

## STATEWIDE ELECTIVE EXECUTIVE WOMEN 2004

In 2004, 81 women hold statewide elective executive offices across the country; women hold 25.7% of the 315 available positions.\* Among these women 38 are Democrats, 40 are Republicans, 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

Nine women (5D, 4R) serve as governors in 2004.\*\*

**Kathleen Blanco**, a Louisiana Democrat, won an open gubernatorial seat in 2003. She was lieutenant governor from 1996-2004 and public service commissioner from 1993-1994. From 1984-1992, Blanco served two terms in the Louisiana State House of Representatives.

**Jennifer M. Granholm**, a Michigan Democrat, won an open gubernatorial seat in 2002. She served as Michigan's attorney general from 1998-2002. She was Wayne County corporation counsel from 1994 to 1998. After law school, she clerked for a member of the Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals and was a prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's office.

**Linda Lingle**, a Hawaii Republican, won an open gubernatorial seat in 2002. She first ran for governor in 1998. Lingle served as mayor of Maui County from 1991-1998, the maximum two consecutive four-year terms. She was first elected to the Maui County Council in 1980 and served five terms. Lingle was the founder and publisher of a local community newspaper.

**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 an open gubernatorial post in 2000. In 1992, she became the first woman lieutenant governor elected in Delaware; in 1996, she was reelected. 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.

**Janet Napolitano**, an Arizona Democrat, won an open gubernatorial seat in 2002. She served as her state's attorney general from 1998-2002. From 1993 to 1998, Napolitano served as Arizona's U.S. Attorney. She had earlier clerked for a judge in the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals and worked as an attorney in private practice.

**M. Jodi Rell**, a Connecticut Republican, was first elected lieutenant governor in 1994 and re-elected in 1998 and 2002. She became governor July 1, 2004 when her predecessor resigned. Prior to her election as lieutenant governor, Rell served in the Connecticut House of Representatives from 1984 to 1994, where she was assistant minority leader and deputy minority leader.

**Kathleen Sebelius**, a Kansas Democrat, won an open gubernatorial seat in 2002. She was elected Kansas Insurance Commissioner in 1994. She served in the Kansas House of Representatives from 1987 to 1994. With professional training in public administration, she had previously worked in the Kansas Department of Corrections and served on the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission.

**Olene S. Walker**, a Utah Republican, was first elected lieutenant governor in 1992. She became governor when her predecessor resigned to take a presidential appointment in 2003. From 1981-1989, Walker was a member of Utah's State House of Representatives, where she served as assistant majority whip and majority whip. She was founder and director of the Salt Lake Education Foundation. From 1969-1992, she served as vice president of a family food business.

\* 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**

Twenty-seven women (17D,10R) have served as governors in 21 states; in addition, a woman currently serves as governor of Puerto Rico. Arizona is the first state where a woman succeeded another woman as governor, and the first state to have had three women governors. Of the 27 women governors, 17 were first elected in their own right; 3 replaced their husbands, and 7 became governor by constitutional succession, one of whom subsequently won a full term. The record number of women serving simultaneously is 9, the current number.

<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	
Vesta Roy (R-NH)	1982-1983	Elected to state senate and chosen as senate president; served as governor for seven days when incumbent died.
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)	1997-2003	
Jane Dee Hull (R-AZ)	1997-2003	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
Jane Swift (R-MA)	2001-2003	Elected as lieutenant governor, succeeded governor who resigned for an ambassadorial appointment.
Judy Martz (R-MT)	2001-present	
Ruth Ann Minner (D-DE)	2001-present	
Jennifer M. Granholm (D-MI)	2003-present	
Linda Lingle (R-HI)	2003-present	
Janet Napolitano (D-AZ)	2003-present	First woman to succeed another woman as governor.
Kathleen Sebelius (D-KS)	2003-present	Father was governor of Ohio.
Olene Walker (R-UT)	2003-present	Elected as lieutenant governor, succeeded governor who resigned to take a federal appointment.
Kathleen Blanco (D-LA)	2004-present	
M. Jodi Rell (R-CT)	2004-present	Elected as lieutenant governor, succeeded governor who resigned.
<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>

