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Quick hits:

- State Superintendent Tony Evers scored a victory over Governor Scott Walker. Governor-elect Evers was helped by large turnouts and margins in Dane County and Milwaukee County.
- Republican incumbent Attorney General Brad Schimel was defeated by former federal prosecutor Josh Kaul, 49.54% to 48.68%. The close margin may lead to a recount.
- State Senate and Assembly Republicans exceeded expectations and surprised some political observers by not losing a single seat in the State Assembly (Republican Matt Adamczyk in the 14th AD holds 21 vote lead) and picking up one seat in the State Senate. The GOP majorities in January 2019 will be 19-14 in the State Senate and 64-35 in the State Assembly.

[Tony Evers denies Scott Walker a third term as Wisconsin's governor](#)

After upending Wisconsin politics and infuriating liberals across the country, Gov. Scott Walker narrowly lost his bid for a third term Tuesday to Tony Evers, the leader of the education establishment Walker blew up eight years ago. The Associated Press called the race for Evers about 1:20 a.m. Wednesday based on unofficial returns. The race was so close that Walker's team said a detailed review of balloting and a recount were possible. But an unofficial tally had Evers winning by 1.1 percentage points — a margin that would be too large for a recount if it held. "It's time for a change, folks," Evers, the state schools superintendent, told supporters in front of a large Wisconsin flag on the stage of Madison's Orpheum Theater. "I will be focused on solving problems, not on picking political fights."

[Josh Kaul vaults to the lead in race for Wisconsin attorney general](#)

Late-counted ballots from Milwaukee County pushed Madison attorney Josh Kaul to a lead early Wednesday in his bid to unseat incumbent state Attorney General Brad Schimel. The late surge by Kaul came after Milwaukee County counted about 46,000 early and mail-in ballots, which cut heavily for Democrats, including state Superintendent Tony Evers, who is battling incumbent Gov. Scott Walker. Few votes remained to be counted elsewhere in Wisconsin, including a few precincts in Manitowoc and Waukesha counties, which were heavily Republican in voting Tuesday, and La Crosse and Portage counties, which had earlier gone mostly to Democratic candidates. The lead had gone back and forth Tuesday night before settling into a Schimel lead late in the evening. That changed when Milwaukee County's late votes came in and gave Kaul a lead of more than 20,000 votes.

[Baldwin defeats Vukmir in Wisconsin Senate race](#)

Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.) trounced Republican Leah Vukmir in Wisconsin's Senate race on Tuesday, clearing her way to a second-term in the chamber. Baldwin's win is welcome news for Democrats, who have touted their strength in Midwestern states that President Trump won in 2016, including Wisconsin. Throughout her general election campaign, Baldwin appeared well positioned to win another term in the Senate. She consistently led in public polls and outraised Vukmir, a state senator, by a wide margin. But Vukmir also received help from the Republican Party's leader: President Trump himself. The president boosted Vukmir and Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker during a rally late last month.

[Despite losses in statewide races, GOP strengthens hold on Wisconsin Senate](#)

Republicans were set to keep control of the state Legislature as an anticipated blue wave of Democratic enthusiasm failed to materialize into more seats for the party that has been out of power since 2013. For months, Democrats worked to expand two victories in special elections this year in hopes of flipping control of the state Senate. But as of early Wednesday, Republicans were set to gain a seat instead, according to unofficial returns. That would give them a 19-14 majority. Republicans were well positioned to keep their wide margin in the Assembly, where they had a 64-35 majority heading into the election.

[Bryan Steil Holds Ryan's Wisconsin House Seat for Republicans](#)

Republican Bryan Steil defeated Democrat Randy Bryce in the race for retiring Speaker Paul Ryan's seat, the Associated Press projected. Steil, an attorney, was a former aide to Ryan and the speaker's favored candidate in the primary. Bryce entered the race before Ryan announced in April he would retire, and gained national attention for a series of political ads highlighting his background as an iron worker.

[Wisconsin congressional incumbents win](#)

Wisconsin's congressional incumbents have retained their jobs. Democrat Mark Pocan won re-election Tuesday in southern Wisconsin's 2nd Congressional District; Democrat Ron Kind won another two years representing western Wisconsin's 3rd Congressional District; and Democrat Gwen Moore won re-election in Milwaukee's 4th Congressional District. Republicans Jim Sensenbrenner and Sean Duffy retained their seats in southeastern Wisconsin's 5th Congressional District and northern Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District respectively. Republican incumbent Glenn Grothman held onto his seat in the 6th Congressional District in east-central Wisconsin.

[Republicans Clinch Control of U.S. Senate with Decisive Wins](#)

Republicans kept control of the U.S. Senate, empowering President Donald Trump to appoint more conservative federal judges and agency officials while shielding him from Senate Democratic efforts to investigate his administration. The GOP's gains in three states that overwhelmingly supported Trump in 2016, along with Republican retention of hotly contested seats in Texas and Tennessee, would leave Democrats about five votes shy of the 51 they need to take Senate control. Democrats lack enough opportunities to make up for their losses, with only a seat in Arizona offering the party a chance.

[Democrats carve through GOP suburbs to take House](#)

Democrats have won back control of the House of Representatives, slicing through Republican-held suburbs where President Donald Trump has proven toxic to undo a Republican majority once thought to be impervious until the next round of redistricting. From Florida to Texas to Illinois, Republican incumbents who survived reelection in 2016 even as Trump lost their districts fell decisively to Democratic challengers who linked them to the president and attacked their votes on health care and taxes last year, delivering a check-and-balance message to the president.