

## WOMEN CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS 1974-2010

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

|             |              | U.S. Senate          |                      | U.S. House of Representatives      |                                   |
|-------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|             |              | Nominees             | Winners              | Nominees                           | Winners                           |
| <b>2010</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>14 (9D, 5R)</b>   | <b>5 (4D, 1R)**</b>  | <b>138 (91D, 47R)</b>              | <b>72 (48D, 24R)</b>              |
|             | incumbents   | 5 (5D)               | 4 (4D)**             | 69 (54D, 15R)                      | 59 (44D, 15R)                     |
|             | challengers  | 4 (2D, 2R)           | 0                    | 57 (27D, 30R)                      | 8 (1D, 7R)                        |
|             | open seats   | 5 (2D, 3R)           | 1 (1R)               | 12 (10D, 2R)                       | 5 (3D, 2R)                        |
| <b>2008</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>7 (4D, 3R)</b>    | <b>4 (3D, 1R)</b>    | <b>132 (95D, 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) <sup>+</sup>       |
| <b>1994</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>9 (4D, 5R)</b>    | <b>3 (1D, 2R)</b>    | <b>112 (72D, 40R)<sup>+</sup></b>  | <b>47 (30D, 17R)<sup>++</sup></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)<sup>++</sup></b> | <b>47 (35D, 12R)<sup>++</sup></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)                      |

\* Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) lost her primary race but won as a write-in candidate in the general election.

\*\* 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.

<sup>+</sup> Jo Ann Emerson (MO) ran and won as an independent but will serve as a Republican.

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

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## U.S. Senate

## U.S. House of Representatives

|             |              | <u>Nominees</u> |                 | <u>Winners</u> |             | <u>Nominees</u> |                                | <u>Winners</u> |                               |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>1990</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>8</b>        | <b>(2D, 6R)</b> | <b>1</b>       | <b>(1R)</b> | <b>69</b>       | <b>(39D, 30R)<sup>++</sup></b> | <b>28</b>      | <b>(19D, 9R)<sup>++</sup></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)                          |
| <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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## Election Summary 1974-2010

### U.S. Senate

### U.S. House of Representatives

|              | <u>Nominees</u> | <u>Winners</u> | Percent<br><u>Who Won</u> | <u>Nominees</u> | <u>Winners</u> | Percent<br><u>Who Won</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Total</b> | <b>139</b>      | <b>50</b>      | <b>36.0</b>               | <b>1,760</b>    | <b>791</b>     | <b>44.9</b>               |
| incumbents   | 35              | 30             | 85.7                      | 687             | 652            | 94.9                      |
| challengers  | 71              | 6              | 8.5                       | 834             | 41             | 4.9                       |
| open seats   | 33              | 14             | 42.4                      | 239             | 98             | 41.0                      |

**Senate:** Of the 139 women candidates nominated for the Senate, 25.2% were incumbents, 51.1% were challengers, and 23.7% sought open seats.

**House:** Of the 1,760 women candidates nominated for the House, 39.0% were incumbents, 47.4% were challengers, and 13.6% sought open seats.