**US election results**

On 8 November 2016 Donald Trump secured victory over Hillary Clinton to become the 45th President of the United States of America after beating Clinton in key, previously Democrat, states including Florida, Iowa, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

### House of Representatives

Every seat in the House was up for election. The Republicans held onto their majority in the House, despite the Democrats gaining six seats. Three former House Democrats won their seats back.

- **Democrats** = 194 seats
- **Republicans** = 241 seats

### Senate

Despite again holding onto their majority, the Republicans lost two seats in the Senate. Louisiana will elect its senator next month as neither candidate secured the necessary 50% of the vote.

- **Democrats** = 46 seats
- **Republicans** = 52 seats
- **Independents** = 2 seats

### The most diverse Congress ever?

- The new Senate will have a record number of 21 women, up from 20.
- Congress as a whole will see the number of minority women increase to 33 in the House, up from 27, and four in the Senate, up from one. The House elected its first Vietnamese-American woman, Democrat Stephanie Murphy (Florida) and its first Indian-American woman, Democrat Pramila Jayapal (Washington State).
- The number of women in the House declined from 84 to 83. Overall, the number of women in Congress will remain unchanged at 104.
- A record number of 48 African-Americans will serve in Congress (18 of whom are women), 38 Hispanics and 15 Asian Americans, which is an increase of 5.

### Leadership in Congress

- Senate Republicans voted to keep Mitch McConnell (Kentucky) as the majority leader.
- Democratic senators elected Chuck Schumer (New York) as minority leader, taking over from retiring Harry Reid (Nevada).
- Senator Dick Durbin (Illinois) will remain minority whip. Senator Patty Murray (Washington) was chosen as assistant Democratic leader.
- In the House, Democrats re-elected Nancy Pelosi as the minority leader.