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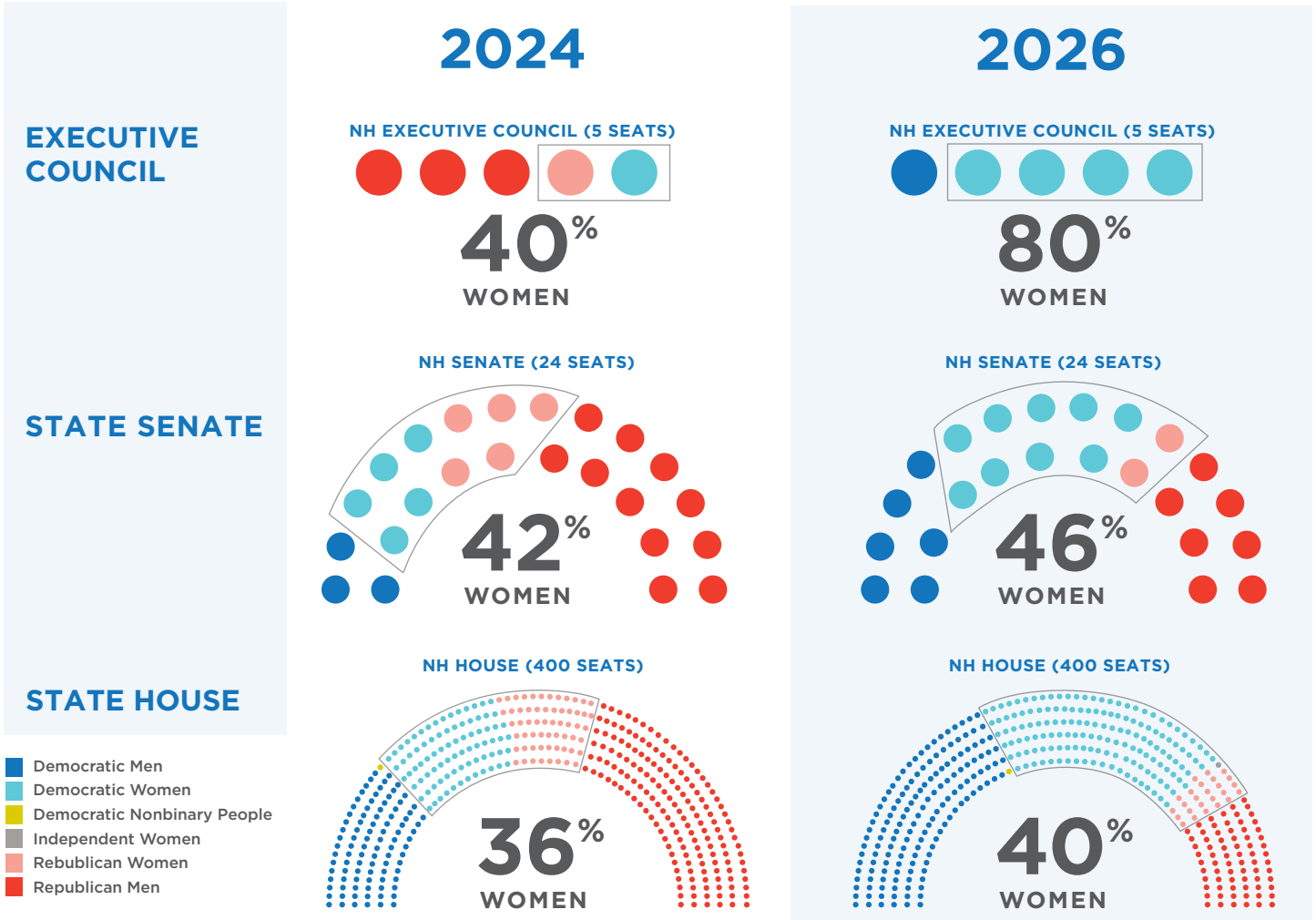
Women and the 2026 General Election Results

New Hampshire made history in the 2026 General Election by voting in the first majority women Executive Council, including two women of color, and the most women ever elected to the New Hampshire House, at 40%. The huge gain in women's representation in the House was due to robust numbers of Democratic women.

There will be a record 142 Democratic women in the Legislature (133 State Representatives and nine Senators), surpassing the previous high of 116 Democratic women in 2018. Meanwhile, New Hampshire elected only 25 Republican women to the House, the fewest in more than five decades; and only two Republican women to the Senate, the lowest in 20 years.

