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The 2026 midterms on Mappit's map apps

Polls, money, the early vote, fifty years of history and an AI analysis, on one map. Michigan's open Senate seat, one view at a time.

November 3, 2026

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MICHIGAN SENATE, 2026

Michigan by the numbers

An open seat: Gary Peters is retiring. Democrat Abdul El-Sayed faces Republican Mike Rogers, who came within a third of a point of winning Michigan's other Senate seat in 2024. Every figure below is one click away on the same map.

POLL AVERAGE

D +5.9

11 polls, Nov 3. The race's high point, up from R +9.3 at its low.

MONEY

D +40

El-Sayed $53.8M raised, Rogers $23.0M (FEC, October filings).

EARLY VOTE

51.4%

of 2022's turnout: 2,313,206 ballots by Nov 2, 30% in person.

GOVERNOR POLLS

D +9

The state's other open statewide race.

SENATE, 2024

D +0.3

Rogers's near miss, two years ago.

PRESIDENT, 2024

R +1.4

Donald Trump carried the state.

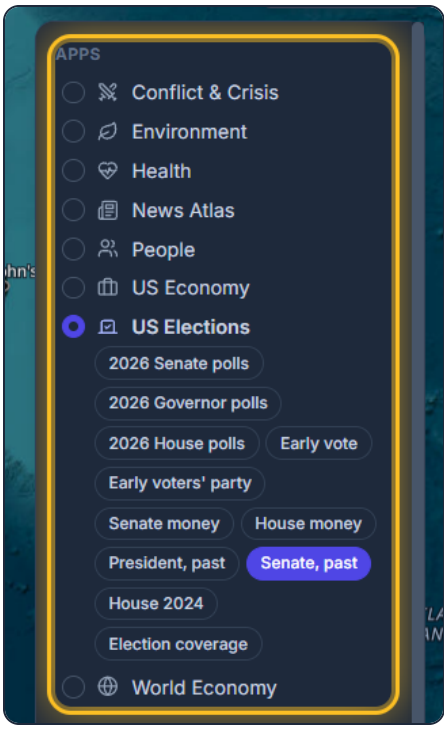
WHAT MAP APPS ARE

Data you can paint on the world

Mappit is a live map of the world's news. Its map apps are data layers on that map: pick one from the Layers menu and the countries, states, counties or districts take on the colours of a statistic. Eight apps hold about a hundred views over 115 indicators and some 6.6 million data points, all from open sources licensed for reuse.

Every app works the same way: pick a view and the map repaints; press play and the timeline replays it; select a place and the panel shows its figure, trend, rank and its numbers in the app's other views. Every legend names its source and licence, and the Analysis tab turns the view on screen into a written briefing.

The US Elections app has eleven views, from 2026 polls for every Senate, governor and House race to the early vote, campaign money and results back to 1976. All 506 races of 2026 have their own page.



The eight apps, with US Elections' eleven views open.

VIEW 1

1 The polls: D +5.9, and climbing

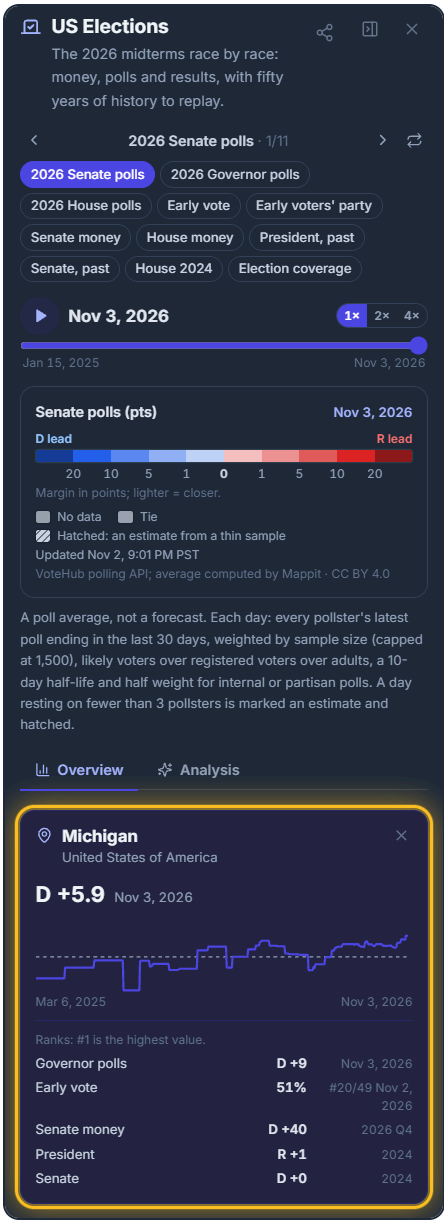
Mappit's poll average has El-Sayed ahead by 5.9 points on 11 polls. It is a poll average, not a forecast, and the panel says how it is made: each day, every pollster's latest poll ending in the last 30 days, weighted by sample size, likely voters over registered voters over adults, with a ten-day half-life and half weight for internal or partisan polls. A day resting on fewer than three pollsters is marked an estimate and hatched on the map.

