

WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICE 1999

In 1999, 65 women serve in the U.S. Congress. A record 9 women serve in the Senate, and 56 women serve in the House, also an all-time high. The number of women in statewide elective executive posts is 89, an all-time high, while the proportion of women in state legislatures is at 22.4 percent.

CONGRESS In 1999, women hold **65**, or **12.1%**, of the 535 seats in the 106th U.S. Congress — **9**, or **9.0%**, of the 100 seats in the Senate and **56**, or **12.9%**, of the 435 seats in the House of Representatives. In addition, two women serve as Delegates to the House from the Virgin Islands and Washington, DC.

Nine women serve in the **Senate**: **Barbara Boxer** (D-CA); **Susan Collins** (R-ME); **Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA); **Kay Bailey Hutchison** (R-TX); **Mary Landrieu** (D-LA); **Blanche Lincoln** (D-AR); **Barbara Mikulski** (D-MD); **Patty Murray** (D-WA); and **Olympia Snowe** (R-ME).

Fifty-six women from 24 states serve in the House of Representatives; **39** are Democrats and **17** are Republicans. In addition, two Democratic women serve as the Delegates to the House from the Virgin Islands and Washington, DC.

STATEWIDE ELECTIVE EXECUTIVE OFFICES In 1999, **89** women hold statewide elective executive offices across the country; women hold **27.6%** of the 323 available positions. Among these women, **45** are Democrats, **41** are Republicans, **1** Reform Party, and **2** were elected in nonpartisan races.

GOVERNORS — 3 (1D, 2R)

Jane Dee Hull (R-AZ)
Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)
Christine Todd Whitman (R-NJ)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS — 18 (6D, 11R, 1RP*)

Fran Ulmer (D-AK)
M. Jodi Rell (R-CT)
Ruth Ann Minner (D-DE)
Mazie K. Hirono (D-HI)
Sally Pederson (R-IA)
Corrine Wood (R-IL)
Kathleen Blanco (D-LA)
Kathleen Kennedy Townsend (D-MD)
Jane Swift (R-MA)
Mae Schunk (RP*-MN)
Judy Martz (R-MT)
Lorraine Hunt (R-NV)
Mary Donohue (D-NY)
Rosemarie Myrdal (R-ND)
Maureen O'Connor (R-OH)
Mary Fallin (R-OK)
Carole Hillard (R-SD)
Olene S. Walker (R-UT)

*RP = Reform Party.

Attorney General - 10 (7D, 3R)

Secretary of State - 14 (7D, 7R)

State Treasurer - 10 (6D, 4R)

State Comptroller - 4 (2D, 2R)

State Auditor - 5 (2D, 3R)

Chief State Education Officials — 10 (4D, 4R, 2NP¹)
(title varies from state to state)

Commissioner of Insurance - 3 (2D, 1R)

Commissioner of Labor - 1R

Commissioner of Public Lands - 1D

Corporation Commissioner - 1D

Public Regulatory Commissioner - 1D

Public Service Commissioner - 4 (3D, 1R)

Public Utilities Commissioner - 2 (1D, 1R)

Agricultural Official - 2 (1D, 1R)
(title varies from state to state)

¹ NP = election was nonpartisan.

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STATE LEGISLATURES In 1999, **1,664**, or **22.4%**, of the 7,424 state legislators in the United States are women. Women hold **388**, or **19.6%**, of the 1,984 state senate seats and **1,276**, or **23.5%**, of the 5,440 state house seats. The number of women serving in state legislatures has increased more than five-fold since 1969 when 301, or 4.0%, of all state legislators were women.

The ten states with the **highest percentages** of women state legislators are:

<u>State</u>	<u>% Women</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>% Women</u>
Washington	40.8	New Hampshire	31.8
Nevada	36.5	Vermont	31.7
Arizona	35.6	Oregon	30.0
Colorado	34.0	Connecticut	29.4
Kansas	33.3	Maryland	29.3

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS As of May 1999, among the 100 largest cities in the U.S., **16** had women mayors. One is African American and one is Latina. In order of city population,¹ the mayors were:

<u>City</u>	<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Rank</u>
San Diego, CA	Susan Golding	7th
Portland, OR	Vera Katz	28th
Kansas City, MO	Kay Barnes	33rd
Virginia Beach, VA	Meyera E. Oberndorf	34th
Long Beach, CA	Beverly O'Neill	36th
Tulsa, OK	Susan Savage	40th
Minneapolis, MN	Sharon Sayles Belton	47th
Cincinnati, OH	Roxanne Qualls	50th
Colorado Springs, CO	Mary Lou Makepeace	51st
Lexington, KY	Pam Miller	67th
Greensboro, NC	Carolyn Allen	80th
Lubbock, TX	Windy Sitton	81st
Glendale, CA	Ginger Bremberg	92nd
San Bernardino, CA	Judith Valles	93rd
Orlando, FL	Glenda Hood	94th
Huntsville, AL	Loretta Spencer	95th

As of May 1999, of the 228 mayors of U.S. cities with populations over 100,000, **45** or **19.7%** were women, including one African American and four Latinas. Of the 978 mayors of U.S. cities with populations over 30,000, **192**, or **19.6%**, were women.²

PERCENTAGES OF WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICES

<u>Level of Office</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1999</u>
U.S. Congress	4%	3%	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%	6%	10%	10%	11%	12%
Statewide Elective	10%	11%	11%	11%	14%	14%	14%	18%	22%	26%	26%	28%
State Legislatures	9%	10%	12%	13%	15%	16%	17%	18%	21%	21%	22%	22%

¹ According to data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

² Source: CAWP. Information was compiled using the United States Conference of Mayors' January 1999 directory, "The Mayors of America's Principal Cities," as the primary reference.