

**Table A: Gubernatorial Elections: 1970–2012**

| Year           | Number of races | Number of incumbent governors |         |                 |         |        |         |              |         |        |         |        |         |            |                     |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|--------|---------|--------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|------------|---------------------|
|                |                 | Democratic winner             |         | Eligible to run |         |        |         | Actually ran |         |        |         | Won    |         | Lost       |                     |
|                |                 | Number                        | Percent | Number          | Percent | Number | Percent | Number       | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | In primary | In general election |
| 1970           | 35              | 22                            | 63      | 29              | 83      | 24     | 83      | 16           | 64      | 8      | 36      | 1 (a)  | 7 (b)   |            |                     |
| 1971           | 3               | 3                             | 100     | 0               | ...     | ...    | ...     | ...          | ...     | ...    | ...     | ...    | ...     |            |                     |
| 1972           | 18              | 11                            | 61      | 15              | 83      | 11     | 73      | 7            | 64      | 4      | 36      | 2 (c)  | 2 (d)   |            |                     |
| 1973           | 2               | 1                             | 50      | 1               | 50      | 1      | 100     | ...          | ...     | 1      | 100     | 1 (e)  | ...     |            |                     |
| 1974           | 35              | 27 (f)                        | 77      | 29              | 83      | 22     | 76      | 17           | 77      | 5      | 24      | 1 (g)  | 4 (h)   |            |                     |
| 1975           | 3               | 3                             | 100     | 2               | 66      | 2      | 100     | 2            | 100     | ...    | ...     | ...    | ...     |            |                     |
| 1976           | 14              | 9                             | 64      | 12              | 86      | 8      | 67      | 5            | 63      | 3      | 33      | 1 (i)  | 2(j)    |            |                     |
| 1977           | 2               | 1                             | 50      | 1               | 50      | 1      | 100     | 1            | 100     | ...    | ...     | ...    | ...     |            |                     |
| 1978           | 36              | 21                            | 58      | 29              | 81      | 23     | 79      | 16           | 73      | 7      | 30      | 2 (k)  | 5 (l)   |            |                     |
| 1979           | 3               | 2                             | 67      | 0               | ...     | ...    | ...     | ...          | ...     | ...    | ...     | ...    | ...     |            |                     |
| 1980           | 13              | 6                             | 46      | 12              | 92      | 12     | 100     | 7            | 58      | 5      | 42      | 2 (m)  | 3 (n)   |            |                     |
| 1981           | 2               | 1                             | 50      | 0               | ...     | ...    | ...     | ...          | ...     | ...    | ...     | ...    | ...     |            |                     |
| 1982           | 36              | 27                            | 75      | 33              | 92      | 25     | 76      | 19           | 76      | 6      | 24      | 1 (o)  | 5 (p)   |            |                     |
| 1983           | 3               | 3                             | 100     | 1               | 33      | 1      | 100     | ...          | ...     | 1      | 100     | 1 (q)  | ...     |            |                     |
| 1984           | 13              | 5                             | 38      | 9               | 69      | 6      | 67      | 4            | 67      | 2      | 33      | ...    | 2 (r)   |            |                     |
| 1985           | 2               | 1                             | 50      | 1               | 50      | 1      | 100     | 1            | 100     | ...    | ...     | ...    | ...     |            |                     |
| 1986           | 36              | 19                            | 53      | 24              | 67      | 18     | 75      | 15           | 83      | 3      | 18      | 1 (s)  | 2 (t)   |            |                     |
| 1987           | 3               | 3                             | 100     | 2               | 67      | 1      | 50      | ...          | ...     | 1      | 100     | 1 (u)  | ...     |            |                     |
| 1988           | 12              | 5                             | 42      | 9               | 75      | 9      | 100     | 8            | 89      | 1      | 11      | ...    | 1 (v)   |            |                     |
| 1989           | 2               | 2                             | 100     | 0               | ...     | ...    | ...     | ...          | ...     | ...    | ...     | ...    | ...     |            |                     |
| 1990           | 36              | 19 (w)                        | 53      | 33              | 92      | 23     | 70      | 17           | 74      | 6      | 26      | ...    | 6 (x)   |            |                     |