The line behind the number runs back to March 2025, from a Republican lead of 9.3 points to today's Democratic lead of 5.9.

2 The analysis: what moved

The Analysis tab has Claude, Anthropic's AI, read the figures on the map, how they moved, the trend and the place's news, and write what it sees. Plus members generate one; everyone can read it. Today's caught what a glance at the number misses:

> The rise came in three steps rather than a smooth drift, which fits new polls entering the average. Nationally the picture is flat. [...] Michigan's gain over the last two weeks is therefore specific to the state rather than part of a broad Democratic tide.
>
> Mappit analysis, 2026 Senate polls, Michigan, November 3, 2026



Michigan's card: the poll average and its line since March 2025.

VIEW 2 · ANALYSIS

The analysis, in full on the map

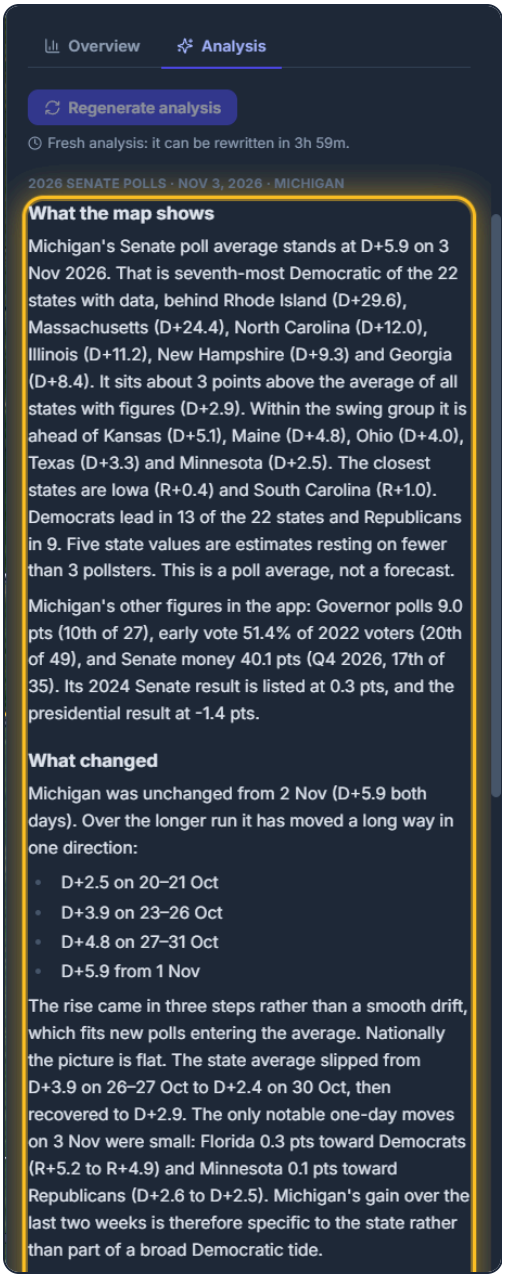
The analysis ranks Michigan among the 22 states with Senate polling (seventh-most Democratic, behind Rhode Island, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Illinois, New Hampshire and Georgia), compares it with the swing states, then walks through each step of the change:

- D +2.5 on October 20 to 21
- D +3.9 on October 23 to 26
- D +4.8 on October 27 to 31
- D +5.9 from November 1

It closes with why the numbers might look this way, and what to watch. Analyses are written once per view, place and day, and stay readable by everyone.

Ask your AI assistant

The same figures are open to AI assistants through Mappit's MCP server, free and without an account. Ask Claude or ChatGPT "How is Michigan's Senate race polling?" and the answer comes from this data, with its source and a link back to the map.

