



Great Lakes Region Plays Pivotal Role in 2020 Election

The Great Lakes region served as true battleground turf during the 2020 election, in which the challenger, former Vice President Joe Biden, defeated the incumbent, President Donald Trump. Most specifically, the states of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania, which had helped elect President Trump in 2016, all flipped for Biden, giving him a critical electoral advantage, with an Electoral College victory of 306-232.

The Great Lake region will see many new faces within its Congressional delegation, with at least 12 new members in the House of Representatives. Additionally, with an additional eight races that have yet to be called, more Members-elect will likely be added to the ranks of incoming Great Lakes freshmen in the 117th Congress. The following is a brief overview of the 2020 election's impact on the region. This document will be updated periodically.

Illinois

Presidential Election

With a total of 20 electoral votes, Joe Biden has won with 57% of the estimated votes that have been reported (96%). In 2016, Hillary Clinton won 55.2% of the vote in Illinois.

Congressional Delegation

Senator Dick Durbin (D) won his reelection bid for a fifth term in the U.S. Senate. Durbin currently serves as the Senate Democratic Whip and is the senior Senator from Illinois.

In the House, there will be at two new Members-elect in the Illinois delegation.

New Members:

- Marie Newman (D, IL-3) – Democratic hold (replaces Rep. Dan Lipinski (D), who was defeated in the Democratic primary).
- Mary Miller (R, IL-15) – Republican hold (replaces Rep. John Shimkus (R), who will retire at the end of 2020).

Indiana

Presidential Election

With a total of 11 electoral votes, Donald Trump has won with 57% of the estimated votes that have been reported (>98%). In 2016, Donald Trump won 56.5% of the vote in Indiana.

Congressional Delegation

There were no Senate seats up for reelection in Indiana in 2020.

In the House, there will be two new Members-elect in the Indiana delegation.

- Frank Mrvan (D, IN-1) – Democratic hold (replaces Rep. Pete Visclosky (D), who will retire at the end of 2020).
- Victoria Spartz (R, IN-5) – Republican hold (replaces Rep. Susan Brooks (R), who will retire at the end of 2020).

Michigan

Presidential Election

With a total of 16 electoral votes, Joe Biden has won with 50.5% of the estimated votes that have been reported (>98%). In 2016, Donald Trump won 47.3% of the vote in Michigan.

Congressional Delegation

Senator Gary Peters (D) won his reelection bid for a second term in the U.S. Senate.

In the House, there will be two new Members-elect in the Michigan delegation.

- Peter Meijer (R, MI-3) – Republican pickup (replaces Rep. Justin Amash (I), who will retire at the end of 2020).
- Lisa McClain (R, MI-10) – Republican hold (replaces Rep. Paul Mitchell (R), who will retire at the end of 2020).

Minnesota

Presidential Election

With a total of 10 electoral votes, Joe Biden has won with 52.5% of the estimated votes that have been reported (>98%). In 2016, Hillary Clinton won 46.4% of the vote in Minnesota.

Congressional Delegation

Senator Tina Smith (D) won her reelection bid for the U.S. Senate. Sen. Smith, who was appointed to the Senate in 2017, and won a special election in 2018, has now won a full six-year term.

In the House, there will be one new Member-elect in the Minnesota delegation.

- Michelle Fischback (R, MN-7) – Republican pickup (defeated incumbent Rep. Collin Peterson (D)).

New York

Presidential Election

With a total of 29 electoral votes, Joe Biden has won with 55.8% of the estimated votes that have been reported (84%). In 2016, Hillary Clinton won 59% of the vote in New York.

Congressional Delegation

There were no Senate seats up for reelection in New York in 2020.

In the House, there will be at least three new Members-elect, with eight races yet to be called, in the New York delegation.

New Members:

- Ritchie Torres (D, NY-15) – Democratic hold (replaces Rep. Jose Serrano (D), who is retiring at the end of 2020).
- Jamaal Bowman (D, NY-16) – Democratic hold (replaces Rep. Eliot Engel (D), who was defeated in the Democratic primary).
- Mondaire Jones (D, NY-17) – Democratic hold (replaces Rep. Nita Lowey (D), who is retiring at the end of 2020).

Pending Races:

- NY-1– Incumbent Rep. Lee Zeldin (R) holds a 22.6% lead over his challenger, Nancy Goroff (D), with 77% of estimated votes reported.
- NY-2 – Andrew Garbarino (R) holds a 16.5% lead over Jackie Gordon (D) with 78% of estimated votes reported. Rep. Peter King (R) is retiring at the end of 2020.
- NY-3 – George Santos (R) holds a 1.5% lead over the incumbent, Thomas Suozzi (D), with 72% of estimated votes reported.
- NY-11 – Nicole Malliotakis (R) holds a 15.8% lead over the incumbent, Max Rose (D), with 85% of estimated votes reported.
- NY-18 – Incumbent Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney (D) holds a 2.9% lead over his challenger, Chele Farley (R), with 78% of estimated votes reported.
- NY-19 – Incumbent Rep. Antonio Delgado (D) holds a 3% lead over his challenger, Kyle Van De Water (R), with 81% of estimated votes reported.
- NY-22 - Former-Rep. Claudia Tenney (R) holds an 11% lead over the incumbent, Anthony Brindisi (D), with 80% of estimated votes reported.
- NY-24 – Incumbent Rep. John Katko (R) holds a 19.4% lead over his challenger, Dana Balter (D), with 90% of estimated votes reported.

Ohio

Presidential Election

With a total of 18 electoral votes, Donald Trump has won with 53.3% of the estimated votes that have been reported (95%). In 2016, Donald Trump won 51.3% of the vote in Ohio.

Congressional Delegation

There were no Senate seats up for reelection in Ohio in 2020.

There are no changes to the Ohio House delegation as a result of the 2020 election.

Pennsylvania

Presidential Election

With a total of 20 electoral votes, Joe Biden has won with 49.81% of the estimated votes that have been reported (>98%). In 2016, Donald Trump won 48.2% of the vote in Pennsylvania.

Congressional Delegation

There were no Senate seats up for reelection in Pennsylvania in 2020.

There are no changes to the Pennsylvania House delegation as a result of the 2020 election.

Wisconsin

Presidential Election

With a total of 10 electoral votes, Joe Biden has won with 49.46% of the estimated votes that have been reported (>98%). In 2016, Donald Trump won 47.2% of the vote in Wisconsin.

Congressional Delegation

There were no Senate seats up for reelection in Wisconsin in 2020.

In the House, there will be one new Member-elect in the Wisconsin delegation.

- Scott Fitzgerald (R, WI-5) – Republican hold (replaces Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R), who is retiring at the end of 2020).