

DENPAC 2018 ELECTION REPORT



2018 TEXAS MIDTERM ELECTION RESULTS



RECORD MIDTERM TURNOUT

The 2018 Texas mid-term general election will be remembered for the record number of Texans that voted and how close the margins of victory were for offices that do not historically have close general elections.

The strong turnout and close margins can in part be attributed to the race at the top of the ballot: the US Senate race between incumbent Republican Ted Cruz and Democrat challenger Beto O'Rourke. In addition, voters on both sides of the aisle were motivated by President Donald Trump, with Democrats hoping the mid-terms would signal a rebuke of the president and Republicans voting to defend him.

US Candidates

In one of the nation's closest-watched elections, [Beto O'Rourke lost a relatively close race](#) to US Senator Ted Cruz. Texas Democrats celebrated the close margin which was about 5 percent.

Down the ballot, Democrats picked up several seats [in the US House](#), defeating veteran lawmakers Pete Sessions, R-Dallas, and John Culberson, R-Houston.

Texas State-wide Candidates

Gov. Greg Abbott won re-election by a double-digit margin, defeating his Democratic challenger, former Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez, with 56 percent of the vote to her 43. Down the ballot, Texas Republican incumbents won but with much narrower margins than in years past.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick won by 5 percent, Attorney General Ken Paxton won by 4 percent while Comptroller Glenn Hegar, Land Commissioner George P. Bush, Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller and Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick kept their seats with slightly higher margins. Republicans continue to hold all 18 seats on the state's two highest courts, the Texas Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals.

Texas Legislature

Overall, Republicans maintain the majority in both chambers of the legislature but Democrats made significant gains, especially in the Dallas area.

In the Texas Senate, incumbent Republicans Don Huffines, R-Dallas, and Konni Burton, R-Colleyville, were unseated by Democrat challengers. Republicans now hold 19 seats in the upper chamber — still enough to bring legislation to the floor without support from Democrats and more than enough to pass it.

Democrats picked up 12 seats in the Texas House, moving the 95-55 partisan split to 83-67. Notably, conservative State Rep. Matt Rinaldi, R-Irving, lost his re-election bid to Democrat Julie Johnson while other Dallas-area incumbent Republicans Ron Simmons, Linda Koop, and Rodney Anderson were also defeated. Moderate Austin-area Republicans Tony Dale and Paul Workman were defeated as well as Houston-area Republicans Mike Schofield and Gary Elkins.

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The Texas Dental Association Political Action Committee, DENPAC, represents organized dentistry in statewide elections. Through member investments, DENPAC provides financial support to state candidates who have demonstrated concern for the preservation of dentistry as an independent profession, and for the dental health of the people of Texas.

During the 2018 midterm election cycle, DENPAC supported 155 candidates with \$225,000 in campaign contributions.

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✓ **CHECK** - Winning Candidate * **STAR** - DENPAC Support in 2018 Elections

STATEWIDE SEATS

Governor

✓ **Greg Abbot (R) – Incumbent ***

Lupe Valdez (D)

Lieutenant Governor

✓ **Dan Patrick (R)-Incumbent ***

Mike Collier (D)

Attorney General

✓ **Ken Paxton (R)-Incumbent ***

Justin Nelson (D)

Comptroller

✓ **Glenn Hegar (R)-Incumbent ***

Joi Chevalier (D)

TEXAS SENATE

State Senate, District 2

✓ **Bob Hall (R)-Incumbent ***

Kendall Scudder (D)

State Senate, District 3

✓ **Robert Nichols (R)-Incumbent ***

Shirley Layton (D)

State Senate, District 5

✓ **Charles Schwertner (R)-Incumbent ***

Meg Walsh (D)

State Senate, District 7

✓ **Paul Bettencourt (R) –Incumbent ***

David Romero (D)

State Senate, District 8

✓ **Angela Paxton (R) ***

Mark Phariss (D)

State Senate, District 9

✓ **Kelly Hancock (R)-Incumbent ***

Gwenn Burud (D)

State Senate, District 10

✓ **Beverly Powell (D)**

Konni Burton (R)-Incumbent *

State Senate, District 14

✓ **Kirk Watson (D)-Incumbent ***

George Hindman (R)

State Senate, District 15

✓ **John Whitmire (D)-Incumbent ***

Randy Orr (R)

State Senate, District 16

✓ **Nathan Johnson (D)**

Don Huffines (R)-Incumbent *

State Senate, District 17

✓ **Joan Huffman (R)-Incumbent ***

Rita Lucido (D)

State Senate, District 19

✓ **Pete Flores (R)**

Pete Gallego (D)

(Special Election)

