

WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICE 2015

In 2015, 104 women serve in the U.S. Congress. Twenty women serve in the Senate and 84 women serve in the House. The number of women in statewide elective executive posts is 77, while the proportion of women in state legislatures is 24.2 percent.

CONGRESS In 2015, women hold **104**, or **19.4%**, of the 535 seats in the 114th U.S. Congress — **20**, or **20.0%**, of the 100 seats in the Senate and **84**, or **19.3%**, of the 435 seats in the House of Representatives. Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), who was the first woman Speaker of the House, is now minority leader.

Twenty (14D, 6R) women serve in the Senate: Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI); Barbara Boxer (D-CA); Maria Cantwell (D-WA); Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV); Susan Collins (R-ME); Joni Ernst (R-IA); Dianne Feinstein (D-CA); Deb Fischer (R-NE); Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY); Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND); Mazie Hirono (D-HI); Amy Klobuchar (D-MN); Claire McCaskill (D-MO); Barbara Mikulski (D-MD); Lisa Murkowski (R-AK); Patty Murray (D-WA); Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH); Debbie Stabenow (D-MI); and Elizabeth Warren (D-MA).

Eighty-four women from 31 states serve in the House of Representatives; 62 are Democrats and 22 are Republicans. In addition, four (3D, 1R) women serve as the Delegates to the House from American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands and Washington, DC.

STATEWIDE ELECTIVE EXECUTIVE OFFICES In 2015, **78** women hold statewide elective executive offices across the country; women hold **24.5%** of the 318 available positions. Among these women, **35** are Democrats, **42** are Republicans and **1** is non-partisan.

GOVERNORS — 6 (3D, 3R)

NH Maggie Hassan (D)
NM Susana Martinez (R)
OK Mary Fallin (R)
OR Kate Brown (D)
RI Gina Raimondo (D)
SC Nikki Haley (R)

LT. GOVERNORS — 13 (5D, 8R)

AL Kay Ivey (R)
CT Nancy Wyman (D)
IA Kim Reynolds (R)
IL Evelyn Sanguinetti (R)
IN Sue Ellspermann (R)
KY Crit Luallen (R)
MA Karyn Polito (R)
MN Tina Smith (DFL)
MT Angela McLean (D)
NJ Kim Guadagno (R)
NY Kathy Hochul (D)
OH Mary Taylor (R)
WI Rebecca Kleefisch (R)

Attorney General — 8 (6D, 2R)

Secretary of State — 14 (7D, 7R)

State Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer — 7 (4D, 3R)

State Comptroller — 2 (1D, 1R)

State Auditor — 8 (4D, 4R)

Chief State Education Official — 9 (3D, 5R, 1NP) *(title varies from state to state)*

Agriculture and Commerce Commissioner — 1R

Commissioner of Insurance — 1D

Commissioner of Labor — 1R

Corporation Commissioner — 3R

Public Service Commissioner — 3 (1D, 2R)

Public Utilities Commissioner — 1R

Railroad Commissioner — 1R

STATE LEGISLATURES In 2015, **1,786** (1,069D, 703R, 10NP, 4Ind), or **24.2%**, of the 7,383 state legislators in the United States are women. Women hold **436** (259D, 166R, 10NP, 1Ind.), or **22.1%**, of the 1,972 state senate seats and **1,350** (810D, 537R, 3Ind.), or **24.9%**, of the 5,411 state house seats. Since 1971, the number of women serving in state legislatures has more than quintupled.

* NP = election was nonpartisan.

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**STATE
LEGISLATURE**
(cont.)

The states with the **highest percentages** of women state legislators are:

<u>State</u>	<u>% Women</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>% Women</u>
Colorado	42.0	Nevada	31.7
Vermont	41.1	Maryland	31.4
Arizona	35.6	Montana	31.3
Minnesota	33.3	Oregon	31.1
Washington	32.7	Illinois	31.1

**MUNICIPAL
OFFICIALS**

As of January 2015, among the 100 largest cities in the U.S., **16** had women mayors.

Three are African American (Ivy Taylor, San Antonio; Muriel Bowser, Washington; Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Baltimore) and two are Latina (Nelda Martinez, Corpus Christi; Mary Casillas Salas, Chula Vista). In order of city population,¹ the mayors are:

<u>City</u>	<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Houston, TX	Annise Parker	5
San Antonio, TX	Ivy R. Taylor	8
Fort Worth, TX	Betsy Price	17
Washington, DC	Muriel Bowser	23
Baltimore, MD	Stephanie Rawlings-Blake	25
Las Vegas, NV	Carolyn Goodman	31
Fresno, CA	Ashley Swarengin	35
Omaha, NE	Jean Stothert	41
Raleigh, NC	Nancy McFarlane	44
Oakland, CA	Elizabeth "Libby" Schaaf	48
Minneapolis, MN	Betsy Hodges	49
Corpus Christi, TX	Nelda Martinez	62
Greensboro, NC	Nancy Vaughan	73
Chula Vista, CA	Mary Casillas Salas	81
Reno, NV	Hillary Schieve	93
Irving, TX	Beth Van Duyne	97

As of January 2015, of the 286 mayors of U.S. cities with populations 100,000 and over, **52**, or **18.2%**, were women, including ten African Americans and three Latinas. Of the 1392 mayors of U.S. cities with populations 30,000 and above, **245**, or **17.6%**, were women.²

PERCENTAGES OF WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICES

<u>Year</u>	<u>U.S. Congress</u>	<u>Statewide Elective</u>	<u>State Legislatures</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>U.S. Congress</u>	<u>Statewide Elective</u>	<u>State Legislatures</u>
1979	3%	11%	10%	2003	13.6%	26.0%	22.4%
1981	4%	11%	12%	2004	13.8%	26.0%	22.5%
1983	4%	11%	13%	2005	15.0%	25.7%	22.7%
1985	5%	14%	15%	2006	15.0%	25.1%	22.8%
1987	5%	14%	16%	2007	16.1%	24.1%	23.5%
1989	5%	14%	17%	2008	16.5%	23.2%	23.7%
1991	6%	18%	18%	2009	16.8%	22.6%	24.3%
1993	10.1%	22.2%	20.5%	2010	16.8%	22.5%	24.5%
1995	10.3%	25.9%	20.6%	2011	16.8%	22.1%	23.7%
1997	11.0%	25.4%	21.6%	2012	16.8%	23.4%	23.7%
1999	12.1%	27.6%	22.4%	2013	18.5%	23.0%	24.2%
2001	13.6%	27.6%	22.4%	2014	18.7%	22.6%	24.3%
				2015	19.4%	24.2%	24.2%

¹ According to data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

² Information was compiled using the United States Conference of Mayors' 2015 website directory, www.usmayors.org/uscm/meet_mayors, as the primary reference.