

## WOMEN IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 2013

In 2013, **79** women hold seats in the House of Representatives, comprising **18.2%** of the 435 members. The women represent **31** states; **60** are Democrats and **19** are Republicans. Democratic women delegates also represent the District of Columbia, Guam and the Virgin Islands. The congresswomen include **30** women of color: **14** African American women, **7** Asian Pacific Islanders, and **9** Latinas. The delegates include a Caribbean American and an African American. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), who was the first woman Speaker of the House, is now House Minority Leader.

Of the 73 women who served in the House just prior to the 2012 elections, five did not seek re-election and nine lost their elections. The remaining 59 (42D, 17R) were re-elected.

Of the 79 women who serve in the House in 2013, 65 first entered by winning regular general elections. Fourteen others won special elections; Bonamici (OR), Capps (CA), Chu (CA), Clark (MA), Edwards (MD), Fudge (OH), Hahn (CA), Kelly (IL), Lee (CA), Matsui (CA), Pelosi (CA), Ros-Lehtinen (FL), Speier (CA), and Tsongas (MA) succeeded others who died or resigned. The DC, GU and VI Delegates won regular general elections.

Prior to entering Congress, 61, or 77.2%, of the 79 women lawmakers held previous elective offices; 29 of the 61 held more than one post. The positions include: statewide elective (3); state senator (21); state representative (39); county elective (4); municipal elective (19); judge (1); school board member (6).

### The women who serve in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2013 include:

| <u>Congresswomen</u>        | <u>Routes to Office</u>  | <u>Dates of Service</u> |
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| Michele Bachmann (R-MN)     | State senator; assistant minority leader; tax litigation attorney. Elected to the U.S. House in 2006.  | 1/4/07 - present        |
| Karen Bass (D-CA)           | State assembly speaker; assemblywoman; Los Angeles school board member; community activist. Elected to U.S. House in 2010.   | 1/5/11 - present        |
| Joyce Beatty (D-OH)         | State representative and assistant minority leader; consultant; higher education administrator; executive director, Montgomery County Human Services. Elected to U.S. House in 2012. | 1/3/13 - present        |
| Diane Black (R-TN)          | State senator; state representative. Elected to U.S. House in 2010.  | 1/5/11 - present        |
| Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)     | State senator, state representative, executive director of Tennessee Film, Entertainment and Music Commission, businesswoman. Elected to U.S. House in 2002.                         | 1/7/03 - present        |
| Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR)     | State senator, state representative, legislative assistant, attorney. Won a special election to fill a vacancy.  | 2/7/12 - present        |
| Madeleine Bordallo (D-GU)   | Lieutenant governor, Guam senator, Guam's First Lady, community organizer. Elected to U.S. House in 2002.  | 1/7/03 - present        |
| Susan Brooks (R-IN)         | Attorney; Indianapolis deputy mayor; community college administrator and workforce development leader; attorney. Elected to U.S. House in 2012.                                      | 1/3/13 - present        |
| Corrine Brown (D-FL)        | State representative; educator. Elected to U.S. House in 1992.   | 1/5/93 - present        |
| Julia Brownley (D-CA)       | State assemblywoman; Santa Monica-Malibu school board member and president. Elected to U.S. House in 2012.   | 1/3/13 - present        |
| Cheri Bustos (D-IL)         | East Moline alderman; health care system communications official; journalist. Elected to U.S. House in 2012.   | 1/3/13 - present        |
| Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) | State delegate; counselor; children's advocate. Elected to U.S. House in 2000.   | 1/3/01 - present        |
| Lois Capps (D-CA)           | School nurse; educator; health consultant for child development programs. Won a special election in 1998 to fill a vacancy caused by the death of her husband.                       | 3/17/98 - present       |

