

## WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICE 2013

In 2013, 98 women serve in the U.S. Congress. Twenty women serve in the Senate and 78 women serve in the House. The number of women in statewide elective executive posts is 75, while the proportion of women in state legislatures is 24.1 percent.

**CONGRESS** In 2013, women hold **98**, or **18.3%**, of the 535 seats in the 113th U.S. Congress — **20**, or **20.0%**, of the 100 seats in the Senate and **78**, or **17.9%**, 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.

Twenty (16D, 4R) women serve in the **Senate**: **Kelly Ayotte** (R-NH), **Tammy Baldwin** (D-WI); **Barbara Boxer** (D-CA); **Maria Cantwell** (D-WA); **Susan Collins** (R-ME); **Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA); **Deb Fischer** (R-NE); **Kirsten Gillibrand** (D-NY); **Kay Hagan** (D-NC); **Heidi Heitkamp** (D-ND); **Mazie Hirono** (D-HI); **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); **Debbie Stabenow** (D-MI); and **Elizabeth Warren** (D-MA).

**Seventy-eight** women from 31 states serve in the House of Representatives; **59** are Democrats and **19** 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 2013, **73** women hold statewide elective executive offices across the country; women hold **23.0%** of the 318 available positions. Among these women, **37** are Democrats, **36** are Republicans.

### GOVERNORS — 5 (1D, 4R)

AZ Jan Brewer (R)  
NH Maggie Hassan (D)  
NM Susana Martinez (R)  
OK Mary Fallin (R)  
SC Nikki Haley (R)

### LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS — 10 (4D, 6R)

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

### Attorney General — 8 (7D, 1R)

### Secretary of State — 11 (7D, 4R)

### State Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer — 7 (5D, 2R)

### State Comptroller — 3 (1D, 2R)

### State Auditor — 6 (4D, 2R)

### Chief State Education Official — 6 (3D, 3R)

*(title varies from state to state)*

### Agriculture and Commerce Commissioner — 1R

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

### Commissioner of Labor — 1R

### Corporation Commissioner — 4R

### Public Service Commissioner — 3 (1D, 2R)

### Public Regulation Commissioner — 3D

### Public Utilities Commissioner — 1R

### Railroad Commissioner — 1R

**STATE LEGISLATURES** In 2013, **1,789** (1,138D, 636R, 10NP, 4Prg., 1Ind), or **24.2%**, of the 7,383 state legislators in the United States are women. Women hold **411** (260D, 140R, 10NP, 1Ind.), or **20.8%**, of the 1,972 state senate seats and **1,378** (878D, 496R, 4Prg.), or **25.5%**, 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.

## WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICE 2013 (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	41.0	Hawaii	31.6
Vermont	40.6	Illinois	31.1
Arizona	35.6	Washington	30.6
Minnesota	33.8	Maryland	30.3
New Hampshire	33.3	Maine	29.6

**MUNICIPAL  
OFFICIALS**

As of August 2013, among the 100 largest cities in the U.S., **10** had women mayors. One is African American (Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Baltimore); one is Asian/Pacific Islander (Jean Quan, Oakland); and one is Latina (Nelda Martinez, Corpus Christi). 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
Corpus Christi, TX	Nelda Martinez	62
Chula Vista, CA	Cheryl Cox	80
Irving, TX	Beth Van Duyne	97

As of August 2013, of the 252 mayors of U.S. cities with populations 100,000 and over, **40**, or **15.9%**, were women, including four African Americans, one Latina, and one Asian/Pacific Islander. Of the 1248 mayors of U.S. cities with populations 30,000 and above, **231**, or **18.5%**, 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%	23.4%	23.7%
				2013	18.3%	23.0%	24.2%

<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.