

WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICE 2002

In 2002, 72 women serve in the U.S. Congress. Thirteen women serve in the Senate and 59 women serve in the House. The number of women in statewide elective executive posts is 88, while the proportion of women in state legislatures is 22.7 percent.

CONGRESS In 2002, women hold **72**, or **13.5%**, of the 535 seats in the 107th U.S. Congress* – **13**, or **13.0%**, of the 100 seats in the Senate and **59**, or **13.6%**, 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); **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); **Lisa Murkowski** (R-AK); **Patty Murray** (D-WA); **Olympia Snowe** (R-ME); and **Debbie Stabenow** (D-MI).

Fifty-nine women from 26 states serve in the House of Representatives; **41** 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 2002, **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

(6D, 10R, 1IP**)
Fran Ulmer (D-AK)
M. Jodi Rell (R-CT)
Mazie K. 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 (R-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 - 12 (6D, 6R)

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 Service Commissioner - 4 (3D, 1R)

Public Utilities Commissioner - 1D

* Does not include Patsy Takemoto Mink (D-HI) who died on September 19, 2002 or Jean Carnahan (D-MO) who stepped down on November 23, 2002. Does include Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) who was appointed to a Senate vacancy on December 20, 2002.

** 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 2002, **1,682**, or **22.7%**, of the 7,424 state legislators in the United States are women. Women hold **407**, or **20.5%**, of the 1,984 state senate seats and **1,275**, or **23.4%**, 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	32.1
Arizona	35.6	Maryland	31.4
Nevada	34.9	Connecticut	30.5
Oregon	34.4	New Mexico	30.4
Colorado	34.0	Maine	29.6

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS As of June 2002, among the 100 largest cities in the U.S., **15** had women mayors. One is African American (Shirley Franklin, Atlanta) and one is Latina (Heather Fargo, Sacramento). In order of city population,¹ the mayors were:

<u>City</u>	<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Dallas, TX	Laura Miller	9th
Portland, OR	Vera Katz	29th
Cleveland, OH	Jane Campbell	34th
Long Beach, CA	Beverly O'Neill	35th
Kansas City, MO	Kay Barnes	37th
Virginia Beach, VA	Meyera E. Oberndorf	39th
Atlanta, GA	Shirley Franklin	41st
Sacramento, CA	Heather Fargo	42nd
Colorado Springs, CO	Mary Lou Makepeace	48th
Lexington, KY	Pam Miller	66th
Plano, TX	Pat Evans	70th
Glendale, AZ	Elaine M. Scruggs	82nd
Madison, WI	Susan J.M. Bauman	86th
Scottsdale, AZ	Mary Manross	90th
Lubbock, TX	Windy Sitton	94th

As of June 2002, of the 246 mayors of U.S. cities with populations over 100,000, **39** or **15.9%** were women, including three African Americans and six Latinas. Of the 992 mayors of U.S. cities with populations over 30,000, **206**, or **20.8%**, were women.²

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>2002</u>
U.S. Congress	3%	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%	6%	10%	10%	11%	12%	14%	14%
Statewide Elective	11%	11%	11%	14%	14%	14%	18%	22%	26%	26%	28%	27%	27%
State Legislatures	10%	12%	13%	15%	16%	17%	18%	21%	21%	22%	23%	22%	23%

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' June 2002 website directory, <http://www.usmayors.org/uscm/meet_mayors/> as the primary reference.