

## WOMEN CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS 1974-2008

### PARTY AND SEAT SUMMARY FOR MAJOR PARTY NOMINEES\*

		U.S. Senate		U.S. House of Representatives	
		Nominees	Winners	Nominees	Winners
<b>2008</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>7 (4D, 3R)</b>	<b>4 (3D, 1R)</b>	<b>132 (96D, 37R)</b>	<b>74 (57D, 17R)</b>
	incumbents	3 (1D, 2R)	2 (1D, 1R)	67 (50D, 17R)	64 (49D, 15R)
	challengers	4 (3D, 1R)	2 (2D)	54 (36D, 18R)	5 (4D, 1R)
	open seats	0	0	11 (9D, 2R)	5 (4D, 1R)
<b>2006</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12 (8D, 4R)</b>	<b>8 (6D, 2R)</b>	<b>136 (94D, 42R)</b>	<b>71 (50D, 21R)</b>
	incumbents	6 (4D, 2R)	6 (4D, 2R)	65 (42D, 23R)	61 (42D, 19R)
	challengers	5 (3D, 2R)	1 (1D)	53 (40D, 13R)	3 (3D)
	open seats	1 (1D)	1 (1D)	18 (12D, 6R)	7 (5D, 2R)
<b>2004</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>10 (9D, 1R)</b>	<b>5 (4D, 1R)</b>	<b>141 (88D, 53R)</b>	<b>65 (42D, 23R)</b>
	incumbents	5 (4D, 1R)	5 (4D, 1R)	57 (37D, 20R)	57 (37D, 20R)
	challengers	2 (2D)	0	64 (41D, 23R)	1 (1D)
	open seats	3 (3D)	0	20 (11D, 9R)	7 (4D, 3R)
<b>2002</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>11 (8D, 3R)</b>	<b>3 (1D, 2R)</b>	<b>124 (79D, 45R)</b>	<b>59 (38D, 21R)</b>
	incumbents	3 (2D, 1R)	2 (1D, 1R)	55 (38D, 17R)	52 (36D, 16R)
	challengers	6 (5D, 1R)	0	51 (31D, 20R)	1 (1R)
	open seats	2 (1D, 1R)	1 (1R)	18 (10D, 8R)	6 (2D, 4R)
<b>2000</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>6 (4D, 2R)**</b>	<b>6 (4D, 2R)**</b>	<b>122 (80D, 42R)</b>	<b>59 (41D, 18R)</b>
	incumbents	3 (1D, 2R)	3 (1D, 2R)	52 (37D, 15R)	52 (37D, 15R)
	challengers	2 (2D)	2 (2D)	54 (32D, 22R)	2 (2D)
	open seats	1 (1D)	1 (1D)	16 (11D, 5R)	5 (2D, 3R)
<b>1998</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>10 (7D, 3R)</b>	<b>4 (3D, 1R)</b>	<b>121 (75D, 46R)</b>	<b>56 (39D, 17R)</b>
	incumbents	4 (4D)	3 (3D)	50 (34D, 16R)	50 (34D, 16R)
	challengers	4 (1D, 3R)	0	56 (30D, 26R)	0
	open seats	2 (2D)	1 (1D)	15 (11D, 4R)	6 (5D, 1R)
<b>1996</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>9 (5D, 4R)</b>	<b>2 (1D, 1R)</b>	<b>120 (77D, 42R, 1I)</b>	<b>51 (35D, 15R, 1I)</b>
	incumbents	0	0	41 (27D, 14R)	40 (27D, 13R)
	challengers	3 (1D, 2R)	0	65 (41D, 24R)	6 (5D, 1R)
	open seats	6 (4D, 2R)	2 (1D, 1R)	14 (9D, 4R, 1I)	5 (3D, 1R, 1I)***
<b>1994</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>9 (4D, 5R)</b>	<b>3 (1D, 2R)</b>	<b>112 (72D, 40R)+</b>	<b>47 (30D, 17R)+</b>
	incumbents	2 (1D, 1R)	2 (1D, 1R)	44 (34D, 10R)	36 (26D, 10R)
	challengers	5 (2D, 3R)	0	52 (28D, 24R)	3 (3R)
	open seats	2 (1D, 1R)	1 (1R)	16 (10D, 6R)	8 (4D, 4R)
<b>1992</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>11 (10D, 1R)</b>	<b>5 (5D)</b>	<b>106 (70D, 36R)+</b>	<b>47 (35D, 12R)+</b>
	incumbents	1 (1D)	1 (1D)	26 (17D, 9R)	23 (14D, 9R)
	challengers	7 (6D, 1R)	1 (1D)	41 (27D, 14R)	2 (2D)
	open seats	3 (3D)	3 (3D)	39 (26D, 13R)	22 (19D, 3R)
<b>1990</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>8 (2D, 6R)</b>	<b>1 (1R)</b>	<b>69 (39D, 30R)+</b>	<b>28 (19D, 9R)+</b>
	incumbents	1 (1R)	1 (1R)	24 (15D, 9R)	24 (15D, 9R)
	challengers	6 (1D, 5R)	0	37 (17D, 20R)	1 (1D)
	open seats	1 (1D)	0	8 (7D, 1R)	3 (3D)

\* Includes major party nominees for the general elections, not those running in special elections with the exception of Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) who defeated an appointed senator on election day in November 1992. Independent candidates are included if they win their races. For total number serving in each Congress, see fact sheet "Women Serving in U.S. Congress".