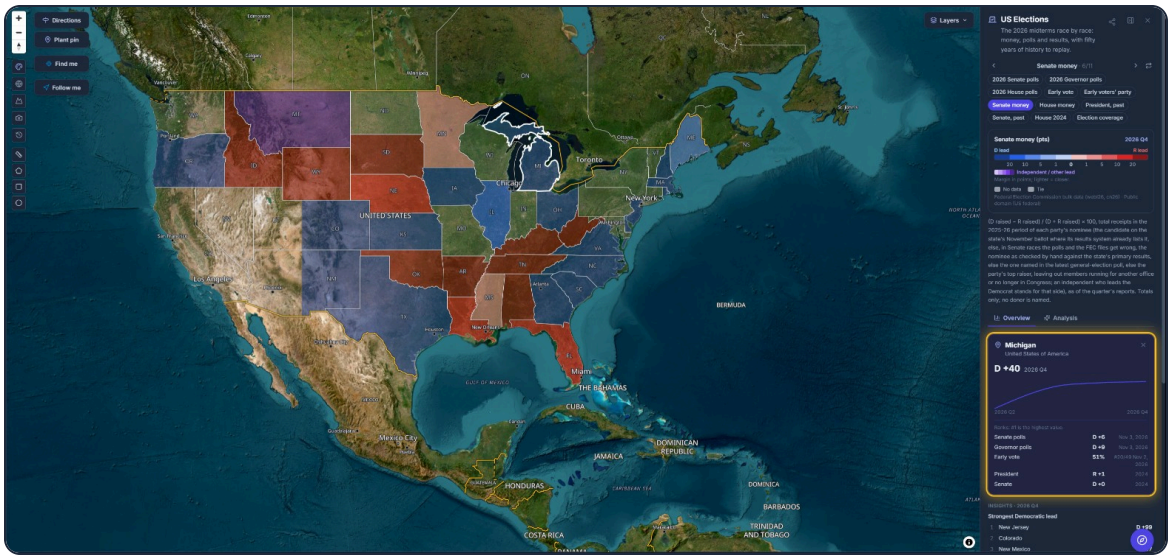


Mappit's analysis of Michigan's Senate polls, November 3.

VIEW 3

3 The money: D +40

The Senate money view shows which side has raised more in each race, from the Federal Election Commission's own filings. In Michigan, El-Sayed had raised $53.8 million to Rogers's $23.0 million in their October filings, a 40-point Democratic edge. Totals only; Mappit never names donors.

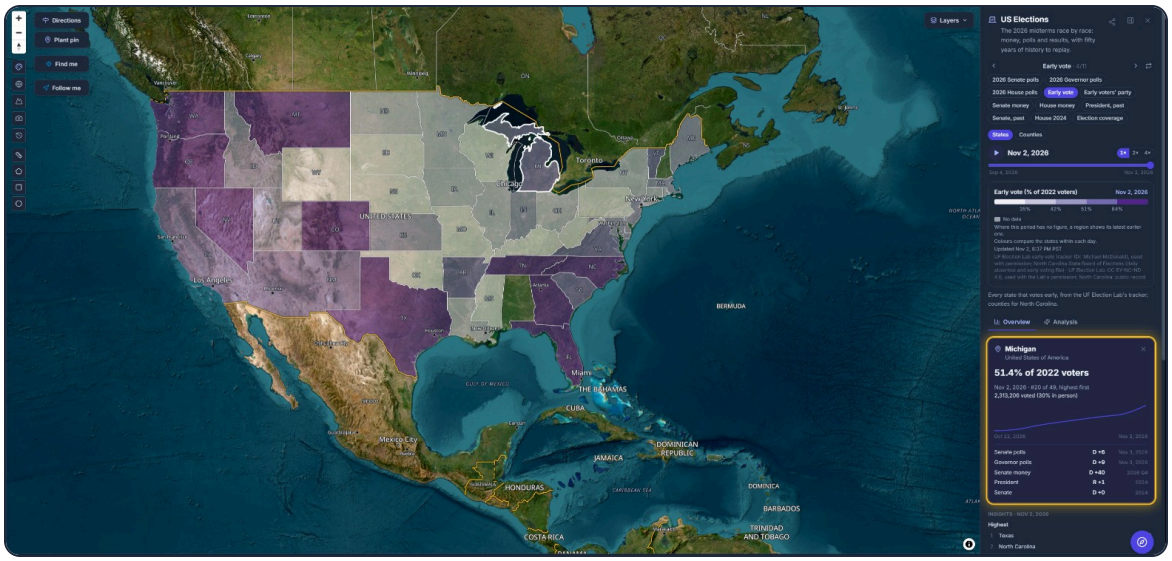


Senate money for every race with filings. FEC bulk data (public domain).

