

GOVERNORS

**Table 4.1**  
**THE GOVERNORS, 2011**

State or other jurisdiction	Name and party	Length of regular term in years	Date of first service	Present term ends	Number of previous terms	Term limits	Joint election of governor and lieutenant governor (a)	Official who succeeds governor	Birthdate	Birthplace
Alabama.....	Robert Bentley (R)	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	2-4	No	LG	2/3/1943	AL
Alaska.....	Sean Parnell (R)	4	7/2009 (b)	12/2014	1 (b)	2-4	Yes	LG	11/19/1962	CA
Arizona.....	Ian Brewer (R)	4	1/2009 (c)	1/2015	1 (c)	2-4	(d)	SS	9/26/1944	CA
Arkansas.....	Mike Bebe (D)	4	1/2007	1/2015	1	2A	No	LG	12/28/1946	AR
California.....	Edmund Gernard "Jerry" Brown (D)	4	1/1975 (e)	1/2015	2 (e)	2A (e)	No	LG	4/7/1938	CA
Colorado.....	John Hickenlooper (D)	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	2-4	Yes	LG	2/7/1952	PA
Connecticut.....	Dan Malloy (D)	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	...	Yes	LG	7/21/1955	CT
Delaware.....	Jack Markell (D)	4	1/2009	1/2013	...	2A	No	LG	11/26/1960	DE
Florida.....	Rick Scott (R)	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	2-4	Yes	LG	12/2/1952	IL
Georgia.....	Nathan Deal (R)	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	2-4	No	LG	8/25/1942	GA
Hawaii.....	Neil Abercrombie (D)	4	12/2010	12/2014	...	2-4	Yes	LG	6/26/1938	NY
Idaho.....	C.L. "Butch" Otter (R)	4	1/2007	1/2015	1	...	No	LG	5/3/1942	ID
Illinois.....	Patrick Quinn (D)	4	1/2009 (f)	1/2015	1 (f)	...	Yes	LG	12/16/1948	IL
Indiana.....	Mitch Daniels (R)	4	1/2005	1/2013	1	2-12	Yes	LG	4/7/1949	PA
Iowa.....	Terry Branstad (R)	4	1/1983 (g)	1/2015	4 (g)	...	Yes	LG	11/17/1946	IA
Kansas.....	Sam Brownback (R)	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	2-4	Yes	LG	9/12/1956	KS
Kentucky.....	Steven L. Beshear (D)	4	12/2007	12/2011	...	2-4	Yes	LG	9/21/1944	KY
Louisiana.....	Bobby Jindal (R)	4	1/2008	1/2012	...	2-4	No	LG	6/10/1971	LA
Maine.....	Paul LePage (R)	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	2-4	(d)	PS	10/9/1948	ME
Maryland.....	Martin O'Malley (D)	4	1/2007	1/2015	1	2-4	Yes	LG	1/18/1963	MD
Massachusetts.....	Deval L. Patrick (D)	4	1/2007	1/2015	1	...	Yes	LG	7/31/1956	IL
Michigan.....	Rick Snyder (R)	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	2A	Yes	LG	8/19/1958	MI
Minnesota.....	Mark Dayton (D)	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	...	Yes	LG	1/26/1947	MN
Mississippi.....	Haley Barbour (R)	4	1/2004	1/2012	1	2A	Yes	LG	10/22/1947	MS
Missouri.....	Jay Nixon (D)	4	1/2009	1/2013	...	2A	No	LG	2/13/1956	MO
Montana.....	Brian Schweitzer (D)	4	1/2005	1/2013	1	2-16	Yes	LG	9/4/1955	MT
Nebraska.....	Dave Heineman (R)	4	1/2005 (h)	1/2015	1 (h)	2-4	Yes	LG	5/12/1948	NE
Nevada.....	Brian Sandoval (R)	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	2A	No	LG	8/5/1963	CA
New Hampshire.....	John Lynch (D)	2	1/2005	1/2013	3	...	(d)	PS	11/25/1952	MA
New Jersey.....	Christopher J. Christie (R)	4	1/2010	1/2014	...	2-4	Yes	LG	9/6/1962	NJ
New Mexico.....	Susana Martinez (R)	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	2-4	Yes	LG	7/14/1959	TX
New York.....	Andrew Cuomo (D)	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	...	Yes	LG	12/6/1957	NY
North Carolina.....	Beverly Perdue (D)	4	1/2009	1/2013	...	2-4	No	LG	1/14/1947	VA
North Dakota.....	Jack Dalrymple (R)	4	12/2010 (i)	12/2012	...	...	Yes	LG	10/16/1948	MN
Ohio.....	John Kasich (R)	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	2-4	Yes	LG	5/13/1952	PA
Oklahoma.....	Mary Fallin (R)	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	2-A	No	LG	12/9/1954	MO
Oregon.....	John Kitzhaber (D)	4	1/1995 (j)	1/2015	2	2-12	(d)	SS	3/5/1947	WA
Pennsylvania.....	Tom Corbett (R)	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	2-4	Yes	LG	6/17/1949	PA
Rhode Island.....	Lincoln Chafee (I)	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	2-4	No	LG	3/26/1953	RI
South Carolina.....	Nikki Haley (R)	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	2-4	No	LG	1/20/1972	SC

