

NEBRASKA

STATE RANKING **33**
out of 50

GENDER PARITY SCORE 15.0 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.

- 6.0 of 30 points (U.S. Congress)
- 0.5 of 30 points (Statewide Executive Offices)
- 5.1 of 30 points (State Legislature)
- 3.3 of 10 points (Cities and Counties)

15.0 of 100 points (Gender Parity being 50)

Women in Congress

Nebraska has elected only three women to the Congress: two senators (Hazel Abel in a special election in 1954 and Deb Fischer in 2012) and one representative (Virginia D. Smith, who served between 1975 and 1991). An additional woman was briefly appointed to the Senate (Eva Bowring in 1954).

Despite Deb Fischer's election to the U.S. Senate in Nebraska in 2012, 2014 marked an entire decade since a woman has held state elective office.

Women Statewide Executives

Kay A. Orr was the first woman to be elected to statewide executive office (state treasurer in 1982). Orr served as governor between 1987 and 1991. Since 1991 five women have been elected to the statewide executive.

Women State Legislators

In the last 20 years, Nebraska has had between 9 and 13 women in its state legislature out of 49 available seats. Women are currently represented in the state legislature at the same rate as they were in 1993.

Cities and Counties

Two (40.0%) of Nebraska's 5 cities with populations over 30,000 have female mayors. Nebraska's most populous county, Douglas County, had a female commission chair in 2014.

Analysis

Nebraska has fallen 29 places since 1993, when the state's Gender Parity Score was 20.2 and Nebraska ranked fourth in the nation.

Did you know?

In Nebraska, the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, state treasurer and state auditor — all elected — have all been occupied by men since early 2004.

Number of U.S. Congress seats held by women		
	114th Congress	State History
Senate	1 of 2	3
House of Representatives	0 of 3	1

Number of statewide executive offices held by women		
	2015	State History
Governor	0	1
Statewide executive offices	0 of 6	7

Number of state legislative seats held by women		
	2015	1993
Senate	9 of 49 (18%)	10 of 49 (20%)
Total	18%	20%

State Legislature's Gender Parity Ranking: 38th
Method of election: Single-winner districts