

Women's Representation in Nevada

Parity Ranking: 18th of 50

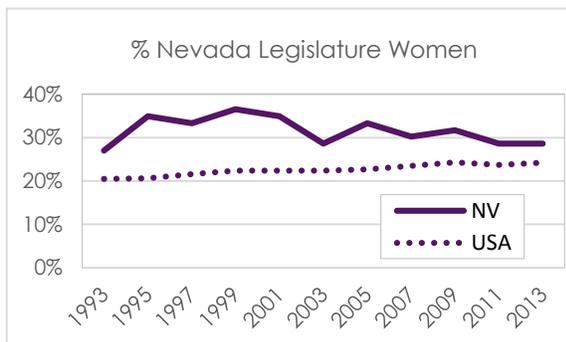
Score of 19: Five points for attorney general, treasurer, and comptroller. 3 points for the percentage of U.S. House seats held by women, 8 for the percentage of state legislators who are women, 1 point for speaker of the Assembly, and 2 for Mayor Carolyn Goodman of Las Vegas.

Quick Fact

Except for a brief stint from 1997-1999, Nevada has been represented by at least one woman in Congress since 1983.

Trending

Nevada's state legislature ranked 2nd in the nation for its percentage of seats held by women in 1996, but today, it ranks 14th.



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

Elections to Watch

Incumbent Governor Brian Sandoval (R) is favored in his re-election bid in 2014. No other candidates have declared their intention to run. Former Nevada GOP Party Chair Sue Lowden is among likely candidates in the open seat race for lieutenant governor.

Words of Wisdom

"We are not the good old boys." – Dina Titus, U.S. representative from Nevada

Levels of Government

Statewide Executive

Female governors: None

Current female statewide elected executives: 3 of 6 (state treasurer, state comptroller, and attorney general)

Number of women to have held statewide elected executive office: 12, two of whom were originally appointed to fill vacancies

Congress

U.S. Senate: 0 of 2 seats held by women

U.S. House: 1 of 4 seats held by a woman

In its history, Nevada has elected 3 women to the U.S. House, and none to the Senate.

State Legislature

Percentage women: 28.6%

Rankings: 14th of 50

Senate: 4 of 21 (19%) are women

House: 14 of 42 (33%) are women

Method of election: Single-member districts

Local

One of Nevada's five largest cities with elected mayors has a woman mayor: Las Vegas, the largest city in the state.

Notable Recent Elections

In 2012, Rep. Shelley Berkley (D) was defeated 46% to 45% by appointed incumbent Senator Dean Heller. Rep. Dina Titus (D) reclaimed a U.S. House seat after losing it in 2010.