| 1991           | 3               | 2                             | 67      | 2               | 67      | 2      | 100     | ...          | ...     | 2      | 100     | 1 (y)  | 1 (z)   |            |                     |
| 1992           | 12              | 8                             | 67      | 9               | 75      | 4      | 44      | 4            | 100     | ...    | ...     | ...    | ...     |            |                     |
| 1993           | 2               | 0                             | 0       | 1               | 50      | 1      | 100     | ...          | ...     | 1      | 100     | ...    | 1 (aa)  |            |                     |
| 1994           | 36              | 11 (bb)                       | 31      | 30              | 83      | 23     | 77      | 17           | 74      | 6      | 26      | 2 (cc) | 4 (dd)  |            |                     |
| 1995           | 3               | 1                             | 33      | 2               | 67      | 1      | 50      | 1            | 100     | ...    | ...     | ...    | ...     |            |                     |
| 1996           | 11              | 7                             | 64      | 9               | 82      | 7      | 78      | 7            | 100     | ...    | ...     | ...    | ...     |            |                     |
| 1997           | 2               | 0                             | 0       | 1               | 50      | 1      | 100     | 1            | 100     | ...    | ...     | ...    | ...     |            |                     |
| 1998           | 36              | 11 (ee)                       | 31      | 27              | 75      | 25     | 93      | 23           | 92      | 2      | 8       | ...    | 2 (ff)  |            |                     |
| 1999           | 3               | 2                             | 67      | 2               | 67      | 2      | 100     | 2            | 100     | ...    | ...     | ...    | ...     |            |                     |
| 2000           | 11              | 8                             | 73      | 7               | 88      | 6      | 86      | 5            | 83      | 1      | 17      | ...    | 1 (gg)  |            |                     |
| 2001           | 2               | 2                             | 100     | 0               | ...     | ...    | ...     | ...          | ...     | ...    | ...     | ...    | ...     |            |                     |
| 2002           | 36              | 14                            | 39      | 22              | 61      | 16     | 73      | 12           | 75      | 4      | 25      | ...    | 4 (hh)  |            |                     |
| 2003           | 4 (ii)          | 1                             | 25      | 2               | 50      | 2      | 100     | ...          | ...     | 2      | 100     | ...    | 2 (jj)  |            |                     |
| 2004           | 11              | 6                             | 55      | 11              | 100     | 8      | 73      | 4            | 50      | 4      | 50      | 2 (kk) | 2 (ll)  |            |                     |
| 2005           | 2               | 2                             | 100     | 1               | 50      | ...    | ...     | ...          | ...     | ...    | ...     | ...    | ...     |            |                     |
| 2006           | 36              | 20                            | 56      | 31              | 86      | 27     | 87      | 25           | 93      | 2      | 7       | 1 (mm) | 1 (nn)  |            |                     |
| 2007           | 3               | 1                             | 33      | 3               | 100     | 2      | 67      | 1            | 50      | 1      | 50      | ...    | 1 (oo)  |            |                     |
| 2008           | 11              | 7                             | 64      | 9               | 82      | 8      | 89      | 8            | 100     | ...    | ...     | ...    | ...     |            |                     |
| 2009           | 2               | 0                             | 0       | 1               | 50      | 1      | 100     | ...          | ...     | 1      | 100     | ...    | 1 (pp)  |            |                     |
| 2010           | 37              | 13                            | 35      | 22              | 60      | 14     | 64      | 11           | 79      | 3      | 21      | 1 (qq) | 2 (rr)  |            |                     |
| 2011           | 4               | 2                             | 50      | 3               | 75      | 3      | 100     | 3            | 100     | 0      | 0       | 0      | 0       |            |                     |
| 2012           | 12              | 7                             | 58      | 8               | 67      | 7      | 88      | 7            | 100     | ...    | ...     | ...    | ...     |            |                     |
| <b>Totals:</b> |                 |                               |         |                 |         |        |         |              |         |        |         |        |         |            |                     |
| Number         | 588             | 315                           |         | 445             |         | 348    |         | 266          |         | 82     |         | 21     | 61      |            |                     |
| Percent        | 100             | 53.6                          |         | 76.0            |         | 87.2   |         | 76.4         |         | 23.6   |         | 25.6   | 74.4    |            |                     |

Source: The Council of State Governments, *The Book of the States*, 2012, (Lexington, KY: The Council of State Governments, 2012), 204, updated.

