

VERMONT

Voters in the Green Mountain State will select a governor, attorney general, and state treasurer in November. All 150 seats in the state house and all 30 seats in the state senate will also be on the ballot. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the governor's office while Democrats are expected to retain control of the attorney general's office, state treasurer's office, and the legislature.

Governor

Republican Nominee

Governor Phil Scott

Governor Phill Scott (R) has served as Vermont's chief executive since 2017. Prior to his time in the governor's mansion, Scott served three terms as lieutenant governor from 2011-2017 and served in the state senate from 2000 until 2010. Before entering politics, Scott was a co-owner of a family construction business.

Scott has prioritized workforce development and growing the state's economy; children's needs and education; and safe and healthy communities.

Scott's focus on workforce development and needs includes training and upskilling workers; retaining and recruiting workers for critical occupations (trades, healthcare, childcare, and infrastructure); and modernizing licensing requirements and processes to expand the workforce. Increasing available housing, particularly affordable and "missing middle" housing, has been another tenet of his workforce plans. He led revisions to regulatory codes as well as tax credits to encourage construction. Scott supported policies to increase affordability, including tax relief and limits on new taxes.

To address the needs of Vermont's children, Scott has advocated for a "cradle to career" approach to **education**. His office led investments in early care and learning; expanded afterschool and summer programming for Pre-K – 12 education; supported career technical education (CTE); and proposed funding increases for the Vermont State College System.

Scott envisions communities that are "economically vibrant, climate resilient, safe, and healthy." His office supported increases in funding for substance abuse prevention and treatment programs; expanded mental health programs such as mobile response services; advocated for a healthcare system based on set payments rather than fee-for-service; and invested more than \$200 million in climate programs to reduce emissions and improve resiliency. Scott led efforts to modernize policing through improved transparency and accountability. He also supported commonsense gun safety reforms to increase safety. Scott supported funding for infrastructure projects across broadband, roads, public transit, water, and stormwater.

If elected to a second term, Scott intends to continue these priorities in what he sees as "more work to do" alongside balancing the Democratic-led state legislature.

Trivia: On Thursday nights during the summer, Governor Scott can usually be found at Barre's Thunder Road where he has raced the #14 car since 1992.