



Wes Moore

Sarah Huckabee Sanders

Maura Healey

Ron DeSantis

DID YOU KNOW?

The longest-serving governor in US history is Terry Branstad of Iowa, who served for 22 years.

From governor to President



Thomas Jefferson

A total of 17 governors have gone on to become President. The first was Thomas Jefferson. Other examples include Franklin D. Roosevelt, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush. Being governor can offer an elected official solid experience in running a government and working with lawmakers.

Governors chosen in many states

Voters in 36 states cast ballots for their governor (a state's top leader) on Election Day, November 8. Voters delivered historic wins in several states, and enthusiasm was particularly high in states with tight races, such as New York and Wisconsin.

What happened?

A total of 18 Democrats and 18 Republicans were elected governor. Of those, 28 were incumbents, meaning they were the current governor of the state and will return for another term in office. Most victories were called on election night. But in Arizona, all the votes for the governor's race were not counted until November 14, when Democrat Katie Hobbs was declared the winner over Republican Kari Lake.

And although the decision for Alaska's governor was still being determined when *The Week Junior* went to press, Republican Mike Dunleavy had a clear lead over the other candidates.

What were some historic wins?

Democrat Wes Moore was elected the first Black governor of Maryland and will become the third Black governor in US history when he is sworn in. Republican Sarah Huckabee Sanders, a former White House press secretary, became the first woman to be elected governor of Arkansas. Maura Healey, a Democrat, became the first female governor of Massachusetts. She and Democrat Tina Kotek, who was chosen as the new governor of Oregon, will be the nation's first governors who are openly lesbian.

What else happened?

In Florida, Governor Ron DeSantis, a Republican, won his race for reelection by more than 19%. His big victory means he could become a candidate for President in 2024, political experts said. Democrat Tony Evers was reelected in a tight race in Wisconsin. In New York, Democrat Kathy Hochul, who took over as governor in 2021 when previous governor Andrew Cuomo stepped down, won election to her first full term.

What will happen next?

Current governors will remain in office for the rest of 2022. Those who are departing will finish up business and assist with the transition to the next governor. Newly elected governors will be sworn into office in early January 2023.



WORD OF THE WEEK

SPA

Ancient statues have been found in a spa in Italy. The word "spa" comes from the name of a town in Belgium, which has been celebrated since ancient times for the healing properties of its mineral springs — naturally occurring water containing minerals. Its name was later given to any place that had a mineral spring or offered health treatments.



THE WEEK IN HISTORY

November 20, 1789

First state to ratify the Bill of Rights
On November 20, 1789, New Jersey became the first state to ratify (approve) the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights is the first 10 amendments made to the Constitution, the highest US law, and includes some of the nation's fundamental rights, such as freedom of speech and freedom of religion. The amendments took effect when Virginia became the 10th state to ratify them in 1791.



The Bill of Rights