

WASHINGTON

Voters in Washington will elect a governor, attorney general, and treasurer this cycle. All 98 house seats will be on the ballot as well as 25 of the 49 senate seats. Democrats are expected to maintain control of the state level offices and both chambers.

Governor

Republican Nominee

Dave Reichert

Dave Reichert is the Republican candidate for governor looking to replace Governor Jay Inslee (D), who did not file for re-election. Reichert is a former member of the U.S. House of Representatives representing Washington's 8th Congressional District from 2005 to 2019. Prior to his time in office, he served 33 years in law enforcement, including two terms as sheriff.

Reichert has positioned himself as a law-and-order candidate, placing **public safety** as his top campaign priority. He has released a [9-1-1 Blueprint](#) that consists of 10 priorities to address public safety including utilizing grant program funds to identify and arrest groups trafficking fentanyl; juvenile crime; and spotlighting all efforts to combat domestic violence and human trafficking.

He is also focused on government accountability, parent's rights in education, job creation, housing, and affordability.

Reichert has released a [blueprint](#) on **cost of living** that calls for lowering property and energy taxes, passing legislation to make childcare more affordable with tax credits or subsidies, and using tax credits to incentivize rent relief.

In a campaign ad released over the summer, Reichert [vowed](#) to not change Washington law on the issue of **abortion** if elected governor.

Reichert is set to debate his Democratic Opponent, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, on September 10. The debate was organized by The Seattle Times and KING 5 News.

His campaign has [raised](#) \$4.8 million and spent over \$3.9 million. Reichert announced that his campaign outraised the Ferguson campaign in June for the first time in the election cycle.

Republicans last won election as Washington's governor in 1980 and are expected to have an uphill battle over the next two months. The Cook Political Report has rated this race as Lean Democratic while Sabato's Crystal Ball has rated it as Likely Democratic.

Trivia: After his time in Congress, Reichert worked throughout Central America to combat human trafficking.