

## STATEWIDE ELECTIVE EXECUTIVE WOMEN 2014

In 2014, **73** women hold statewide elective executive offices across the country; women hold **23.0%** of the 318 available positions.\* Among these women, **36** are Democrats and **37** are Republicans.

Women have been elected statewide to executive offices in 49 of the nation's 50 states. In Maine, the governor is the only executive elected statewide, and a woman has never served as governor there.

### GOVERNORS

Five women (1D, 4R) serve as **governors** in 2014.

**Jan Brewer**, an Arizona Republican, in 2010 was elected to a full term. She became governor by constitutional succession when Janet Napolitano resigned to become secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Brewer was elected secretary of state in 2002 and 2006. She served as Maricopa County supervisor from 1997 to 2002. She served in Arizona's State Senate and House of Representatives from 1983 to 1996.

**Mary Fallin**, an Oklahoma Republican, won an open gubernatorial seat in 2010. She served as U.S. Representative from 2007-2011. She was lieutenant governor from 1995 to 2007 and served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives from 1990 to 1994.

**Nikki Haley** a South Carolina Republican, won an open gubernatorial seat in 2010. She served in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 2005 to 2011 and was majority whip from 2007 to 2011. She was assistant executive director, Lexington Medical Center Foundation. She served as a major in the Civil Air Patrol. She owns a business with her family.

**Maggie Hassan**, a New Hampshire Democrat, won an open election in 2012. She served in the state senate from 2004-2010; there she was senate majority leader in 2010 and previously assistant Democratic whip and president pro tempore.

**Susana Martinez**, a New Mexico Republican, won an open gubernatorial seat in 2010. She was elected the Dona Ana County District Attorney, serving from 1996 to 2009.

### HISTORY OF WOMEN GOVERNORS

Thirty-five women (20D,15R) have served as governors in 26 states. In addition, one woman has served as governor in Puerto Rico. Arizona is the first state where a woman succeeded another woman as governor, and the first state to have had four women governors. Of the 35 women governors, 24 were first elected in their own right; 3 replaced their husbands, and 8 became governor by constitutional succession, three of whom subsequently won a full term. The record number of women serving simultaneously, achieved in 2004 and again in 2007, is 9.

Name (Party-State)	Dates served	Special circumstances
Nellie Tayloe Ross (D-WY)	1925-1927	Won special election to replace deceased husband.
Miriam "Ma" Ferguson (D-TX)	1925-1927, 1933-1935	Inaugurated 15 days after Ross; elected as surrogate for husband who could not succeed himself.
Lurleen Wallace (D-AL)	1967-1968	Elected as surrogate for husband who could not succeed himself.
Ella Grasso (D-CT)	1975-1980	First woman elected governor in her own right; resigned for health reasons.

\* These figures do not include: officials in appointive state cabinet-level positions; officials elected to executive posts by the legislature; officials elected as commissioners or board members from districts rather than statewide; members of the judicial branch; or elected members of university Boards of Trustees or Boards of Education.

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**HISTORY OF WOMEN GOVERNORS** (cont.)

<b>Name (Party-State)</b>	<b>Dates served</b>	<b>Special circumstances</b>
Dixy Lee Ray (D-WA)	1977-1981	
Vesta Roy (R-NH)	1982-1983	Elected to state senate and chosen as senate president; served as governor for seven days when incumbent died.
Martha Layne Collins (D-KY)	1984-1987	
Madeleine Kunin (D-VT)	1985-1991	First and only woman to serve three terms as governor.
Kay Orr (R-NE)	1987-1991	First Republican woman governor and first woman to defeat another woman in a gubernatorial race.
Rose Mofford (D-AZ)	1988-1991	Elected as secretary of state, succeeded governor who was impeached and convicted.
Joan Finney (D-KS)	1991-1995	First woman to defeat an incumbent governor.
Ann Richards (D-TX)	1991-1995	
Barbara Roberts (D-OR)	1991-1995	
Christine Todd Whitman (R-NJ)	1994-2001	Resigned to take presidential appointment as administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.
Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)	1997-2003	
Jane Dee Hull (R-AZ)	1997-2003	Elected as secretary of state, succeeded governor who resigned; later elected to a full term.
Nancy Hollister (R-OH)	1998-1999	Elected lieutenant governor; served as governor for 11 days when predecessor took U.S. Senate seat and successor had not yet been sworn in.
Jane Swift (R-MA)	2001-2003	Elected as lieutenant governor, succeeded governor who resigned for an ambassadorial appointment.
Judy Martz (R-MT)	2001-2005	
<i>Sila Calderon ( Popular Democratic Party-PR)</i>	<i>2001-2005</i>	<i>Former mayor of San Juan, first woman governor of Puerto Rico.</i>
Ruth Ann Minner (D-DE)	2001-2009	
Linda Lingle (R-HI)	2002-2010	
Olene Walker (R-UT)	2003-2005	Elected as lieutenant governor, succeeded governor who resigned to take a federal appointment.
Janet Napolitano (D-AZ)	2003-2009	First woman to succeed another woman as governor. Resigned to become U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security.
Kathleen Sebelius (D-KS)	2003-2009	Father was governor of Ohio. Resigned to become U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services.
Jennifer M. Granholm (D-MI)	2003-2011	
Kathleen Blanco (D-LA)	2004-2007	
M. Jodi Rell (R-CT)	2004-2011	Elected as lieutenant governor, succeeded governor who resigned.
Christine Gregoire (D-WA)	2004-2013	
Sarah Palin (R-AK)	2007-2009	Resigned.
Beverly M. Perdue (D-NC)	2009-2013	
Jan Brewer (R-AZ)	2009-present	Elected as secretary of state, succeeded governor who resigned.
Mary Fallin (R-OK)	2011-present	
Nikki Haley (R-SC)	2011-present	
Susana Martinez (R-NM)	2011-present	
Maggie Hassan (D-NH)	2013-present	

