In 2022, both federal and state candidates campaigned on abortion rights and access in the wake of the Supreme Court’s ruling to overturn Roe v Wade. The New Hampshire Senate reached gender parity, with 12 women elected to the 24-member chamber. This is only the second time the New Hampshire Senate has reached gender parity. The New Hampshire House increased from 36% to 37% women including 100 Democratic women and 48 Republican women. The Executive Council remained 40% women with two women Councilors.

Note: One New Hampshire House race ended in a tie and will likely be decided by a special election. This race is between two men and will not impact the final percent of women in the House due to rounding.

NEW HAMPSHIRE SENATE REACHES GENDER PARITY AND DEMOCRATS IN BOTH CHAMBERS SEND MAJORITY WOMEN

Democratic Men
Democratic Women
Democratic Non-binary
People
Republican Women
Republican Men

COUNTY ELECTIONS WON BY WOMEN

16% COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
30% COUNTY ATTORNEYS
30% COUNTY TREASURERS
0% COUNTY SHERIFFS
90% COUNTY REGISTERS OF DEEDS
40% COUNTY REGISTERS OF PROBATE

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN CONSISTENTLY OUTNUMBER REPUBLICAN WOMEN IN THE NEW HAMPSHIRE LEGISLATURE

State Legislature combines House of Representatives and Senate
THERE IS SIGNIFICANT GEOGRAPHIC VARIATION BY COUNTY IN THE PERCENT OF WOMEN SERVING IN THE NEW HAMPSHIRE HOUSE

Hillsborough County elected the highest percent of women to the New Hampshire House of Representatives with 52%, and Coos County elected the fewest women with just 11%.

PERCENT OF WOMEN IN NH HOUSE BY COUNTY

COOS 11%

GRAFTON 31%

CARROLL 20%

SULLIVAN 31%

BELKNAP 22%

MERRIMACK 36%

STRATFORD 32%

ROCKINGHAM 34%

HILLSBOROUGH 50%

CHeshire 32%

TO REACH GENDER PARITY, WE MUST ELEVATE WOMEN ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE TO RUN FOR OFFICE:

Women’s representation in the New Hampshire legislature has fluctuated over the years. The State Senate made quiet history after the 2008 election when it became the first U.S. legislative body to be a majority women (13 out of 24 seats). Except for the 2011-2012 session, Democratic women have consistently outnumbered Republican women. Achieving gender parity among candidates and officeholders will be unlikely without more Republican women running for office.

WOMEN REPRESENT A QUARTER OF U.S. HOUSE AND SENATE

The trend in gender representation continues at the federal level where women’s representation is increasing in the U.S. House and Senate but Democratic women are making larger gains than Republican women.

U.S. SENATE (100 TOTAL SEATS)

Democratic Women

Republican Women

U.S. HOUSE (435 TOTAL SEATS)

Democratic Women

Republican Women

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