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**ADDITIONAL STATEWIDE ELECTED OFFICES**

<u>State</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Name</u>	
<b>LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS - 16 (7D, 9R)</b>			<b>STATE COMPTROLLER/CONTROLLER</b>		
AL	Lucy Baxley*	D	<b>3 (1D,2R)</b>		
CO	Jane Norton	R	CT	Nancy Wyman	D
FL	Toni Jennings	R	NV	Kathy Augustine	R
IA	Sally Pederson	D	TX	Carole Keeton Strayhorn	R
IN	Katherine Davis	D	<b>CHIEF AGRICULTURAL OFFICIAL - 2 (1D, 1R)</b>		
MA	Kerry Murphy Healey	R	<i>(title varies from state to state)</i>		
MN	Carol L. Molnau	R	IA	Patty Judge	D
MS	Amy Tuck*	R	TX	Susan Combs	R
NC	Beverly Perdue*	D	<b>CHIEF STATE EDUCATION OFFICIAL</b>		
NM	Diane D. Denish	D	<b>10 (5D, 2R, 3NP*)</b>		
NV	Lorraine Hunt	R	<i>(title varies from state to state)</i>		
NY	Mary O. Donohue	R	GA	Kathy Cox	R
OH	Jennette Bradley	R	ID	Marilyn Howard	D
OK	Mary Fallin*	R	IN	Suellen K. Reed	R
PA	Catherine Baker Knoll	D	MT	Linda McCulloch	D
WI	Barbara Lawton	D	NC	Patricia N. Willoughby	D
<i>* Elected independent of governor.</i>			OK	Sandy Garrett	D
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL - 5 (4D, 1R)</b>			OR	Susan Castillo	NP*
DE	M. Jane Brady	R	SC	Inez Tenenbaum	D
IL	Lisa Madigan	D	WA	Teresa Bergeson	NP*
NM	Patricia Madrid	D	WI	Elizabeth Burmaster	NP*
WA	Christine O. Gregoire	D	<i>*Election was nonpartisan.</i>		
WI	Peg Lautenschlager	D	<b>COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE - 2R</b>		
<b>SECRETARY OF STATE - 10 (6D, 4R)</b>			DE	Donna Lee Williams	R
AL	Nancy L. Worley	D	KS	Sandy Praeger	R
AZ	Jan Brewer	R	<b>COMMISSIONER OF LABOR - 2R</b>		
CO	Donetta Davidson	R	NC	Cherie Berry	R
CT	Susan Bysiewicz	D	OK	Brenda Reneau Wynn	R
GA	Cathy Cox	D	<b>CORPORATION COMMISSIONER - 2R</b>		
MI	Terri Lynn Land	R	AZ	Kristin K. Mayes	R
MN	Mary Kiffmeyer	R	OK	Denise Bode	R
NC	Elaine Marshall	D	<b>PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER - 4 (2D, 2R)</b>		
NM	Rebecca Vigil-Giron	D	AL	Jan Cook	D
VT	Deborah Markowitz	D	GA	Angela Speier	R
<b>STATE TREASURER - 8 (4D, 4R)</b>			ND	Susan E. Wefald	R
AL	Kay Ivey	R	NE	Ann Boyle	D
CT	Denise Nappier	D	<b>STATE AUDITOR - 8 (3D, 5R)</b>		
IL	Judy Baar Topinka	R	AL	Beth Chapman	R
KS	Lynn Jenkins	R	IN	Connie Nass	R
MO	Nancy Farmer	D	KY	Crit Luallen	D
ND	Kathi Gilmore	D	MO	Claire McCaskill	D
PA	Barbara H. Hafer	D	MN	Patricia Anderson	R
WY	Cynthia Lummis	R	NE	Kathleen Witek	R
<i>In addition, Dale McCormick (D-ME) and Nancy Kopp (D-MD) were elected by their state legislatures.</i>			OH	Betty Montgomery	R
			VT	Elizabeth Ready	D