

NORTH CAROLINA

Why we can win

Our primary objectives in North Carolina are to: 1) flip the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Thom Tillis, 2) win the state's 15 Electoral College votes, and 3) break Republican control of the state legislature by flipping one or both chambers.

In the state Senate, we are currently targeting 8 districts—six GOP-held seats and two Democratic holds. With North Carolina's newly drawn districts, 2020's competitive seats are scattered across the state, spanning the suburbs of Raleigh, Fayetteville, Charlotte, and Winston-Salem.

In the state House, we are currently targeting 12 districts—seven GOP-held seats and five Democratic holds. State courts also ordered new districts in the state House in 2019. Our target districts for 2020 include parts of Fayetteville, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, and other ex-urban or rural regions in western North Carolina.

Our targets

State Senate: SD-7, SD-9, SD-11, SD-18, SD-19, SD-24, SD-31, SD-39 / **State House:** HD-1, HD-9, HD-12, HD-20, HD-37, HD-43, HD-45, HD-63, HD-74, HD-93, HD-98, HD-119

What's at stake

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Hour-long waiting period required for an abortion

In addition to state-mandated anti-abortion counseling and a required ultrasound, people in North Carolina must wait three days before receiving an abortion, which means two separate trips to the clinic. In 2017, 91% of North Carolina counties had no abortion clinics, according to the Guttmacher Institute.

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Congressional seats went to Republicans out of 13 in 2018

The North Carolina GOP has used partisan gerrymandering, a racist voter ID law, and more voter suppression tactics to silence voters and give North Carolina Democratic fewer seats for their fair share of the vote. In the 2018 midterms, North Carolina Republicans won 77% of the state's congressional seats with just 50% of the vote.

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States without LGBTQ+ nondiscrimination laws for housing and employment

In 2016, North Carolina was home to the anti-trans "bathroom bill." In 2019, North Carolina became the first state to take legislative action against youth conversion therapy with an executive order from Democratic Governor Roy Cooper. Still, the General Assembly needs to go further to protect LGBTQ+ rights by passing nondiscrimination laws.