GENDER MATTERS

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A Look at Gender Statistics from New Hampshire and Beyond
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IN NOVEMBER 2012, NEW HAMPSHIRE WAS THE FIRST STATE IN THE NATION TO SEND AN ALL-FEMALE DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON, AND ELECTED A WOMAN GOVERNOR THE SAME YEAR.

WOMEN IN THE NH LEGISLATURE 2007 AND 2017
Despite making history with the first-in-the-nation all-female delegation, New Hampshire women are underrepresented in the state legislature, holding less than a third of the seats.

PARTY AFFILIATION
Just under two-thirds of New Hampshire’s female state legislators are Democrats. In Congress, nearly three-quarters of women members are Democrats.1 Nationwide, there’s closer to an even split: just over 60 percent of female state legislators are Democrats.2

WOMEN LEGISLATORS AROUND THE REGION
Northern New England does better than the national average for women's representation in state legislatures, with the Vermont House of Representatives leading the way.

WHEN WOMEN RUN FOR OFFICE, THEY’RE JUST AS LIKELY MEN TO WIN.
THE PROBLEM IS THAT NOT AS MANY WOMEN RUN IN THE FIRST PLACE.4
WOMEN AT THE BALLOT BOX

THE 19TH AMENDMENT, GRANTING WOMEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE, WAS RATIFIED ON AUGUST 18, 1920. NEW HAMPSHIRE WOMEN CONSISTENTLY VOTE IN HIGHER NUMBERS THAN MEN, YET ARE FAR FROM ACHIEVING POLITICAL PARITY.

WOMEN’S AND MEN’S VOTING 2016

When it comes to voting, the gender gap in politics is reversed. Over three-quarters of New Hampshire women are registered to vote, and most headed to the polls in November 2016.

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WOMEN’S VOTING AROUND THE REGION

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PERCENT OF WOMEN REGISTERED TO VOTE AND VOTING IN NOVEMBER 2016 BY STATE


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