

WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICE 2003

In 2003, 73 women serve in the U.S. Congress. Fourteen women serve in the Senate and 59 women serve in the House. The number of women in statewide elective executive posts is 81, while the proportion of women in state legislatures is 22.4 percent.

CONGRESS In 2003, women hold **73**, or **13.6%**, of the 535 seats in the 108th U.S. Congress — **14**, or **14.0%**, of the 100 seats in the Senate and **59**, or **13.6%**, of the 435 seats in the House of Representatives. In addition, three women serve as Delegates to the House from Guam, the Virgin Islands and Washington, DC.

Fourteen women serve in the **Senate**: **Barbara Boxer** (D-CA); **Maria Cantwell** (D-WA); **Hillary Rodham Clinton** (D-NY); **Susan Collins** (R-ME); **Elizabeth Dole** (R-NC); **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 25 states serve in the House of Representatives; **38** are Democrats and **21** are Republicans. In addition, three Democratic women serve as the Delegates to the House from Guam, the Virgin Islands and Washington, DC.

STATEWIDE ELECTIVE EXECUTIVE OFFICES In 2003, **81** women hold statewide elective executive offices across the country; women hold **25.6%** of the 316 available positions. Among these women, **35** are Democrats, **43** are Republicans, and **3** were elected in nonpartisan races.

GOVERNORS — 7 (4D, 3R)*

Janet Napolitano (D-AZ)
Ruth Ann Minner (D-DE)
Linda Lingle (R-HI)
Kathleen Sebelius (D-KS)
Jennifer Granholm (D-MI)
Judy Martz (R-MT)
Olene Walker (R-UT)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS — 18 (8D, 10R)

Lucy Baxley (D-AL)
Jane Norton (R-CO)
M. Jodi Rell (R-CT)
Sally Pederson (D-IA)
Katherine Davis (D-IN)
Kathleen Blanco (D-LA)
Kerry Murphy Healy (R-MA)
Carol L. Molnau (R-MN)
Amy Tuck (R-MS)
Beverly Perdue (D-NC)
Toni Jennings (R-NH)
Diane D. Denish (D-NM)
Lorraine Hunt (R-NV)
Mary O. Donohue (R-NY)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS (cont.)

Jenette Bradley (R-OH)
Mary Fallin (R-OK)
Catherine Baker Knoll (D-PA)
Barbara Lawton (D-WI)

Attorney General - 5 (4D, 1R)

Secretary of State - 10 (6D, 4R)

State Treasurer - 9 (3D, 6R)

State Comptroller - 3 (1D, 2R)

State Auditor - 7 (2D, 5R)

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

Chief State Education Official — 9 (4D, 2R, 3NP)**
(title varies from state to state)

Commissioner of Elections - 1R

Commissioner of Insurance - 2R

Commissioner of Labor - 2R

Corporation Commissioner - 2R

Public Service Commissioner - 4 (2D, 2R)

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

** NP = election was nonpartisan.

STATE LEGISLATURES In 2003, **1,654**, or **22.4%**, of the 7,382 state legislators in the United States are women. Women hold **405**, or **20.5%**, of the 1,971 state senate seats and **1,249**, or **23.1%**, of the 5,411 state house seats. Since 1971, the number of women serving in state legislatures has increased more than four-fold.

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	36.7	Oregon	30.0
Colorado	34.0	New Mexico	29.5
Maryland	33.5	Connecticut	29.4
Vermont	31.1	Delaware	29.0
California	30.0	Nevada	28.6

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS As of June 2003, among the 100 largest cities in the U.S., **14** 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	30th
Cleveland, OH	Jane Campbell	35th
Long Beach, CA	Beverly O'Neill	36th
Kansas City, MO	Kay Barnes	38th
Virginia Beach, VA	Meyera E. Oberndorf	40th
Atlanta, GA	Shirley Franklin	42nd
Sacramento, CA	Heather Fargo	43rd
Tampa, FL	Pam Iorio	59th
Lexington, KY	Teresa Isaac	66th
Lincoln, NE	Coleen Seng	77th
Plano, TX	Pat Evans	79th
Glendale, AZ	Elaine M. Scruggs	81st
Scottsdale, AZ	Mary Manross	88th

As of June 2003, of the 243 mayors of U.S. cities with populations over 100,000, **37** or **15.2%** were women, including four African Americans and four Latinas. Of the 1107 mayors of U.S. cities with populations over 30,000, **188**, or **17.0%**, were women.²

PERCENTAGES OF WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICES

<u>Year</u>	<u>U.S. Congress</u>	<u>Statewide Elective</u>	<u>State Legislatures</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>U.S. Congress</u>	<u>Statewide Elective</u>	<u>State Legislatures</u>
1979	3%	11%	10%	1993	10%	22%	21%
1981	4%	11%	12%	1995	10%	26%	21%
1983	4%	11%	13%	1997	11%	26%	22%
1985	5%	14%	15%	1999	12%	28%	22%
1987	5%	14%	16%	2001	14%	27%	22%
1989	5%	14%	17%	2002	13.5%	27.4%	22.7%
1991	6%	18%	18%	2003	13.6%	26.0%	22.4%

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 2003 website directory, www.usmayors.org/uscm/meet_mayors as the primary reference.