

Introduction to the 2013-2014 State-by-State Review

This report provides an in-depth look at the state of women's representation in elected office in each of the 50 states and the territories. Along with each state's Parity Index ranking and score, we also include additional information pertaining to the representation of women in the state, including trends in state legislatures, facts about women elected officials in the state, and examples of states that exemplify one of the six prongs of our 2020 Pledge. You can explore our state profiles at Representation2020.com/our-report.html

Quick Facts

We include unique facts about women's representation in each state ranging from current trends to important firsts.

Trending

Trends relating to the status of women in state legislatures, an important stepping stone to higher office, are discussed.

Levels of Government

Statewide Executive

We take account of whether or not a state has ever appointed or elected a female governor. We also include current numbers of women serving in statewide elected executive positions as well as the total number of women to have held a statewide elected executive office in each state.

Congress

We take account of current female members of the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives as well as how many women the state has elected to Congress in its history.

State Legislature

In addition to the current proportion and overall ranking of the number of women in state legislatures, we look at the number of women in each chamber of the state legislature and the method of election used.

Local

We highlight the number of women mayors and county executives in each state's five largest jurisdictions with elected executives.

Representation 2020 Policy Recommendations in Action

In certain states' profiles, we highlight efforts and policies that we believe will increase the representation of women in elected office. Each policy relates to one of the six prongs of our 2020 Pledge. Even if a state's profile does not include a highlighted program or policy, that state may have a great effort underway to increase the representation of women in government. If you have any information about an effort or policy in your state, email us at info@representation2020.com.

Elections to Watch / Notable Elections

We highlight races with women candidates in the most recent election cycle as well as important upcoming elections to follow in 2013 and 2014.