

WOMEN CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS 1974-2014**PARTY AND SEAT SUMMARY FOR MAJOR PARTY NOMINEES***

		U.S. Senate		U.S. House of Representatives	
		<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Winners</u>
2014	Total	15 (10D, 5R)	4 (1D, 3R)	159 (109D, 50R)	84 (62D, 22R)
	incumbents	4 (3D, 1R)	2 (1D, 1D)	73 (56D, 17R)	72 (55D, 17R)
	challengers	4 (3D, 1R)	0	68 (42D, 26R)	2 (1D, 1R)
	open seats	7 (4D, 3R)	2 (2R)	18 (11D, 7R)	10 (6D, 4R)
2012	Total	18 (12D, 6R)	11 (10D, 1R)	163 (116D, 47R)**	78 (58D, 20R)
	incumbents	6 (6D)	6 (6D)	66 (45D, 21R)	59 (42D, 17R)
	challengers	4 (2D, 2R)	1 (1D)	68 (52D, 16R)	4 (4D)
	open seats	8 (4D, 4R)	4 (3D, 1R)	29 (19D, 10R)	15 (12D, 3R)
2010	Total	14 (9D, 5R)	5 (4D, 1R)***	138 (91D, 47R)	72 (48D, 24R)
	incumbents	5 (5D)	4 (4D)	69 (54D, 15R)	59 (44D, 15R)
	challengers	4 (2D, 2R)	0	57 (27D, 30R)	8 (1D, 7R)
	open seats	5 (2D, 3R)	1 (1R)	12 (10D, 2R)	5 (3D, 2R)
2008	Total	7 (4D, 3R)	4 (3D, 1R)	132 (95D, 37R)	74 (57D, 17R)
	incumbents	3 (1D, 2R)	2 (1D, 1R)	67 (50D, 17R)	64 (49D, 15R)
	challengers	4 (3D, 1R)	2 (2D)	54 (36D, 18R)	5 (4D, 1R)
	open seats	0	0	11 (9D, 2R)	5 (4D, 1R)
2006	Total	12 (8D, 4R)	8 (6D, 2R)	136 (94D, 42R)	71 (50D, 21R)
	incumbents	6 (4D, 2R)	6 (4D, 2R)	65 (42D, 23R)	61 (42D, 19R)
	challengers	5 (3D, 2R)	1 (1D)	53 (40D, 13R)	3 (3D)
	open seats	1 (1D)	1 (1D)	18 (12D, 6R)	7 (5D, 2R)
2004	Total	10 (9D, 1R)	5 (4D, 1R)	141 (88D, 53R)	65 (42D, 23R)
	incumbents	5 (4D, 1R)	5 (4D, 1R)	57 (37D, 20R)	57 (37D, 20R)
	challengers	2 (2D)	0	64 (41D, 23R)	1 (1D)
	open seats	3 (3D)	0	20 (11D, 9R)	7 (4D, 3R)
2002	Total	11 (8D, 3R)	3 (1D, 2R)	124 (79D, 45R)	59 (38D, 21R)
	incumbents	3 (2D, 1R)	2 (1D, 1R)	55 (38D, 17R)	52 (36D, 16R)
	challengers	6 (5D, 1R)	0	51 (31D, 20R)	1 (1R)
	open seats	2 (1D, 1R)	1 (1R)	18 (10D, 8R)	6 (2D, 4R)
2000	Total	6 (4D, 2R)	6 (4D, 2R)+	122 (80D, 42R)	59 (41D, 18R)
	incumbents	3 (1D, 2R)	3 (1D, 2R)	52 (37D, 15R)	52 (37D, 15R)
	challengers	2 (2D)	2 (2D)	54 (32D, 22R)	2 (2D)
	open seats	1 (1D)	1 (1D)	16 (11D, 5R)	5 (2D, 3R)
1998	Total	10 (7D, 3R)	4 (3D, 1R)	121 (75D, 46R)	56 (39D, 17R)
	incumbents	4 (4D)	3 (3D)	50 (34D, 16R)	50 (34D, 16R)
	challengers	4 (1D, 3R)	0	56 (30D, 26R)	0
	open seats	2 (2D)	1 (1D)	15 (11D, 4R)	6 (5D, 1R)
1996	Total	9 (5D, 4R)	2 (1D, 1R)	120 (77D, 42R, 1I)	51 (35D, 15R, 1I)
	incumbents	0	0	41 (27D, 14R)	40 (27D, 13R)
	challengers	3 (1D, 2R)	0	65 (41D, 24R)	6 (5D, 1R)
	open seats	6 (4D, 2R)	2 (1D, 1R)	14 (9D, 4R, 1I)	5 (3D, 1R, 1I)
1994	Total	9 (4D, 5R)	3 (1D, 2R)	112 (72D, 40R)**	47 (30D, 17R)**
	incumbents	2 (1D, 1R)	2 (1D, 1R)	44 (34D, 10R)	36 (26D, 10R)
	challengers	5 (2D, 3R)	0	52 (28D, 24R)	3 (3R)
	open seats	2 (1D, 1R)	1 (1R)	16 (10D, 6R)	8 (4D, 4R)

* Includes major party nominees for the general elections, not those running in special elections with the exception of Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) who defeated an appointed senator on Election Day in November 1992. Independent candidates are included if they win their races. For total number serving in each Congress, see fact sheet "Women Serving in U.S. Congress." These figures do not include Delegates to the House from Washington, DC or the five territories.

