

**WOMEN OF COLOR IN ELECTIVE OFFICE 2001\***  
**CONGRESS, STATEWIDE, STATE LEGISLATURE****CONGRESSWOMEN — 22 (21D, 1R)**

Of the 73 women serving in the 107th U.S. Congress, 20, or 27.4%, are women of color; in addition, an African American woman and a Caribbean American woman serve as Delegates to the House from Washington, DC and the Virgin Islands, respectively.

**African American (14)**

Representative Corrine Brown (D-FL)  
Representative Julia M. Carson (D-IN)  
Representative Eva Clayton (D-NC)  
Representative Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH)  
Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)  
Representative Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D-MI)  
Representative Barbara Lee (D-CA)  
Representative Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX)  
Representative Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA)  
Representative Cynthia McKinney (D-GA)  
Representative Carrie Meek (D-FL)  
Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC)  
Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA)  
Representative Diane E. Watson (D-CA)

**Caribbean American (1)**

Delegate Donna Christian-Christensen (D-VI)

**Asian American/Pacific Islander (1)**

Representative Patsy Takemoto Mink (D-HI)

**Latina (6)**

Representative Grace Napolitano (D-CA)  
Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL)  
Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)  
Representative Loretta Sanchez (D-CA)  
Representative Hilda Solis (D-CA)  
Representative Nydia Velazquez (D-NY)

**STATEWIDE ELECTIVE EXECUTIVES — 4 (4D)**

Of the 88 women serving in statewide elective executive offices, 4, or 4.5%, are women of color. In addition, Sila Calderón, a Latina, serves as governor of Puerto Rico.

**African American (1)**

Denise Nappier (D-CT), State Treasurer

**Asian American/Pacific Islander (1)**

Mazie K. Hirono (D-HI), Lieutenant Governor

**Latina (2)**

Patricia Madrid (D-NM), Attorney General  
Rebecca Vigil-Giron (D-NM), Secretary of State

**STATE LEGISLATORS — 267 (259D, 8R)**

Of the 1,666 women state legislators serving nationwide, 267 or 16.0% are women of color. They include 74 senators and 193 representatives; all but 8 are Democrats. Women of color constitute 3.6% of the total 7,424 state legislators.

**African American** women hold 181 (180D, 1R) seats in state legislatures. They include 46 senators and 135 representatives serving in 36 states.

**Asian American/Pacific Islander** women hold 20 (17D, 3R) seats in state legislatures. They include 7 senators and 13 representatives serving in 4 states (CA, HI, OR, WA).

**Latinas** hold 56 (53D, 3R) seats in state legislatures. They include 20 senators and 36 representatives serving in 16 states (AZ, CA, CO, CT, FL, IL, MA, MI, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OR, TX, UT, WA).

**Native American** women hold 10 (9D, 1R) seats in state legislatures. They include one senator and 9 representatives in 5 states (AK, AR, AZ, CO, MT). In addition, one woman in ME was elected in November 1997 as a non-voting member representing the Penobscot Nation.

\* We use "women of color" when referring to African American, Asian American/Pacific Islander, Caribbean American, Latina, and Native American women as a group. We understand that both the terms "women of color" and "minority women" are problematic, but know of no preferable inclusive term.

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