State Senate, District 23

✓ **Royce West (D)-Incumbent ***

State Senate, District 25

✓ **Donna Campbell (R)-Incumbent ***

Steven Kling (D)

State Senate, District 30

✓ **Pat Fallon (R) ***

Kevin Lopez (D)

State Senate, District 31

✓ **Kel Seliger (R)-Incumbent ***

Jack Westbrook (D)

TEXAS HOUSE

State House District 1

✓ **Gary VanDeaver (R)-Incumbent ***

State House, District 2

✓ **Dan Flynn (R) –Incumbent ***

Bill Brannon (D)

State House, District 3

✓ **Cecil Bell, Jr (R)-Incumbent**

Lisa Seger (D)

State House, District 4

✓ **Keith Bell (R) ***

Eston Williams (D)

State House, District 5

✓ **Cole Hefner (R)-Incumbent ***

Bill Liebke (D)

State House, District 6

✓ **Matt Schaefer (R)-Incumbent ***

Neal Katz (I)

State House, District 7

✓ **Jay Dean (R)-Incumbent ***

State House, District 8

✓ **Cody Harris (R) ***

Wesley Ratcliff (D)

State House, District 9

✓ **Chris Paddie (R)-Incumbent ***

State House, District 10

✓ **John Wray (R)-Incumbent ***

Kimberly Emery (D)

State House, District 11

✓ **Travis Clardy (R)-Incumbent ***

Alec Johnson (D)

Texas House, District 12

✓ **Kyle Kacal (R)-Incumbent ***

Marianne Arnold (D)

Texas House, District 13

✓ **Ben Leman (R)-Incumbent ***

Cecil Ray Webster, Sr. (D)

Texas House, District 14

✓ **John Raney (R)-Incumbent**

Josh Wilkinson (D)

Texas House, District 15

✓ **Steve Toth (R)**

Lorena Perez McGill (D)

Texas House, District 16

✓ **Will Metcalf (R)-Incumbent ***

Mike Midler (D)

Texas House, District 17

✓ **John Cyrier (R)-Incumbent ***

Michelle Ryan (D)

Texas House, District 18

✓ **Ernest Bailes (R)-Incumbent ***

Fred Lemond (D)

Texas House, District 19

✓ **James White (R)-Incumbent ***

Sherry Williams (D)

Texas House, District 20

✓ **Terry Wilson (R)-Incumbent ***

Stephen Wyman (D)

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Texas House, District 21

✓ **Dade Phelan (R)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 22

✓ **Joe Deshotel (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 23

✓ **Mayes Middleton (R) ***

Amanda Jamrok (D)

Texas House, District 24

✓ **Greg Bonnen (R)-Incumbent ***

John Phelps (D)

Texas House, District 25

✓ **Dennis Bonnen (R)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 26

✓ **D.F. "Rick" Miller (R)-Incumbent**

L. Sarah DeMerchant (D)

Texas House, District 27

✓ **Ron Reynolds (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 28

✓ **John Zerwas (R)-Incumbent ***

Meghan Scoggins (D)

Texas House, District 29

✓ **Ed Thompson (R)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 30

✓ **Geanie Morrison (R)-Incumbent ***

Robin Hayter (D)

Texas House, District 31

✓ **Ryan Guillen (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 32

✓ **Todd Hunter (R)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 33

✓ **Justin Holland (R)-Incumbent ***

Laura Gunn (D)

Texas House, District 34

✓ **Abel Herrero (D)-Incumbent ***

Chris Hale (R)

Texas House, District 35

✓ **Oscar Longoria (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 36

✓ **Sergio Munoz, Jr. (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 37

✓ **Alex Dominguez (D) ***

Texas House, District 38

✓ **Eddie Lucio, III (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 39

✓ **Armando Martinez (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 40

✓ **Terry Canales (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 41

✓ **Bobby Guerra (D)-Incumbent ***

Hilda Garza DeShazo (D)

Texas House, District 42

✓ **Richard Raymond (D)-Incumbent ***

Luis De La Garza (R)

Texas House, District 43

✓ **J.M. Lozano (R)-Incumbent ***

Dee Ann Torres Miller (D)

Texas House, District 44

✓ **John Kuempel (R)-Incumbent ***

John D. Rodgers (D)

Texas House, District 45

✓ **Erin Zwiener (D)**

Ken Strange (R) *

Texas House, District 46

✓ **Sheryl Cole (D) ***

Gabriel Nila (R)

Texas House, District 47

✓ **Vikki Goodwin (D)**

Paul Workman (R)-Incumbent *

Texas House, District 48

✓ **Donna Howard (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 49

✓ **Gina Hinojosa (D) –Incumbent ***

Kyle Austin (R)

