



CAWP

Election Watch

Summary of Women Candidates for Statewide Elective Executive Office 2004 as of November 22, 2004

Please note: Only major party candidates and Independent incumbents are included.

Governor 3 (3D)

Governor Races in 2004

In 2004, 11 states had gubernatorial races; in 5 (MT, ND, UT, WA, WV) there were open seats.

3 (3D) women were candidates in 3 states. They were: Christine Gregoire (D-WA); Claire McCaskill (D-MO); Ruth Ann Minner (D-DE).

Three women, Jennie Lee Sievers (R-MO), Karen Skelton-Memhardt (R-MO) and Fran Shubert (R-NC), lost their primaries.

Nine women served as Governors in 2004: Kathleen Blanco (D-LA); Jennifer Granholm (D-MI); Linda Lingle (R-HI); Judy Martz (R-MT); Ruth Ann Minner (D-DE); Janet Napolitano (D-AZ); Jodi Rell (R-CT); Kathleen Sebelius (D-KS); and Olene Walker (R-UT). In addition, Sila Calderon (PDP-PR) served as Governor of Puerto Rico.

Two women governors served in a states where there were 2004 gubernatorial elections. Neither Judy Martz (R-MT) nor Olene Walker (R) ran for reelection. In addition, Sila Calderon (PDP-PR) did not run for reelection. In 1994, a record 34 (18D, 15R, 1ACP) women filed for gubernatorial races and a record 10 (6D, 3R, 1IND) won their primaries. In 2002, the record was tied with 10 (9D, 1R) women winning their primaries.

Lieutenant Governor 7 (6D, 1R)

Three women (2D, 1R) lost their primaries.

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

Additional Statewide Elective Executives 24 (11D, 11R, 2NP)

Runoff
2 (2NP)

Won Primary
22 (11D, 11R)