

WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICE 2011

In 2011, 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 71, while the proportion of women in state legislatures is 23.7 percent.

CONGRESS In 2011, women hold **90**, or **16.8%**, of the 535 seats in the 112th 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), who was the first woman Speaker of the House, is now minority leader.

Seventeen (12D, 5R) women serve in the **Senate**: **Kelly Ayotte** (R-NH), **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); **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 27 states serve in the House of Representatives; **49** 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 2011, **71** women hold statewide elective executive offices across the country; women hold **22.4%** of the 317 available positions. Among these women, **39** are Democrats, **31** are Republicans, and **1** was elected in a nonpartisan race.

GOVERNORS — 6(2D, 4R)

AZ Jan Brewer (R)
NC Beverly M. Perdue (D)
NM Susana Martinez (R)
OK Mary Fallin (R)
SC Nikki Haley (R)
WA Christine Gregoire (D)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS — 11 (4D, 7R)

AL Kay Ivey (R)
CT Nancy Wyman (D)
FL Jennifer Carroll (R)
IA Kim Reynolds (R)
IL Sheila Simon (D)
IN Becky Skillman (R)
MN Yvonne Solon (DFL)
NJ Kim Guadagno (R)
OH Mary Taylor (R)
RI Elizabeth Roberts (D)
WI Rebecca Kleefisch (R)

Attorney General — 7 (5D, 2R)

Secretary of State — 11 (8D, 3R)

State Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer — 7 (6D, 1R)

State Comptroller — 4 (1D, 3R)

State Auditor — 7 (5D, 2R)

Chief State Education Official — 5 (2D, 2R, 1NP*)

(title varies from state to state)

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

Commissioner of Labor — 1R

Corporation Commissioner — 3(1D, 2R)

Public Service Commissioner — 4 (3D, 1R)

Public Regulation Commissioner — 1D

Public Utilities Commissioner — 1R

Railroad Commissioner — 1R

STATE LEGISLATURES In 2011, **1,750** (1,060D, 672R, 11NP, 4Prg., 3Ind), or **23.7%**, of the 7,382 state legislators in the United States are women. Women hold **429** (267D, 150R, 11NP, 1Ind.), or **21.8%**, of the 1,971 state senate seats and **1,321** (793D, 522R, 4Prg., 2Ind.), or **24.4%**, 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	41.0	Minnesota	31.3
Vermont	38.3	Illinois	31.1
Arizona	34.4	Maryland	30.9
Hawaii	34.2	Connecticut	29.9
Washington	32.0	Maine	29.0

**MUNICIPAL
OFFICIALS**

As of June 2011, among the 100 largest cities in the U.S., **9** had women mayors.

One is African American (Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Baltimore); and one is Asian/Pacific Islander (Jean Quan, Oakland). In order of city population,¹ the mayors are:

<u>City</u>	<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Houston, TX	Annise D. Parker	5
Baltimore, MD	Stephanie Rawlings-Blake	22
Las Vegas, NV	Carolyn Goodman	36
Fresno, CA	Ashley Swearengin	42
Oakland, CA	Jean Quan	45
Stockton, CA	Ann Johnston	75
Chula Vista, CA	Cheryl Cox	79
Glendale, AZ	Elaine M. Scruggs	88
Spokane, WA	Mary Verner	100

As of June 2011, of the 252 mayors of U.S. cities with populations 100,000 and over, **30**, or **11.9%**, were women, including two African Americans, and one Asian/Pacific Islander. Of the 1167 mayors of U.S. cities with populations 30,000 and above, **203**, or **17.4%**, 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%	2001	13.6%	27.6%	22.4%
1981	4%	11%	12%	2003	13.6%	26.0%	22.4%
1983	4%	11%	13%	2004	13.8%	26.0%	22.5%
1985	5%	14%	15%	2005	15.0%	25.7%	22.7%
1987	5%	14%	16%	2006	15.0%	25.1%	22.8%
1989	5%	14%	17%	2007	16.1%	24.1%	23.5%
1991	6%	18%	18%	2008	16.5%	23.2%	23.7%
1993	10.1%	22.2%	20.5%	2009	16.8%	22.6%	24.3%
1995	10.3%	25.9%	20.6%	2010	16.8%	22.5%	24.5%
1997	11.0%	25.4%	21.6%	2011	16.8%	22.1%	23.7%
1999	12.1%	27.6%	22.4%				

¹ According to data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

² Information was compiled using the United States Conference of Mayors' 2011 website directory, www.usmayors.org/uscm/meet_mayors, as the primary reference.