

# UTAH

**STATE RANKING** **45**  
out of 50

**GENDER PARITY SCORE 10.2** 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)
- 0.0 of 30 points (Statewide Executive Offices)
- 5.8 of 30 points (State Legislature)
- 1.2 of 10 points (Cities and Counties)

**10.2 of 100 points (Gender Parity being 50)**

## Women in Congress

Mia Love became the first African American Republican woman (and first Hatian-American) in the House of Representatives when she defeated Doug Owens (Democrat), by 4,000 votes.

## Women Statewide Executives

Olene S. Walker was elected lieutenant governor in 1992, 1996 and 2000. Walker served as governor in 2003 to 2005 after the elected governor, Mike Leavitt, resigned. Only one other woman has served in statewide executive office: Jan Graham, who was elected attorney general in 1992 and 1996.

## Women State Legislators

The percentage of Utah's state legislative seats held by women was almost 8 percentage points higher in 2002 than it is today.

## Cities and Counties

Two (7.7%) of Utah's 26 cities with populations over 30,000 have female mayors. One of Utah's five most populous counties (Davis) had a female county commission chair in 2014.

## Analysis

In 1993, Utah ranked 44th in the nation, with a Gender Parity Score of 4.3.

### Did you know?

Utah territory granted women the right to vote in 1870. In the Edmunds-Tucker Act of 1887, Congress disenfranchised women as part of a broader effort to eliminate polygamy and reduce the power of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The right of women to vote was won again — this time for good — in 1895 in the new state constitution.

Number of U.S. Congress seats held by women		
	114th Congress	State History
Senate	0 of 2	1
House of Representatives	1 of 4	4

Number of statewide executive offices held by women		
	2015	State History
Governor	0	1
Statewide executive offices	0 of 5	2

Number of state legislative seats held by women		
	2015	1993
Senate	6 of 29 (21%)	2 of 29 (7%)
House	10 of 75 (13%)	12 of 175 (16%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>14%</b>

**State Legislature's Gender Parity Ranking: 44th**  
Method of election: Single-winner districts