

**WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICE 2010**

In 2010, 90 women serve in the U.S. Congress. Seventeen women serve in the Senate and 73 women serve in the House. The number of women in statewide elective executive posts is 73, while the proportion of women in state legislatures is 24.4 percent.

**CONGRESS** In 2010, women hold **90**, or **16.8%**, of the 535 seats in the 111th U.S. Congress – **17**, or **17.0%**, of the 100 seats in the Senate and **73**, or **16.8%**, 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.

**Seventeen** (13D, 4R) women serve in the **Senate: Barbara Boxer (D-CA); Maria Cantwell (D-WA); Susan Collins (R-ME); Dianne Feinstein (D-CA); Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY); Kay Hagan (D-NC); 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); Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH); Olympia Snowe (R-ME); and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI).**

**Seventy-three** women from 31 states serve in the House of Representatives; **56** are Democrats and **17** 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 2010, **71** women hold statewide elective executive offices across the country; women hold **22.5%** of the 315 available positions. Among these women, **50** are Democrats, **20** are Republicans, and **1** was elected in a nonpartisan race.

**GOVERNORS – 6(3D, 3R)**

- AZ Jan Brewer (R)
- CT M. Jodi Rell (R)
- HI Linda Lingle (R)
- MI Jennifer Granholm (D)
- NC Beverly M. Perdue (D)
- WA Christine Gregoire (D)

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS – 9 (6D, 3R)**

- CO Barbara O'Brien (D)
- IA Patty Judge (D)
- IN Becky Skillman (R)
- MN Carol L. Molnau (R)
- NJ Kim Guadagno (R)
- NM Diane D. Denish (D)
- OK Jari Askins (D)
- RI Elizabeth Roberts (D)
- WI Barbara Lawton (D)

**Attorney General - 4 (4D)**

**Secretary of State - 12 (10D, 2R)**

**State Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer - 10 (8D, 2R)**

**State Comptroller - 4 (2D, 2R)**

**State Auditor - 8 (5D, 3R)**

**Chief State Education Official – 4 (3D, 1NP\*)**

*(title varies from state to state)*

**Commissioner of Insurance - 3 (2D, 1R)**

**Commissioner of Labor - 1R**

**Corporation Commissioner - 3(1D, 2R)**

**Public Service Commissioner - 5 (5D)**

**Public Regulation Commissioner - 1D**

**Railroad Commissioner - 1R**

**STATE LEGISLATURES** In 2010, **1,809**, or **24.5%**, of the 7,382 state legislators in the United States are women. Women hold **438**, or **22.2%**, of the 1,971 state senate seats and **1,371**, or **25.3%**, of the 5,411 state house seats. Since 1971, the number of women serving in state legislatures has more than quintupled.

\* NP = election was nonpartisan.

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**STATE  
LEGISLATURE**  
(cont.)

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

<u>State</u>	<u>% Women</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>% Women</u>
Colorado	38.0	Washington	32.7
Vermont	37.2	Arizona	32.2
New Hampshire	36.8	Connecticut	32.1
Minnesota	34.8	Nevada	31.7
Hawaii	32.9	Maryland	30.9

**MUNICIPAL  
OFFICIALS**

As of August 2010, among the 100 largest cities in the U.S., 7 had women mayors. One is African American (Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Baltimore). In order of city population,<sup>1</sup> the mayors are:

<u>City</u>	<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Houston, TX	Annise D. Parker	5
Baltimore, MD	Stephanie Rawlings-Blake	21
Fresno, CA	Ashley Swearengin	40
Tampa, FL	Pam Iorio	59
Stockton, CA	Ann Johnston	73
Glendale, AZ	Elaine M. Scruggs	85
Chula Vista, CA	Cheryl Cox	94

As of August 2010, of the 249 mayors of U.S. cities with populations 100,000 and over, 33, or 13.3%, were women, including two African Americans, and one Asian/Pacific Islander. Of the 1156 mayors of U.S. cities with populations 30,000 and above, 202, or 17.5%, 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>
1979	3%	11%	10%	1999	12.1%	27.6%	22.4%
1981	4%	11%	12%	2001	13.6%	27.6%	22.4%
1983	4%	11%	13%	2003	13.6%	26.0%	22.4%
1985	5%	14%	15%	2004	13.8%	26.0%	22.5%
1987	5%	14%	16%	2005	15.0%	25.7%	22.7%
1989	5%	14%	17%	2006	15.0%	25.1%	22.8%
1991	6%	18%	18%	2007	16.1%	24.1%	23.5%
1993	10.1%	22.2%	20.5%	2008	16.5%	23.2%	23.7%
1995	10.3%	25.9%	20.6%	2009	16.8%	22.6%	24.3%
1997	11.0%	25.4%	21.6%	2010	16.8%	22.5%	24.5%

<sup>1</sup> According to data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

<sup>2</sup> Information was compiled using the United States Conference of Mayors' 2010 website directory, [www.usmayors.org/uscm/meet\\_mayors](http://www.usmayors.org/uscm/meet_mayors), as the primary reference.