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**Additional Statewide Elected Offices**

State	Name	Party
<b>LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR - 12 (6D, 6R)</b>		
AL	Kay Ivey*	R
CT	Nancy Wyman*	D
IA	Kim Reynolds	R
IL	Sheila Simon	D
IN	Sue Ellspermann	R
KY	Crit Luallen	D
MN	Yvonne Solon	DFL**
MT	Angela McLean	D
NJ	Kim Guadagno	R
OH	Mary Taylor	R
RI	Elizabeth Roberts*	D
WI	Rebecca Kleefisch	R

\* Elected independent of governor.

\*\* The Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL) Party is the state's Democratic Party.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL - 8 (7D, 1R)**

CA	Kamala Harris	D
FL	Pam Bondi	R
IL	Lisa Madigan	D
MA	Martha Coakley	D
MN	Lori Swanson	DFL*
NV	Catherine Cortez Masto	D
OR	Ellen Rosenblum	D
PA	Kathleen Kane	D

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**SECRETARY OF STATE - 11 (7D, 4R)**

CA	Debra Bowen	D
CT	Denise Merrill	D
IN	Connie Lawson	R
KY	Alison Lundergan Grimes	D
MI	Ruth Johnson	R
MT	Linda McCulloch	D
NC	Elaine Marshall	D
NM	Dianna Duran	R
OR	Kate Brown	D
WA	Kim Wyman	R
WV	Natalie Tennant	D

**STATE TREASURER/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
7 (5D, 2R)**

CT	Denise Nappier	D
MS	Lynn Fitch	R
NC	Janet Cowell	D
ND	Kelly Schmidt	R
NV	Kate Marshall	D
RI	Gina Raimondo	D
VT	Beth Pearce	D

State	Name	Party
<b>STATE AUDITOR - 8 (4D, 4R)</b>		
AL	Samantha Shaw	R
IN	Suzanne Crouch	R
IA	Mary Mosiman	R
MA	Suzanne Bump	D
MN	Rebecca Otto	DFL*
MT	Monica Lindeen	D
NC	Beth Wood	D
WY	Cynthia Cloud	R

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**STATE COMPTROLLER/CONTROLLER - 3 (1D, 2R)**

IL	Judy Topinka	R
NV	Kim Wallin	D
TX	Susan Combs	R

**CHIEF STATE EDUCATION OFFICIAL - 6 (3D, 3R)**

*(title varies from state to state)*

IN	Glenda Ritz	D
MT	Denise Juneau	D
NC	June Atkinson	D
ND	Kirsten Baesler	R
OK	Janet Barresi	R
WY	Cindy Hill	R

**COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE - 2 (1D, 1R)**

DE	Karen Weldin Stewart	D
KS	Sandy Praeger	R

**COMMISSIONER OF LABOR - 1R**

NC	Cherie Killian Berry	R
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**CORPORATION COMMISSIONER - 4R**

AZ	Susan Bitter Smith	R
AZ	Brenda Burns	R
OK	Dana Murphy	R
OK	Patrice Douglas	R

**AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE COMMISSIONER - 1R**

MS	Cindy Hyde-Smith	R
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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER - 3 (1D, 2R)**

AL	Twinkle Cavanaugh	R
NE	Anne Boyle	D
ND	Julie Fedorchak	R

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONER - 1R**

SD	Kristie Fiegen	R
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**RAILROAD COMMISSIONER - 1R**

TX	Christi Craddick	R
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