



SUMMARY OF WOMEN CANDIDATES 2010

[State-by-state list of women candidates available here.](#)

Number of states where filing deadlines have passed: 50

Number of states where primaries have been held: 50

Information in italics reflects races where primaries have not yet been held or outcome has not yet been determined.

U.S. Senate 15 (9D, 6R*)

Won Primary

14 (9D, 5R*)

U. S. Senate Races in 2010

In 2010, 36 states have Senate races. In fourteen states (AK, CT, DE, FL, IL, IN, KS, KY, MO, NH, ND, OH, PA, UT) there are open seats because incumbent senators are not seeking reelection or have lost primaries.

This year, a **record 36 (19D, 17R)** women filed for the U.S. Senate. The previous record was in 1992, when **29 (22D, 7R)** filed. A **new record** was also set this year for women primary winners: **14 (9D, 5R)**, surpassing the previous record of **12 (8D, 4R)** set in 2006.

15 (9D, 6R*) women are currently candidates in 14 states.

6 (5D, 1R*) are incumbents: Blanche Lincoln (D-AR); Barbara Boxer (D-CA); Barbara Mikulski (D-MD); Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY); Patty Murray (D-WA).

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

5 (2D, 3R) are candidates for open seats: Linda McMahon (R-CT); Christine O'Donnell (R-DE); Lisa Johnston (D-KS); Robin Carnahan (D-MO); and Kelly Ayotte (R-NH).

4 (2D, 2R) are challengers: Carly Fiorina (R-CA); Roxanne Conlin (D-IA); Elaine Marshall (D-NC); Sharron Angle (R-NV).

22 (10D, 12R) women lost their primaries or were eliminated at nominating conventions.

U.S. House 138 (91D, 47R)

(does not include candidates for the four non-voting delegate and one resident commissioner seats)

Won Primary

138 (91D, 47R)

U.S. House Races in 2010

This year, a **record 262 (134D, 128R)** women filed for the U.S. House. The previous record was set in 1992 when **222 (140D, 82R)** filed. In 2004 a record **141 (88D, 53R)** women won their primaries.

Of the 435 House and 5 Delegate seats, there are currently **43 (20D, 23R)** House members or delegates who will be leaving Congress. Four women will not be returning to the U.S. House of Representatives: Mary Fallin (R-OK) is running for governor of Oklahoma; Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D-MI) was defeated in her primary; Ginny Brown-Waite (R-FL) and Diane Watson (D-CA) are retiring.

Three incumbent women won their primary for delegate to Congress from the District of Columbia, Guam and the Virgin Islands. Another woman won her primary to challenge the incumbent in the District of Columbia.

69 (54D, 15R) women incumbents are running for re-election.

12 (10D, 2R) women are running in 12 districts with open seats.

57 (27D, 30R) women are running as challengers.

123 (42D, 81R) women lost their primaries.

SUMMARY OF WOMEN CANDIDATES 2010 (continued)

Governor 10 (5D, 5R)

Won Primary 10 (5D, 5R)

Governor Races in 2010

In 2010, 37 states have gubernatorial races; in 23 there are open seats: AL, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, KS, ME, MI, MN, NM, NY, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, VT, WI, and WY. Two women governors are term-limited and cannot run for reelection: Jennifer Granholm (D-MI); and Linda Lingle (R-HI). One woman governor, M. Jodi Rell (R-CT), is not running for reelection.

This year a total of **26 (12D, 14R)** women filed for governor. **A record-tying 10 (5D, 5R)** women are candidates for governor in 8 states. In two states – New Mexico and Oklahoma – a woman winner is assured because both major parties have nominated women for their open seats. In each case, the winner will be her state's first woman governor.

The record number of women filing for governor was set in 1994 when **34 (18D, 15R, 1ACP)** filed. The 10 women who won their primaries in 2010 (5D, 5R) ties the record set in 2002 (6D, 3R, 1Ind) and in 2006 (9D, 1R).

1 (1R) woman candidate is an incumbent: Jan Brewer (R-AZ).

9 (5D, 4R) are candidates for open seats: Meg Whitman (R-CA); Alex Sink (D-FL); Libby Mitchell (D-ME); Diane Denish (D-NM); Susana Martinez (R-NM); Jari Askins (D-OK); Mary Fallin (R-OK); Nikki Haley (R-SC); Leslie Petersen (D-WY).

14 (5D, 9R) women lost their primaries. Two women from Wisconsin withdrew after filing.

Six women currently serve as governors: Jan Brewer (R-AZ); Jennifer Granholm (D-MI); Christine Gregoire (D-WA); Linda Lingle (R-HI); Beverly Perdue (D-NC); and M. Jodi Rell (R-CT).

Lieutenant Governor 23 (14D, 9R)

Won Primary 23 (14D, 9R)

This year **43 (25D, 18R)** women have filed for the office of Lieutenant Governor. The record number of women candidates who filed for the office was set in 1994 when **46 (25D, 19R, 1ACP, 1Ind)** filed. That same year a record **29 (14D, 13R, 1ACP, 1Ind)** won their primaries.

18 (10D, 8R) women have lost primaries. One woman from Hawaii withdrew after filing; and one woman from Rhode Island withdrew after winning her primary.

Additional Statewide Elective Executives 60 (37D, 22R, 1NP)

Won Primary 60 (37D, 22R, 1NP)

* ACP is A Connecticut Party, a third party in that state that is included here because there was a governor from that party at the time.

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