

NEW MEXICO

STATE RANKING **6**
out of 50

GENDER PARITY SCORE 30.4 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.

4.0 of 30 points (U.S. Congress)

17.4 of 30 points (Statewide Executive Offices)

7.6 of 30 points (State Legislature)

1.4 of 10 points (Cities and Counties)

30.4 of 100 points (Gender Parity being 50)

Women in Congress

New Mexico has never sent more than one woman to Congress at a time. Between 1949 and 1998, the state did not elect a woman to Congress.

Women Statewide Executives

Susana Martinez (R) was re-elected to her governor's seat, keeping her spot as one of two female governors of color.

Twenty-six women have served in statewide executive office, plus four women elected to the five member public regulation commission. All 19 secretaries of state since 1923 have been female. However, New Mexico has only ever elected one woman to the governor's mansion (Susana Martinez in 2010 and 2014), one woman to the office of lieutenant governor and one woman to the office of attorney general.

Women State Legislators

The proportion of women in New Mexico's state legislature rose steadily between 1993 and 2001, but has declined since. In 2014, one in four (25.9%) New Mexico state legislators are female, a significant drop from before the 2014 election (when 28.6% of state legislators were women).

Cities and Counties

One (11.1%) of New Mexico's 9 cities with populations over 30,000 has a female mayor. Bernalillo County had a female commission chair in 2014.

Analysis

In 1993, New Mexico ranked 19th in the nation, with a Gender Parity Score of 10.8.

Did you know?

Susana Martinez (R) became New Mexico's first female governor in 2010 when she won the third woman v. woman gubernatorial race in U.S. history. She is the first elected Latina governor of any state.

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

Number of statewide executive offices held by women		
	2015	State History
Governor	1	1
Statewide executive offices	2 of 7	26

Number of state legislative seats held by women		
	2015	1993
Senate	6 of 42 (14%)	8 of 42 (19%)
House	23 of 70 (33%)	14 of 70 (20%)
Total	26%	20%

State Legislature's Gender Parity Ranking: 19th
Method of election: Single-winner districts