Texas House, District 50

✓ **Celia Israel (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 51

✓ **Eddie Rodriguez (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 52

✓ **James Talarico (D)**

Cynthia Flores (R) *

Texas House, District 53

✓ **Andrew Murr (R)-Incumbent ***

Stephanie Lochte Ertel (D)

Texas House, District 54

✓ **Brad Buckley (R) ***

Kathy Richerson (D)

Texas House, District 55

✓ **Hugh Shine (R)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 56

✓ **Charles Anderson (R)-Incumbent ***

Katherine Turner-Pearson (D)

Texas House, District 57

✓ **Trent Ashby (R)-Incumbent ***

Jason Rogers (D)

Texas House, District 58

✓ **DeWayne Burns (R)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 59

✓ **J.D. Sheffield (R)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 60

✓ **Mike Lang (R)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 61

✓ **Phil King (R)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 62

✓ **Reggie Smith (R) ***

Valerie Hefner (D)

Texas House, District 63

✓ **Tan Parker (R)-Incumbent ***

Laura Haines (D)

Texas House, District 64

✓ **Lynn Stucky (R)-Incumbent ***

Andrew Morris (D)

Texas House, District 65

✓ **Michelle Beckley (D)**

Ron Simmons (R)-Incumbent *

Texas House, District 66

✓ **Matt Shaheen (R)-Incumbent ***

Sharon Hirsch (D)

Texas House, District 67

✓ **Jeff Leach (R)-Incumbent ***

Sarah Depew (D)

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Texas House, District 68
✓ **Drew Springer (R)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 69
✓ **James Frank (R)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 70
✓ **Scott Sanford (R)-Incumbent ***
Julie Luton (D)

Texas House, District 71
✓ **Stan Lambert (R)-Incumbent ***
Sam Hatton (D)

Texas House, District 72
✓ **Drew Darby (R)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 73
✓ **Kyle Biedermann (R)-Incumbent**
Stephanie Phillips (D)

Texas House, District 74
✓ **Poncho Nevarez (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 75
✓ **Mary E. Gonzalez (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 76
✓ **Cesar J. Blanco (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 77
✓ **Evelina Ortega (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 78
✓ **Joe Moody (D)-Incumbent ***
Jeffrey Lane (R)

Texas House, District 79
✓ **Joe C. Pickett (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 80
✓ **Tracy King (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 81
✓ **Brooks Landgraf (R)-Incumbent ***
Armando Gamboa (D)

Texas House, District 82
✓ **Tom Craddick (R)-Incumbent ***
Spencer Bounds (D)

Texas House, District 83
✓ **Dustin Burrows (R)-Incumbent ***
Drew Landry (D)

Texas House, District 84
✓ **John Frullo (R)-Incumbent ***
Samantha Carrillo Fields (D)

Texas House, District 85
✓ **Phil Stephenson (R)-Incumbent ***
Jennifer Cantu (D)

Texas House, District 86
✓ **John Smithee (R)-Incumbent ***
Mike Purcell (D)

Texas House, District 87
✓ **Four Price, (R)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 88
✓ **Ken King (R)-Incumbent ***
Ezekiel Barron (D)

Texas House, District 89
✓ **Candy Noble (R) ***
Ray Ash (D)

Texas House, District 90
✓ **Ramon Romero Jr. (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 91
✓ **Stephanie Klick (R)-Incumbent ***
Jeromey Sims (D)

Texas House, District 92
✓ **Jonathan Stickland (R)-Incumbent ***
Steve Riddell (D)

Texas House, District 93
✓ **Matt Krause (R)-Incumbent ***
Nancy Bean (D)

Texas House, District 94
✓ **Tony Tinderholt (R)-Incumbent ***
Finnigan Jones (D)

Texas House, District 95
✓ **Nicole Collier (D)-Incumbent ***
Stephen West (R)

Texas House, District 96
✓ **Bill Zedler (R)-Incumbent ***
Ryan Ray (D)

Texas House, District 97
✓ **Craig Goldman (R)-Incumbent ***
Beth Llewellyn McLaughlin (D)

Texas House, District 98
✓ **Giovanni Capriglione (R)-Incumbent ***
Mica J. Ringo (D)

Texas House, District 99
✓ **Charlie Geren (R)-Incumbent ***
Michael Stackhouse (D)

Texas House, District 100
✓ **Eric Johnson (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 101
✓ **Chris Turner (D)-Incumbent**
James Allen (L)

