

## STATEWIDE ELECTIVE EXECUTIVE WOMEN 2002

In 2002, **88** women hold statewide elective executive offices across the country; women hold **27.4%** of the 321 available positions.\* Among these women **43** are Democrats, **41** are Republicans, **1** is a member of the Independence Party and **3** were elected in nonpartisan races.

To date, women have been elected statewide to executive offices in 48 of the nation's 50 states. In Maine, the governor is the only executive elected statewide, and a woman has never served as governor there. The other state where a woman has never been elected statewide to an executive post is West Virginia.

### GOVERNORS

Five women (2D, 3R) serve as governors in 2002.\*\*

**Jane Dee Hull**, an Arizona Republican, became governor through constitutional succession in September 1997 upon the resignation of Governor Fife Symington and won election in her own right in 1998. Hull was elected Secretary of State in 1994. She was a member of Arizona's House of Representatives from 1978 until 1992; she served as Majority Whip from 1987-1988 and Speaker of the House from 1989-1992.

**Judy Martz**, a Montana Republican, won the race for an open gubernatorial post in 2000. In 1996, she became the first woman lieutenant governor of Montana. Martz served as chair of the Governor's Drought Advisory Council, the Governor's Summit on Youth/Montana's Promise and as co-chair of the Montana-Alberta Boundary Advisory Commission. From 1992-1998, Martz served on the St. James Community Hospital Board. She is a businesswoman.

**Ruth Ann Minner**, a Delaware Democrat, won the race for an open gubernatorial post in 2000. In 1992, she became the first woman lieutenant governor to be elected in Delaware. In 1996, she was reelected with more than 70 percent of the vote. From 1982-1992 she served in the Delaware State Senate. From 1974-1982, Minner was a member of the Delaware State House of Representatives, where she was House Majority Whip from 1981-1982. Minner is a businesswoman; early in her career she was a receptionist in the governor's office.

**Jeanne Shaheen**, a New Hampshire Democrat, won the race for an open gubernatorial post in 1996 and won re-election in 1998. Shaheen served in the state senate from 1990 to 1996 and was a member of the executive committee of the Democratic State Committee from 1994 to 1996. She has also managed campaigns, owned and managed a business, and taught in public schools.

**Jane Swift**, a Massachusetts Republican, succeeded former governor Paul Celluci in April 2001, when he was appointed Ambassador to Canada. Swift was elected lieutenant governor of Massachusetts in 1998; prior to her election, she served as director for both the state Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulations. She had previously been director of Regional Airport Development at the Massachusetts Port Authority Board. In 1991, Jane Swift became the youngest woman elected to the state senate, where she served as the assistant minority leader. In 1996, she ran unsuccessfully for a Congressional seat.

### HISTORY OF WOMEN GOVERNORS

Nineteen women (13D, 6R) have served as governors of states; in addition, a woman currently serves as governor of Puerto Rico. Of the 19, 12 were first elected in their own right; 3 replaced their husbands, and 4 became governor by constitutional succession, one of whom subsequently won a full term. The record number of women serving simultaneously is 5, which first occurred in January 2001 for a few weeks until former New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman stepped down; when Governor Swift took office in April 2001, there were once again five women governors. Four women have served at once on three earlier occasions: 1/91 - 3/91, 1994, and briefly in 1997.

\* These figures do not include: officials in appointive state cabinet-level positions; officials elected to executive posts by the legislature; members of the judicial branch; or elected members of university Boards of Trustees or Boards of Education.

\*\* In addition, Sila Calderón serves as Puerto Rico's first woman governor.

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**HISTORY OF WOMEN GOVERNORS** (cont.)

<b>Name (Party-State)</b>	<b>Dates served</b>	<b>Special circumstances</b>
Nellie Tayloe Ross (D-WY)	1925-1927	Won special election to replace deceased husband
Miriam "Ma" Ferguson (D-TX)	1925-1927, 1933-1935	Inaugurated 15 days after Ross; elected as surrogate for husband who could not succeed himself
Lurleen Wallace (D-AL)	1967-1968	Elected as surrogate for husband who could not succeed himself
Ella Grasso (D-CT)	1975-1980	First woman elected governor in her own right; resigned for health reasons
Dixy Lee Ray (D-WA)	1977-1981	
Martha Layne Collins (D-KY)	1984-1987	
Madeleine Kunin (D-VT)	1985-1991	First woman to serve three terms as governor
Kay Orr (R-NE)	1987-1991	First Republican woman governor and first woman to defeat another woman in a gubernatorial race
Rose Mofford (D-AZ)	1988-1991	Elected as secretary of state, succeeded governor who was impeached and convicted
Joan Finney (D-KS)	1991-1995	First woman to defeat an incumbent governor
Ann Richards (D-TX)	1991-1995	
Barbara Roberts (D-OR)	1991-1995	
Christine Todd Whitman (R-NJ)	1994-2001	Resigned to take presidential appointment as commissioner of the Environmental Protection Agency
Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)	1997-present	
Jane Dee Hull (R-AZ)	1997-present	Elected as secretary of state, succeeded governor who resigned; later elected to a full term
Nancy Hollister (R-OH)	1998-1999	Elected lieutenant governor; served as governor for 11 days when predecessor took U.S. Senate seat and successor had not yet been sworn in
Judy Martz (R-MT)	2001-present	
Ruth Ann Minner (D-DE)	2001-present	
Jane Swift (R-MA)	2001-present	Elected as lieutenant governor, succeeded governor who resigned for an ambassadorial appointment.
<i>Sila Calderon ( Popular Democratic Party-PR)</i>	<i>2001-present</i>	<i>Former mayor of San Juan, first woman governor of Puerto Rico</i>

