

PENNSYLVANIA

STATE RANKING **46**
out of 50

GENDER PARITY SCORE **9.6** 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)
 - 3.3 of 30 points (Statewide Executive Offices)
 - 5.0 of 30 points (State Legislature)
 - 1.3 of 10 points (Cities and Counties)
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- 9.6 of 100 points (Gender Parity being 50)**

Analysis

In 1993, Pennsylvania ranked 49th in the nation, with a Gender Parity Score of 3.4.

Did you know?

Three of the seven seats that have been held by Pennsylvania women in Congress were won in special elections by the wives of Congressmen who passed away.

Women in Congress

Men continue to hold all 20 of Pennsylvania's seats in the U.S. House and Senate. In its history, Pennsylvania has never elected a woman to the U.S. Senate and has elected only seven women to the House. In 2014, Pennsylvanians did not elect any women to Congress for the first time in the 21st century.

| Number of U.S. Congress seats held by women | | |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| | 114th Congress | State History |
| Senate | 0 of 2 | 0 |
| House of Representatives | 0 of 18 | 7 |

Women Statewide Executives

No woman has served as governor in Pennsylvania, but four have been elected state treasurer.

| Number of statewide executive offices held by women | | |
|---|--------|---------------|
| | 2015 | State History |
| Governor | 0 | 0 |
| Statewide executive offices | 1 of 5 | 7 |

Women State Legislators

The percentage of state legislative seats held by women has increased 8.3 percentage points in the last 20 years, a greater increase than the national increase of 3.2 percentage points. However, the state has consistently trailed behind the national percentage by more than six points.

| Number of state legislative seats held by women | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 2015 | 1993 |
| Senate | 9 of 50 (18%) | 4 of 50 (8%) |
| House | 36 of 203 (18%) | 21 of 203 (10%) |
| Total | 18% | 10% |

State Legislature's Gender Parity Ranking: 39th

Method of election: Single-winner districts.

Cities and Counties

Seven (19.4%) of Pennsylvania's 36 cities with populations over 30,000 have female mayors.