

# Women's Representation in the District of Columbia and the U.S. Territories

## District of Columbia

### Mayor

Sharon Pratt Kelly served as the first and only woman mayor of Washington, D.C. from 1991-1995. She was also the first African American woman to serve as mayor of a major American city.

### City Council

Four of the District's 13 city councilmembers are women.

### Delegate to the U.S. House

Eleanor Holmes Norton has served as the District's one non-voting representative in Congress since 1991. She is the second person to hold this position.

## Puerto Rico

### Governor

Sila Calderón of the Popular Democratic Party served as the first and only woman governor of Puerto Rico from 2001 to 2005. Prior to her election as governor, she had served as Secretary of State and as the Mayor of San Juan.

### Legislative Assembly

Senate: 6 of 27 (22.2%) seats held by woman

House: 6 of 51 (11.8%) seats held by women

The 16 senators are elected by two-member district, and 11 senators are elected at-large by a fair representation voting method. The house is elected primarily from single-member districts, with some add-on seats to provide representation to smaller parties.

### Mayors

The current mayor of San Juan, the largest city in Puerto Rico, is Carmen Yulín Cruz, who was elected in 2012. The current mayor of Ponce, the fourth largest city, is María Meléndez.

### Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico

A woman has never served at Puerto Rico's single non-voting member of the U.S. House.

## Guam

### Governor

A woman has never served as governor of Guam.

### Legislature

Three of the 15 seats in the Legislature of Guam are filled by women.

### Mayors

Dededo, Tamuning, and Barrigada, Guam's first, third, and fifth largest villages respectively, all have female mayors.

### Delegate to the U.S. House

Since 2003, Madeleine Bordallo has been serving as the first woman non-voting delegate from Guam.

## Northern Mariana Islands

### Governor

A woman has never served as governor of the Northern Mariana Islands.

### Commonwealth Legislature

House: Three of 20 seats held by women.

Senate: One of 9 seats held by women

### Delegate to the U.S. House

The post of delegate to the U.S. House has been filled by men since its creation in 2008.

## U.S. Virgin Islands

### Governor

A woman has never served as governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

### Legislature

Five of 15 seats are held by women

### Delegate to the U.S. House

Since 1997, Donna Christian-Christensen has served as the first woman non-voting delegate from the U.S. Virgin Islands.