Summary of Women Candidates for Statewide Elective Executive Office 2004
as of November 22, 2004

Please note: Only major party candidates and Independent incumbents are included.

Governor Races in 2004
In 2004, 11 states had gubernatorial races; in 5 (MT, ND, UT, WA, WV) there were open seats.
3 (3D) women were candidates in 3 states. They were: Christine Gregoire (D-WA); Claire McCaskill (D-MO); Ruth Ann Minner (D-DE).

Three women, Jennie Lee Sievers (R-MO), Karen Skelton-Memhardt (R-MO) and Fran Shubert (R-NC), lost their primaries.

Nine women served as Governors in 2004: Kathleen Blanco (D-LA); Jennifer Granholm (D-MI); Linda Lingle (R-HI); Judy Martz (R-MT); Ruth Ann Minner (D-DE); Janet Napolitano (D-AZ); Jodi Rell (R-CT); Kathleen Sebelius (D-KS); and Olene Walker (R-UT). In addition, Sila Calderon (PDP-PR) served as Governor of Puerto Rico.

Two women governors served in a states where there were 2004 gubernatorial elections. Neither Judy Martz (R-MT) nor Olene Walker (R) ran for reelection. In addition, Sila Calderon (PDP-PR) did not run for reelection. In 1994, a record 34 (18D, 15R, 1ACP) women filed for gubernatorial races and a record 10 (6D, 3R, 1IND) won their primaries. In 2002, the record was tied with 10 (9D, 1R) women winning their primaries.

Lieutenant Governor Races in 2004
Three women (2D, 1R) lost their primaries.

The record number of nominees for lieutenant governor is 29, set in 1994.

Additional Statewide Elective Executives
24 (11D, 11R, 2NP)

Runoff
2 (2NP)

Won Primary
22 (11D, 11R)