

WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICE 2007

In 2007, 86 women serve in the U.S. Congress. Sixteen women serve in the Senate and 70 women serve in the House. The number of women in statewide elective executive posts is 76, while the proportion of women in state legislatures is 23.5 percent.

CONGRESS In 2007, women hold **86**, or **16.1%**, of the 535 seats in the 110th U.S. Congress — **16**, or **16.0%**, of the 100 seats in the Senate and **70**, or **16.1**, of the 435 seats in the House of Representatives. Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) is Speaker of the House and second in the presidential line of succession. She is the first woman to hold the top House post.

Sixteen 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); Amy Klobuchar (D-MN); Mary Landrieu (D-LA); Blanche Lincoln (D-AR); Claire McCaskill (D-MO); Barbara Mikulski (D-MD); Lisa Murkowski (R-AK); Patty Murray (D-WA); Olympia Snowe (R-ME); and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI).

Seventy-one women from 29 states serve in the House of Representatives; **50** are Democrats and **20** 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 2007, **76** women hold statewide elective executive offices across the country; women hold **24.1%** of the 315 available positions. Among these women, **45** are Democrats, **28** are Republicans, and **3** were elected in nonpartisan races.

GOVERNORS — 9(6D, 3R)

Sarah Palin (R-AK)
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 — 11 (8D, 3R)

Barbara O'Brien (D-CO)
Patty Judge (D-IA)
Becky Skillman (R-IN)
Carol L. Molnau (R-MN)
Amy Tuck (R-MS)
Beverly Perdue (D-NC)
Diane D. Denish (D-NM)
Jari Askins (D-OK)
Catherine Baker Knoll (D-PA)
Elizabeth Roberts (D-RI)
Barbara Lawton (D-WI)

Attorney General - 4 (4D)

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

State Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer - 11 (7D, 4R)

State Comptroller - 4 (2D, 2R)

State Auditor - 6 (3D, 3R)

Chief State Education Official — 8 (3D, 2R, 3NP*)

(title varies from state to state)

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

Commissioner of Labor - 1R

Corporation Commissioner - 1R

Public Service Commissioner - 5 (3D, 2R)

Public Regulation Commissioner - 1D

Railroad Commissioner - 1R

* NP = election was nonpartisan.

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WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICE 2007 (continued)

STATE LEGISLATURES In 2007, 1,732, or 23.5%, of the 7,382 state legislators in the United States are women. Women hold 422, or 21.4%, of the 1,971 state senate seats and 1,310, or 24.2%, of the 5,411 state house seats. Since 1971, the number of women serving in state legislatures has more than quintupled.

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

<u>State</u>	<u>% Women</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>% Women</u>
Vermont	37.8	Arizona	33.3
New Hampshire	35.6	Hawaii	32.9
Minnesota	34.8	Maryland	31.9
Colorado	34.0	Maine	31.2
Washington	34.0	Oregon	31.1

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS As of September 2007, among the 100 largest cities in the U.S., 10 had women mayors. Two are African American (Shirley Franklin, Atlanta and Sheila Dixon, Baltimore) 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>
Baltimore, MD	Sheila Dixon	19
Sacramento, CA	Heather Fargo	37
Virginia Beach, VA	Meyera E. Oberndorf	41
Atlanta, GA	Shirley Franklin	42
Tulsa, OK	Kathryn L. Taylor	45
Tampa, FL	Pam Iorio	59
Plano, TX	Pat Evans	79
Glendale, AZ	Elaine M. Scruggs	81
Chula Vista, CA	Cheryl Cox	89
Scottsdale, AZ	Mary Manross	90

As of September 2007, of the 245 mayors of U.S. cities with populations over 100,000, 30 or 12.2% were women, including two African Americans and five Latinas. Of the 1145 mayors of U.S. cities with populations over 30,000, 185, or 16.2%, 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%	1995	10.3%	25.9%	20.6%
1981	4%	11%	12%	1997	11.0%	25.4%	21.6%
1983	4%	11%	13%	1999	12.1%	27.6%	22.4%
1985	5%	14%	15%	2001	13.6%	27.6%	22.4%
1987	5%	14%	16%	2003	13.6%	26.0%	22.4%
1989	5%	14%	17%	2004	13.8%	26.0%	22.5%
1991	6%	18%	18%	2005	15.0%	25.7%	22.7%
1993	10.1%	22.2%	20.5%	2006	15.0%	25.1%	22.8%
				2007	16.1%	24.1%	23.5%

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' 2007 website directory, www.usmayors.org/uscm/meet_mayors as the primary reference.