

Women in Elected Office

In Utah

- One Utah woman currently serves in Congress (fourth in Utah history).
- In 2017, 21 women (15 House, 6 Senate) serve in Utah's 104-member Legislature (20.2%).
 - This is an increase from 16 women (15.4%) in 2016, and all 5 of the seats gained were in the House.
 - Utah's historic high was in 2002, when 24 women served in the Legislature (23.1%).
 - In 2017, Utah ranks 38th among state legislatures for percentage of women (up from 45th in 2016).
- 6 women (2 House, 4 Senate) hold State Legislative Leadership positions in Utah.
- No Utah women are currently elected to statewide office.
- Utah women have been elected as mayors and as members of city and county councils and commissions and school boards throughout the state. See *The Status of Women in Utah Politics: A 2017 Update* at www.uvu.edu/uwlp for details.
- Utah women register to vote—and vote—in higher numbers than men, but at lower rates than the national average. See *The Well-Being of Women in Utah: An Overview* at www.ywcautah.org for more information.

In U.S.

- The Center for American Women in Politics (CAWP) at Rutgers (<http://www.cawp.rutgers.edu/>) reports that 105 women hold seats in the 115th U.S. Congress (19.6%).
- 21 women (16D, 5R) serve in the U.S. Senate. 84 women (62D, 22R) serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- In 2017, 75 women hold statewide elective offices across the country (24%).
- The number of female governors serving remained the same from 2016 to 2017 at six (2D, 4R). 12 women serve as Lt. Governors.
- In 2017, 1,840, or 24.9%, of 7,383 state legislators in the United States are women. CAWP reports that since 1971, the number of women serving in state legislatures has more than quintupled.
- Statistics show that women running for office win elections at the same rate as men, but nationwide fewer women choose to take the initial step to run for office.
- Women vote in higher numbers than men and have done so in every presidential election since 1964.

Women in Utah Election History

- Utah territory gave women right to vote in 1870; renounced when Utah became a state in 1896; Utah wrote women's suffrage into its state constitution, 24 years before federal right to vote in 1920
- Martha Hughes Cannon (D), first state senator in the U.S. (1897-1901)
- Reva Beck Bosone (D), first Utah woman elected to U. S. House of Representatives (1949-53)
- Karen Shepherd (D), second Utah woman elected to U. S. House of Representatives (1993-95)
- Jan Graham (D), first female Utah Attorney General (1993-2001)
- Enid Greene Mickelson (R), third Utah woman elected to U. S. House of Representatives (1995-97)
- Olene S. Walker (R), first female Lieutenant Governor in Utah (1993-2003), then first female Governor (2003-05)
- Deedee Corradini, first (and only) woman to serve as Mayor of Salt Lake City (1992-2000)
- Becky Lockhart (R), first woman to serve as Speaker of the Utah House of Representatives (2010-14)
- Jennifer Seelig (D), first woman to serve as Minority Leader in the Utah House (2013-14)
- Mia Love (R), fourth Utah woman elected to U.S. House of Representatives (2015 –)