Municipal races are an important and often overlooked element of party building. Democrats have historically dominated municipal races.

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| **There are 328 municipal races in 2023.** | | | |
| \*\* Several span 2 counties | | | |
|  | COUNTY |  | COUNTY |
| 5 | Allegany | 7 | Kent |
| 3 | Anne Arundel | 2 | Kent & Queen Anne's\*\* |
| 14 | Caroline | 48 | Montgomery |
| 24 | Carroll | 100 | Prince George's |
| 17 | Cecil | 7 | Queen Anne's |
| 3 | Charles | 1 | Queen Anne's & Talbot\*\* |
| 16 | Dorchester | 6 | Talbot |
| 11 | Frederick | 9 | Washington |
| 20 | Garrett | 19 | Wicomico |
| 12 | Harford | 4 | Worcester |

Party affiliation of incumbents up for re-election:

119 Republicans – 36.3% (32 are women, 19 young Republicans)

162 Democrats – 49.4%

47 Unaffiliated/Other – 14.3%

**WINNING MUNICIPAL RACES**

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| STEP |  |  |
| 1 | Know your races | Find out what races are happening in your town or your city in 2023. |
| 2 | Identify candidates | Identify who could run for the seats up for election. |
| 3 | Know the deadlines | Reach out to your local town hall or read your local charter to find out filing deadlines and other pertinent dates. |
| 4 | Rally around candidates | Campaign for your candidates. If needed, help them get signatures to get on the ballot. |
| 5 | Be there on election day | Municipal races are won on election day. There is historically low turnout and races are often won with single digit margins. |