House District 35

Freshman Rep. Steve Demetriou (R-Bainbridge Twp.) (*OC supported candidate*) faces a tough challenge in the newly redrawn 35th House District, which has a Republican index of only 51.53%. He is up against Mark Curtis, a well-known figure from the Twinsburg School Board. Demetriou is focusing on his business background and community issues, while Curtis is advocating for education reform and reproductive rights.

Recent Performance Stats:

- 2022 Gubernatorial: 58.9% Republican
- 2022 U.S. Senate: 51.7% Democratic
- 2020 Presidential: 49.55% Republican, 49.24% Democratic

#### House District 49

Freshman Rep. Thomas is also in a competitive race, facing Democrat Krista Allison, an educational consultant, in a district with a 51.55% Republican index. Both candidates are focusing on their professional backgrounds and visions for education policy.

Recent Performance Stats:

- 2022 Gubernatorial: 60.2% Republican
- 2022 U.S. Senate: 50.2% Democratic
- 2020 Presidential: 49.8% Democratic

#### House District 64

In Trumbull County, Democrat Lauren Mathews, a vocational rehabilitation counselor, is challenging Rep. Nick Santucci (R-Howland Twp.) (*OC supported candidate*) in a district that has a Democratic index of 52.09%. This matchup will likely attract attention due to the district's shifting demographics.

Recent Performance Stats:

- 2022 Gubernatorial: 64.7% Republican
- 2022 U.S. Senate: 51.2% Republican
- 2020 Presidential: 52.6% Republican

#### House District 72

Political newcomers Republican Heidi Workman and Democrat Nathaniel Adams are vying for the seat previously held by Rep. Gail Pavliga. This district has a Republican index of 51.66%. Workman is running on a conservative platform focused on tax reduction and education choice, while Adams emphasizes social justice and funding reforms in education.

Recent Performance Stats:

- 2022 Gubernatorial: 62.1% Republican
- 2022 U.S. Senate: 53.3% Republican
- 2020 Presidential: 55.9% Republican

### [Lean Democrat](#)

#### House District 4

Rep. Beryl Brown Piccolantonio is vying for her first full term in a suburban Columbus district that has a Democratic index of 53.47%. She is up against Jason Allevato, a Republican and founder of an investment firm.

Recent Performance Stats:

- 2022 Gubernatorial: 50.8% Republican
- 2022 U.S. Senate: 59.6% Democratic
- 2020 Presidential: 58.3% Democratic

#### House District 15

Chris Glassburn, a North Olmsted City Council member and Democratic consultant during recent redistricting, is running against Republican Brooklyn City Councilman Aaron Borowski. The district, with a Democratic index of 54.82%, is open following Rep. Richard Dell'Aquila's exit after the latest legislative map changes.

Recent Performance Stats:

- 2022 Gubernatorial: 56.2% Republican
- 2022 U.S. Senate: 55.8% Democratic
- 2020 Presidential: 52.4% Democratic

#### House District 19

Rep. Phil Robinson seeks a fourth term in a district with a 53.94% Democratic index, facing off against Republican Kenny Godnavec, a property investor. Robinson flipped this suburban Cleveland seat six years ago.

Recent Performance Stats:

- 2022 Gubernatorial: 53.1% Republican
- 2022 U.S. Senate: 58.2% Democratic
- 2020 Presidential: 55.3% Democratic



#### House District 34

Derrick Hall, the former president of the Akron Public School Board, emerged victorious in a three-way primary and is now competing against Tallmadge Council President Adam Bozic to replace Rep. Casey Weinstein (D-Hudson). The newly drawn district, which has become more Democratic with a 53.02% index, no longer includes Cuyahoga Falls but has added Tallmadge, Munroe Falls, and North Akron.

Recent Performance Stats:

- 2022 Gubernatorial: 53.7% Republican
- 2022 U.S. Senate: 56.6% Democratic
- 2020 Presidential: 54.1% Democratic

#### [Solid Democrat](#)

#### House District 1

Rep. Dontavius Jarrells (D) is unopposed.

#### House District 2

Rep. Latyna Humphrey (D) is unopposed.

#### House District 3

Rep. Ismail Mohamed (D) is unopposed.

#### House District 5

Meredith Lawson-Rowe (D) is unopposed.

#### House District 7

Rep. Allison Russo (D), the House minority leader, is unopposed.

#### House District 13

Democratic Lakewood City Council member Tristan Rader is poised to succeed Rep. Skindell, who is not seeking a fourth term, in the heavily Democratic Cleveland-area district with a 76.5% index. His opponent is Republican attorney Robert Dintaman.

#### House District 18

Rep. Juanita Brent is likely to secure a fourth term in her deep blue Cuyahoga County district, which has an 89.04% Democratic index, facing Republican Justyn Anderson.

#### House District 20

Rep. Terrence Upchurch, after a write-in campaign in the primary, is favored to return to the House, facing Republican Donna Walker Brown in a district with a 90.31% Democratic index.

#### House District 21

Attorney Eric Synenberg won the Democratic primary against Angel Washington and will challenge Republican write-in candidate Joshua Malovasic in a solidly blue Cuyahoga County district with a 77.47% Democratic index.

#### House District 22

Rep. Darnell Brewer appears to have a straightforward path back to the House, facing Republican Milan Wesley in a district with an 87.12% Democratic index.

#### House District 24

Freshman Rep. Dani Isaacsohn is likely to win a second term in his southwest Ohio district, which has a 72.5% Democratic index, against retired police officer John Sess.

#### House District 25

Rep. Cecil Thomas looks set for a second term following eight years in the Senate, given his district's 82.56% Democratic lean. He is unopposed in the primary and will face Republican Jim Berns.

#### House District 26

Rep. Sedrick Denson is a strong favorite for a fourth term but will need to defeat Republican John Breadon, a Norwood City councilman, in his Hamilton County district with a 67.49% Democratic index.

#### House District 33

Rep. Veronica Sims (D) is unopposed.

#### House District 38

Desiree Tims, President and CEO of Innovation Ohio, secured her place in the Statehouse in March and faces no opposition in the general election after defeating Derrik Forward in the heavily Democratic Montgomery County district.

#### House District 42

Rep. Elgin Rogers Jr. (D) is unopposed.

#### House District 43

Rep. Michele Grim (D) is unopposed.

#### House District 58

In Mahoning County, Democratic Rep. Lauren McNally is likely safe against write-in candidate Emily Ciccone, following the withdrawal of her original challenger. McNally's district has a 61.38% Democratic index.