

# Nikki Budzinski (IL-13)



## Biography

### BIRTH DATE

Unknown

### EDUCATION

Attended, Political Science & History,  
 Univ. of Illinois Urbana-Champaign,  
 1995-1999

### FAMILY

Unknown

## Background

Labor advocate, Democratic organizer, and former OMB chief of staff who ran for office in Illinois' newly created, competitive 15th District; Congressional campaign focused on energy and economic development

Peoria native who went on to graduate from the University of Illinois- Urbana Champaign and immediately became involved in local politics working for the Office of the Comptroller in Springfield, Illinois

Moved to DC in 2005 to help lead legislative and advocacy efforts with the Laborers International Union of North America, the International Association of Fire Fighters, and United Food and Commercial Workers Union

In between stints as a labor advocate, she served as Iowa political director for former Sen. Chris Dodd's (D-CT) presidential campaign; in 2015, Budzinski leveraged her union expertise as labor outreach director for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign

Served as a senior advisor for JB Pritzker's 2017 Illinois gubernatorial campaign and helped craft his strategy to focus campaign efforts on voters outside of the Chicago Metropolitan area; continued work as an advisor during his administration, supporting initiatives to balance the state budget and raise the minimum wage

Joined the Biden-Harris administration in 2021 as chief of staff for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), where she assisted in overseeing and preparing the federal budget

## District Profile

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### 2022 VOTE RATING DISTRICT LOCATION

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Central Illinois cities from  
 Urbana-Champaign to eastern  
 St. Louis suburbs

## Election Results

### 2022 GENERAL

**Budzinski**

**56%**

**Deering**

**44%**

SOURCE Associated Press; Vignette, by National Journal

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