Texas House, District 102
✓ **Ana-Maria Ramos (D)**
Linda Koop (R)-Incumbent *

Texas House, District 103
✓ **Rafael M. Anchia (D)-Incumbent ***
Jerry Fortenberry (R)

Texas House, District 104
✓ **Jessica Gonzalez (D) ***

Texas House, District 105
✓ **Thresa "Terry" Meza (D)**
Rodney Anderson (R)-Incumbent *

Texas House, District 106
✓ **Jared Patterson (R) ***
Ramona Thompson (D)

Texas House, District 107
✓ **Victoria Neave (D)-Incumbent**
Deanna Maria Metzger (R)

Texas House, District 108
✓ **Morgan Meyer (R)-Incumbent ***
Joanna Cattanach (D)

Texas House, District 109
✓ **Carl Sherman (D) ***
Casey Littlejohn (W)

Texas House, District 110
✓ **Toni Rose (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 111
✓ **Yvonne Davis (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 112
✓ **Angie Chen Button (R)-Incumbent ***
Brandy Chambers (D)

Texas House, District 113
✓ **Rhett Andrews Bowers (D)**
Jonathan Boos (R)

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Texas House, District 114

✓ **John Turner (D)**

Lisa Luby Ryan (R)

Texas House, District 115

✓ **Julie Johnson (D)**

Matt Rinaldi (R)-Incumbent *

Texas House, District 116

✓ **Trey Martinez Fischer (D) ***

Fernando Padron (R)

Texas House, District 117

✓ **Philip Cortez (D)-Incumbent ***

Michael Berlanga (R)

Texas House, District 118

✓ **Leo Pacheco (D)**

John Lujan (R)

Texas House, District 119

✓ **Roland Gutierrez (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 120

✓ **Barbara Gervin-Hawkins (D)-Incumbent ***

Ronald Payne (R)

Texas House, District 121

✓ **Steve Allison (R) ***

Celina Montoya (D)

Texas House, District 122

✓ **Lyle Larson (R)-Incumbent ***

Claire Barnett (D)

Texas House, District 123

✓ **Diego Bernal (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 124

✓ **Ina Minjarez (d)-Incumbent ***

Johnny Arredondo (R)

Texas House, District 125

✓ **Justin Rodriguez (D)-Incumbent ***

Eric Pina (L)

Texas House, District 126

✓ **E. Sam Harless (R) ***

Natali Hurtado (D)

Texas House, District 127

✓ **Dab Huberty (R)-Incumbent ***

Ryan Woods (L)

Texas House, District 128

✓ **Briscoe Cain (R)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 129

✓ **Dennis Paul (R)-Incumbent ***

Alexander Karjeker (D)

Texas House, District 130

✓ **Tom Oliverson (R)-Incumbent ***

Fred Infortunio (D)

Texas House, District 131

✓ **Alma Allen (D)-Incumbent ***

Syed Ali (R)

Texas House, District 132

✓ **Gina Calanni (D)**

Mike Schofield (R)-Incumbent *

Texas House, District 133

✓ **Jim Murphy (R)-Incumbent ***

Marty Schexnayder (D)

Texas House, District 134

✓ **Sarah Davis (R)-Incumbent ***

Allison Sawyer (D)

Texas House, District 135

✓ **Jon Rosenthal (D)**

Gary Elkins (R)-Incumbent *

Texas House, District 136

✓ **John H Bucy, III (D)**

Tony Dale (R)-Incumbent *

Texas House, District 137

✓ **Gene Wu (D)-Incumbent ***

Lee Sharp (L)

Texas House, District 138

✓ **Dwayne Bohac (R)-Incumbent ***

Adam Milasincic (D)

Texas House, District 139

✓ **Jarvis D Johnson (D)-Incumbent ***

Shohn Trojacek (L)

Texas House, District 140

✓ **Armando Lucio Walle (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 141

✓ **Senfronia Thompson (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 142

✓ **Harold Dutton, Jr. (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 143

✓ **Ana Hernandez (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 144

✓ **Mary Ann Perez (D)-Incumbent ***

Ruben Villarreal (R)

Texas House, District 145

✓ **Carol Alvarado (D)-Incumbent ***

Texas House, District 146

✓ **Shawn Thierry (D)-Incumbent ***

JJ Campbell (L)

Texas House, District 147

✓ **Garnet Coleman (D)-Incumbent ***

Thomas Wang (R)

Texas House, District 148

✓ **Jessica Farrar (D)-Incumbent ***

Ryan McConnico (R)

Texas House, District 149

✓ **Hubert Vo (D)-Incumbent ***

Aaron Close (L)

Texas House, District 150

✓ **Valoree Swanson (R)-Incumbent ***

Michael Kelly (D)

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