

OKLAHOMA

STATE RANKING **18**
out of 50

GENDER PARITY SCORE 20.2 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.

0.0 of 30 points (U.S. Congress)

15.5 of 30 points (Statewide Executive Offices)

3.6 of 30 points (State Legislature)

1.2 of 10 points (Cities and Counties)

20.2 of 100 points (Gender Parity being 50)

Women in Congress

The second woman to ever serve in the U.S. Congress and the first ever to defeat an incumbent came from Oklahoma: Alice Mary Robertson, who was elected in 1920. Oklahoma was not represented by another woman in Congress until the election of Mary Fallin (R) in 2006.

Women Statewide Executives

Oklahoma has elected 14 women to statewide executive office, including four women to the three-member corporation commission.

Women State Legislators

The percentage of women state legislators has increased by only 3 percentage points in the past 20 years and remains far below the national average.

Cities and Counties

Two (14.3%) of Oklahoma's 14 cities with populations over 30,000 have female mayors.

Analysis

In 1993, Oklahoma ranked 47th in the nation, with a Gender Parity Score of 3.8.

Did you know?

Oklahoma's increased Gender Parity Score since 1993 is almost entirely the consequence of Mary Fallin. Fallin, re-elected in 2014, is Oklahoma's first female governor. Fallin has also served in the U.S. House of Representatives, as lieutenant governor, and in the Oklahoma state house. Other than Fallin, Oklahoma has never elected a female governor or lieutenant governor and has only ever elected one other woman to Congress (Alice Mary Robertson, back in 1920).

Number of U.S. Congress seats held by women		
	114th Congress	State History
Senate	0 of 2	0
House of Representatives	0 of 5	2

Number of statewide executive offices held by women		
	2015	State History
Governor	1	1
Statewide executive offices	2 of 9	14

Number of state legislative seats held by women		
	2015	1993
Senate	6 of 48 (13%)	6 of 48 (13%)
House	13 of 101 (13%)	8 of 101 (23%)
Total	13%	9%

State Legislature's Gender Parity Ranking: 49th

Method of election: Single-winner districts.