

NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATE RANKING **1**
out of 50

GENDER PARITY SCORE 57.0 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.

- 21.3 of 30 points (U.S. Congress)
- 22.5 of 30 points (Statewide Executive Offices)
- 9.7 of 30 points (State Legislature)
- 3.6 of 10 points (Cities and Counties)

57.0 of 100 points (Gender Parity being 50)

Women in Congress

Although New Hampshire did not send a woman to Congress until 2007, since 2009 at least half of the state's congressional delegation has been female. Jeanne Shaheen (D) won reelection to the Senate against Scott Brown (R) in the 2014 midterms. Ann McLane Kuster (D) won a House seat to join the majority female delegation. New Hampshire also re-elected its female governor, Maggie Hassan (D). Carol Shea-Porter (D) was the only woman incumbent that lost a seat this past election. This made New Hampshire lose its two-year streak of having an all female delegation.

Women Statewide Executives

Three female governors have served New Hampshire: Vesta Roy (1982-1983, appointed), Jeanne Shaheen (1997-2003) and Maggie Hassan (2013-present). The position of governor is New Hampshire's only statewide elected executive office.

Women State Legislators

November 2014 saw the election of 25 fewer women to the New Hampshire state legislature than in 2012. Today there are 18% fewer women in the state legislature than in 1993.

Cities and Counties

Two (33.3%) of New Hampshire's 6 largest cities have female mayors, including Nashua, the state's second largest city. Hillsborough and Rockingham counties had female commission chairs in 2014.

Analysis

In 1993, New Hampshire ranked 16th in the nation, with a Gender Parity Score of 13.3. In 2014, New Hampshire became the first state to reach parity in our Gender Parity Index.

Did you know?

New Hampshire is the first and only state to send an all-female delegation to Congress in 2012. New Hampshire was the first state in the nation to have a majority female state legislative chamber (in the state Senate in 2009-2010).

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

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

Number of state legislative seats held by women		
	2015	1993
Senate	8 of 24 (33%)	9 of 24 (38%)
House	114 of 400 (29%)	133 of 400 (33%)
Total	29%	34%

State Legislature's Gender Parity Ranking: 30th

Method of election: State senators are elected from single-winner districts and state representatives are elected from districts ranging from 1 to 11 seats