\*\* Jean Carnahan (D-MO), while not a candidate on the ballot for the Senate or an election winner, was appointed to the seat won posthumously by her husband, Governor Mel Carnahan.

\*\*\* Jo Ann Emerson (MO) ran and won as an independent but will serve as a Republican.

+ These figures do not include Delegates to the House from Washington, DC or the five territories.

## U.S. Senate

## U.S. House of Representatives

		<u>Nominees</u>		<u>Winners</u>				<u>Nominees</u>		<u>Winners</u>	
<b>1988</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(2R)</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>59</b>	<b>(33D, 26R)</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>(14D, 11R)</b>		
	incumbents	0		0		23	(12D, 11R)	23	(12D, 11R)		
	challengers	1	(1R)	0		32	(17D, 15R)	1	(1D)		
	open seats	1	(1R)	0		4	(4D)	1	(1D)		
<b>1986</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>(3D, 3R)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(1D)</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>(30D, 34R)</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>(12D, 11R)</b>		
	incumbents	1	(1R)	0		19	(10D, 9R)	19	(10D, 9R)		
	challengers	2	(1D, 1R)	0		38	(16D, 22R)	1	(1D)		
	open seats	3	(2D, 1R)	1	(1D)	7	(4D, 3R)	3	(1D, 2R)		
<b>1984</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>(6D, 4R)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(1R)</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>(30D, 35R)</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>(11D, 11R)</b>		
	incumbents	1	(1R)	1	(1R)	20	(11D, 9R)	20	(11D, 9R)		
	challengers	9	(6D, 3R)	0		41	(17D, 24R)	1	(1R)		
	open seats	0		0		4	(2D, 2R)	1	(1R)		
<b>1982</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>(1D, 2R)</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>55</b>	<b>(27D, 28R)</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>(12D, 9R)</b>		
	incumbents	0		0		17	(9D, 8R)	16	(9D, 7R)		
	challengers	2	(1D, 1R)	0		26	(12D, 14R)	1	(1D)		
	open seats	1	(1R)	0		12	(6D, 6R)	4	(2D, 2R)		
<b>1980</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>(2D, 3R)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(1R)</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>(27D, 25R)</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>(10D, 9R)</b>		
	incumbents	0		0		15	(10D, 5R)	15	(10D, 5R)		
	challengers	4	(2D, 2R)	0		31	(13D, 18R)	3	(3R)		
	open seats	1	(1R)	1	(1R)	6	(4D, 2R)	1	(1R)		
<b>1978</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(1D, 1R)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(1R)</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>(27D, 19R)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>(11D, 5R)</b>		
	incumbents	0		0		15	(11D, 4R)	13	(9D, 4R)		
	challengers	1	(1D)	0		25	(13D, 12R)	0			
	open seats	1	(1R)	1	(1R)	6	(3D, 3R)	3	(2D, 1R)		
<b>1976</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(1D)</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>(34D, 20R)</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>(13D, 5R)</b>		
	incumbents	0		0		16	(11D, 5R)	16	(11D, 5R)		
	challengers	1	(1D)	0		32	(20D, 12R)	0			
	open seats	0		0		6	(3D, 3R)	2	(2D)		
<b>1974</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>(2D, 1R)</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>44</b>	<b>(30D, 14R)</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>(14D, 4R)</b>		
	incumbents	0		0		12	(10D, 2R)	12	(10D, 2R)		
	challengers	3	(2D, 1R)	0		27	(17D, 10R)	2	(2D)		
	open seats	0		0		5	(3D, 2R)	4	(2D, 2R)		

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### U.S. Senate

### U.S. House of Representatives

	<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Percent Who Won</u>	<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Percent Who Won</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>1,622</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>44.3</b>
incumbents	30	26	86.7	618	593	96.0
challengers	67	6	9.0	777	33	4.2
open seats	28	13	46.4	227	93	41.0

**Senate:** Of the 125 women candidates nominated for the Senate, 24.0% were incumbents, 53.6% were challengers, and 22.4% sought open seats.

**House:** Of the 1,622 women candidates nominated for the House, 38.1% were incumbents, 47.9% were challengers, and 14.0% sought open seats.