

## WOMEN CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS 1974-2020

### PARTY AND SEAT SUMMARY FOR MAJOR PARTY NOMINEES\*

Year		U.S. Senate		U.S. House of Representatives	
		<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Winners</u>
2020	<b>Total</b>	<b>21 (12D, 9R)</b>	<b>7 (2D, 5R)</b>	<b>298<sup>6</sup> (204D, 94R)</b>	<b>119<sup>7</sup> (89D, 30R)</b>
	incumbents	8 (2D, 6R)	6 (2D, 4R)	96 (85D, 11R)	91 (80D, 11R)
	challengers	9 (7D, 2R)	0	161 (91D, 70R)	10 (10R)
	open seats	4 (3D, 1R)	1 (1R)	41 (28D, 13R)	18 (9D, 9R)
2018	<b>Total</b>	<b>23 (15D, 8R)</b>	<b>14<sup>1</sup> (11D, 3R)</b>	<b>234<sup>4</sup> (182D, 52R)</b>	<b>102 (89D, 13R)</b>
	incumbents	13 (11D, 2R)	11 (9D, 2R)	71 (54D, 17R)	66 (54D, 12R)
	challengers	6 (2D, 4R)	1 (1D)	117 (95D, 22R)	15 (15D)
	open seats	4 (2D, 2R)	2 (1D, 1R)	46 (33D, 13R)	21 (20D, 1R)
2016	<b>Total</b>	<b>15 (11D, 4R)</b>	<b>6 (5D, 1R)</b>	<b>167<sup>5</sup> (120D, 47R)</b>	<b>83 (62D, 21R)</b>
	incumbents	3 (1D, 2R)	2 (1D, 1R)	73 (54D, 19R)	73 (54D, 19R)
	challengers	8 (7D, 1R)	2 (2D)	75 (52D, 23R)	2 (2D)
	open seats	4 (3D, 1R)	2 (2D)	19 (14D, 5R)	8 (6D, 2R)
2014	<b>Total</b>	<b>15 (10D, 5R)</b>	<b>4 (1D, 3R)</b>	<b>161 (111D, 50R)</b>	<b>84 (62D, 22R)</b>
	incumbents	4 (3D, 1R)	2 (1D, 1R)	73 (56D, 17R)	72 (55D, 17R)
	challengers	4 (3D, 1R)	0	71 (44D, 27R)	2 (1D, 1R)
	open seats	7 (4D, 3R)	2 (2R)	17 (11D, 6R)	10 (6D, 4R)
2012	<b>Total</b>	<b>18 (12D, 6R)</b>	<b>11 (10D, 1R)</b>	<b>165 (117D, 48R)**</b>	<b>78 (58D, 20R)</b>
	incumbents	6 (6D)	6 (6D)	66 (45D, 21R)	59 (42D, 17R)
	challengers	4 (2D, 2R)	1 (1D)	74 (53D, 21R)	4 (4D)
	open seats	8 (4D, 4R)	4 (3D, 1R)	25 (19D, 16R)	15 (12D, 3R)
2010	<b>Total</b>	<b>14 (9D, 5R)</b>	<b>6 (4D, 2R)***</b>	<b>138 (91D, 47R)</b>	<b>72 (48D, 24R)</b>
	incumbents	5 (5D)	4 (4D, 1R)	70 (55D, 15R)	59 (44D, 15R)
	challengers	4 (2D, 2R)	0	54 (26D, 28R)	8 (1D, 7R)
	open seats	5 (2D, 3R)	1 (1R)	14 (10D, 4R)	5 (3D, 2R)
2008	<b>Total</b>	<b>7 (4D, 3R)</b>	<b>4 (3D, 1R)</b>	<b>133 (96D, 37R)</b>	<b>75 (58D, 17R)</b>
	incumbents	3 (1D, 2R)	2 (1D, 1R)	67 (50D, 17R)	64 (49D, 15R)
	challengers	4 (3D, 1R)	2 (2D)	54 (37D, 17R)	5 (4D, 1R)
	open seats	0	0	12 (9D, 3R)	6 (5D, 1R)

