

WOMEN IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 2003

In 2003, **59** women hold seats in the House of Representatives, comprising **13.6%** of the 435 members. The women represent **25** states; **38** are Democrats and **21** are Republicans. Democratic women delegates represent the District of Columbia, Guam and the Virgin Islands. The congresswomen include **18** women of color: **11** African American women and **7** Latinas. The delegates include a Caribbean American and an African American.

Of the 59 women who served in the House in 2002, 3 did not seek re-election, 2 lost primaries, 2 lost in the general election and one died. The remaining 51 (35D, 16R) were re-elected.

Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), House Democratic Leader, holds the highest position achieved by a woman in Congress to date.

Of the 59 women who serve in the House in 2003, 50 first entered by winning regular general elections. Eight others won special elections; Bono (CA), Capps (CA), Lee (CA), Millender-McDonald (CA), Pelosi (CA), Ros-Lehtinen (FL), Watson (CA), and Wilson (NM) succeeded others who died or resigned. Emerson (MO) won a regular election simultaneously with a special election to fill a vacancy. The DC, GU and VI Delegates won regular general elections.

Prior to entering Congress, 44, or 74.6%, of the 59 women lawmakers held previous elective offices; 24 of the 44 held more than one post. The positions include: statewide elective (2); state senator (13); state representative (25); county governing board member (9); mayor (2); council member (12); judge (6); school board member (3).

The women who serve in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2003 include:

<u>Congresswomen</u>	<u>Routes to Office</u>	<u>Dates of Service</u>
Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)	State representative; county board of supervisors. First woman to serve in Congress from the state of Wisconsin. Elected to U.S. House in 1998.	1/6/99 - present
Shelley Berkley (D-NV)	Nevada state assembly; vice chair, university board of regents; attorney. Elected to U.S. House in 1998.	1/6/99 - present
Judy Biggert (R-IL)	State representative; planning commissioner; school board member; attorney. Elected to U.S. House in 1998.	1/6/99 - present
Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)	State senator, state representative, executive director of Tennessee Film, Entertainment and Music Commission, businesswoman. Elected to U.S. House in 2002.	1/7/03 - present
Mary Bono (R-CA)	Businesswoman; restaurateur. Won a special election in 1998 to fill a vacancy caused by the death of her husband.	4/21/98 - present
Madeleine Bordallo (D-GU)	Lieutenant Governor, Guam senator, Guam's First Lady, community organizer. Elected to U.S. House in 2002.	1/7/03 - present
Corrine Brown (D-FL)	State representative; educator. Elected to U.S. House in 1992.	1/5/93 - present
Ginny Brown-Waite (R-FL)	State senator and senate president pro tempore, county commissioner, legislative staff member (NY). Elected to U.S. House in 2002.	1/7/03 - present
Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)	State delegate; counselor; children's advocate. First Republican woman to serve in Congress from West Virginia. Elected to U.S. House in 2000.	1/3/01 - present
Lois Capps (D-CA)	School nurse; educator; health consultant for child development programs. Won a special election in 1998 to fill a vacancy caused by the death of her husband.	3/17/98 - present
Julia Carson (D-IN)	State senator; state representative; human resources manager. Elected to U.S. House in 1996.	1/7/97 - present
Donna Christian-Christensen (D-VI)	Acting commissioner of health; board of education member; Democratic party activist; physician. Elected as delegate from the Virgin Islands in 1996.	1/7/97 - present
Barbara Cubin (R-WY)	State senator; state representative; medical office manager. Elected to U.S. House in 1994.	1/4/95 - present
Jo Ann Davis (R-VA)	State representative; co-founder of the International Military Relocation Center; businesswoman. First Republican woman to serve in Congress from Virginia. Elected to U.S. House in 2000.	1/3/01 - present