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| Kathy Castor<br>(D-FL)          | Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners; assistant general counsel to the Florida Department of Community Affairs in Tallahassee. Elected to U.S. House in 2006.   | 1/4/07 - present               |
| Donna Christensen<br>(D-VI)     | Acting commissioner of health; Board of Education member; Democratic party activist; physician. Elected as delegate from the Virgin Islands in 1996.  | 1/7/97 - present               |
| Judy Chu<br>(D-CA)              | California state board of equalization member; state assembly; Monterey Park mayor and councilwoman; board of education member; educator. Won a special election July 14, 2009 to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Congresswoman Hilda Solis to become Secretary of Labor. | 7/16/09 - present              |
| Katherine Clark<br>(D-MA)       | State senator; state representative; attorney. Won a special election December 10, 2013 to fill a vacancy.  | 12/12/13 - present             |
| Yvette Clarke<br>(D-NY)         | Councilwoman; director of business development for Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation; director of Bronx portion of the New York City Empowerment Zone. Elected to U.S. House in 2006.  | 1/4/07 - present               |
| Susan Davis<br>(D-CA)           | State assemblywoman; president, San Diego city school board. Elected to U.S. House in 2000.   | 1/3/01 - present               |
| Rosa DeLauro<br>(D-CT)          | Congressional aide; executive director of EMILY's List; community organizer. Elected to U.S. House in 1990.   | 1/3/91 - present               |
| Diana DeGette<br>(D-CO)         | State representative; state house assistant leader; Denver Democratic party resolutions chair; civil rights and employment lawyer. Elected to U.S. House in 1996.   | 1/7/97 - present               |
| Suzan DelBene<br>(D-WA)         | State representative and assistant minority leader; consultant; higher education administrator; executive director, Montgomery County Human Services. Elected to U.S. House in 2012.  | 1/3/13 - present               |
| L. Tammy Duckworth<br>(D-IL)    | U.S. assistant secretary, Veterans Affairs; director, Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs; Army National Guard member. Elected to U.S. House in 2012.  | 1/3/13 - present               |
| Donna Edwards<br>(D-MD)         | Attorney; executive director, The Arca Foundation; businesswoman; clerk to District of Columbia Superior Court Judge. Won special election to fill a vacancy.   | 6/19/08 - present              |
| Renee Ellmers<br>(R-NC)         | Nurse; Dunn, NC planning board. Elected to U.S. House in 2010.  | 1/5/11 - present               |
| Anna Eshoo<br>(D-CA)            | San Mateo County supervisor and board president. Elected to U.S. House in 1992.   | 1/5/93 - present               |
| Elizabeth Esty<br>(D-CT)        | State representative; Cheshire town councilwoman; attorney; educator. Elected to U.S. House in 2012.  | 1/3/13 - present               |
| Virginia Foxx<br>(R-NC)         | State senator; county board of education; college instructor and administrator. Elected to U.S. House in 2004.  | 1/4/05 - present               |
| Lois Frankel<br>(D-FL)          | West Palm Beach mayor; state representative; attorney. Elected to U.S. House in 2012.   | 1/3/13 - present               |
| Marcia Fudge<br>(D-OH)          | Mayor of Warrensville Heights; Congressional chief of staff; attorney; Won special election to fill a vacancy.  | 11/19/08 - present             |
| Tulsi Gabbard<br>(D-HI)         | State representative; Honolulu city council member; National Guard member; environmental activist; aide to Senator Daniel Akaka. Elected to U.S. House in 2012.   | 1/3/13 - present               |
| Kay Granger<br>(R-TX)           | Mayor of Fort Worth; board of trustees of the US Conference of Mayors; educator; small business owner. Elected to U.S. House in 1996.   | 1/7/97 - present               |
| Michele Lujan Grisham<br>(D-NM) | Bernalillo county commissioner; head, New Mexico Department of Health; secretary, New Mexico Department of Aging and Long Term Services; attorney; consultant. Elected to U.S. House in 2012.   | 1/3/13 - present               |
| Janice Hahn<br>(D-CA)           | Los Angeles city councilwoman; Los Angeles Charter Reform Commission; educator. Won a special election to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Congresswoman Jane Harman.  | 7/19/11 - present              |
| Colleen Hanabusa<br>(D-HI)      | State senator; state senate president; attorney. Elected to the U.S. House in 2010.   | 1/5/11 - present               |
| Vicky J. Hartzler<br>(R-MO)     | Cass County Republican Central Committee; Teacher; businesswoman. Elected to the U.S. House in 2010.  | 1/5/11 - present               |