Key:

- (a) Albert Brewer, D-Ala.
- (b) Keith Miller, R-Alaska; Winthrop Rockefeller, R-Ark.; Claude Kirk, R-Fla.; Don Samuelson, R-Idaho; Norbert Tieman, R-Neb.; Dewey Bartlett, R-Okla.; Frank Farrar, R-S.D.
- (c) Walter Peterson, R-N.H.; Preston Smith, D-Texas.
- (d) Russell Peterson, R-Del.; Richard Ogilvie, R-Ill.
- (e) William Cahill, R-N.J.
- (f) One independent candidate won: James Longley of Maine.
- (g) David Hall, D-Okla.
- (h) John Vanderhoof, R-Colo.; Francis Sargent, R-Mass.; Malcolm Wilson, R-N.Y.; John Gilligan, D-Ohio.

- (i) Dan Walker, D-Ill.
- (j) Sherman Tribbitt, D-Del.; Christopher ‘Kit’ Bond, R-Mo.
- (k) Michael Dukakis, D-Mass.; Dolph Briscoe, D-Texas.
- (l) Robert F. Bennett, R-Kan.; Rudolph G. Perpich, D-Minn.; Meldrim Thompson, R-N.H.; Robert Straub, D-Ore.; Martin J. Schreiber, D-Wis.
- (m) Thomas L. Judge, D-Mont.; Dixy Lee Ray, D-Wash.
- (n) Bill Clinton, D-Ark.; Joseph P. Teasdale, D-Mo.; Arthur A. Link, D-N.D.
- (o) Edward J. King, D-Mass.
- (p) Frank D. White, R-Ark.; Charles Thone, R-Neb.; Robert F. List, R-Ne.; Hugh J. Gallen, D-N.H.; William P. Clements, R-Texas.
- (q) David Treen, R-La.

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- (r) Allen I. Olson, R-N.D.; John D. Spellman, R-Wash.
- (s) Bill Sheffield, D-Alaska.
- (t) Mark White, D-Texas; Anthony S. Earl, D-Wis.
- (u) Edwin Edwards, D-La.
- (v) Arch A. Moore, R-W.Va.
- (w) Two Independent candidates won: Walter Hickel (Alaska) and Lowell Weiker (Conn.). Both were former statewide Republican office holders.
- (x) Bob Martinez, R-Fla.; Mike Hayden, R-Kan.; James Blanchard, D-Mich.; Rudy Perpich, DFL-Minn.; Kay Orr, R-Neb.; Edward DiPrete, R-R.I.
- (y) Buddy Roemer, R-La.
- (z) Ray Mabus, D-Miss.
- (aa) James Florio, D-N.J.
- (bb) One Independent candidate won: Angus King of Maine.
- (cc) Bruce Sundlun, D-R.I.; Walter Dean Miller, R-S.D.
- (dd) James E. Folsom Jr., D-Ala.; Bruce King, D-N.M.; Mario Cuomo, D-N.Y.; Ann Richards, D-Texas.
- (ee) Two Independent candidates won: Angus King of Maine and Jesse Ventura of Minnesota.
- (ff) Fob James, R-Ala.; David Beasley, R-S.C.
- (gg) Cecil Underwood, R-W.Va.
- (hh) Don Siegelman, D-Ala.; Roy Barnes, D-Ga.; Jim Hodges, D-S.C.; and Scott McCallum, R-Wis.
- (ii) The California recall election and replacement vote of 2003 is included in the 2003 election totals and as a general election for the last column.
- (jj) Gray Davis, D-Calif.; Ronnie Musgrove, D-Miss.
- (kk) Bob Holden, D-Mo.; Olene Walker, R-Utah, lost in the pre-primary convention.
- (ll) Joe Kernan, D-Ind.; Craig Benson, R-N.H.
- (mm) Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska.
- (nn) Robert Ehrlich, R-Md.
- (oo) Ernie Fletcher, R-Ky.
- (pp) Jon Corzine, D-N.J.
- (qq) Jim Gibbons, R-Nev.
- (rr) Chet Culver, D-Iowa; Ted Strickland, D-Ohio.