

2015/2016 GOVERNORS RACE RATINGS FOR DECEMBER 12, 2014

Summary

Democrats — 18
 Republicans — 31
 Independents — 1

The chart below provides a spectrum that analyzes the vulnerability (the chances of the seat switching parties) of the Governor races up this cycle.

SOLID: These races are not considered competitive and are not likely to become closely contested.

LIKELY: These seats are not considered competitive at this point but have the potential to become engaged.

LEAN: These are considered competitive races but one party has an advantage.

TOSS UP: These are the most competitive races; either party has a good chance of winning. Governors with names in parentheses are retiring.

Democrats | 8 Held Seats

Solid D	Likely D	Lean D	Toss Up	Lean R	Likely R	Solid R
DE (Markell) Shumlin (VT) Inslee (WA)	Bullock (MT) Hassan (NH)		KY (Beshear) MO (Nixon) WV (Tomblin)			

Republicans | 6 Held Seats

Solid D	Likely D	Lean D	Toss Up	Lean R	Likely R	Solid R
			McCroy (NC)	LA (Jindal)		Pence (IN) Bryant (MS) Dalrymple (ND) Herbert (UT)

* = potential retirement
Bold indicates 2015 race