

# MISSISSIPPI

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

**GENDER PARITY SCORE** **7.0** 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)
- 1.6 of 30 points (Statewide Executive Offices)
- 4.7 of 30 points (State Legislature)
- 0.7 of 10 points (Cities and Counties)

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

## Women in Congress

Mississippi did not have any female party nominees for any U.S. Senate or House of Representatives seats up for re-election in 2014.

Mississippi is among three states that have never elected a woman to Congress.

## Women Statewide Executives

Evelyn Gandy, the only woman to serve in Mississippian statewide executive office in the 20th century, was elected state treasurer, commissioner of insurance, and lieutenant governor.

## Women State Legislators

Mississippi has consistently ranked near the bottom for its share of state legislative seats held by women, although three special election victories for women in 2013 have moved the state a little closer to the national average.

## Cities and Counties

None of Mississippi's 10 cities with populations over 30,000 have female mayors. The president of Hinds County Board of Supervisors is a woman.

## Analysis

In 1993, Mississippi ranked 38th in the nation, with a Gender Parity Score of 5.8.

### Did you know?

Mississippi is the only state that has never elected a woman to Congress or a female governor.

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

Number of statewide executive offices held by women		
	2015	State History
Governor	0	0
Statewide executive offices	2 of 8	4

Number of state legislative seats held by women		
	2015	1993
Senate	8 of 52 (15%)	4 of 52 (8%)
House	22 of 122 (18%)	15 of 122 (12%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>11%</b>

**State Legislature's Gender Parity Ranking: 41st**

Method of election: Single-winner districts