

LOUISIANA

STATE RANKING **39**
out of 50

GENDER PARITY SCORE **12.9** out of 100 points

A Gender Parity Score of 50 indicates a state has reached gender parity in elected office. Gender parity is defined as the point at which women and men are equally likely to hold elected office in the state.

- 2.5 of 30 points (U.S. Congress)
- 5.0 of 30 points (Statewide Executive Offices)
- 3.3 of 30 points (State Legislature)
- 2.1 of 10 points (Cities and Counties)

12.9 of 100 points (Gender Parity being 50)

Women in Congress

Incumbent Senator Mary Landrieu lost her seat in the U.S. Senate in 2014 after a hard-fought battle with Bill Cassidy. Landrieu's Senate race was the last to be called in the 2014 cycle after a failure by both candidates to get 50% resulted in a runoff, which Landrieu lost in January.

Women Statewide Executives

In 1932, Lucille May Grace was the first woman to be elected to statewide executive office in Louisiana. She held the (now defunct) position of register of state lands until 1952, when she unsuccessfully ran for governor.

Women State Legislators

Louisiana ranks lowest in the nation for its percentage of state legislative seats held by women. It sits at half the nation average.

Cities and Counties

Three (21.4%) of Louisiana's 14 cities with populations over 30,000 have female mayors. One of its five largest parishes (counties) has a female president: Patricia B. Brister in St. Tammany Parish.

Analysis

In 1993, Louisiana ranked 41st in the nation, with a Gender Parity Score of 5.3.

Did you know?

Rose McConnell Long, the wife of Huey Long, became the third female U.S. Senator in 1936 when she was appointed four months after her husband was assassinated. She won a special election in 1936, but chose not to run for a full term that fall.

Number of U.S. Congress seats held by women		
	114th Congress	State History
Senate	0 of 2	3
House of Representatives	0 of 6	2

Number of statewide executive offices held by women		
	2015	State History
Governor	0	1
Statewide executive offices	0 of 7	7

Number of state legislative seats held by women		
	2015	1993
Senate	4 of 39 (10%)	1 of 39 (3%)
House	14 of 105 (13%)	10 of 105 (10%)
Total	13%	8%

State Legislature's Gender Parity Ranking: 50th

Method of election: Single-winner districts