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New Record for Democratic Women Nominees for U.S. House

A record 183 Democratic women have secured nominations in races for U.S. House seats in the 2020 election, according to data collected by the Center for American Women and Politics, a division of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University. The previous record of 182 was set in 2018. Republican women have also set a new record high for House nominees this year, with 78 GOP women thus far winning nominations for House seats. Women set new records this year for overall major-party House nominees, with 261 women nominees so far, beating the record of 234 set in 2018. With primaries still to come in eight states, these numbers are likely to rise.

For more information and data visualizations about the women running this year, visit CAWP’s 2020 Candidate Summary. Full context about the 2020 elections, including candidate lists, results from previous primaries, and historical comparisons, is available via CAWP’s Election Watch.

About CAWP

The Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP), a unit of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, is nationally recognized as the leading source of scholarly research and current data about women’s political participation in the United States. Its mission is to promote greater knowledge and understanding about the role of women in American politics, enhance women’s influence in public life, and expand the diversity of women in politics and government. CAWP’s education and outreach programs translate research findings into action, addressing women’s under-representation in political leadership with effective, intersectional, and imaginative programs serving a variety of audiences. As the world has watched Americans considering female candidates for the nation’s highest offices, CAWP’s five decades of analyzing and interpreting women’s participation in American politics have provided a foundation and context for the discussion.