

# Senate Cheat Sheet

**Democrats start the night with 36 seats.** Expected safe wins (CA, CO, CT, HI, MD, NY, OR, VT, WA) would bring Democrats to 45 seats. Democrats need 5 with the White House to retake the majority.

**Republicans start the night with 30 seats.** Expected safe wins (AL, AK, AR, GA, ID, IA, IN, KS, KY, LA, ND, OK, SC, SD, UT) would bring Republicans to 44 seats. Republicans need 6 with the White House to maintain the majority.

The key group of voters to watch in Senate races on Election Night are moderates. Republican candidates tend to win 85% of conservative voters and Democratic candidates tend to win 85% of liberal voters. We modeled the likely ideological breakdown of the electorate in each state and estimated the percent of moderate voters Democratic Senate candidates need to surpass in every competitive race. These figures are in the table below. Candidates will need to win one vote more than the percent listed (e.g. Rep. Kirkpatrick will need 68% + 1 vote) to prevail, per our model.

## 2016 SENATE SCORECARD

**Bold = incumbents**

State	Democratic Candidate	Dem Mod %	Republican Candidate	Rep Mod %	Winner
Arizona	Ann Kirkpatrick	68%	John McCain	32%	
Florida	Patrick Murphy	64%	Marco Rubio	36%	
Illinois	Tammy Duckworth	55%	Mark Kirk	45%	
Indiana	Evan Bayh	67%	Todd Young	33%	
Missouri	Jason Kander	66%	Roy Blunt	34%	
Nevada	Catherine Cortez Masto	63%	Joe Heck	37%	
New Hampshire	Maggie Hassan	56%	Kelly Ayotte	44%	
North Carolina	Deborah Ross	68%	Richard Burr	32%	
Ohio	Ted Strickland	64%	Rob Portman	36%	
Pennsylvania	Katie McGinty	56%	Pat Toomey	44%	
Wisconsin	Russ Feingold	59%	Ron Johnson	41%	
TOTALS:	Democrats 45 +		Republicans 44 +		
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