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South Dakota.....	Dennis Daugaard (R)	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	2-4	Yes	LG	6/11/1953	SD
Tennessee.....	Bill Haslam (R)	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	2-4	No	SpS (k)	8/23/1952	TN
Texas.....	Rick Perry (R)	4	12/2000 (l)	1/2015	3 (l)	...	No	LG	3/4/1950	TX
Utah.....	Gary Herbert (R)	4	8/2009 (m)	1/2013 (m)	1	...	Yes	LG	5/7/1947	UT
Vermont.....	Peter Shumlin (D)	2	1/2011	1/2013	...	...	No	LG	3/24/1956	VT
Virginia.....	Robert McDonnell (R)	4	1/2010	1/2014	...	1-4	No	LG	6/15/1954	PA
Washington.....	Christine Gregoire (D)	4	1/2005	1/2013	1	...	No	LG	3/24/1957	WA
West Virginia.....	Earl Ray Tomblin (D)	4	11/2010 (n)	1/2013	...	2-4	(d)	PS (k)	3/15/1952	WV
Wisconsin.....	Scott Walker (R)	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	...	Yes	LG	11/2/1967	CO
Wyoming.....	Matt Mead (R)	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	2-16	(d)	SS	3/11/1962	WY
American Samoa.....	Togiola Tulafono (D)	4	4/2003 (o)	1/2013	2 (o)	2-4	Yes	LG	2/28/1947	AS
Guam.....	Eddie Calvo (R)	4	1/2011	1/2015	...	2-4	Yes	LG	8/29/1961	Guam
No. Mariana Islands.....	Benigno Fitial (C)	4 (p)	1/2006	1/2015 (p)	1	2A	Yes	LG	11/27/1945	CNMI
Puerto Rico.....	Luis G. Fortuño (R) (NPP)	4	1/2009	1/2013	...	...	(d)	SS	10/31/1960	PR
U.S. Virgin Islands.....	John de Jongh Jr. (D)	4	1/2007	1/2015	1	2-4	Yes	LG	11/13/1957	USVI

Source: The Council of State Governments, January 2011.

Key:

- C — Covenant
- D — Democrat
- I — Independent
- NPP — New Progressive Party
- R — Republican
- LG — Lieutenant Governor
- SS — Secretary of State
- PS — President of the Senate
- SpS — Speaker of the Senate
- ... — Not applicable
- 2A — Two terms, absolute.
- 2-4 — Two terms, re-eligible after four yrs.
- 2-12 — Two terms, eligible for eight out of 12 yrs.
- 2-16 — Two terms, eligible for eight out of 16 yrs.
- 1-4 — One term, re-eligible after four years.
- (a) The following also choose candidates for governor and lieutenant governor through a joint nomination process: Florida, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, Utah, American Samoa, Guam, No. Mariana Islands and U.S. Virgin Islands.
- (b) Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell was sworn in as Governor on July 26, 2009, after Governor Palin resigned. He was elected to a full term in the November 2010 general election.
- (c) Secretary of State Jan Brewer succeeded to the office of governor on January 21, 2009, upon Governor Napolitano's appointment as U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security. Her partial term will serve as the first of two terms allowed by Arizona law.
- (d) No lieutenant governor.
- (e) Governor Brown previously served two terms as governor of California from 1975–1983. He was elected again in November 2010 and was inaugurated on January 3, 2011, to begin serving his third year. The next election will occur in November 2014.

term. California instituted absolute term-limits of two four-year terms for the office of governor in 1990. Those who served as governor prior to that date are eligible for re-election. Gov. Brown will now be limited to serving two more terms.

(f) Lieutenant Governor Patrick Quinn became governor on January 29, 2009, after Governor Blagojevich was removed from office. He was elected to a full term in November 2010.

(g) Governor Branstad was first elected in 1983 and served for four terms until 1999. He was elected to a fifth term in November of 2010.

(h) Governor Heineman, as lieutenant governor, was sworn-in as Nebraska's governor on Friday, January 21, 2005, after Governor Johanns resigned on January 20, 2005, upon being confirmed as the United States Secretary of Agriculture. He was then elected to full terms in the 2006 and 2010 general elections.

(i) Lt. Gov. Dalrymple was sworn in on December 21, 2010, to complete Governor Hoeven's term as governor of North Dakota after Hoeven was elected to the Senate.

(j) John Kitzhaber previously served two terms as governor of Oregon from 1995 to 2003 and was elected again in November 2010 and was inaugurated on January 10, 2011, to begin serving his third term.

(k) Official bears the additional title of "lieutenant governor."

(l) Lt. Gov. Perry was sworn in on December 21, 2000, to complete President George W. Bush's term as governor of Texas. He was elected to serve four-year terms in 2002, 2006 and 2010.

(m) Lieutenant Governor Gary Herbert was sworn in as Governor on August 10, 2009, after Governor Huntsman resigned to accept President Obama's appointment as Ambassador to China. Utah law states that a replacement Governor elevated in a term's first year will face a special election at the next regularly scheduled general election. November 2010, instead of serving the remainder of the term. Utah's next regular scheduled gubernatorial election will be held in Nov. 2012.

(n) Senate President Earl Ray Tomblin was sworn in as Governor on November 15, 2010, after Gov. Manchini was elected in the November election to fill Sen. Robert Byrd's seat.

(o) Governor Tulafono, as lieutenant governor, became Governor in April 2003 after Governor Sunia's death. He was elected to four-year terms in November 2004 and 2008.

(p) The current governor will serve a five-year term to change future CNMI elections to even-numbered years. The next election will occur in November 2014.

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