VIEW 4

4 The early vote: 2.3 million ballots already in

By Monday, 2,313,206 Michiganders had voted: 51.4% of everyone who voted in 2022, up from 34.5% five days earlier, 30% of them in person. The Early vote view tracks every state that votes early from the UF Election Lab's tracker by Dr. Michael McDonald, and North Carolina county by county from its own files. This week it is checked every ten minutes.

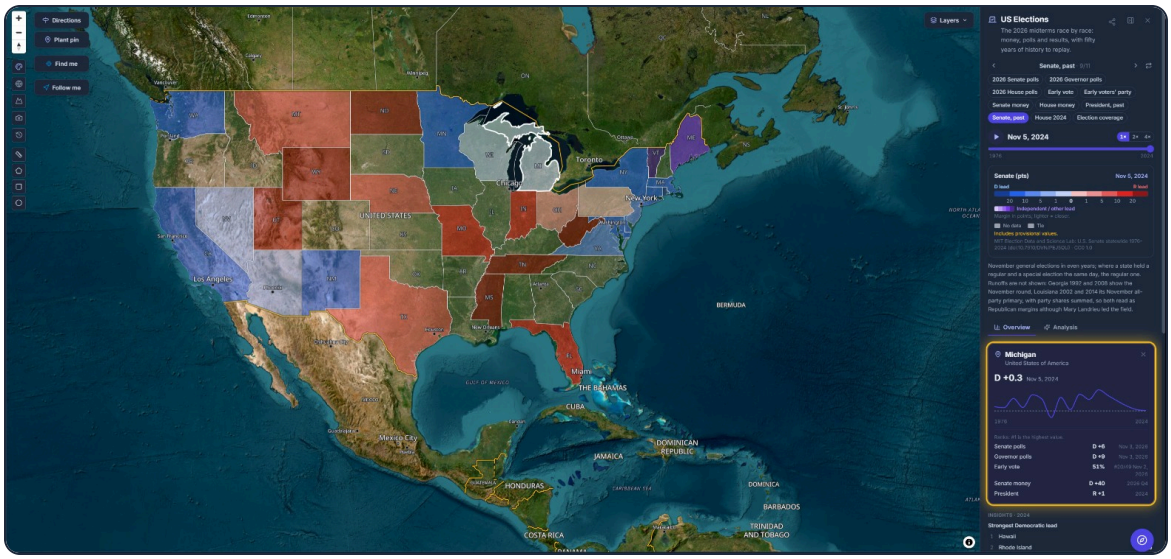


The early vote as a share of 2022 turnout. UF Election Lab (Dr. Michael McDonald), used with permission; North Carolina State Board of Elections.

VIEW 5

5 The history: fifty years of Senate races

The past-results views go back to 1976, from MIT's Election Data and Science Lab. Michigan's Senate line swings through five decades before landing on 2024's 0.3-point margin, the race Rogers lost the same year Donald Trump carried the state by 1.4. Press play and every state's Senate result replays, election by election.



Senate results since 1976 (MIT Election Data and Science Lab, CC0). Michigan, 2024: D +0.3.

The news beside the numbers

The apps sit on Mappit's news map: the strip above carries the day's coverage, filtered by topic and place, and related stories group into storylines as they develop. The Election coverage view maps how much of each state's news over the past week was about the campaign.

Tonight, and the morning after

As state election offices publish their counts, Mappit reads results from their own feeds and adds them as reported. Mappit never calls a race. Every view keeps every day, so the whole campaign stays on the timeline: from the first poll of 2025 to the count.

See it for yourself

Every view in this case study is live and free at mappit.ai/apps/us-elections. Michigan's race: mappit.ai/apps/us-elections?view=senate-2026&r=US-MI. Contact: support@mappit.ai.

Sources and licences

- Polls: VoteHub polling API (CC BY 4.0); average computed by Mappit.
- Money: Federal Election Commission bulk data (public domain).
- Early vote: UF Election Lab early vote tracker (Dr. Michael McDonald), used with permission; North Carolina State Board of Elections (public record).
- Past results: MIT Election Data and Science Lab (CC0).
- Analysis: written by Claude (Anthropic) from the figures on the map and Mappit's news, at a member's request. Figures as of November 2 and 3, 2026.