

INDIANA

STATE RANKING **23**
out of 50

GENDER PARITY SCORE 18.7 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.

- 3.3 of 30 points (U.S. Congress)
- 7.6 of 30 points (Statewide Executive Offices)
- 5.7 of 30 points (State Legislature)
- 2.0 of 10 points (Cities and Counties)

18.7 of 100 points (Gender Parity being 50)

Women in Congress

In its history, Indiana has never elected a woman to the U.S. Senate, but has elected seven women to the U.S. House. All nine U.S. House incumbents, including two female Representatives, were easily re-elected in 2014.

Number of U.S. Congress seats held by women		
	114th Congress	State History
Senate	0 of 2	0
House of Representatives	2 of 9	7

Women Statewide Executives

After the 2014 Election, a majority of Indiana's statewide elected executive offices are held by women. The 2014 cycle saw the election of Kelly Mitchell to the state treasurer's office. Mitchell was formerly County Commissioner in Cass County, Indiana, where she was the youngest commissioner in the state. However, the highest offices remain elusive and the Hoosier State has never elected a female governor or U.S. Senator.

Number of statewide executive offices held by women		
	2015	State History
Governor	0	0
Statewide executive offices	5 of 7	18

Women State Legislators

The percentage of women in Indiana's state legislature has lagged behind the national average for two decades.

Number of state legislative seats held by women		
	2015	1993
Senate	10 of 50 (20%)	13 of 50 (26%)
House	21 of 100 (21%)	16 of 100 (16%)
Total	21%	19%

State Legislature's Gender Parity Ranking: 34th
Method of election: Single-winner districts

Cities and Counties

Four (13%) of Indiana's 31 cities with populations over 30,000 have female mayors.

Analysis

In 1993, Indiana ranked 27th in the nation, with a Gender Parity Score of 9.0.

Did you know?

Just one in five Indiana state legislators (20.0%) are female, less than 1% point higher than in 1993.