

# HAWAII

**STATE RANKING** **7**  
out of 50

**GENDER PARITY SCORE 30.2** 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.

- 14.6 of 30 points (U.S. Congress)
- 6.3 of 30 points (Statewide Executive Offices)
- 9.3 of 30 points (State Legislature)
- 0.0 of 10 points (Cities and Counties)

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

## Women in Congress

Representative Tulsi Gabbard was elected to her second term in the U.S. House of Representatives from Hawaii. With her extensive military experience, Gabbard is widely considered a rising star in the Democratic Party. She is also the first Hindu and first American-Samoan member of Congress.

Mazie Hirono (2013-present) is Hawaii's first female Senator. Hawaii has elected five women to the U.S. House. An additional woman served as Hawaii's pre-statehood delegate to Congress.

## Women Statewide Executives

Governor and the lieutenant governor are the only elected statewide executive positions in Hawaii. Two women (including Mazie Hirono, current U.S. Senator) have served as lieutenant governor. Linda Lingle (2003-2011) was Hawaii's first and only female governor.

## Women State Legislators

From 1997 to 2011, the percentage of women in Hawaii's state legislature consistently increased to a peak of 35.5% in 2012. It dropped 6 percentage points in 2014.

## Cities and Counties

None of the four consolidated city-counties in the state with elected mayors has a woman mayor.

## Analysis

In 1993, Hawaii ranked 29th in the nation, with a Gender Parity Score of 8.9.

### Did you know?

Hawaii elects female U.S. Representatives at the highest rate in the nation. Of the 54 House elections held in Hawaii since it gained statehood in 1959, 39%, or 22 of 56, were won by women. In 2012, Hawaii elected its first woman Senator, Mazie Hirono.

Number of U.S. Congress seats held by women		
	114th Congress	State History
Senate	1 of 2	1
House of Representatives	1 of 2	5

Number of statewide executive offices held by women		
	2015	State History
Governor	0	1
Statewide executive offices	0 of 2	3

Number of state legislative seats held by women		
	2015	1993
Senate	8 of 25 (32%)	6 of 25 (24%)
House	14 of 51 (27%)	12 of 51 (24%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>24%</b>

**State Legislature's Gender Parity Ranking: 13th**

Method of election: Single-winner districts