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<b>2006</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12 (8D, 4R)</b>	<b>8 (6D, 2R)</b>	<b>136<sup>3</sup> (94D, 42R)</b>	<b>71 (50D, 21R)</b>
	incumbents	6 (4D, 2R)	6 (4D, 2R)	65 (42D, 23R)	61 (42D, 19R)
	challengers	5 (3D, 2R)	1 (1D)	52 (39D, 13R)	3 (3D)
	open seats	1 (1D)	1 (1D)	19 (13D, 6R)	7 (5D, 2R)
<b>2004</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>10 (9D, 1R)</b>	<b>5 (4D, 1R)</b>	<b>139<sup>4</sup> (86D, 53R)</b>	<b>65 (42D, 23R)</b>
	incumbents	5 (4D, 1R)	5 (4D, 1R)	57 (37D, 20R)	57 (37D, 20R)
	challengers	2 (2D)	0	64 (40D, 24R)	1 (1D)
	open seats	3 (3D)	0	18 (9D, 9R)	7 (4D, 3R)
<b>2002</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>11 (8D, 3R)</b>	<b>3 (1D, 2R)</b>	<b>122 (78D, 44R)</b>	<b>60 (39D, 21R)</b>
	incumbents	3 (2D, 1R)	2 (1D, 1R)	55 (38D, 17R)	53 (37D, 16R)
	challengers	6 (5D, 1R)	0	49 (30D, 19R)	1 (1R)
	open seats	2 (1D, 1R)	1 (1R)	18 (10D, 8R)	6 (2D, 4R)
<b>2000</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>6 (4D, 2R)</b>	<b>6 (4D, 2R)+</b>	<b>123 (81D, 42R)</b>	<b>59 (41D, 18R)</b>
	incumbents	3 (1D, 2R)	3 (1D, 2R)	52 (37D, 15R)	52 (37D, 15R)
	challengers	2 (2D)	2 (2D)	55 (33D, 22R)	2 (2D)
	open seats	1 (1D)	1 (1D)	16 (11D, 5R)	5 (2D, 3R)
<b>1998</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>10 (7D, 3R)</b>	<b>4 (4D)</b>	<b>121 (75D, 46R)</b>	<b>56 (39D, 17R)</b>
	incumbents	4 (4D)	3 (3D)	50 (34D, 16R)	50 (34D, 16R)
	challengers	4 (1D, 3R)	0	55 (29D, 26R)	0
	open seats	2 (2D)	1 (1D)	16 (12D, 4R)	6 (5D, 1R)
<b>1996</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>9 (5D, 4R)</b>	<b>2 (1D, 1R)</b>	<b>121 (78D, 42R, 11<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>51 (35D, 15R, 11<sup>2</sup>)</b>
	incumbents	0	0	40 (26D, 14R)	39 (26D, 13R)
	challengers	3 (1D, 2R)	0	65 (41D, 24R)	6 (5D, 1R)
	open seats	6 (4D, 2R)	2 (1D, 1R)	16 (11D, 4R, 1I)	6 (4D, 1R, 1I)
<b>1994</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>9 (4D, 5R)</b>	<b>3 (1D, 2R)</b>	<b>113 (73D, 40R)++</b>	<b>47 (30D, 17R)++</b>
	incumbents	2 (1D, 1R)	2 (1D, 1R)	44 (34D, 10R)	36 (26D, 10R)
	challengers	5 (2D, 3R)	0	51 (29D, 22R)	3 (3R)
	open seats	2 (1D, 1R)	1 (1R)	18 (10D, 8R)	8 (4D, 4R)
<b>1992</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>11 (10D, 1R)</b>	<b>5 (5D)</b>	<b>105 (70D, 35R)++</b>	<b>47 (35D, 12R)++</b>
	incumbents	1 (1D)	1 (1D)	27 (18D, 9R)	24 (15D, 9R)
	challengers	7 (6D, 1R)	1 (1D)	40 (26D, 14R)	2 (2D)
	open seats	3 (3D)	3 (3D)	38 (25D, 13R)	21 (18D, 3R)
<b>1990</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>8 (2D, 6R)</b>	<b>1 (1R)</b>	<b>69 (39D, 30R)</b>	<b>28 (20D, 8R)</b>
	incumbents	1 (1R)	1 (1R)	24 (16D, 8R)	24 (16D, 8R)
	challengers	6 (1D, 5R)	0	36 (16D, 20R)	1 (1D)
	open seats	1 (1D)	0	9 (8D, 1R)	3 (3D)

