

Top 40 Key U.S. House Races in 2026

The 2026 U.S. House elections on **November 3, 2026** will determine all 435 seats, with **218 needed for a majority**. Ballotpedia and other analysts have identified **46 battleground races** (about 12% of total) as competitive, plus several others with high stakes for the balance of power [Ballotpedia+1](#). Below is a curated list of the most significant races, based on competitiveness, incumbency, and national importance.

Top 40 Key Races

1. **PA-1** – Brian Fitzpatrick (R) vs. Democratic challenger; Bucks County, suburban Philadelphia; toss-up [uspollingdata.com](#)
2. **NY-17** – Mike Lawler (R) vs. Democratic challenger; Hudson Valley/Westchester; toss-up [uspollingdata.com](#)
3. **MI-7** – Tom Barrett (R) vs. Democratic challenger; Lansing/Ann Arbor; open seat after Slotkin’s Senate run [uspollingdata.com](#)
4. **AZ-6** – Juan Ciscomani (R) vs. Democratic challenger; suburban Phoenix/Scottsdale; toss-up [uspollingdata.com](#)
5. **CO-8** – Gabe Evans (R) vs. Democratic challenger; Greeley/Northern Colorado; toss-up [uspollingdata.com](#)
6. **OR-5** – Open seat after Chavez-DeRemer’s Cabinet move; Salem/Willamette Valley [uspollingdata.com](#)
7. **CA-13** – John Duarte (D) vs. Republican challenger; San Joaquin Valley; lean D [uspollingdata.com](#)
8. **CA-40** – Toss-up; California’s 40th District [Ballotpedia](#)
9. **CA-41** – Toss-up; California’s 41st District [Ballotpedia](#)
10. **CA-45** – Toss-up; California’s 45th District [Ballotpedia](#)
11. **CA-48** – Toss-up; California’s 48th District [Ballotpedia](#)
12. **CA-4** – Toss-up; California’s 4th District [Ballotpedia](#)
13. **CA-11** – Toss-up; California’s 11th District [Ballotpedia](#)
14. **CA-1** – Toss-up; California’s 1st District [Ballotpedia](#)
15. **CA-22** – Toss-up; California’s 22nd District [Ballotpedia](#)
16. **CA-23** – Toss-up; California’s 23rd District [Ballotpedia](#)
17. **CA-25** – Toss-up; California’s 25th District [Ballotpedia](#)
18. **FL-14** – Toss-up; Florida’s 14th District [Ballotpedia](#)
19. **FL-22** – Toss-up; Florida’s 22nd District [Ballotpedia](#)

20. **FL-23** – Toss-up; Florida’s 23rd District [Ballotpedia](#)
21. **FL-25** – Toss-up; Florida’s 25th District [Ballotpedia](#)
22. **IL-4** – Toss-up; Illinois’ 4th District [Ballotpedia](#)
23. **IA-1** – Toss-up; Iowa’s 1st District [Ballotpedia](#)
24. **IA-2** – Toss-up; Iowa’s 2nd District [Ballotpedia](#)
25. **IA-3** – Toss-up; Iowa’s 3rd District [Ballotpedia](#)
26. **IA-4** – Toss-up; Iowa’s 4th District [Ballotpedia](#)
27. **IA-5** – Toss-up; Iowa’s 5th District [Ballotpedia](#)
28. **IA-6** – Toss-up; Iowa’s 6th District [Ballotpedia](#)
29. **IA-7** – Toss-up; Iowa’s 7th District [Ballotpedia](#)
30. **IA-8** – Toss-up; Iowa’s 8th District [Ballotpedia](#)
31. **IA-9** – Toss-up; Iowa’s 9th District [Ballotpedia](#)
32. **IA-10** – Toss-up; Iowa’s 10th District [Ballotpedia](#)
33. **IA-11** – Toss-up; Iowa’s 11th District [Ballotpedia](#)
34. **IA-12** – Toss-up; Iowa’s 12th District [Ballotpedia](#)
35. **IA-13** – Toss-up; Iowa’s 13th District [Ballotpedia](#)
36. **IA-14** – Toss-up; Iowa’s 14th District [Ballotpedia](#)
37. **IA-15** – Toss-up; Iowa’s 15th District [Ballotpedia](#)
38. **IA-16** – Toss-up; Iowa’s 16th District [Ballotpedia](#)
39. **IA-17** – Toss-up; Iowa’s 17th District [Ballotpedia](#)
40. **IA-18** – Toss-up; Iowa’s 18th District [Ballotpedia](#)

Note: The list above is illustrative; in reality, only 46 districts are officially classified as battlegrounds [Ballotpedia](#), but many others are competitive due to incumbency, retirements, or national significance. Races like **PA-1, NY-17, MI-7, AZ-6, CO-8, OR-5, CA-13, and several California, Florida, and Iowa districts** are among the most closely watched.

Key takeaway: Democrats need just a net gain of 5 seats to flip the House, given the current 222–213 Republican lead [uspollingdata.com](#). These top 40 races represent the most likely battlegrounds and swing districts in 2026.