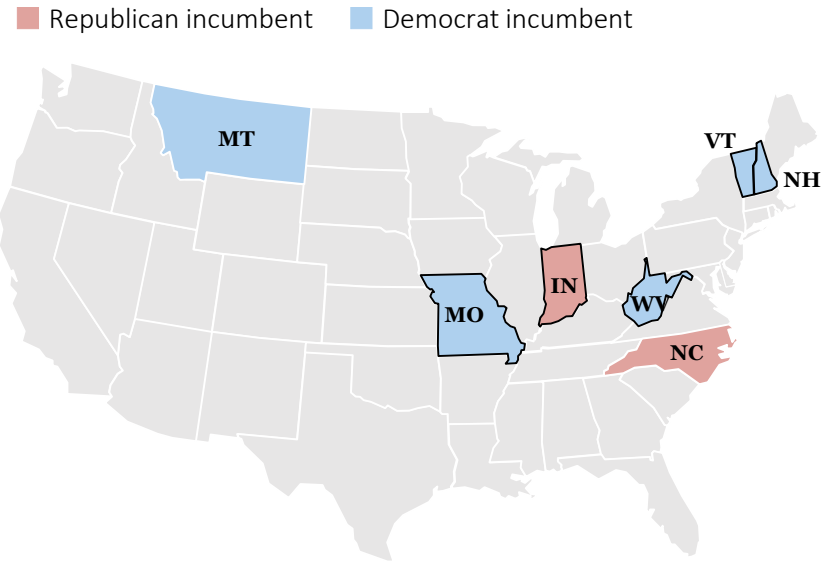


Five of seven governors' seats most likely to flip are held by Democrats



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- 1. Missouri:** Republican-turned-Democratic state Attorney General Koster was a top Democrat recruit, but Greitens is banking on Trump's coattails leading him to win.
Incumbent: Jay Nixon (D) (retiring)
Challenger: Chris Koster (D), Eric Greitens (R)
- 2. North Carolina:** Attorney General Cooper has a lead in polling and fundraising. McCrory's embrace of legislation seen as anti-LGBT may hurt his chances.
Incumbent: Pat McCrory (R)
Challenger: Roy Cooper (D)
- 3. New Hampshire:** New Hampshire will be a swing state in the Presidential and Senate elections, which will have an effect on these lower profile candidates.
Incumbent: Maggie Hassan (D) (retiring)
Challengers: Colin Van Ostern (D), Chris Sununu (R)
- 4. Vermont:** Bernie Sanders's home state is solidly Democratic but also has a penchant for electing moderate Republican governors.
Incumbent: Peter Shumlin (D) (retiring)
Challenger: Sue Minter (D), Phill Scott (R)
- 5. Indiana:** Both candidates are not yet well known. Gregg enjoys an early lead in polling, but the race is still the Republicans' to lose.
Incumbent: Mike Pence (R) (retiring)
Challenger: John Gregg (D), Eric Holcomb (R)



*Outlined states have open races











- 6. West Virginia:** Democrat Justice leads in polling and fundraising.
Incumbent: Earl Ray Tomblin (D) (Retiring)
Challenger: Jim Justice (D), Bill Cole (R)
- 7. Montana:** There has been no credible polling, but Bullock is doing everything right to win a second term.
Incumbent: Steve Bullock (D)
Challenger: Greg Gianforte (R)

Source: Zach Cohen, "Hotline's 2016 governor race rankings," National Journal, September 19, 2016.

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<u>State</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Challenger</u>	<u>Cook Political Report Rating</u>
1. Missouri	<i>Open</i>	 Eric Greitens  Chris Koster	<i>Toss Up</i>
2. North Carolina	 Pat McCrory	 Roy Cooper	<i>Toss Up</i>
3. New Hampshire	<i>Open</i>	 Chris Sununu  Colin Van Ostern	<i>Toss Up</i>
4. Vermont	<i>Open</i>	 Phill Scott  Sue Minter	<i>Toss Up</i>
5. Indiana	<i>Open</i>	 Eric Holcomb  John Gregg	<i>Toss Up</i>

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