

ALASKA

STATE RANKING **12**
out of 50

GENDER PARITY SCORE 25.3 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.

- 10.0 of 30 points (U.S. Congress)
- 6.3 of 30 points (Statewide Executive Offices)
- 7.7 of 30 points (State Legislature)
- 1.3 of 10 points (Cities and Counties)

25.3 of 100 points (Gender Parity being 50)

Women in Congress

Lisa Murkowski (2002-present) was appointed by her father to fill a vacancy created by his election as governor in 2002, and has since been elected and re-elected.

Murkowski is the only woman Alaska has elected to the U.S. Congress — it is one of only 6 states that have never elected a woman to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Women Statewide Executives

Sarah Palin (R) was elected Alaska's first female governor in 2006. Only one other woman has served in statewide elected executive office in Alaska: Fran Ulmer, who was lieutenant governor between 1994 and 2003.

Women State Legislators

The proportion of women in Alaska's state legislature has increased by 10 percentage points since 2006.

Cities and Counties

Sitka, Alaska's fourth largest city, has elected a woman to the mayor's office. It is the only city in the five largest cities with a female mayor.

Analysis

In 1993, Alaska ranked 18th in the nation with as Gender Parity Score of 11.1. Since that time, Alaska's score has more than doubled and Alaska has elected its first female governor and U.S. Senator.

Did you know?

After becoming Metlakatla's first female mayor a year earlier, Audrey Hudson emerged as a strong female voice in Alaskan politics, and gave the keynote address at Alaska's 2014 Ketchikan's Women's Summit.

Number of U.S. Congress seats held by women		
	114th Congress	State History
Senate	1 of 2	1
House of Representatives	0 of 1	0

Number of statewide executive offices held by women		
	2015	State History
Governor	0	1
Statewide executive offices	0 of 2	2

Number of state legislative seats held by women		
	2015	1993
Senate	5 of 20 (25%)	4 of 20 (20%)
House	12 of 40 (30%)	9 of 40 (23%)
Total	28%	22%

State Legislature's Gender Parity Ranking: 15th.

Method of election: Single-winner districts