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| Jaime Herrera Beutler<br>(R-WA)  | State representative; assistant minority floor leader; legislative assistant to congresswoman McMorris Rodgers; Elected to U.S. House in 2010.   | 1/5/11 - present        |
| Lynn M. Jenkins<br>(R-KS)        | State treasurer; state senator; state representative; accountant; businesswoman. Elected to U.S. House in 2008.  | 1/6/09 - present        |
| Eddie Bernice Johnson<br>(D-TX)  | State senator; state representative; administrator in Department of Health, Education and Welfare; nurse; consultant. Elected to U.S. House in 1992.   | 1/5/93 - present        |
| Marcy Kaptur<br>(D-OH)           | Urban planner; White House domestic policy aide. Elected to U.S. House in 1982.  | 1/3/83 - present        |
| Robin Kelly<br>(D-IL)            | State representative; chief administrative officer, Cook County; community affairs director, Village of Matteson.  | 4/11/13 - present       |
| Ann Kirkpartick<br>(D-AZ)        | U.S representative 2009-2011; Arizona state representative; Sedona city attorney, educator. Elected to U.S. House in 2012.   | 1/3/13 - present        |
| Ann McLane Kuster<br>(D-NH)      | Attorney; consultant; lobbyist. Elected to U.S. House in 2012.   | 1/3/13 - present        |
| Barbara Lee<br>(D-CA)            | State senator; state assemblywoman; senior advisor and administrative assistant to member of Congress. Won a special election in 1998 to fill a vacancy caused by a resignation.   | 4/21/98 - present       |
| Sheila Jackson Lee<br>(D-TX)     | Council member; municipal court associate judge; attorney; congressional committee counsel. Elected to U.S. House in 1994.   | 1/4/95 - present        |
| Zoe Lofgren<br>(D-CA)            | Santa Clara County Supervisor; attorney; law teacher; executive director of low-income housing development group; congressional aide. Elected to U.S. House in 1994.   | 1/4/95 - present        |
| Nita Lowey<br>(D-NY)             | Assistant New York secretary of state. Elected to U.S. House in 1988.  | 1/3/89 - present        |
| Cynthia M. Lummis<br>(R-WY)      | State treasurer; state senator; state representative; interim director, Office of State Lands and Investments; general counsel, Office of the Governor; clerk, Wyoming Supreme Court; attorney. Elected to U.S. House in 2008. | 1/6/09 - present        |
| Carolyn Maloney<br>(D-NY)        | New York city council member; educator; administrator. Elected to U.S. House in 1992.  | 1/5/93 - present        |
| Doris Matsui<br>(D-CA)           | Public policy advocate; deputy assistant to the President and deputy director of public liaison in the Clinton administration. Won special election in 2005 to fill a vacancy caused by the death of her husband.              | 3/10/05 - present       |
| Carolyn McCarthy<br>(D-NY)       | Lobbyist on gun control issues; nurse. Elected to U.S. House in 1996.  | 1/7/97 - present        |
| Betty McCollum<br>(D-MN)         | State representative; North St. Paul City Councilwoman; educator; businesswoman. Elected to the U.S. House in 2000.  | 1/3/01 - present        |
| Cathy McMorris Rodgers<br>(R-WA) | State representative and House Republican leader. Elected to U.S. House in 2004.   | 1/4/05 - present        |
| Grace Meng<br>(D-NY)             | State assemblywoman; attorney. Elected to U.S. House in 2012.  | 1/3/13 - present        |
| Candice Miller<br>(R-MI)         | Michigan Secretary of State, Macomb County Treasurer, Harrison Township Supervisor, Harrison Township Trustee. Elected to U.S. House in 2002.  | 1/7/03 - present        |
| Gwen Moore<br>(D-WI)             | State senator; assemblywoman; city and state government administrator. Elected to U.S. House in 2004.  | 1/4/05 - present        |
| Grace Napolitano<br>(D-CA)       | State assemblywoman; mayor, Norwalk; city council member; businesswoman. Elected to U.S. House in 1998.  | 1/6/99 - present        |
| Gloria Negrete McLeod<br>(D-CA)  | State senator; state assemblywoman; Chaffey Community College board member and president. Elected to U.S. House in 2012.   | 1/3/13 - present        |
| Kristi Noem<br>(R-SD)            | State representative; assistant majority leader; farmer/rancher; businesswoman. Elected to U.S. House in 2010.   | 1/5/11 - present        |
| Eleanor Holmes Norton<br>(D-DC)  | Equal Employment Opportunity Commission chair; New York City Commission on Human Rights chair; law professor. Elected as delegate from the District of Columbia in 1990.   | 1/3/91 - present        |