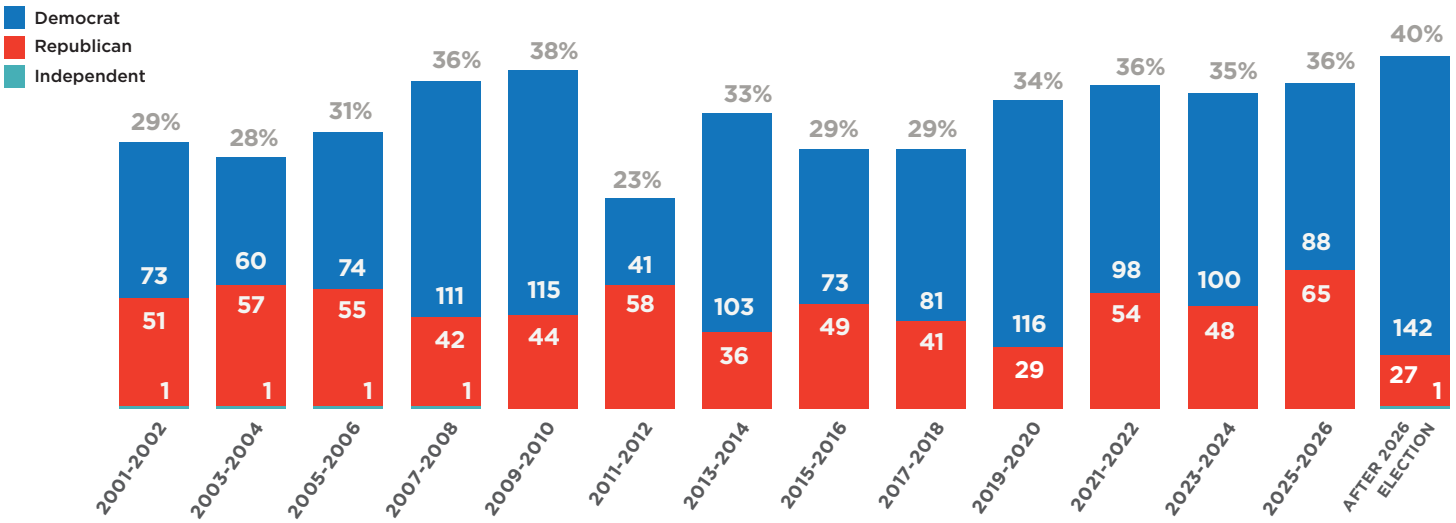
We will need more women, regardless of party, to run for office if we are going to reach gender parity in the State House.

CHANGE IN REPRESENTATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SENATE, AND HOUSE



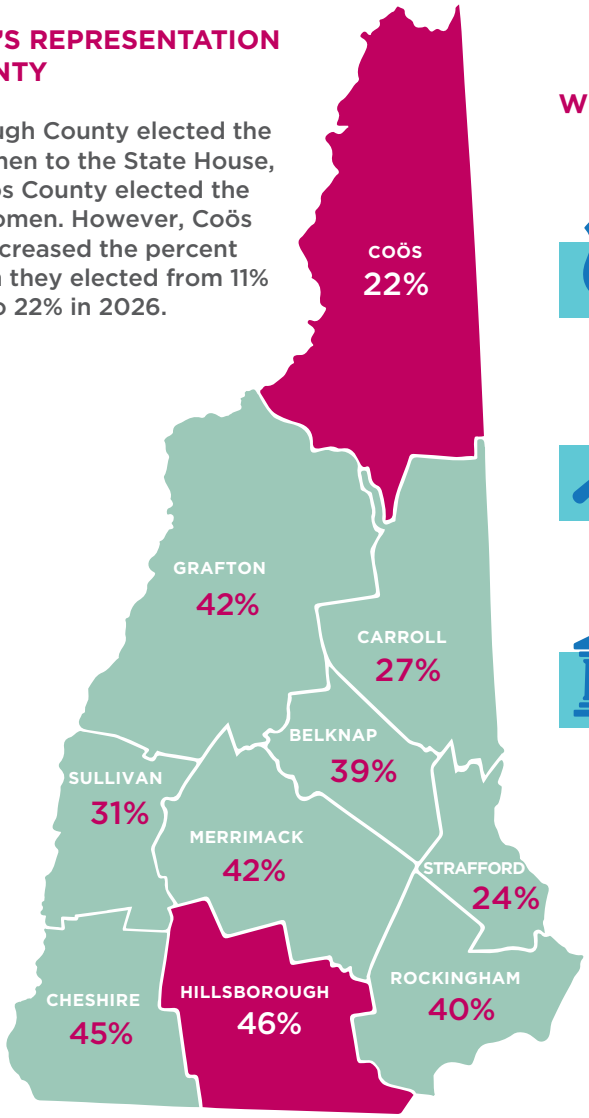
HIGHEST NUMBER OF WOMEN EVER IN THE NEW HAMPSHIRE LEGISLATURE IN 2027-2028

State Legislature combines House of Representatives and Senate



WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION BY COUNTY

Hillsborough County elected the most women to the State House, while Coös County elected the fewest women. However, Coös County increased the percent of women they elected from 11% in 2024 to 22% in 2026.



WOMEN IN COUNTY ELECTION RESULTS

	# WOMEN/ # TOTAL SEATS	CHANGE AFTER ELECTION
COUNTY SHERIFF	2/10	NO CHANGE
COUNTY ATTORNEY	5/10	INCREASE
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	6/30	DECREASE

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