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WOMEN CANDIDATES 2012

Filing deadlines have passed in **50** states. Primaries have been held in 49 states.

U.S. Senate

Total filed to date	36	20D, 16R
Won primary	18	12D, 6R
Lost primary	18	8D, 10R

States with Senate races in 2012: 33

States with open seats: 11 (AZ, CT, HI, IN, ME, NE, NM, ND, TX, VA, WI)

States where women candidates filed: 19

Incumbent women running: 6 (6D) - Dianne Feinstein (D-CA); Debbie Stabenow (D-MI); Amy Klobuchar (D-MN); Claire McCaskill (D-MO); Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY); and Maria Cantwell (D-WA).

Women running for open seats: 8 (4D, 4R) in **7 states** - Linda McMahon (R-CT); Mazie Hirono (D-HI); Linda Lingle (R-HI); Cynthia Dill (D-ME); Deb Fischer (R-NE); Heather Wilson (R-NM); Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND); and Tammy Baldwin (D-WI).

Women running as challengers: 4 (2D, 2R) in **4 states** - Elizabeth Emken (R-CA); Elizabeth Warren (D-MA); Shelley Berkley (D-NV); Wendy Long (R-NY).

Women incumbents not returning: Olympia Snowe (R-ME) and Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) retiring.

Records set: Senate

Filed: **New record set in 2012 is 36 (20D, 16R)**; previous record was 36 (19D, 17R) in 2010

Won primaries: **New record set in 2012 is 18 (12D, 6R)**; previous record was 14 (9D, 5R) in 2010

Number of women serving: 17 (2009-2012; currently 13D, 4R)

U.S. House

Total filed to date	299	190D, 109R
Won primary	166	118D, 48R
Write-in*	1	1R
Lost primary	133	72D, 61R

(does not include 3 incumbent women considered candidates for delegate from the District of Columbia, Guam and the Virgin Islands and one challenger from American Samoa.)

* One Republican woman who did not file ran as a write-in candidate in Michigan with the support of party leadership, but lost the primary.

Seats without incumbents: 63

Open seats due to runs for higher office, retirements or lost primaries: 51 (26D, 25R)

Seats created through reapportionment: 12 in 8 states

States where women candidates filed: 48

Incumbent women running: 66 (45D, 21R)

Women running for open seats: 26 (20D, 6R) in **25 districts**

Challengers: 74 (53D, 21R)

Women incumbents not returning: 7 - Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Shelley Berkley (D-NV) and Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) running for the U.S. Senate; Lynn Woolsey (D-CA) and Sue Myrick (R-NC) retiring; Sandy Adams (R-FL) and Jean Schmidt (R-OH) lost their primaries.

Records to beat: House

Filed: **New record set in 2012 is 299 (190D, 109R)**; previous record was 262 (134D, 128R) in 2010. Of those, 138 (91D, 47R) won their parties' primaries.

Won primaries: **New record set in 2012 is 166 (118D, 48R)**; previous record was 141 (88D, 53R) in 2004.

Number of women serving: 73 (2009-2012; currently 49D, 24R)

SUMMARY OF WOMEN CANDIDATES 2012 (continued)

Governor

Total filed to date	4	4D
Won primary	1	1D
Lost primary	3	3D

States with gubernatorial races in 2012: 11 (DE, IN, MO, MT, NH, NC, ND, UT, VT, WA, WV)

States with open seats: 5 (IN, MT, NH, NC, WA)

Candidates for open seats: 1 (1D) - Maggie Hassan (D-NH).

Women incumbents not returning: 2 - Beverly Perdue (D-NC) and Christine Gregoire (D-WA) retiring.

Women currently serving as governors: 6 (2D, 4R) - Jan Brewer (R-AZ); Susana Martinez (R-NM); Beverly Perdue (D-NC); Mary Fallin (R-OK); Nikki Haley (R-SC); and Christine Gregoire (D-WA).

Records to beat: Governors

Filed: 34 (18D, 15R, 1ACP) women filed for gubernatorial races in 1994

Won primaries: 10 (6D, 3R, 1IND) in 1994. The record was tied in 2002, 2006 and 2010, with 10 (9D, 1R), 10 (5D, 5R) and 10 (5D, 5R) women winning their primaries.

Number of women serving: 9 in 2004 and 2007.

Lieutenant Governor

Total filed to date	11	9D, 2R
Won primary	7	5D, 2R
Lost primary	4	4D

The record number of nominees for lieutenant governor is 29, set in 1994.

Additional Statewide Elective Executives

Total filed to date	43	27D, 16R
Won primary	36	24D, 12R
Lost primary	7	3D, 4R

* 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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