SALEM DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

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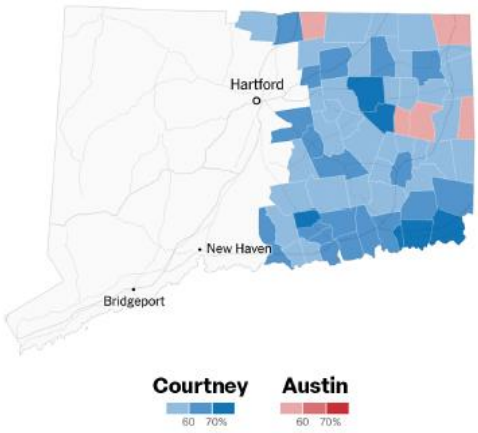
Key Results of the 2026 Mid Term Elections

- Half of the CT State House seats flipped were within the Second Congressional district; and with three flips in the upper chamber, every single one of the Congressman Courtney's constituents is now represented by a Democrat in the State Senate.
- 55,000 registered Democrats in CT-02 *did not vote* in the 2022 midterms. This year, more than 1-in-5 (11,400) of those non-voters *voted early*. Voters in CT-02 overwhelmingly surpassed the vote totals in Connecticut's other four districts.
- Voters in CT-02 once again made Congressman Joe Courtney a top overperforming Democrat. Congressman Courtney secured 62.5% of the vote, overperforming the average statewide Democrat performance in CT-02 by 3.6%, according to the CT Secretary of State's office.
  - Joe Courtney vote total in CT-02: 62.5%
  - Average statewide Democrat vote total in CT-02: 58.9%

Source: CT Secretary of State's Office vote tally as of November 6th, 2026

- In an historic election, Congressman Courtney expanded his support in Eastern Connecticut
  - Congressman Courtney improved his performance in every CT-02 town in 2026 vs. 2024
  - Congressman Courtney improved his overall margin in 2026 by 4.5 percentage points vs. 2024
  - Congressman Courtney won 6 towns with over 70% of the vote total vs. 2 towns in 2024
  - Congressman Courtney took back 9 of the 14 towns the CT-02 Republican candidate won in 2024
  - Congressman Courtney was the only Democrat to win the towns of Griswold, Plainfield, and Voluntown
  - No Democrat won in the 5 towns the CT-02 Republican candidate won in 2026
  - Voters in CT-02 cast more votes than any other congressional district in the state:
    - CT-01: 253,385
    - **CT-02: 290,088**
    - CT-03: 236,863
    - CT-04: 239,984
    - CT-05: 251,826

Joe Courtney (D) vs. George Austin (R)



Source: New York Times

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The 120th Congress, beginning in January 2027, will mark the start of Congressman Courtney's 11th term representing CT-02. Congressman Courtney was first elected to Congress in 2006. From 1987 to 1994, Courtney served in the Connecticut House of Representatives, representing Connecticut's 56th district.

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Results of the Elections in Salem (unofficial)

Office	Party	Candidate	Votes	Vote %	Total Votes
Representative in Congress, 2nd District	***D***	***Joe Courtney ★***	***1133***	***55.11%***	***1133***
	R	George Patrick Austin	877	42.66%	923
	I		46	2.24%	
Governor and Lt. Governor	D	Ned Lamont & Susan Bysiewicz	918	44.50%	953
	WP		35	1.70%	
	R	***Ryan Fazio & Matt Corey ★***	***1053***	***51.04%***	***1110***
	I		***57***	***2.76%***	
State Senator, 20th District	D	Martha E. Marx	918	42.60%	1065
	WP		147	6.82%	
	R	***Lee Elci ★***	***1031***	***47.84%***	***1090***
	I		***59***	***2.74%***	
State Representative, 37th District	D	Nick Menapace	588	46.01%	623
	WP		35	2.74%	
	R	***Anne Santoro ★***	***624***	***48.83%***	***655***
	I		***31***	***2.43%***	
State Representative, 34th District	D	Meghan Rosenfeld	337	43.88%	337
	R	***Melissa Ziobron ★***	***409***	***53.26%***	***431***
	I		***22***	***2.86%***	
Secretary of the State	***D***	***Stephanie Thomas ★***	***953***	***46.78%***	***1046***
	WP		***45***	***2.21%***	
	I		***48***	***2.36%***	
	R	Peter Lumaj	991	48.65%	991
Treasurer	D	Erick Russell	925	45.39%	976
	WP		51	2.50%	
	R	***Fred Wilms ★***	***1009***	***49.51%***	***1062***
	I		***53***	***2.60%***	
Comptroller	***D***	***Sean Scanlon ★***	***937***	***46.00%***	***1026***
	WP		***44***	***2.16%***	
	I		***45***	***2.21%***	
	R	Jennifer S. Tooker	1011	49.63%	1011
Attorney General	***D***	***William Tong ★***	***962***	***47.06%***	***1027***
	WP		***65***	***3.18%***	
	R	John Bolton	1017	49.76%	1017
Judge of Probate, 32nd Region	***D***	***Lauren M. McNamara ★***	***983***	***48.86%***	***983***
	R	***Lauren M. McNamara ★***	***1029***	***51.14%***	***1029***
Registrar of Voters	***D***	***Betsy B. Butts ★***	***1030***	***50.86%***	***1030***
	R	***Jackie C. Moore ★***	***995***	***49.14%***	***995***

★ ***Winner in BOLD italicized type, D Democratic Party, R Republican Party, WF Working Families Party, I Independent Party***
(data from the CT Secretary of the State website: *https://ctemspublic.tgstg.net/#/home*)

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U.S House Congress 2024 VS. 2026

U.S. Congress					
	2024 Election		2026 Election		Seats Gained (+)/Lost (-)
	R	D	R	D	D
U.S. Senate	53	47	44	56 *	+ 9
U.S. House of Representatives	220	215	176	259	+ 44

* Assumes the seat flipped Democratic.

Connecticut Legislature

CT Legislature					
	2024 Election		2026 Election		Seats Gained (+)/Lost (-)
	R	D	R	D	D
CT Senate	11	25	3	33	+ 12
Ct House of Representatives	49	102	35	116	+ 14

Salem Voter Statistics

Salem Voter Turnout									
Town	Number of Eligible Voters in the town	Number of Voters voted in the town	Number of Absentee Ballots Received	Number of Absentee Ballot COUNTED	Number of Early Ballots Received	Number of Early Ballots COUNTED	Number of Same Day Registration Issued	Number of Same Day Registration COUNTED	Turnout
Salem	3,121	2,081	46	46	864	864	22	22	66.68%

Salem Voter Registration Enrollment Statistics (10/19/2026)														
Republican Party			Democratic Party			Minor Parties			Unaffiliated			Totals		
Active	Inactive	Total	Active	Inactive	Total	Active	Inactive	Total	Active	Inactive	Total	Active	Inactive	Totals
876	45	921	800	67	867	40	4	44	1,378	122	1,500	3,094	238	3,332