

## WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICE 2001

In 2001, 73 women serve in the U.S. Congress. Thirteen women serve in the Senate, and 60 women serve in the House, both all-time highs. The number of women in statewide elective executive posts is 88, while the proportion of women in state legislatures is 22.4 percent.

**CONGRESS** In 2001, women hold **73**, or **13.6%**, of the 535 seats in the 107th U.S. Congress — **13**, or **13.0%**, of the 100 seats in the Senate and **60**, or **13.8%**, 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.

**Thirteen women serve in the Senate: Barbara Boxer (D-CA); Maria Cantwell (D-WA); Jean Carnahan (D-MO); Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY); 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); Olympia Snowe (R-ME); and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI).**

**Sixty women from 27 states serve in the House of Representatives; 42 are Democrats and 18 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 2001, **88** women hold statewide elective executive offices across the country; women hold **27.4%** of the 321 available positions. Among these women, **43** are Democrats, **41** are Republicans, **1** is a member of Independence Party, and **3** were elected in nonpartisan races.

### GOVERNORS — 5 (2D, 3R)\*

Jane Dee Hull (R-AZ)  
Judy Martz (R-MT)  
Ruth Ann Minner (D-DE)  
Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)  
Jane Swift (R-MA)

### LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS — 17

(7D, 9R, 1IP\*\*)  
Fran Ulmer (D-AK)  
M. Jodi Rell (R-CT)  
Mazie Hirono (D-HI)  
Sally Pederson (D-IA)  
Corrine Wood (R-IL)  
Kathleen Blanco (D-LA)  
Kathleen Kennedy Townsend (D-MD)  
Mae Schunk (IP\*\*-MN)  
Amy Tuck (D-MS)  
Beverly Perdue (D-NC)  
Lorraine Hunt (R-NV)  
Mary O. Donohue (R-NY)  
Maureen O'Connor (R-OH)  
Mary Fallin (R-OK)  
Carole Hillard (R-SD)  
Olene S. Walker (R-UT)  
Margaret Farrow (R-WI)

### Attorney General - 8 (5D, 3R)

### Secretary of State - 13 (6D, 7R)

### State Treasurer - 12 (7D, 5R)

### State Comptroller - 4 (2D, 2R)

### State Auditor - 6 (4D, 2R)

### Chief Agricultural Official - 3 (2D, 1R) *(title varies from state to state)*

### Chief State Education Official — 10 (4D, 3R, 3NP\*\*) *(title varies from state to state)*

### Commissioner of Elections - 1R

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

### Commissioner of Labor - 2R

### Corporation Commissioner - 1R

### Public Regulatory Commissioner - 1D

### Public Service Commissioner - 3 (2D, 1R)

\* In addition, Sila Calderón serves as Puerto Rico's first woman governor.

\*\* IP = Independence Party; NP = election was nonpartisan.

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**STATE LEGISLATURES** In 2001, **1,666**, or **22.4%**, of the 7,424 state legislators in the United States are women. Women hold **398**, or **20.0%**, of the 1,984 state senate seats and **1,268**, or **23.3%**, 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	38.8	Kansas	32.7
Arizona	35.6	New Mexico	30.4
Nevada	34.9	Maine	30.1
Colorado	34.0	Connecticut	29.9
Oregon	33.3	Maryland	29.3

**MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS** As of June 2001, among the 100 largest cities in the U.S., **13** had women mayors. One was African American (Sharon Sayles Belton, Minneapolis) and one was Latina (Heather Fargo, Sacramento). In order of city population,<sup>1</sup> the mayors were:

<u>City</u>	<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Portland, OR	Vera Katz	28th
Long Beach, CA	Beverly O'Neill	35th
Kansas City, MO	Kay Barnes	37th
Virginia Beach, VA	Meyera E. Oberndorf	39th
Sacramento, CA	Heather Fargo	43rd
Tulsa, OK	Susan Savage	46th
Minneapolis, MN	Sharon Sayles Belton	49th
Colorado Springs, CO	Mary Lou Makepeace	50th
Lexington, KY	Pam Miller	75th
Glendale, AZ	Elaine M. Scruggs	83rd
Madison, WI	Susan J.M. Bauman	87th
Scottsdale, AZ	Mary Manross	91st
Lubbock, TX	Windy Sitton	94th

As of June 2001, of the 231 mayors of U.S. cities with populations over 100,000, **44** or **19.0%** were women, including two African Americans and six Latinas. Of the 985 mayors of U.S. cities with populations over 30,000, **209**, or **21.2%**, were women.<sup>2</sup>

### PERCENTAGES OF WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICES

<u>Level of Office</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>2001</u>
U.S. Congress	3%	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%	6%	10%	10%	11%	12%	14%
Statewide Elective	11%	11%	11%	14%	14%	14%	18%	22%	26%	26%	28%	27%
State Legislatures	10%	12%	13%	15%	16%	17%	18%	21%	21%	22%	23%	22%

<sup>1</sup> According to data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

<sup>2</sup> Source: CAWP. Information was compiled using the United States Conference of Mayors' June 2001 directory, "The Mayors of America's Principal Cities," as the primary reference.