



2022 General Election Results

The more things change, the more they stay the same. Despite massive turnover up and down the ticket, Democrats maintained their stranglehold on Montpelier. Democrats won both federal elections and five of the six races for statewide offices, including four open races. Democrats maintained their supermajority in the Senate and increased their supermajority in the House. The lone bright spot for Republicans was the re-election of Republican Governor Phil Scott, who won more votes than any candidate in any race. Details of the results are summarized below.

U.S. Senate. Democrat Peter Welch easily beat Republican challenger Gerald Malloy 67% - 27%.

U.S. House. Democrat Becca Balint thumped Republican Liam Madden 60% - 28%.

Vermont Governor. Republican Governor Phil Scott cruised to re-election over Democratic challenger Brenda Siegel 69% - 23%.

Vermont Lieutenant Governor. Democrat/Progressive David Zuckerman returned to statewide office and beat Republican Joe Benning 51% - 41%.

Vermont Attorney General. Democrat Charity Clark easily beat Michael Tagliavia 61% - 33%.

Vermont Treasurer. Democrat Michael Pieciak defeated Republican perennial candidate H. Brooke Paige 62% - 33%.

Vermont Secretary of State. Democrat Sarah Copeland-Hanzas bested the same H. Brooke Paige who ran simultaneously – and unsuccessfully – for Treasurer 61% - 33%.

Vermont Auditor. Democratic Auditor Doug Hoffer won his race for re-election over Republican Rick Morton 61% - 32%.



Vermont Senate. Despite a third of the Vermont Senate not running for re-election, the political balance of the chamber will remain unchanged. Democrats maintained their supermajority and combined with Progressives, will control the chamber 23-7. They will also elect a new Senate President *pro tempore* when they reconvene in January, with Democrat Phil Baruth expected to assume that role. Newcomer Irene Wrenner (D) won the new Chittenden North Senate seat, despite Republican hopes that they would be able to compete for this district. Republicans Brian Collamore, Terry Williams and David Weeks swept Rutland's three Senate seats.

Vermont House of Representatives. Similar to the Senate, the House saw massive retirements, including a majority of its committee chairs, but the House Democrats added to their supermajority. Democrats and their Progressive colleagues added 10 seats, and together they now control 109 of the 150 seats in the House. Republicans lost eight seats, lowering their number to 38 members. Independents lost two races and now hold three seats. The slight change in the partisan make-up is nonetheless significant, as Republicans – at least on paper – have lost their ability to sustain a gubernatorial veto. In some of the more closely watched races, Republican Allen “Penny” Demar easily beat Progressive/Democrat Cindy Weed, while Democrat Mike McCarthy fended off a challenge by Republican Joe Luneau. Democratic Katherine Sims defeated Republican Vicki Strong in a race that pitted incumbents against one another in a newly created district, and Democrat Robin Chesnut-Tangerman won back his seat in his rematch against Republican incumbent Sally Achey.