** 166 women won their primaries, but 3 (2D, 1R) dropped out, leaving 163 nominees on Election Day.

*** Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) lost her primary race but won as a write-in candidate in the general election.

+ Jean Carnahan (D-MO), while not a candidate on the ballot for the Senate or an election winner, was appointed to the seat won posthumously by her husband, Governor Mel Carnahan.

** Jo Ann Emerson (MO) ran and won as an independent but served as a Republican.

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		<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Winners</u>
1992	Total	11 (10D, 1R)	5 (5D)	106 (70D, 36R)⁺⁺	47 (35D, 12R)⁺⁺
	incumbents	1 (1D)	1 (1D)	26 (17D, 9R)	23 (14D, 9R)
	challengers	7 (6D, 1R)	1 (1D)	41 (27D, 14R)	2 (2D)
	open seats	3 (3D)	3 (3D)	39 (26D, 13R)	22 (19D, 3R)
1990	Total	8 (2D, 6R)	1 (1R)	69 (39D, 30R)⁺⁺	28 (19D, 9R)⁺⁺
	incumbents	1 (1R)	1 (1R)	24 (15D, 9R)	24 (15D, 9R)
	challengers	6 (1D, 5R)	0	37 (17D, 20R)	1 (1D)
	open seats	1 (1D)	0	8 (7D, 1R)	3 (3D)
1988	Total	2 (2R)	0	59 (33D, 26R)	25 (14D, 11R)
	incumbents	0	0	23 (12D, 11R)	23 (12D, 11R)
	challengers	1 (1R)	0	32 (17D, 15R)	1 (1D)
	open seats	1 (1R)	0	4 (4D)	1 (1D)
1986	Total	6 (3D, 3R)	1 (1D)	64 (30D, 34R)	23 (12D, 11R)
	incumbents	1 (1R)	0	19 (10D, 9R)	19 (10D, 9R)
	challengers	2 (1D, 1R)	0	38 (16D, 22R)	1 (1D)
	open seats	3 (2D, 1R)	1 (1D)	7 (4D, 3R)	3 (1D, 2R)
1984	Total	10 (6D, 4R)	1 (1R)	65 (30D, 35R)	22 (11D, 11R)
	incumbents	1 (1R)	1 (1R)	20 (11D, 9R)	20 (11D, 9R)
	challengers	9 (6D, 3R)	0	41 (17D, 24R)	1 (1R)
	open seats	0	0	4 (2D, 2R)	1 (1R)
1982	Total	3 (1D, 2R)	0	55 (27D, 28R)	21 (12D, 9R)
	incumbents	0	0	17 (9D, 8R)	16 (9D, 7R)
	challengers	2 (1D, 1R)	0	26 (12D, 14R)	1 (1D)
	open seats	1 (1R)	0	12 (6D, 6R)	4 (2D, 2R)
1980	Total	5 (2D, 3R)	1 (1R)	52 (27D, 25R)	19 (10D, 9R)
	incumbents	0	0	15 (10D, 5R)	15 (10D, 5R)
	challengers	4 (2D, 2R)	0	31 (13D, 18R)	3 (3R)
	open seats	1 (1R)	1 (1R)	6 (4D, 2R)	1 (1R)
1978	Total	2 (1D, 1R)	1 (1R)	46 (27D, 19R)	16 (11D, 5R)
	incumbents	0	0	15 (11D, 4R)	13 (9D, 4R)
	challengers	1 (1D)	0	25 (13D, 12R)	0
	open seats	1 (1R)	1 (1R)	6 (3D, 3R)	3 (2D, 1R)
1976	Total	1 (1D)	0	54 (34D, 20R)	18 (13D, 5R)
	incumbents	0	0	16 (11D, 5R)	16 (11D, 5R)
	challengers	1 (1D)	0	32 (20D, 12R)	0
	open seats	0	0	6 (3D, 3R)	2 (2D)
1974	Total	3 (2D, 1R)	0	44 (30D, 14R)	18 (14D, 4R)
	incumbents	0	0	12 (10D, 2R)	12 (10D, 2R)
	challengers	3 (2D, 1R)	0	27 (17D, 10R)	2 (2D)
	open seats	0	0	5 (3D, 2R)	4 (2D, 2R)

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	<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Percent Who Won</u>	<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Percent Who Won</u>
Total	172	65	37.8	2,082	953	45.8
incumbents	45	38	84.4	826	783	94.8
challengers	79	7	9.0	970	47	4.8
open seats	48	20	41.7	286	123	43.0

Senate: Of the 172 women candidates nominated for the Senate, 26.2% were incumbents, 45.9% were challengers, and 27.9% sought open seats.

House: Of the 2,082 women candidates nominated for the House, 39.7% were incumbents, 46.6% were challengers, and 13.7% sought open seats.