

WOMEN CANDIDATES 1992-2020:

A SUMMARY OF MAJOR PARTY PRIMARY CANDIDATES FOR U.S. SENATE, U.S. HOUSE

U.S. Senate

U.S. House

	Total Filed	Lost Primary	Won Primary	Primary Winners			Total Filed	Lost Primary	Won Primary	Primary Winners		
				Incum.	Chall.	Open				Incumb	Chall.	Open
2020												
Total	60	39	21	8	9	4	583 ¹	286	297	96	161	40
Dem.	37	25	12	2	7	3	356	152	203	85	91	27
Rep.	23	14	9	6	2	1	227	134	94	11	70	13
2018												
Total	53	30	23	13	6	4	476**	237	234**	71	117	46
Dem.	31	16	15	11	2	2	356	169	183	54	95	33
Rep.	22	14	8	2	4	2	120	68	51	17	22	13
2016												
Total	40	25	15	3	8	4	273*	105	167	73	74	19
Dem.	27	16	11	1	7	3	178	57	120	54	51	14
Rep.	13	9	4	2	1	1	95	48	47	19	23	5
2014												
Total	33	18	15	4	4	7	253	91	161	73	71	17
Dem.	16	6	10	3	3	4	159	47	110	56	44	11
Rep.	17	12	5	1	1	3	94	44	51	17	27	6
2012												
Total	36	18	18	6	4	8	299	133	166**	66	74	25
Dem.	20	8	12	6	2	4	191	73	118	45	53	19
Rep.	16	10	6	0	2	4	108	60	48	21	21	6
2010												
Total	37	22	14**	5	4	5	265*	126	138	70	54	14
Dem.	19	9	9	5	2	2	135	44	91	55	26	10
Rep.	18	13	5	0	2	3	130	82	47	15	28	4
2008												
Total	13	6	7	3	4	0	219	84	134	67	54	11
Dem.	7	3	4	1	3	0	153	55	98	50	37	9
Rep.	6	3	3	2	1	0	66	29	36	17	17	2
2006												
Total	24	12	12	6	5	1	212*	75	136	65	51	19
Dem.	16	8	8	4	3	1	142	47	95	42	39	13
Rep.	8	4	4	2	2	0	70	28	41	23	12	6

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2004												
Total	24	14	10	5	2	3	200	60	140	57	64	18
Dem.	15	6	9	4	2	3	122	35	87	37	40	9
Rep.	9	8	1	1	0	0	78	25	53	20	24	9
2002												
Total	20	9	11	3	5	2	185	62	122	55	49	18
Dem.	12	4	8	2	4	1	112	32	78	38	30	10
Rep.	8	5	3	1	1	1	73	30	44	17	19	8
2000												
Total	14	8	6	3	2	1	169	46	123	52	55	16
Dem.	11	7	4	1	2	1	104	23	81	37	33	11
Rep.	3	1	2	2	0	0	65	23	42	15	22	5
1998												
Total	16	6	10	4	5	2	170	48	122	50	55	16
Dem.	11	4	7	4	2	2	103	28	75	34	29	12
Rep.	5	2	3	0	3	0	67	20	47	16	26	4
1996												
Total	22	13	9	0	3	6	216	97	121	40	65	15
Dem.	12	7	5	0	1	4	136	58	78	26	41	11
Rep.	10	6	4	0	2	2	80	39	42	14	24	4
Ind.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1994												
Total	27	18	9	2	5	2	204	90	113	44	51	18
Dem.	14	10	4	1	2	1	115	41	73	34	29	10
Rep.	13	8	5	1	3	1	89	49	40	10	22	8
1992												
Total	27	16	11	1	7	3	219	113	106	26	40	39
Dem.	20	10	10	1	6	3	142	72	70	17	27	26
Rep.	7	6	1	0	1	0	77	41	36	9	13	13

*One candidate filed to run for the House in MI, but withdrew before the primary. Because her name still appeared on the ballot, she's included in the filed number but not in the winner/loser numbers.

**In 2018, 5 candidates withdrew before the primary. 2018 winner numbers include Aja Brown in CA who unofficially withdrew before the primary but won the nomination and appeared on the general election ballot and April Freeman who died after winning the primary but does not include Brenda Jones in MI who won a special election that coincided with the regular primary for a partial term (November-January) or Anya Tynio who lost the primary but was later appointed as the nominee. In 2012, 3 (2D, 1R) won primaries but then dropped out; thus there were 166 primary winners but only 163 nominees running in the general. In 2010, 1D withdrew after filing. In 2010, Lisa Murkowski is not included in primary winners because she lost the primary and won the general as a write in candidate. In 2006 2 (1D, 1R) women withdrew after filing.

¹ Filed numbers include Nikema Williams (D) who replaced John Lewis on the General Election ballot. Because she replaced a nominee and never won a primary she is not included in the winner numbers. Filed numbers include Allison Gailbraith (D). Because her name still appeared on the ballot, she's included in the filed number but not in the winner/loser numbers.