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| Nancy Pelosi<br>(D-CA)             | Chair of California Democratic party; Democratic National Committee member; party activist; public relations executive. Won special election in 1987 to fill a vacancy caused by death of Congresswoman Sala Burton. | 6/9/87 - present               |
| Chellie M. Pingree<br>(D-ME)       | State senator; Senate majority leader; North Haven Planning Board member; North Haven tax assessor; School Board chair; president, Common Cause; businesswoman. Elected to U.S. House in 2008.                       | 1/6/09 - present               |
| Martha Roby<br>(R-AL)              | Councilwoman; attorney. Elected to the U.S. House in 2010.   | 1/5/11 - present               |
| Ileana Ros-Lehtinen<br>(R-FL)      | State senator; state representative; educator; businesswoman. Won special election in 1989 to fill a vacancy.  | 9/6/89 - present               |
| Lucille Roybal-Allard<br>(D-CA)    | State assemblywoman. Elected to U.S. House in 1992.  | 1/5/93 - present               |
| Linda Sanchez<br>(D-CA)            | Executive secretary-treasurer for Orange County Central Labor Council, labor compliance officer, attorney. Elected to U.S. House in 2002.  | 1/7/03 - present               |
| Loretta Sanchez<br>(D-CA)          | Santa Ana businesswoman; financial consultant to local governments. Elected to U.S. House in 1996.   | 1/7/97 - present               |
| Jan Schakowsky<br>(D-IL)           | State representative; director, Illinois Public Action; educator. Elected to U.S. House in 1998.   | 1/6/99 - present               |
| Allyson Schwartz<br>(D-PA)         | State senator; government agency and non-profit organization manager. Elected to U.S. House in 2004.   | 1/4/05 - present               |
| Terri Sewell<br>(D-AL)             | Staffer for Senator Heflin and Congressman Shelby; attorney. Elected to U.S. House in 2010.  | 1/5/11 - present               |
| Carol Shea-Porter<br>(D-NH)        | U.S. representative 2007-11; community college instructor; campaign official. Elected to U.S. House in 2012.   | 1/3/13 - present               |
| Kyrsten Sinema<br>(D-AZ)           | State senator; state representative; attorney; professor of social work. Elected to U.S. House in 2012.  | 1/3/13 - present               |
| Louise Slaughter<br>(D-NY)         | State assemblywoman; Monroe County legislator; gubernatorial staff member. Elected to U.S. House in 1986.  | 1/3/87 - present               |
| Jackie Speier<br>(D-CA)            | State senator; state assemblywoman; San Mateo county supervisor; legal counsel to congressmember; attorney. Won special election in 2008 to fill a vacancy caused by death.  | 4/10/08 - present              |
| Dina Titus<br>(D-NV)               | U.S. representative 2009-11; state senator and senate minority leader; professor of political science. Elected to U.S. House in 2012.  | 1/3/13 - present               |
| Niki Tsongas<br>(D-MA)             | College Dean of External Affairs; attorney; social worker. Won special election to fill a vacancy.   | 10/17/07 - present             |
| Nydia Velazquez<br>(D-NY)          | New York city council member; director of the Department of Puerto Rican Community Affairs; educator. Elected to U.S. House in 1992.   | 1/5/93 - present               |
| Ann Wagner<br>(R-MO)               | U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg; Senate campaign chair, Roy Blunt; co-chair, Republican National Committee; Missouri Republican Party chair. Elected to U.S. House in 2012.  | 1/3/13 - present               |
| Jackie Walorski<br>(R-IN)          | State representative; missionary; higher education administrator; journalist. Elected to U.S. House in 2012.   | 1/3/13 - present               |
| Debbie Wasserman Schultz<br>(D-FL) | State senator; state representative. Elected to U.S. House in 2004.  | 1/4/05 - present               |
| Maxine Waters<br>(D-CA)            | State assemblywoman; educator. Elected to U.S. House in 1990.  | 1/3/91 - present               |
| Frederica Wilson<br>(D-FL)         | State senator; state representative; school board member. Elected to U.S. House in 2010.   | 1/5/11 - present               |