

Marco Rubio

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Official portrait, 2018

United States Secretary of State

Nominee

Assuming office

TBD

President [Donald Trump](#)

Succeeding [Antony Blinken](#)

United States Senator from **Florida**

Incumbent

Assumed office

January 3, 2011

Serving with [Rick Scott](#)

Preceded by [George LeMieux](#)

Committee positions

Vice Chair of the [Senate Intelligence Committee](#)

Incumbent

Assumed office

February 3, 2021

Preceded by [Mark Warner](#)

Chair of the [Senate Intelligence Committee](#)

Acting

May 18, 2020 – February 3, 2021

Preceded by [Richard Burr](#)

Succeeded by [Mark Warner](#)

Chair of the [Senate Small Business Committee](#)

In office

January 3, 2019 – February 3, 2021

Preceded by [Jim Risch](#)

Succeeded by [Ben Cardin](#)

94th Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives

In office

November 21, 2006 – November 18, 2008

Preceded by [Allan Bense](#)

Succeeded by [Ray Sansom](#)

Member of the [Florida House of Representatives](#) from the 111th district

In office

January 25, 2000 – November 18, 2008

Preceded by [Carlos Valdes](#)

Succeeded by [Erik Fresen](#)

Personal details

Born	<div>Marco Antonio Rubio</div> <div>May 28, 1971 (age 53)</div> <div>Miami, Florida, U.S.</div>
Political party	Republican
Spouse(s)	Jeanette Dousdebbs (m. 1998)
Children	4
Education	<div>Tarkio College</div> <div>Santa Fe College</div> <div>University of Florida (BA)</div> <div>University of Miami (JD)</div>
Signature	
Website	Senate website

[Rubio's voice](#)

Rubio honors a Senate staffer who passed away
Recorded September 18, 2021

Marco Antonio Rubio (born May 28, 1971) is an American politician. He has been the senior [United States Senator](#) from [Florida](#) since 2011. He is a [Republican](#). He was elected to the [Florida House of Representatives](#) in 2000, and he served as the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives from 2006 to 2008. Rubio unsuccessfully [ran](#) for [president](#) in [2016](#). In November 2024, he was nominated by President-elect [Donald Trump](#) to serve as the [United States Secretary of State](#).

Early life

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Rubio's family moved from [Cuba](#) to the US in the 1950s. He was born in 1971 in [Miami, Florida](#). He has one brother and two sisters. Rubio's family moved to [Las Vegas, Nevada](#) during the 1980s but they later came back to Miami. After high school he stayed in Florida and went to the [University of Florida](#), where he graduated in 1993 with a political science degree. After that he went to law school at the [University of Miami](#), where he got a doctorate in law.

Florida House of Representatives

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In late 1999, Rubio ran in a special election that happened for the 111th House District in the [Florida House of Representatives](#), representing Miami. ^[1] Rubio came in second in the Republican primary on December 14, 1999, ^[2] but won the runoff election for the Republican nomination. ^[3] He then beat Democrat Anastasia Garcia with 72% of the vote in a January 25, 2000, special election. ^[4]

In November 2000, Rubio was reelected unopposed. ^[5] In 2002, he was reelected to a second term unopposed. ^[6] In 2004, he was reelected to a third term with 66% of the vote. ^[7] In 2006, he was reelected to a fourth term unopposed. ^[8]

Rubio spent almost nine years in the Florida House of Representatives. Later in 2000, the [majority leader](#) of the House, [Mike Fasano](#), promoted Rubio to be one of two majority [whips](#). In December 2002, Rubio was appointed House majority leader by Speaker [Johnnie Byrd](#). ^[9]^[10]

On September 13, 2005, at age 34, ^[11] Rubio became speaker of the state house. He became the first [Cuban American](#) to be [speaker of the Florida House of Representatives](#), and would remain speaker until November 2008. ^[12]

U.S. Senate

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In 2010 he ran for [US Senate](#). He ran a long shot campaign at first: most people thought that Florida's Governor, [Charlie Crist](#) would get the Republican nomination. Rubio won the primary, but Crist entered the race as an independent. In a three way race between himself, Crist, and Democrat [Kendrick Meek](#), Rubio was elected to the Senate in 2010.

Rubio has become well known since entering the Senate. He has been critical of President [Barack Obama](#) and has proposed his own ideas in place of Obama's plans on more than one issue. He wrote a plan for the economy supporting [free market](#) economics and has proposed tax cuts for small businesses that have innovative ideas. Rubio also introduced a reform of the US immigration system and recently supported changes to how colleges deal with [sexual assault](#).

Rubio announced in May 2015, that he will not seek re-election because of his presidential campaign. ^[13] After suspending his presidential campaign, Rubio announced he would seek a second term in June 2016. Rubio defeated Democratic challenger Patrick Murphy in the 2016 election.

After former Vice President [Joe Biden](#) beat President [Donald Trump](#) in the [2020 presidential election](#) and Trump made false claims of election fraud, Rubio defended Trump's right to make claims of fraud and [challenge the election results](#). ^[14]

Rubio called the [2021 United States Capitol attack](#) as unpatriotic and "3rd world-style anti-American [anarchy](#)".^[15] After Congress was allowed to return to session, Rubio voted to certify the [electoral college](#) results.^[16] In February 2021, Rubio voted to [acquit](#) Trump for his role in causing the mob to storm the Capitol.^[17] On May 28, 2021, Rubio voted against creating the [January 6 commission](#).^[18]

2016 presidential race

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See the main article: [Marco Rubio presidential campaign, 2016](#)

On April 13, 2015, Rubio announced [his candidacy for president](#) in [2016](#) and that he would not seek re-election to his Senate seat.^{[19][20]} His campaign started at the Freedom Tower in Miami, a building that many Cuban immigrants passed through.

During the [2016 Republican Party presidential primary](#), Rubio came in third place in [Iowa](#). Since then, he came in second or third place in the [Nevada](#) and [South Carolina](#) primaries. He won the [Minnesota](#) primaries after Super Tuesday. On March 6, 2016, Rubio won the [Puerto Rico](#) primary by winning almost 74%. He also won the [Washington, D.C.](#) caucus.

Rubio suspended his campaign on March 15, 2016 after losing the [Florida](#) primaries to [Donald Trump](#).

U.S. Secretary of State

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In November 2024, [The New York Times](#) reported that President-elect Donald Trump had chosen Rubio as [United States Secretary of State](#) in his second administration.^[21]

Personal life

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Rubio married Jeanette Dousdebbs in 1998. Together, they have four children. The Rubios live in Miami, Florida. Marco has two sisters, Veronica and Barbara, and an older brother, Mario. Rubio has said in his books that he is a fan of rap music. When he was a young man he played football, and once hoped to play the game in the NFL. Rubio has also written two books.

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Cabinet	
Secretary of State	• Marco Rubio*
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<u>Secretary of Defense</u>	• Pete Hegseth *
<u>Attorney General</u>	• Pam Bondi *
<u>Secretary of the Interior</u>	• Doug Burgum *
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<u>Secretary of Commerce</u>	• Howard Lutnick *
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White House Communications Director	• Steven Cheung (designate)
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Director of the National Economic Council	• Kevin Hassett (designate)
Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy	• TBD
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Other independent offices	
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Secretary of the Navy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Phelan*
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Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD
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Chair of the Federal Communications Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brendan Carr*
Administrators of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mehmet Oz*
Commissioner of the Department of Government Efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elon Musk (designate) • Vivek Ramaswamy (designate)
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President of the World Bank Group	

- [Ajay Banga](#)**
(2023–present)
































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