

## WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICE 2014

In 2014, 100 women serve in the U.S. Congress. Twenty women serve in the Senate and 80 women serve in the House. The number of women in statewide elective executive posts is 72, while the proportion of women in state legislatures is 24.3 percent.

**CONGRESS** In 2014, women hold **100**, or **18.7%**, of the 535 seats in the 113th U.S. Congress — **20**, or **20.0%**, of the 100 seats in the Senate and **80**, or **18.4%**, 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 (16D, 4R) women serve in the **Senate**: **Kelly Ayotte** (R-NH), **Tammy Baldwin** (D-WI); **Barbara Boxer** (D-CA); **Maria Cantwell** (D-WA); **Susan Collins** (R-ME); **Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA); **Deb Fischer** (R-NE); **Kirsten Gillibrand** (D-NY); **Kay Hagan** (D-NC); **Heidi Heitkamp** (D-ND); **Mazie Hirono** (D-HI); **Amy Klobuchar** (D-MN); **Mary Landrieu** (D-LA); **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** women from 31 states serve in the House of Representatives; **61** are Democrats and **19** are Republicans. In addition, three Democratic women serve as the Delegates to the House from Guam, the Virgin Islands and Washington, DC.

**STATEWIDE ELECTIVE EXECUTIVE OFFICES** In 2014, **72** women hold statewide elective executive offices across the country; women hold **22.6%** of the 318 available positions. Among these women, **35** are Democrats, **37** are Republicans.

### GOVERNORS — 5 (1D, 4R)

AZ Jan Brewer (R)  
NH Maggie Hassan (D)  
NM Susana Martinez (R)  
OK Mary Fallin (R)  
SC Nikki Haley (R)

### LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS — 11 (5D, 6R)

AL Kay Ivey (R)  
CT Nancy Wyman (D)  
IA Kim Reynolds (R)  
IL Sheila Simon (D)  
IN Sue Ellspermann (R)  
MN Yvonne Solon (DFL)  
MT Angela McLean (D)  
NJ Kim Guadagno (R)  
OH Mary Taylor (R)  
RI Elizabeth Roberts (D)  
WI Rebecca Kleefisch (R)

### Attorney General — 8 (7D, 1R)

### Secretary of State — 11 (7D, 4R)

### State Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer — 7 (5D, 2R)

### State Comptroller — 3 (1D, 2R)

### State Auditor — 8 (4D, 4R)

### Chief State Education Official — 6 (3D, 3R)

*(title varies from state to state)*

### Agriculture and Commerce Commissioner — 1R

### Commissioner of Insurance — 2 (1D, 1R)

### Commissioner of Labor — 1R

### Corporation Commissioner — 4R

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

### Public Utilities Commissioner — 1R

### Railroad Commissioner — 1R

**STATE LEGISLATURES** In 2014, **1,792** (1,141D, 640R, 10NP, 1Ind), or **24.3%**, of the 7,383 state legislators in the United States are women. Women hold **415** (260D, 144R, 10NP, 1Ind.), or **21.0%**, of the 1,972 state senate seats and **1,377** (881D, 496R), or **25.4%**, 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.

## WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICE 2014 (continued)

**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	41.0	Illinois	32.2
Vermont	39.4	Oregon	31.1
Arizona	35.6	New Jersey	30.8
Minnesota	33.8	Maryland	30.3
New Hampshire	32.8	Hawaii	30.3
Washington	32.7		

**MUNICIPAL  
OFFICIALS**

As of January 2014, among the 100 largest cities in the U.S., **13** had women mayors. One is African American (Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Baltimore); one is Asian/Pacific Islander (Jean Quan, Oakland); and one is Latina (Nelda Martinez, Corpus Christi). In order of city population,<sup>1</sup> the mayors are:

<u>City</u>	<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Houston, TX	Annise Parker	5
Fort Worth, TX	Betsy Price	18
Baltimore, MD	Stephanie Rawlings-Blake	26
Las Vegas, NV	Carolyn Goodman	28
Fresno, CA	Ashley Swearengin	36
Omaha, NE	Jean Stohert	44
Raleigh, NC	Nancy McFarlane	45
Oakland, CA	Jean Quan	49
Minneapolis, MN	Betsy Hodges	50
Corpus Christi, TX	Nelda Martinez	63
Greensboro, NC	Nancy Vaughn	73
Chula Vista, CA	Cheryl Cox	82
Irving, TX	Beth Van Duyne	98

As of January 2014, of the 283 mayors of U.S. cities with populations 100,000 and over, **48**, or **17.0%**, were women, including four African Americans, one Latina, and one Asian/Pacific Islander. Of the 1351 mayors of U.S. cities with populations 30,000 and above, **249**, or **18.4%**, were women.<sup>2</sup>

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

<sup>1</sup> According to data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

<sup>2</sup> Information was compiled using the United States Conference of Mayors' 2014 website directory, [www.usmayors.org/uscm/meet\\_mayors](http://www.usmayors.org/uscm/meet_mayors), as the primary reference.