

Women's Representation in Wisconsin

Parity Ranking: 22nd of 50

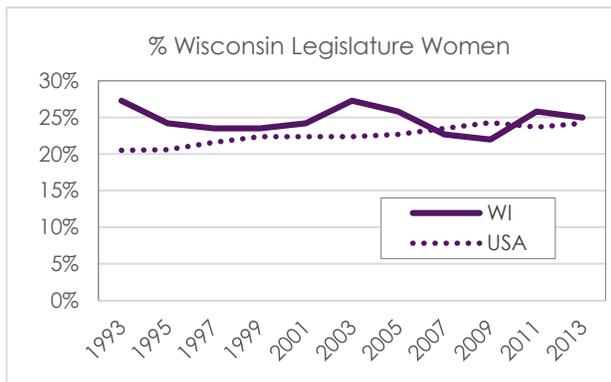
Score of 17: Three points for lieutenant governor, 5 points for Sen. Tammy Baldwin's election, 2 points for the percentage of the state's U.S. House members who are women, and 7 points for the percentage of female state legislators.

Quick Fact

In 2012, Wisconsin elected its first female U.S. senator, Tammy Baldwin. She is also the first openly gay senator in U.S. history.

Trending

Twenty years ago, the percentage of Wisconsin state legislators who were women was 6.8 percentage points higher than the national average. Today, it is less than 1 percent higher.



Source: Center for American Women and Politics, Rutgers University.

Elections to Watch

Gov. Scott Walker is running for re-election, and could face a strong Democratic challenger such as businesswoman Mary Burke. Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch (R) has not yet declared whether she will seek re-election. None of Wisconsin's congressional districts are projected to be competitive, which means that barring an open seat, Gwen Moore is likely to remain the state's only female House member.

Levels of Government

Statewide Executives

Female governors: None

Current female statewide elected executives: 1 of 6 (lieutenant governor)

Number of women to have held statewide elected executive office: Nine, one of which was appointed to fill a vacancy. An additional woman was appointed to fill a vacancy and was not subsequently reelected.

Congress

U.S. Senate: 1 of 2 seats is held by women, Tammy Baldwin (2013-present)

U.S. House: 1 of 8 seats is held by a woman

Wisconsin has elected two women to Congress, both of whom are currently in office: Senator Tammy Baldwin and Rep. Gwen Moore.

State Legislature

Percentage women: 25%

Rankings: 24th of 50

Senate: 9 of 33 (27.3%) are women

House: 24 of 99 (24.2%) are women

Method of election: All single-member districts

Local

None of Wisconsin's five largest cities and counties with elected executives has a female mayor or country executive.

Notable Recent Election

In 2012, Wisconsin elected its first woman senator and the nation's first openly gay senator, Tammy Baldwin. Milwaukee voters also re-elected Gwen Moore; Rep. Moore is the first African American to represent Wisconsin in the U.S. House.

Words of Wisdom

"We have better governance when our legislative bodies look like America" – Tammy Baldwin, U.S. senator from Wisconsin