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Susan Davis (D-CA)	State assemblywoman; president, San Diego city school board. Elected to U.S. House in 2000.	1/3/01 - present
Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)	Congressional aide; executive director of EMILY's List; community organizer. Elected to U.S. House in 1990.	1/3/91 - present
Diana DeGette (D-CO)	State representative; state house assistant leader; Denver Democratic party resolutions chair; civil rights and employment lawyer. Elected to U.S. House in 1996.	1/7/97 - present
Jennifer Dunn (R-WA)	State Republican party chair; chair of all state party chairs nationwide; computer systems engineer. Elected to U.S. House in 1992.	1/5/93 - present
Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO)	Advisory board, Members & Family Room, U.S. House; small business advisory commission; business lobbyist. Elected concurrently to fill vacancy caused by her husband's death and to serve a full term in the U.S. House in 1996.	11/25/96 - present
Anna Eshoo (D-CA)	San Mateo County supervisor and board president. Ran unsuccessfully for U.S. House in 1988. Elected to U.S. House in 1992.	1/5/93 - present
Kay Granger (R-TX)	Mayor of Fort Worth; board of trustees of the US Conference of Mayors; educator; small business owner. Elected to U.S. House in 1996.	1/7/97 - present
Jane Harman (D-CA)	Gubernatorial candidate; U.S. representative 1992-98; special counsel to the Department of Defense during Carter administration; lawyer. Re-elected to the U.S. House in 2000.	1/3/93 - 1/6/99 and 1/3/01 - present
Katherine Harris (R-FL)	Secretary of State, state senator, marketing executive and vice president of real estate firm. Elected to U.S. House in 2002.	1/7/03 - present
Melissa Hart (R-PA)	State senator; chair of the Senate Finance Committee; lawyer. First Republican woman to serve in Congress from Pennsylvania. Elected to U.S. House in 2000.	1/3/01 - present
Darlene Hooley (D-OR)	Clackamas County commissioner; state representative; council-woman; educator. Elected to U.S. House in 1996.	1/7/97 - present
Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)	State senator; state representative; administrator in Department of Health, Education and Welfare; nurse; consultant. Elected to U.S. House in 1992.	1/5/93 - present
Nancy Johnson (R-CT)	State senator; educator. Elected to U.S. House in 1983.	1/3/83 - present
Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH)	Cuyahoga county prosecutor; judge, common pleas; judge, municipal court; attorney. Elected to U. S. House in 1998.	1/6/99 - present
Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)	Urban planner; White House domestic policy aide. Elected to U.S. House in 1982.	1/3/83 - present
Sue Kelly (R-NY)	Businesswoman; educator; health care professional; campaign manager. Elected to U.S. House in 1994.	1/4/95 - present
Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D-MI)	State representative; Democratic whip; educator. Elected to U.S. House in 1996.	1/7/97 - present
Barbara Lee (D-CA)	State senator; state assemblywoman; senior advisor and administrative assistant to member of Congress. Won a special election in 1998 to fill a vacancy caused by a resignation.	4/21/98 - present
Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX)	Council member; municipal court associate judge; attorney; congressional committee counsel. Elected to U.S. House in 1994.	1/4/95 - present
Zoe Lofgren (D-CA)	Santa Clara County Supervisor; attorney; law teacher; executive director of low-income housing development group; congressional aide. Elected to U.S. House in 1994.	1/4/95 - present
Nita Lowey (D-NY)	Assistant New York secretary of state. Elected to U.S. House in 1988.	1/3/89 - present
Denise Majette (D-GA)	Attorney, law professor, judge (first appointed and subsequently re-elected). Elected to U.S. House in 2002.	1/7/03 - present
Carolyn Maloney (D-NY)	New York city council member; educator; administrator. Elected to U.S. House in 1992.	1/5/93 - present
Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY)	Lobbyist on gun control issues; nurse. Elected to U.S. House in 1996.	1/7/97 - present

