

PENNSYLVANIA

Why we can win

Our primary objectives in Pennsylvania are to: 1) win the state's 20 Electoral College votes and 2) break Republican control of the state legislature by flipping one or both chambers.

In the state Senate, we are currently targeting five districts—four GOP-held seats and one Democratic hold. With only half of the chamber up for election in 2020, our Senate targets are scattered across the state, including Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, Erie, and the Philadelphia suburbs.

In the state House, we are currently targeting 16 districts—13 GOP-held seats and three Democratic holds. Eleven seats are located in Southeast Pennsylvania, close to the Philadelphia metro area and surrounding regions. The remaining 5 targets are located near Harrisburg, Wilkes-Barre, and the Pittsburgh suburbs.

Our targets

State Senate: SD-9, SD-13, SD-15, SD-37, SD-49 / **State House:** HD-18, HD-26, HD-29, HD-30, HD-44, HD-53, HD-105, HD-106, HD-119, HD-143, HD-144, HD-151, HD-152, HD-160, HD-168, HD-178

What's at stake

10,097

Active fracking wells in Pennsylvania in 2017

Oil fracking wells concentrated in and around Pittsburgh were criticized for a possible link to 47 cases of rare childhood cancers in summer 2019. The fracking process uses over 700 types of chemicals—and many known carcinogens—and is a cause of pollution in the southwest portion of the state.

\$7.25

Minimum wage in Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania State Legislature hasn't passed a minimum wage increase in 12 years, leaving workers at the federal minimum of \$7.25 an hour. In five consecutive legislative sessions, GOP-led committees blocked bills that would gradually raise the minimum wage to \$15 by the year 2024.

685,400

Pennsylvanians without health insurance

Even after Pennsylvania expanded Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act in 2015, over half a million residents remain uninsured in the Keystone State. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, Pennsylvanians are more likely to report difficulty paying for medical bills (36%) compared to the general public (26%).