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## WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICE 2012

In 2012, 90 women serve in the U.S. Congress. Seventeen women serve in the Senate and 73 women serve in the House. The number of women in statewide elective executive posts is 72, while the proportion of women in state legislatures is 23.6 percent.

**CONGRESS** In 2012, women hold **90**, or **16.8%**, of the 535 seats in the 112th U.S. Congress — **17**, or **17.0%**, of the 100 seats in the Senate and **73**, or **16.8%**, of the 435 seats in the House of Representatives. Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), who was the first woman Speaker of the House, is now minority leader.

**Seventeen** (12D, 5R) women serve in the **Senate**: **Kelly Ayotte** (R-NH), **Barbara Boxer** (D-CA); **Maria Cantwell** (D-WA); **Susan Collins** (R-ME); **Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA); **Kirsten Gillibrand** (D-NY); **Kay Hagan** (D-NC); **Kay Bailey Hutchison** (R-TX); **Amy Klobuchar** (D-MN); **Mary Landrieu** (D-LA); **Claire McCaskill** (D-MO); **Barbara Mikulski** (D-MD); **Lisa Murkowski** (R-AK); **Patty Murray** (D-WA); **Jeanne Shaheen** (D-NH); **Olympia Snowe** (R-ME); and **Debbie Stabenow** (D-MI).

**Seventy-three** women from 27 states serve in the House of Representatives; **49** are Democrats and **24** are Republicans. In addition, three Democratic women serve as the Delegates to the House from Guam, the Virgin Islands and Washington, DC.

**STATEWIDE ELECTIVE EXECUTIVE OFFICES** In 2012, **74** women hold statewide elective executive offices across the country; women hold **23.3%** of the 317 available positions. Among these women, **38** are Democrats, **35** are Republicans, and **1** was elected in a nonpartisan race.

### GOVERNORS — 6(2D, 4R)

AZ Jan Brewer (R)  
NC Beverly M. Perdue (D)  
NM Susana Martinez (R)  
OK Mary Fallin (R)  
SC Nikki Haley (R)  
WA Christine Gregoire (D)

### LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS — 11 (4D, 7R)

AL Kay Ivey (R)  
CT Nancy Wyman (D)  
FL Jennifer Carroll (R)  
IA Kim Reynolds (R)  
IL Sheila Simon (D)  
IN Becky Skillman (R)  
MN Yvonne Solon (DFL)  
NJ Kim Guadagno (R)  
OH Mary Taylor (R)  
RI Elizabeth Roberts (D)  
WI Rebecca Kleefisch (R)

### Attorney General — 7 (5D, 2R)

### Secretary of State — 12 (8D, 4R)

### State Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer — 8 (6D, 2R)

### State Comptroller — 4 (1D, 3R)

### State Auditor — 6 (4D, 2R)

### Chief State Education Official — 5 (2D, 2R, 1NP\*)

*(title varies from state to state)*

### Agriculture and Commerce Commissioner — 1R

### Commissioner of Insurance — 2 (1D, 1R)

### Commissioner of Labor — 1R

### Corporation Commissioner — 4(1D, 3R)

### Public Service Commissioner — 4 (3D, 1R)

### Public Regulation Commissioner — 1D

### Public Utilities Commissioner — 1R

### Railroad Commissioner — 1R

**STATE LEGISLATURES** In 2012, **1,747** (1,054D, 675R, 11NP, 4Prg., 3Ind), or **23.7%**, of the 7,382 state legislators in the United States are women. Women hold **428** (264D, 152R, 11NP, 1Ind.), or **21.7%**, of the 1,971 state senate seats and **1,319** (790D, 523R, 4Prg., 2Ind.), or **24.4%**, of the 5,411 state house seats. Since 1971, the number of women serving in state legislatures has more than quintupled.

\* NP = election was nonpartisan.

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## WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICE 2012 (continued)

**STATE  
LEGISLATURE**  
(cont.)

The states with the highest percentages of women state legislators are:

<u>State</u>	<u>% Women</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>% Women</u>
Colorado	40.0	Washington	32.0
Vermont	38.9	Illinois	31.1
Hawaii	35.5	Maryland	30.9
Arizona	33.3	Connecticut	29.9
Minnesota	32.3	New Jersey	29.2

**MUNICIPAL  
OFFICIALS**

As of January 2012, among the 100 largest cities in the U.S., 12 had women mayors. One is African American (Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Baltimore); and one is Asian/Pacific Islander (Jean Quan, Oakland). In order of city population,<sup>1</sup> the mayors are:

<u>City</u>	<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Houston, TX	Annise Parker	5
Fort Worth, TX	Betsy Price	17
Baltimore, MD	Stephanie Rawlings-Blake	24
Las Vegas, NV	Carolyn Goodman	31
Fresno, CA	Ashley Swearengin	35
Raleigh, NC	Nancy McFarlane	44
Oakland, CA	Jean Quan	48
Stockton, CA	Ann Johnston	68
Chula Vista, CA	Cheryl Cox	80
Glendale, AZ	Elaine M. Scruggs	91
N. Las Vegas, NV	Shari Buck	96
Irving, TX	Beth Van Duyne	97

As of January 2012, of the 252 mayors of U.S. cities with populations 100,000 and over, 44, or 17.6%, were women, including four African Americans, and one Asian/Pacific Islander. Of the 1248 mayors of U.S. cities with populations 30,000 and above, 217, or 17.4%, were women.<sup>2</sup>

### PERCENTAGES OF WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICES

<u>Year</u>	<u>U.S. Congress</u>	<u>Statewide Elective</u>	<u>State Legislatures</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>U.S. Congress</u>	<u>Statewide Elective</u>	<u>State Legislatures</u>
1979	3%	11%	10%	2001	13.6%	27.6%	22.4%
1981	4%	11%	12%	2003	13.6%	26.0%	22.4%
1983	4%	11%	13%	2004	13.8%	26.0%	22.5%
1985	5%	14%	15%	2005	15.0%	25.7%	22.7%
1987	5%	14%	16%	2006	15.0%	25.1%	22.8%
1989	5%	14%	17%	2007	16.1%	24.1%	23.5%
1991	6%	18%	18%	2008	16.5%	23.2%	23.7%
1993	10.1%	22.2%	20.5%	2009	16.8%	22.6%	24.3%
1995	10.3%	25.9%	20.6%	2010	16.8%	22.5%	24.5%
1997	11.0%	25.4%	21.6%	2011	16.8%	22.1%	23.7%
1999	12.1%	27.6%	22.4%	2012	16.8%	23.3%	23.7%

<sup>1</sup> According to data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

<sup>2</sup> Information was compiled using the United States Conference of Mayors' 2012 website directory, [www.usmayors.org/uscm/meet\\_mayors](http://www.usmayors.org/uscm/meet_mayors), as the primary reference.