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<b>1988</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2 (2R)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>59 (33D, 26R)</b>	<b>25 (14D, 11R)</b>
	incumbents	0	0	23 (12D, 11R)	23 (12D, 11R)
	challengers	1 (1R)	0	32 (17D, 15R)	1 (1D)
	open seats	1 (1R)	0	4 (4D)	1 (1D)
<b>1986</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>6 (3D, 3R)</b>	<b>1 (1D)</b>	<b>64 (30D, 34R)</b>	<b>23 (12D, 11R)</b>
	incumbents	1 (1R)	0	19 (10D, 9R)	19 (10D, 9R)
	challengers	2 (1D, 1R)	0	38 (16D, 22R)	1 (1D)
	open seats	3 (2D, 1R)	1 (1D)	7 (4D, 3R)	3 (1D, 2R)
<b>1984</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>10 (6D, 4R)</b>	<b>1 (1R)</b>	<b>65 (30D, 35R)</b>	<b>22 (11D, 11R)</b>
	incumbents	1 (1R)	1 (1R)	20 (11D, 9R)	20 (11D, 9R)
	challengers	9 (6D, 3R)	0	41 (17D, 24R)	1 (1R)
	open seats	0	0	4 (2D, 2R)	1 (1R)
<b>1982</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3 (1D, 2R)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55 (27D, 28R)</b>	<b>21 (12D, 9R)</b>
	incumbents	0	0	17 (9D, 8R)	16 (9D, 7R)
	challengers	2 (1D, 1R)	0	26 (12D, 14R)	1 (1D)
	open seats	1 (1R)	0	12 (6D, 6R)	4 (2D, 2R)
<b>1980</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>5 (2D, 3R)</b>	<b>1 (1R)</b>	<b>52 (27D, 25R)</b>	<b>19 (10D, 9R)</b>
	incumbents	0	0	15 (10D, 5R)	15 (10D, 5R)
	challengers	4 (2D, 2R)	0	31 (13D, 18R)	3 (3R)
	open seats	1 (1R)	1 (1R)	6 (4D, 2R)	1 (1R)
<b>1978</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2 (1D, 1R)</b>	<b>1 (1R)</b>	<b>46 (27D, 19R)</b>	<b>16 (11D, 5R)</b>
	incumbents	0	0	15 (11D, 4R)	13 (9D, 4R)
	challengers	1 (1D)	0	25 (13D, 12R)	0
	open seats	1 (1R)	1 (1R)	6 (3D, 3R)	3 (2D, 1R)
<b>1976</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1 (1D)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54 (34D, 20R)</b>	<b>18 (13D, 5R)</b>
	incumbents	0	0	16 (11D, 5R)	16 (11D, 5R)
	challengers	1 (1D)	0	32 (20D, 12R)	0
	open seats	0	0	6 (3D, 3R)	2 (2D)
<b>1974</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3 (2D, 1R)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44 (30D, 14R)</b>	<b>18 (14D, 4R)</b>
	incumbents	0	0	12 (10D, 2R)	12 (10D, 2R)
	challengers	3 (2D, 1R)	0	27 (17D, 10R)	2 (2D)
	open seats	0	0	5 (3D, 2R)	4 (2D, 2R)

\*Footnotes listed next page.

\*Includes major party nominees for the general elections, not those running in special elections with the exception of Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) who defeated an appointed senator on Election Day in November 1992. Independent candidates are included if they win their races. For total number serving in each Congress, see fact sheet “Women Serving in U.S. Congress.” These figures do not include Delegates to the House from Washington, DC or the five territories.

\*\*One candidate from Mississippi won her primary but withdrew before the general election.

\*\*\* Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) lost her primary race but won as a write-in candidate in the general election. As such, she is not included in the nominees number but it counted among the general election winners numbers.

†Jean Carnahan (D-MO), while not a candidate on the ballot for the Senate or an election winner, was appointed to the seat won posthumously by her husband, Governor Mel Carnahan.

+++Includes Aja Brown in CA who unofficially withdrew before the primary but won the nomination and will appear on the general election ballot. Also includes April Freeman in FL who won the nomination but passed away before the general election and was replaced on the ballot. Does not include Brenda Jones in MI who won a special election that coincided with the regular primary for a partial term (November-January). We do include Anya Tynio in VT who lost the primary but then was appointed nominee after the original nominee withdrew.

<sup>1</sup>Martha McSally (AZ) lost on Election Day 2018 but was appointed to the U.S. Senate on 1/3/19 and thus is not included in the winner numbers.

<sup>2</sup>Joanne Emerson is an Independent candidate that is included in these numbers because she won the general election and went on to serve as a Republican.

<sup>3</sup>Joy Padgett (R-OH) withdrew before the primary. Because her name still appeared on the ballot, she’s included in the filed number but not in the winner/loser numbers. Because of a vacancy in in the party nomination, Padget was able to run in the general and is counted as a nominee. Stephanie Studebaker (D-OH) won her primary but withdrew before the general election. Therefore, she is not counted as a nominee.

<sup>4</sup>Ann Tamlyn (D-MD) won her primary race but dropped out before the general election due to health issues. She was replaced on the ballot. Therefore, she is counted as a primary winner but not a nominee.

<sup>5</sup>Melissa Gilbert (D) withdrew from the Democratic primary contesting Michigan’s 8th congressional district before the primary election, but appeared unopposed on the primary election ballot. She is not counted among winners here and was replaced in the general election by Susanna Shkreli (D).

<sup>6</sup> Includes Nikema Williams (D) who replaced John Lewis on the General Election ballot.

<sup>7</sup>Includes Marianette Miller-Meeks (R) who was seated provisionally in the U.S. House while election results are under House review.