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That's a wrap on the 2024 General Election. After months of political ads, polls, stump speeches, and campaign texts messages, Election Day 2024 has finally arrived. While the world had its eyes on the presidential race, Missouri voters also weighed in on races for governor, attorney general, state legislators, and also decided several key ballot measures.

A recap of some of the most high-profile races are highlighted below and the full list of Missouri elections results can be found [here](#).

U.S. President and Vice President

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump defeated his Democratic rival, Kamala Harris and is returning back to the White House for another four years. At 78, Trump is the oldest person ever to win a U.S. presidential election and will be the first president in 132 years, since Grover Cleveland, to serve two nonconsecutive terms in Office. Trumps running mate, Current Senator JD Vance of Ohio, will be vice president.

U.S. Senator

Incumbent Josh Hawley was unopposed in the Republican primary, and he faced Democrat Lucas Kunce, Libertarian W.C. Young, and Independent Jared Young in the general election. After a long hard-fought race for a Missouri U.S. Senate seat, Josh Hawley won his second consecutive six-year term.

U.S. House 3rd Congressional District

Former State Senator Bob Onder has been elected to Congress. Onder defeated Democratic nominee Bethany Mann in the race for Missouri's 3rd Congressional District and will be replacing retiring U.S. Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer.

U.S. House 7th Congressional District

Republican Representative Eric Burlison won reelection and will be serving his second term in the U.S. House in Missouri's 7th District.

Missouri Governor

Missouri Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe defeated Democratic former Missouri House Minority Leader Crystal Quade and will be the 58th governor of Missouri. With powerful endorsements from organizations including the Missouri Farm Bureau, the MO State Troopers Association, and the MO Hospital Association, Kehoe defeated Quade by 58% to 39%.

Missouri Lt. Governor

Republican David Wasinger won the race for lieutenant governor, beating Democrat Richard Brown by 56% to 40%. Ultimately bankrolling his own campaign, Wasinger loaned himself \$2.6 million and spent \$300k funding a political action committee. Additionally, he initially edged out state Senator Lincoln Hough in the Republican primary by only around 7,500 votes.

Missouri Secretary of State

State Senator Denny Hoskins won the race for Missouri secretary of state on Tuesday, defeating Democratic state Representative Barbara Phifer. Hoskins was first elected to the state senate in 2016 and was one of the founding members of the Senate's Missouri Freedom Caucus.

Missouri State Treasurer

Current State Treasurer Vivek Malek won a full term on Tuesday, defeating Democrat Mark Osmack to become the first person of color to win a statewide general election in Missouri state history.

Missouri Attorney General

Current Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey will remain Missouri attorney general for another four years, defeating Democrat Elad Gross. Bailey has held the office since November 2022, when he was appointed attorney general by Governor Mike Parson after his predecessor won a U.S. Senate seat.

Statewide Ballot Measures

Tuesday's election brought quite the packed ballot in Missouri, where voters across the state weighed in on not only president, governor, and a Senate seat, but also six different ballot issues. Four of the six ballot issues were considered particularly contentious, involving sports gambling, abortion rights, voting regulations, and minimum wage for workers.

Amendment 2 seeks to legalize sports betting in Missouri for people 21 or older and imposes a 10% tax on wagers that would fund regulation of sports wagering and provide resources for gambling addiction and education. The result on sports wagering wasn't clear until the final votes were reported from Greene County early Wednesday morning. With a narrow 50.1% to 49.9%, Missouri voters approved Amendment 2 and Missouri will now officially join 38 other states that have already legalized sports betting.

Amendment 3 seeks to reverse the state's near-total ban on abortion implemented after *Roe v. Wade* was overturned in 2022. With another narrow feat, Missouri voters overturned the state's abortion ban and approved Amendment 3 by 52% to 48%. Missouri is the first state in the nation where voters have ended an abortion ban since *Roe v. Wade* was overturned.

Amendment 5 sought to allow a gambling boat to operate in the Osage River between Jefferson City and the Lake of the Ozarks. With a total of 48% Yes to 52% No, Missouri voters ultimately said "No" to adding an additional casino license and bringing another casino to Missouri.

Amendment 6 sought to implement new court fees for people going through the legal system to fund the pensions of sheriffs and prosecuting attorneys. Missouri voters also rejected this proposal by an overwhelming 39.4% Yes to 60.6% No.

Amendment 7 seeks to ban ranked-choice voting and open primaries everywhere except St. Louis and amend the constitution to specify that U.S. citizens can vote, which is already illegal under U.S. law. Missouri voters also passed Amendment 7, by 68.5% to 31.5%.

The final ballot issue Missouri voters considered Tuesday was Proposition A, which seeks to raise Missouri's minimum wage and requires most employers to provide paid sick leave. By 57.6% to 42.4%, Missouri voters approved the proposition and the base pay for workers will now increase from \$12.30 an hour to \$13.75 an hour starting January 1, 2025, and to \$15 an hour in January 2026.

Other Highlights

The Missouri General Assembly will have some new faces next year, but Republicans retained their supermajorities in both the Senate and House. While each party flipped a seat held by the other in each chamber, Democrats made no gains for the first time in five elections.

Democrat Stephen Webber picked up Senate 19 and will replace outgoing Senate Republican President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden. Webber defeated James Coyne, who took on the race after the withdrawal of former state Representative Chuck Basye. However, that Democrat gain was offset by Republican Joe Nicola's victory in Senate 11, who picked up termed Democrat John Rizzo's seat and defeated Democratic state Representative Robert Sauls.

Meanwhile, in the House Republican, the only incumbent Democrat to lose a House seat was state Representative Jamie Johnson of Kansas City. Johnson, the first Black lawmaker to represent the district and elected in 2022, was defeated by Republican Mike Jones. Another freshman lawmaker, state Representative Chris Lonsdale of Liberty, was the only incumbent Republican to lose a House seat. Lonsdale was defeated by Democrat Marty Jacobs, a retired educator.

Key Upcoming Dates

- November 5, 2024 – Missouri General Elections
- December 1, 2024 – First day of bill filing
- January 8, 2025 – First day of Legislative session
- May 16, 2025 – Last day of Legislative session