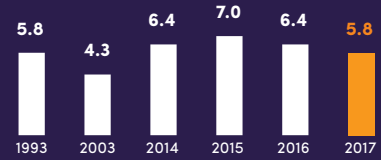




# Mississippi

Grade  
**F**

MISSISSIPPI GENDER PARITY SCORE HISTORY



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.

STATE RANKING

**50**

GENDER PARITY SCORE

**5.8**

Goal: 50

THE FORMULA

VOTING SYSTEMS IN MISSISSIPPI

**Single-Winner Districts  
Winner Take All**

PRIMARY TYPE

**Open**

WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS?

**No**

U.S. CONGRESS

**0.0**

/30 points

**Women in Congress**

Mississippi is one of two states that has never elected a woman to the U.S. Congress. In fact, Mississippi did not have any female party nominees for any congressional race in 2014 and 2016.

# OF U.S. CONGRESS SEATS HELD BY WOMEN

	115 <sup>th</sup> Congress	State History
SENATE	<b>0 of 2</b>	<b>0</b>
HOUSE	<b>0 of 4</b>	<b>0</b>

STATEWIDE EXECUTIVE OFFICES

**1.6**

/30 points

**Women Statewide Executives**

The Magnolia State has two elected female statewide executive officers. Lynn Fitch (R) serves as the Mississippi Treasurer and Cindy Hyde-Smith (R) serves as the Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce.

# OF STATEWIDE EXECUTIVE OFFICES HELD BY WOMEN

	2017	State History
GOVERNOR	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
OTHER MS OFFICES	<b>2 of 7</b>	<b>4</b>

STATE LEGISLATURE

**4.1**

/30 points

**Women State Legislators**

Just 14% of state legislators are women, while in 1993%, women roughly made up 11% of state legislators. Within the legislature, 58% of female members are Democrats and 42% are Republicans.

% OF STATE LEGISLATIVE SEATS HELD BY WOMEN



CITIES AND COUNTIES

**0.0**

/10 points

**Women Mayors and County Executives**

Across Mississippi's nine cities with at least 30,000 people and five most populous counties, zero women hold mayoral offices or chairmanships of county board of supervisors.

TOTAL

**5.8**

/100 points **PARITY = 50**

Sources: Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University, Ballotpedia, United States Conference of Mayors and city and county websites (January 2017)  
Note: Due to rounding, the total score may not exactly equal the sum of the four parts