

ARIZONA

STATE RANKING **5**
out of 50

GENDER PARITY SCORE 30.8 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.

5.0 of 30 points (U.S. Congress)

14.1 of 30 points (Statewide Executive Offices)

10.5 of 30 points (State Legislature)

1.2 of 10 points (Cities and Counties)

30.8 of 100 points (Gender Parity being 50)

Women in Congress

Arizona has never elected a woman to the U.S. Senate. Between 1937 and 1992, Arizona did not send a woman to Congress. Since 1993, Arizona has elected 6 women to the U.S. House.

Lisa Martha McSally (R) was elected to represent Arizona's 2nd Congressional district against Rep. Ron Barber (D) in 2014 after a recount showing McSally ahead by fewer than 200 votes.

Women Statewide Executives

Arizona has elected more female governors than any other state: Rose Mofford (1988-1991), Jane Dee Hull (1997-2003), Janet Napolitano (2003-2009), and Jan Brewer (2009-2015). Rose Mofford became the state's first female Governor in 1988 after the impeachment of elected governor Evan Mecham. Mofford decided not to seek election to a full-term in 1990.

Women State Legislators

Apart from a two-year decrease in 2003 and 2004, the percentage of women in Arizona's legislature has been 30% or more since 1989.

Cities and Counties

Five of Arizona's cities with a population greater than 30,000 currently have women mayors. In 2014, none of the chairs of the boards of supervisors in Arizona's five largest counties were female.

Analysis

In 1993, Arizona ranked 12th in the nation with a Gender Parity Score of 15.3. Since then, Arizona's score has doubled and Arizona has elected three female governors.

Did you know?

Four of Arizona's last five governors have been women. Rose Mofford, Arizona's first female governor (1988-1991), was appointed to the position as a result of the impeachment of the elected governor, Evan Mecham.

Number of U.S. Congress seats held by women		
	114th Congress	State History
Senate	0 of 2	0
House of Representatives	3 of 9	7

Number of statewide executive offices held by women		
	2015	State History
Governor	0	4
Statewide executive offices	2 of 5	21