

MISSOURI

STATE RANKING **25**
out of 50

GENDER PARITY SCORE 18.3 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.

- 11.3 of 30 points (U.S. Congress)
- 0.0 of 30 points (Statewide Executive Offices)
- 6.1 of 30 points (State Legislature)
- 1.0 of 10 points (Cities and Counties)

18.3 of 100 points (Gender Parity being 50)

Women in Congress

Rep. Vicky Hartzler was elected to her third term in the U.S. House of Representatives. She was the second Republican woman elected to Congress from Missouri in 2010 and was the first Republican to hold her district's seat since 1955.

Since the appointment of Jean Carnahan as the state's first female U.S. Senator in 2000 (after her husband was elected posthumously), a woman has run as a major party nominee in every U.S. Senate race in Missouri. In its history, Missouri has elected eight women to the U.S. Congress, one through a special election.

Women Statewide Executives

Missourians rarely elect women to executive office. Missouri has never had a female governor, and only one woman has served as lieutenant governor (between 1985 and 1989). Currently none of the six statewide elected executive offices are occupied by a woman.

Women State Legislators

The percentage of women in Missouri's legislature has closely mirrored the national average over the last 20 years.

Cities and Counties

Three (15.0%) of Missouri's 20 cities with populations over 30,000 have female mayors. None of Missouri's five largest counties has a female executive.

Analysis

In 1993, Missouri ranked 40th in the nation, with a Gender Parity Score of 5.3.

Did you know?

Annie White Baxter was the first woman elected to political office in Missouri. Baxter won the office of Jasper County Clerk in 1890 as a Democrat.

Number of U.S. Congress seats held by women		
	114th Congress	State History
Senate	1 of 2	1
House of Representatives	2 of 8	7

Number of statewide executive offices held by women		
	2015	State History
Governor	0	0
Statewide executive offices	0 of 6	9

Number of state legislative seats held by women		
	2015	1993
Senate	6 of 34 (18%)	1 of 34 (3%)
House	42 of 163 (26%)	36 of 163 (22%)
Total	24%	19%

State Legislature's Gender Parity Ranking: 26th

Method of election: Single-winner districts