

WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICE 2005

In 2005, 81 women serve in the U.S. Congress. Fourteen women serve in the Senate and 67 women serve in the House. The number of women in statewide elective executive posts is 80, while the proportion of women in state legislatures is 22.6 percent.

CONGRESS In 2005, women hold **81**, or **15.1%**, of the 535 seats in the 109th U.S. Congress — **14**, or **14.0%**, of the 100 seats in the Senate and **67**, or **15.4%**, 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).

Sixty-seven women from 26 states serve in the House of Representatives; **43** are Democrats and **24** 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 2005, **81** women hold statewide elective executive offices across the country; women hold **25.7%** of the 315 available positions. Among these women, **35** are Democrats, **43** are Republicans, and **3** were elected in nonpartisan races.

GOVERNORS — 8 (6D, 2R)

Janet Napolitano (D-AZ)
Ruth Ann Minner (D-DE)
Linda Lingle (R-HI)
Kathleen Sebelius (D-KS)
Kathleen Blanco (D-LA)
Jennifer Granholm (D-MI)
M. Jodi Rell (R-CT)
Christine Gregoire (D-WA)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS — 15 (6D, 9R)

Lucy Baxley (D-AL)
Jane Norton (R-CO)
Toni Jennings (R-FL)
Sally Pederson (D-IA)
Becky Skillman (R-IN)
Kerry Murphy Healy (R-MA)
Carol L. Molnau (R-MN)
Amy Tuck (R-MS)
Beverly Perdue (D-NC)
Diane D. Denish (D-NM)
Lorraine Hunt (R-NV)
Mary O. Donohue (R-NY)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS (cont.)

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

Attorney General - 5 (3D, 2R)

Secretary of State - 12 (7D, 5R)

State Treasurer - 8 (1D, 7R)

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 — 10 (5D, 2R, 3NP*) *(title varies from state to state)*

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

Commissioner of Labor - 2R

Corporation Commissioner - 2R

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

Railroad Commissioner - 1R

* NP = election was nonpartisan.

STATE LEGISLATURES In 2005, **1,674**, or **22.7%**, of the 7,382 state legislators in the United States are women. Women hold **408**, or **20.7%**, of the 1,971 state senate seats and **1,266**, or **23.4%**, of the 5,411 state house seats. Since 1971, the number of women serving in state legislatures has increased more than four-fold.

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

<u>State</u>	<u>% Women</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>% Women</u>
Maryland	35.6	Kansas	32.7
Delaware	33.9	Arizona	32.2
Nevada	33.3	New Mexico	31.3
Vermont	33.3	California	30.8
Washington	33.3	Minnesota	30.8
Colorado	33.0		

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS As of June 2005, among the 100 largest cities in the U.S., **12** 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 are:

<u>City</u>	<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Dallas, TX	Laura Miller	9
Cleveland, OH	Jane Campbell	44
Long Beach, CA	Beverly O'Neill	45
Kansas City, MO	Kay Barnes	47
Virginia Beach, VA	Meyera E. Oberndorf	50
Atlanta, GA	Shirley Franklin	52
Sacramento, CA	Heather Fargo	53
Tampa, FL	Pam Iorio	70
Lexington, KY	Teresa Isaac	77
Lincoln, NE	Coleen Seng	88
Plano, TX	Pat Evans	91
Glendale, AZ	Elaine M. Scruggs	93

As of June 2005, of the 243 mayors of U.S. cities with populations over 100,000, **37** or **15.2%** were women, including three African Americans and six Latinas. Of the 1147 mayors of U.S. cities with populations over 30,000, **187**, or **16.3%**, 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	10.1%	22.2%	20.5%
1981	4%	11%	12%	1995	10.3%	25.9%	20.6%
1983	4%	11%	13%	1997	11.0%	25.4%	21.6%
1985	5%	14%	15%	1999	12.1%	27.6%	22.4%
1987	5%	14%	16%	2001	13.6%	27.6%	22.4%
1989	5%	14%	17%	2003	13.6%	26.0%	22.4%
1991	6%	18%	18%	2004	13.8%	26.0%	22.5%
				2005	15.0%	25.7%	22.7%

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 2005 website directory, www.usmayors.org/uscm/meet_mayors as the primary reference.