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Karen McCarthy (D-MO)	State representative; teacher; economic analyst. Elected to U.S. House in 1994.	1/4/95 - present
Betty McCollum (D-MN)	State representative; North St. Paul City Councilwoman; educator; businesswoman. Elected to the U.S. House in 2000.	1/3/01 - present
Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA)	State assemblywoman; Carson City Council member; teacher; text-book editor. Won special election in 1996 to fill a vacancy caused by resignation.	4/16/96 - present
Candice Miller (R-MI)	Michigan Secretary of State, Macomb County Treasurer, Harrison Township Supervisor, Harrison Township Trustee. Elected to U.S. House in 2002.	1/7/03 - present
Marilyn Musgrave (R-CO)	State senator, state representative, school board member. Elected to U.S. House in 2002.	1/7/03 - present
Sue Myrick (R-NC)	Charlotte mayor; city council member; businesswoman. Elected to U.S. House in 1994.	1/4/95 - present
Grace Napolitano (D-CA)	State assemblywoman; mayor, Norwalk; city council member; businesswoman. Elected to U.S. House in 1998.	1/6/99 - present
Anne Meagher Northup (R-KY)	State representative; Jefferson County judge; Republican executive committeeewoman; educator. Elected to U.S. House in 1996.	1/7/97 - present
Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC)	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission chair; New York City Commission on Human Rights chair; law professor. Elected as delegate from the District of Columbia in 1990.	1/3/91 - present
Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)	Chair of California Democratic party; Democratic National Committee member; party activist; public relations executive. Won special election in 1987 to fill a vacancy caused by death of Congresswoman Sala Burton.	6/9/87 - present
Deborah Pryce (R-OH)	Municipal court judge; prosecutor. Elected to U.S. House in 1992.	1/5/93 - present
Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL)	State senator; state representative; educator; business-woman. Won special election in 1989 to fill a vacancy.	9/6/89 - present
Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)	State assemblywoman. Elected to U.S. House in 1992.	1/5/93 - present
Linda Sanchez (D-CA)	Executive secretary-treasurer for Orange County Central Labor Council, labor compliance officer, attorney. Elected to U.S. House in 2002.	1/7/03 - present
Loretta Sanchez (D-CA)	Santa Ana businesswoman; financial consultant to local governments. Elected to U.S. House in 1996.	1/7/97 - present
Jan Schakowsky (D-IL)	State representative; director, Illinois Public Action; educator. Elected to U.S. House in 1998.	1/6/99 - present
Louise Slaughter (D-NY)	State assemblywoman; Monroe County legislator; gubernatorial staff member. Elected to U.S. House in 1986.	1/3/87 - present
Hilda Solis (D-CA)	State senator; state assemblywoman; first Latina to be elected to California State Senate. White House Office of Hispanic Affairs during the Carter administration. Elected to U.S. House in 2000.	1/3/01 - present
Ellen Tauscher (D-CA)	Democratic party activist; founder and president of child care registry; investment banker. Elected to U.S. House in 1996.	1/7/97 - present
Nydia Velazquez (D-NY)	New York city council member; director of the Department of Puerto Rican Community Affairs; educator. Elected to U.S. House in 1992.	1/5/93 - present
Diane E. Watson (D-CA)	State senator; ambassador to Micronesia; educator; children's advocate. Won special election in 2001 to fill vacancy caused by death of Congressman Julian Dixon.	6/7/01 - present
Maxine Waters (D-CA)	State assemblywoman; educator. Elected to U.S. House in 1990.	1/3/91 - present
Heather Wilson (R-NM)	New Mexico Secretary of Children, Youth and Families Department; Director, Defense Policy and Arms Control, National Security Council; Defense Planning Officer. Won special election in 1998 to fill a vacancy caused by death.	6/25/98 - present
Lynn Woolsey (D-CA)	Petaluma city council member; vice mayor; businesswoman. Elected to U.S. House in 1992.	1/5/93 - present