

DELAWARE

STATE RANKING **34**
out of 50

GENDER PARITY SCORE **14.9** 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.

0.0 of 30 points (U.S. Congress)

5.5 of 30 points (Statewide Executive Offices)

8.1 of 30 points (State Legislature)

1.3 of 10 points (Cities and Counties)

14.9 of 100 points (Gender Parity being 50)

Analysis

In 1993, Delaware also ranked 34th in the nation, with a Gender Parity Score of 6.4.

Did you know?

Delaware is one of the only three states that has never elected a woman to the U.S. House or U.S. Senate.

Women in Congress

Delaware is one of three states (along with Mississippi and Vermont) that have never elected a woman to Congress.

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

Women Statewide Executives

Ruth Ann Minner served as governor between 2001 and 2009. Six of the 11 women elected to statewide executive office served as state treasurer. No woman has served as secretary of state since Fannie Harrington's term ended in 1927. With Matt Denn running successfully for attorney general, the lieutenant governor's seat is currently vacant, making Patricia Blevins, a 24-year veteran of the state senate, the acting Senate President.

Number of statewide executive offices held by women		
	2015	State History
Governor	0	1
Statewide executive offices	1 of 6	11

Women State Legislators

The percentage Delaware's state legislators that are women peaked in 2005 at 33.9%, placing Delaware second nationwide for women in the state legislature. Today, Delaware's percentage has fallen to the national average.

Number of state legislative seats held by women		
	2015	1993
Senate	6 of 21 (29%)	3 of 21 (14%)
House	9 of 41 (22%)	6 of 41 (15%)
Total	24%	15%

State Legislature's Gender Parity Ranking: 27th

Method of election: Single-winner districts

Cities and Counties

Newark, one of Delaware's five largest cities, has a female mayor.