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DATA POINT: All-Women Senate Delegations

If, as expected, Minnesota's Governor Mark Dayton names a woman to fill the U.S. Senate seat vacated by Senator Al Franken, Minnesota will become the fourth state currently and the sixth state ever to have an all-female Senate delegation, according to the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP), a unit of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University-New Brunswick.

California (the first state to be represented by two women in the Senate), New Hampshire, and Washington all have two women currently serving in the Senate. Kansas and Maine had all-female delegations in the past.

New Hampshire's congressional delegation is currently all women, including the two senators and two women who hold the state's seats in the House of Representatives. From 2013-2015, all of the Granite State's top posts were held by women, with the first all-female congressional delegation along with a woman governor. Washington had a woman governor and two women senators from 2005-2013.

History of All-Women Senate Delegations

1993-2017	California: Barbara Boxer (D) and Dianne Feinstein (D)
2017-now	California: Dianne Feinstein (D) and Kamala Harris (D)
1996	Kansas: Nancy Landon Kassebaum (R) and Sheila Frahm (R)
1997-2013	Maine: Olympia J. Snowe (R) and Susan Collins (R)
2001-now	Washington: Maria Cantwell (D) and Patty Murray (D)
2011-2017	New Hampshire: Kelly Ayotte (R) and Jeanne Shaheen (D)
2017-now	New Hampshire: Maggie Hassan (D) and Jeanne Shaheen (D)
TBD	Minnesota: Amy Klobuchar (D) and TBD

Other All-Women Senate Delegation Landmarks

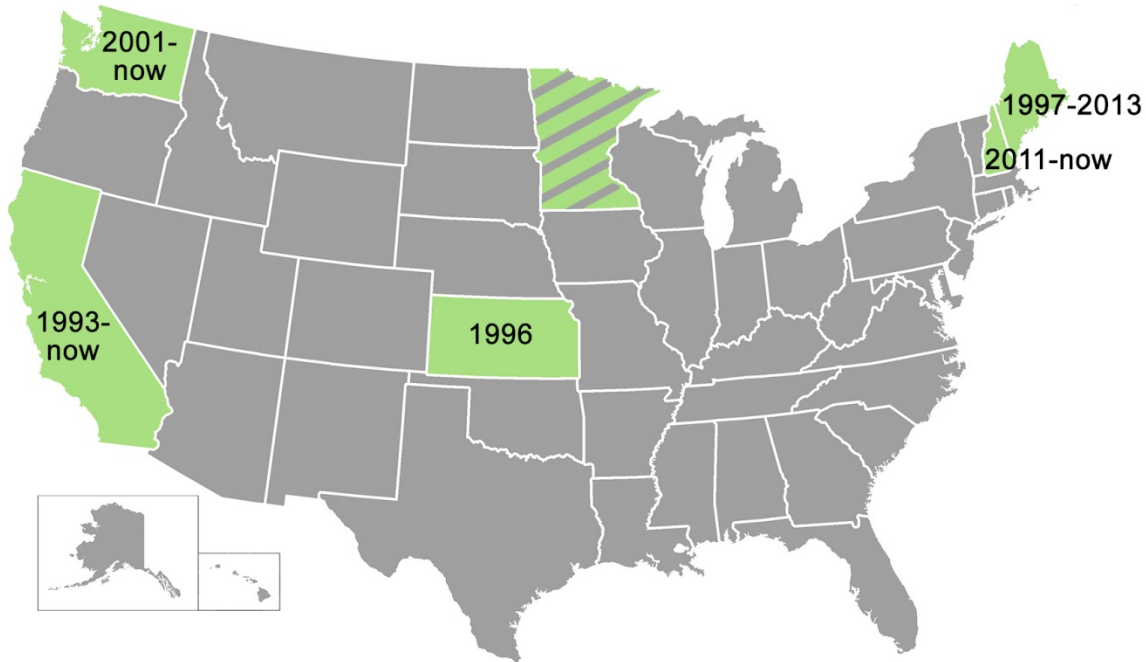
2005-2013	Washington: Maria Cantwell (D) and Patty Murray (D), Senate Christine O. Gregoire, Governor
2013-2015	New Hampshire: Jeanne Shaheen (D) and Kelly Ayotte (R), Senate Ann McLane Kuster (D) and Carol Shea Porter (D), House of Representatives (entire House delegation) Maggie Hassan (D), Governor

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States That Have Had All-Women Senate Delegations



About CAWP

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