

## WOMEN CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS 1974-2018

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

		U.S. Senate		U.S. House of Representatives	
		<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Winners</u>
<b>2018</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>23 (15D, 8R)</b>	<b>14<sup>1</sup> (11D, 3R)</b>	<b>235<sup>+++</sup> (183D, 52R)</b>	<b>102 (89D, 13R)</b>
	incumbents	13 (11D, 2R)	11 (9D, 2R)	71 (54D, 17R)	66 (54D, 12R)
	challengers	6 (2D, 4R)	1 (1D)	117 (95D, 22R)	15 (15D)
	open seats	4 (2D, 2R)	2 (1D, 1R)	47 (34D, 13R)	21 (20D, 1R)
<b>2016</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15 (11D, 4R)</b>	<b>6 (5D, 1R)</b>	<b>167 (120D, 47R)</b>	<b>83 (62D, 21R)</b>
	incumbents	3 (1D, 2R)	2 (1D, 1R)	73 (54D, 19R)	73 (54D, 19R)
	challengers	8 (7D, 1R)	2 (2D)	76 (52D, 24R)	2 (2D)
	open seats	4 (3D, 1R)	2 (2D)	18 (14D, 4R)	8 (6D, 2R)
<b>2014</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15 (10D, 5R)</b>	<b>4 (1D, 3R)</b>	<b>159 (109D, 50R)</b>	<b>84 (62D, 22R)</b>
	incumbents	4 (3D, 1R)	2 (1D, 1R)	73 (56D, 17R)	72 (55D, 17R)
	challengers	4 (3D, 1R)	0	68 (42D, 26R)	2 (1D, 1R)
	open seats	7 (4D, 3R)	2 (2R)	18 (11D, 7R)	10 (6D, 4R)
<b>2012</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>18 (12D, 6R)</b>	<b>11 (10D, 1R)</b>	<b>163 (116D, 47R)**</b>	<b>78 (58D, 20R)</b>
	incumbents	6 (6D)	6 (6D)	66 (45D, 21R)	59 (42D, 17R)
	challengers	4 (2D, 2R)	1 (1D)	68 (52D, 16R)	4 (4D)
	open seats	8 (4D, 4R)	4 (3D, 1R)	29 (19D, 10R)	15 (12D, 3R)
<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)

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<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)

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<b>1988</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2 (2R)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>59 (33D, 26R)</b>	<b>25 (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 (3D, 3R)</b>	<b>1 (1D)</b>	<b>64 (30D, 34R)</b>	<b>23 (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 (6D, 4R)</b>	<b>1 (1R)</b>	<b>65 (30D, 35R)</b>	<b>22 (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 (1D, 2R)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55 (27D, 28R)</b>	<b>21 (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 (2D, 3R)</b>	<b>1 (1R)</b>	<b>52 (27D, 25R)</b>	<b>19 (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 (1D, 1R)</b>	<b>1 (1R)</b>	<b>46 (27D, 19R)</b>	<b>16 (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 (1D)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54 (34D, 20R)</b>	<b>18 (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 (2D, 1R)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44 (30D, 14R)</b>	<b>18 (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>211</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>2,484</b>	<b>1,138</b>	<b>45.8</b>
incumbents	61	51	83.6	970	922	95.1
challengers	93	10	10.8	1,165	64	5.5
open seats	57	24	42.1	349	152	43.6

**Senate:** Of the 211 women candidates nominated for the Senate, 28.9% were incumbents, 44.1% were challengers, and 27.0% sought open seats.

**House:** Of the 2,484 women candidates nominated for the House, 39.0% were incumbents, 46.9% were challengers, and 14.0% sought open seats.

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

\*\*166 women won their primaries, but 3 (2D, 1R) dropped out, leaving 163 nominees on Election Day.

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

†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 served as a Republican

†††235 women won their primaries but 2 (2D) dropped out, leaving 233 nominees on Election Day.

‡Martha McCally (AZ) lost on Election Day 2018 but was appointed to the U.S. Senate on 1/3/19.