

## WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICE 2006

In 2006, 82 women serve in the U.S. Congress. Fourteen women serve in the Senate and 68 women serve in the House. The number of women in statewide elective executive posts is 78, while the proportion of women in state legislatures is 22.8 percent.

**CONGRESS** In 2006, women hold **82**, or **15.3%**, of the 535 seats in the 109th U.S. Congress — **14**, or **14.0%**, of the 100 seats in the Senate and **68**, or **15.6%**, 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).

**Sixty-eight** women from 26 states serve in the House of Representatives; **43** are Democrats and **25** 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 2006, **78** women hold statewide elective executive offices across the country; women hold **24.8%** of the 315 available positions. Among these women, **35** are Democrats, **39** are Republicans, one is an independent, 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 - 3 (3D)

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

### State Treasurer - 8 (1D, 7R)

### State Comptroller - 2 (1D, 1I)

### 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.

## WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICE 2006 (continued)

**STATE LEGISLATURES** In 2006, **1,681**, or **22.8%**, of the 7,382 state legislators in the United States are women. Women hold **407**, or **20.6%**, of the 1,971 state senate seats and **1,274**, or **23.5%**, 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	32.1
Delaware	33.9	Colorado	32.0
Arizona	33.3	Hawaii	31.6
Nevada	33.3	Minnesota	31.3
Vermont	33.3	New Mexico	31.3
Washington	33.3		

**MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS** As of January 2006, 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,<sup>1</sup> the mayors are:

<u>City</u>	<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Dallas, TX	Laura Miller	9
Long Beach, CA	Beverly O'Neill	32
Kansas City, MO	Kay Barnes	38
Virginia Beach, VA	Meyera E. Oberndorf	40
Atlanta, GA	Shirley Franklin	41
Sacramento, CA	Heather Fargo	42
Tampa, FL	Pam Iorio	59
Lexington, KY	Teresa Isaac	66
Lincoln, NE	Coleen Seng	76
Plano, TX	Pat Evans	78
Glendale, AZ	Elaine M. Scruggs	80
Scottsdale, AZ	Mary Manross	89

As of January 2006, of the 243 mayors of U.S. cities with populations over 100,000, **35** or **14.4%** were women, including two African Americans and five Latinas. Of the 1137 mayors of U.S. cities with populations over 30,000, **197**, or **17.3%**, were women.<sup>2</sup>

### 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>
<b>1979</b>	3%	11%	10%	<b>1995</b>	10.3%	25.9%	20.6%
<b>1981</b>	4%	11%	12%	<b>1997</b>	11.0%	25.4%	21.6%
<b>1983</b>	4%	11%	13%	<b>1999</b>	12.1%	27.6%	22.4%
<b>1985</b>	5%	14%	15%	<b>2001</b>	13.6%	27.6%	22.4%
<b>1987</b>	5%	14%	16%	<b>2003</b>	13.6%	26.0%	22.4%
<b>1989</b>	5%	14%	17%	<b>2004</b>	13.8%	26.0%	22.5%
<b>1991</b>	6%	18%	18%	<b>2005</b>	15.0%	25.7%	22.7%
<b>1993</b>	10.1%	22.2%	20.5%	<b>2006</b>	15.0%	25.1%	22.8%

<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' February 2006 website directory, [www.usmayors.org/uscm/meet\\_mayors](http://www.usmayors.org/uscm/meet_mayors) as the primary reference.