

IA-01 District Primer

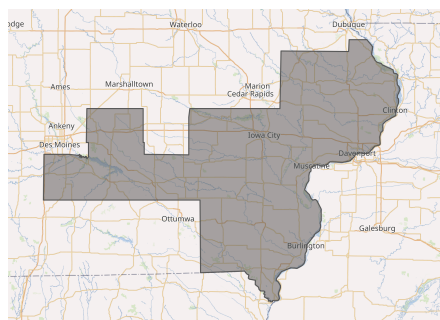
In 2024, Republican **Marianette Miller-Meeks** won this seat by **799 votes**. *That's close!* Dems lost by *less than one vote* per precinct. If we can persuade just two voters per precinct, we can win this year. With your help, we're going to **FLIP** this key seat and secure a Democratic House majority in 2026.

Key dates
Filing Deadline: March 13
Primary: June 2
Midterms: November 3

Recent Election Results

2024 Presidential Election	2024 House Election	2022 House Election
Harris: 190,502 (45.04%) Trump: 226,309 (53.5%)	Miller-Meeks (R): 206,955 (50%) Bohannon (D): 206,156 (49.8%)	Miller-Meeks (R): 162,947 (53.4%) Bohannon (D): 142,173 (46.6%)

District Facts & Stats



Largest Cities

- Davenport: 101,083
- Iowa City: 75,264

Geography

IA-01 is in the southeastern corner of Iowa and is bordered on the east by the Mississippi River. The District consists of twenty counties, including Des Moines, but the city of Des Moines is in IA-03. Scott and Johnson counties account for almost half of the district's population. Approximately 35% of the district is rural.

Citizenry

84% of the district's population identifies as white non-Hispanic, 4% Black, and 6% Hispanic. The number of foreign-born individuals is about two-thirds less than the national average. The number of veterans exceeds the national average by about 10%. Per capita and household income are approximately 90% of the national average. 94.5% of residents hold at least a high school diploma, and 32.5% have a bachelor's degree or higher. Labor force participation is high, and unemployment is below the national average.

The Local Vibe

The Trump administration's policies endanger the district's economy. Of the 149,100 Medicaid enrollees in IA-01, 49% may be at risk of losing coverage. Sweeping reductions in federal grants will also hurt these Iowans. Clawbacks of pledged funds and reductions in future funding will damage or eliminate programs that provide benefits in health, education, transportation, arts, farming, and commerce. Tariffs on steel, aluminum, and imported parts have increased costs and decreased sales for local manufacturers.

Governor Kim Reynolds (R) and Senator Joni Ernst (R) are not running for reelection. Both parties are holding primaries.

Key Issues

- **Healthcare threats:** Cuts to Medicare and Medicaid threaten individuals' healthcare and rural hospitals. Due to restrictive abortion laws, Iowans must now travel to neighboring states for reproductive care.
 - **Agriculture woes:** Reductions and elimination of subsidies and other farm programs threaten the livelihoods of the 70% of Iowa farmers who receive federal payments.
 - **Manufacturing challenges:** Tariffs and rising prices are creating challenges and insecurity for district manufacturers and their more than 65,000 workers.
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About the Candidates

Marianette Miller-Meeks | GOP Incumbent

Marianette Miller-Meeks was born in California in 1955. She has a degree in nursing and later became a physician. She has served in the Army and the Army Reserve and worked as a nurse, an ophthalmologist, and director of the Iowa Department of Health. In the current term, Miller-Meeks serves on the Committee on Energy and Commerce, where she is Chair of the Health subcommittee, and on the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

Miller-Meeks positions herself as a zealous advocate for border security, a supporter of carbon-based energy, an opponent of the Green New Deal. She supported the extension of Trump's tax cuts. She also depicts herself as an advocate for lower healthcare and drug costs and expanded access to care, even though she supported Trump's policies that have slashed Medicaid and increased ACA premiums. She co-sponsored the Life at Conception Act, which would establish legal personhood at the moment of fertilization. If enacted, the result would amount to a national ban on abortion and IVF, although Miller-Meeks has denied that she supports such a ban. She has remained in lockstep with the Trump administration even as its popularity has plummeted.

Democratic Challenger(s)

Christina Bohannon was born in Florida in 1971. She is an attorney, and since 2000, she has been a professor of law at the University of Iowa College of Law in Iowa City. She is a former engineer and the child of parents who did not finish high school. She served in the Iowa legislature, defeating an incumbent of 20 years in 2020. Bohannon challenged Miller-Meeks in 2022 and 2024, losing to the incumbent by narrow margins both times.

Bohannon opposes tariff and trade policies that have hurt Iowa farmers and manufacturers. She promised to reverse the BBB's Medicaid cuts and increases to ACA premiums, and she has advocated a return to *Roe v. Wade* protections for abortion. She supports Congressional ethics reforms, including term and age limits, bans on lobbying, limits on stock trading, and campaign finance reforms. She has opposed the DOGE cuts and during the prior election secured the support of unionized federal employees. While she supports secure borders, she also supports providing a pathway to citizenship and reforms to the visa system. The DCCC included her in their first cohort of 2026 Red-to-Blue candidates, securing crucial funding and organizational support.

The contrast: Mariannette Miller-Meeks's unwavering allegiance to Trump makes her vulnerable as his popularity wanes and his policies fail. The extremely narrow margin of her last victory shows how precarious her position is. It is unclear whether she actually resides in the district with its current boundaries. Bohannon has name recognition, a compelling story, and authentic rural roots that may appeal to traditionally conservative voters as well as to younger ones.