



WOMEN CANDIDATES 2012

Filing deadlines have passed in 32 states. Primaries have been held in 9 states.

U.S. Senate

Total filed to date	25	(12D, 13R)
Won primary	---	
Lost primary	3	(2D, 1R)
Primary still to come	22	(10D, 12R)
Still in the running (filed minus lost primary)	22	(10D, 12R)
Likely candidates, not yet filed	14	(11D, 3R)
<i>Still in the running plus likely candidates</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>(21D, 15R)</i>

States with Senate races in 2012: 33

States with open seats: 11 (AZ, CT, HI, IN, ME, NE, NM, ND, TX, VA, WI)

States with women candidates or likely candidates: 19

Incumbent women running: 6 (6D) - Dianne Feinstein (D-CA); Debbie Stabenow (D-MI); Amy Klobuchar (D-MN); Claire McCaskill (D-MO); Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY); and Maria Cantwell (D-WA).

Women running for open seats: 16 (9D, 7R) in **9 states** - Susan Bysiewicz (D-CT); Linda McMahon (R-CT); Lee Whitnum (D-CT); Mazie Hirono (D-HI); Donna Mercado Kim (D-HI); Linda Lingle (R-HI); Cynthia Dill (D-ME); Debra Plowman (D-ME); Sharyn Elander (R-NE); Deb Fischer (R-NE); Heather Wilson (R-NM); Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND); Addie Dainell Allen (D-TX); Lela Pittenger (R-TX); Jaime Radtke (R-VA) and Tammy Baldwin (D-WI).

Women running as challengers: 14 (7D, 7R) in **8 states** - Elizabeth Emken (R-CA); Colleen Shea Fernald (D-CA); Diane Stewart (D-CA); Orly Taitz (R-CA); Marielena Stuart (R-FL); Marisa DeFranco (D-MA); Elizabeth Warren (D-MA); Sarah Steelman (R-MO); Shelley Berkley (D-NV); Sherry Brooks (R-NV); Nancy Price (D-NV); Wendy Long (R-NY); Brenda Lenard (R-TN); and Park Overall (D-TN).

Women incumbents not returning: Olympia Snowe (R-ME) and Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) retiring.

Records to beat: Senate

Filed: 36 (19D, 17R) in 2010

Won primaries: 14 (6D, 5R) in 2010

Number of women serving: 17 (2009-2012; currently 13D, 4R)

U.S. House

Total filed to date	225	(145D, 80R)
Won primary	40	(30D, 10R)
Lost primary	19	(11D, 8R)
Primary still to come	166	(104D, 62R)
Still in the running (filed minus lost primary)	206	(134D, 72R)
Likely candidates, not yet filed	70	(43D, 27R)
<i>Still in the running plus likely candidates</i>	<i>276</i>	<i>(177D, 99R)</i>

(does not include 3 incumbent women considered candidates for delegate from the District of Columbia, Guam and the Virgin Islands)

Seats without incumbents: 56

Open seats due to runs for higher office, retirements or lost primaries: 44 (25D, 19R)

Seats created through reapportionment: 12 in 8 states

States with women candidates or likely candidates: 49

Incumbent women running: 67 (45D, 22R)

Women running for open seats: 69 (41D, 28R) in **36 districts**

Challengers: 140 (91D, 49R)

Women incumbents not returning: 6 - Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Shelley Berkley (D-NV) and Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) running for the U.S. Senate; Lynn Woolsey (D-CA) and Sue Myrick (R-NC) retiring; Jean Schmidt (R-OH) lost primary.

Records to beat: House

Filed: 262 (134D, 128R) in 2010. Of those, 138 (91D, 47R) won their parties' primaries.

Won primaries: 141 (88D, 53R) in 2004.

Number of women serving: 73 (2009-2012; currently 49D, 24R)

SUMMARY OF WOMEN CANDIDATES 2012 (continued)

Governor

Total filed to date	2	(2D)
Won primary	---	
Lost primary	1	(1D)
Primary still to come	1	(1D)
Still in the running (filed minus lost primary)	1	(1D)
Likely candidates, not yet filed	2	(2D)
<i>Still in the running plus likely candidates</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>(3D)</i>

States with gubernatorial races in 2012: 11 (DE, IN, MO, MT, NH, NC, ND, UT, VT, WA, WV)

States with open seats: 5 (IN, MT, NH, NC, WA)

Candidates for open seats: 3 (3D) - Heather Margolis (D-MT); Maggie Hassan (D-NH); and Jackie Cilley (D-NH).

Women incumbents not returning: 2 - Beverly Perdue (D-NC) and Christine Gregoire (D-WA) retiring.

Women currently serving as governors: 6 (2D, 4R) - Jan Brewer (R-AZ); Susana Martinez (R-NM); Beverly Perdue (D-NC); Mary Fallin (R-OK); Nikki Haley (R-SC); and Christine Gregoire (D-WA).

Records to beat: Governors

Filed: 34 (18D, 15R, 1ACP) women filed for gubernatorial races in 1994

Won primaries: 10 (6D, 3R, 1IND) in 1994. The record was tied in 2002, 2006 and 2010, with 10 (9D, 1R), 10 (5D, 5R) and 10 (5D, 5R) women winning their primaries.

Number of women serving: 9 in 2004 and 2007.

Lieutenant Governor

Total filed to date	7	(7D)
Won primary	1	(1D)
Lost primary	---	
Primary still to come	6	(6D)
Still in the running (filed minus lost primary)	7	(7D)
Likely candidates, not yet filed	1	(1R)
<i>Still in the running plus likely candidates</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>(7D, 1R)</i>

The record number of nominees for lieutenant governor is 29, set in 1994.

Additional Statewide Elective Executives

Total filed to date	32	(19D, 13R)
Won primary	9	(6D, 3R)
Runoff 7/17/12 (NC)	1	(1R)
Lost primary	1	(1R)
Primary still to come	21	(13D, 8R)
Still in the running (filed minus lost primary)	31	(19D, 12R)
Likely candidates, not yet filed	6	(3D, 3R)
<i>Still in the running plus likely candidates</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>(22D, 15R)</i>

* ACP is A Connecticut Party, a third party in that state that is included here because there was a governor from that party at the time.

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