**ADDITIONAL STATEWIDE ELECTED OFFICES**

<b>State</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Party</b>
<b>LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS - 17 (6D, 10R, 1IP*)</b>			<b>SECRETARY OF STATE - 12 (6D, 6R)</b>		
AK	Fran Ulmer	D	AR	Sharon Priest	D
CT	M. Jodi Rell	R	AZ	Betsey Bayless	R
HI	Mazie K. Hirono	D	CO	Donetta Davidson	R
IA	Sally Pederson	D	CT	Susan Bysiewicz	D
IL	Corinne Wood	R	GA	Cathy Cox	D
LA	Kathleen Blanco**	D	IN	Sue Anne Gilroy	R
MD	Kathleen Kennedy Townsend	D	MI	Candice S. Miller	R
MN	Mae Schunk	IP	MN	Mary Kiffmeyer	R
MS	Amy Tuck **	R	NC	Elaine Marshall	D
NC	Beverly Perdue	D	NM	Rebecca Vigil-Giron	D
NV	Lorraine Hunt	R	SD	Joyce Hazeltine	R
NY	Mary O. Donohue	R	VT	Deborah Markowitz	D
OH	Maureen O'Connor	R	<b>STATE TREASURER - 12 (7D, 5R)</b>		
OK	Mary Fallin**	R	AL	Lucy Baxley	D
SD	Carole Hillard	R	AR	Jimmie Lou Fisher	D
UT	Olene S. Walker	R	AZ	Carol Springer	R
WI	Margaret Farrow	R	CT	Denise Nappier	D
* IP= Independence Party.			IL	Judy Baar Topinka	R
** Elected independent of governor.			MA	Shannon O'Brien	D
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL - 8 (5D, 3R)</b>			MN	Carol Johnson	DFL
AZ	Janet Napolitano	D	MO	Nancy Farmer	D
DE	M. Jane Brady	R	ND	Kathi Gilmore	D
KS	Carla J. Stovall	R	NE	Lorelee Byrd	R
MI	Jennifer Granholm	D	PA	Barbara H. Hafer	R
NM	Patricia Madrid	D	WY	Cynthia Lummis	R
NV	Frankie Sue Del Papa	D	<i>In addition, Dale McCormick (D-ME) and Georgie A. Thomas (NH) were elected by their state legislatures.</i>		
OH	Betty Montgomery	R			
WA	Christine O. Gregoire	D			

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<u>State</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Party</u>
<b>STATE AUDITOR - 6 (4D, 2R)</b>		
AL	Susan Parker	D
IN	Connie Nass	R
MO	Claire McCaskill	D
MN	Judi Dutcher	DFL
NE	Kathleen Witek	R
VT	Elizabeth Ready	D
<b>STATE COMPTROLLER/CONTROLLER 4 (2D,2R)</b>		
CA	Kathleen Connell	D
CT	Nancy Wyman	D
NV	Kathy Augustine	R
TX	Carole Rylander	R
<b>CHIEF AGRICULTURAL OFFICIAL - 3 (2D, 1R)</b> <i>(title varies from state to state)</i>		
IA	Patty Judge	D
NC	Meg Scott Phipps	D
TX	Susan Combs	R
<b>CHIEF STATE EDUCATION OFFICIAL 10 (4D, 3R, 3NP*)</b> <i>(title varies from state to state)</i>		
CA	Delaine Eastin	NP*
GA	Linda Schrenko	R
ID	Marilyn Howard	D
IN	Suellen K. Reed	R
MT	Linda McCulloch	D
OK	Sandy Garrett	D
SC	Inez Tenenbaum	D
WA	Teresa Bergeson	NP*
WI	Elizabeth Burmaster	NP*
WY	Judy Catchpole	R
<i>*Election was nonpartisan.</i>		
<b>COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS - 1R</b>		
LA	Suzanne Haik Terrell	R
<b>COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE - 2 (1D, 1R)</b>		
DE	Donna Lee Williams	R
KS	Kathleen Sebelius	D
<b>COMMISSIONER OF LABOR - 2R</b>		
NC	Cherie Berry	R
OK	Brenda Reneau Wynn	R
<b>CORPORATION COMMISSIONER - 1R</b>		
OK	Denise Bode	R
<b>PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER - 4 (3D, 1R)</b>		
AL	Jan Cook	D
GA	Earleen Sizemore	D
ND	Susan E. Wefald	R
NE	Ann Boyle	D
<b>PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONER - 1D</b>		
SD	Pam Nelson	D