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Record Number of Women to Serve in the Presidential Cabinet

The administration of President Joe Biden will feature the highest number of Cabinet and Cabinet-level offices held by women in history, with 12 of these positions set to be filled by women, according to a tally from the Center for American Women and Politics, a unit of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University. Aside from Vice President Kamala Harris, all of these positions are pending Senate confirmation. If confirmed, women will hold 12 of 25 (48%) Cabinet and Cabinet-level positions in the Biden-Harris administration at its outset. In addition, 8 of the 12 women nominated or elected to these offices are women of color. The previous record for women serving concurrently in Cabinet-level positions was nine, during the second term of President Bill Clinton. The women designees of the [Biden Cabinet](#) are:

- **Marcia Fudge** Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
- **Jennifer Granholm** Secretary of Energy
- **Isabel Guzman** Administrator, Small Business Administration
- **Deb Haaland** Secretary of the Interior
- **Avril Haines** Director of National Intelligence
- **Kamala Harris** Vice President
- **Gina Raimondo** Secretary of Commerce
- **Cecilia Rouse** Chair, Council of Economic Advisors
- **Katherine Tai** U.S. Trade Representative
- **Neera Tanden** Director of the Office of Management and Budget
- **Linda Thomas-Greenfield** U.N. Ambassador
- **Janet L. Yellen** Secretary of the Treasury

CAWP's [High-Level Presidential Appointments](#) page will update regularly with confirmation status for women nominees and personnel changes in the Biden administration. For historical information about women in presidential Cabinets, see our fact sheet, [Women Appointed to Presidential Cabinets](#).

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 underrepresentation 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.