

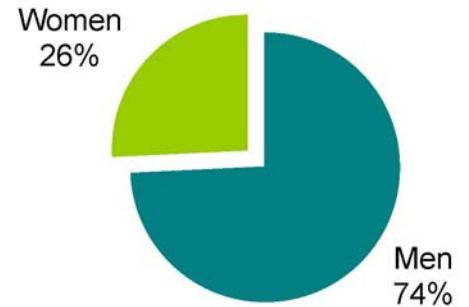
Women in the Wisconsin Legislature, 2011 update

The number of women elected to in the Wisconsin State Legislature **increased** to 34 (from 31) following the August and November 2011 special elections. As a result women now hold **26% of all seats** in the State Legislature.

Women gained **two seats** in the Senate, with one woman moving from the Assembly to the Senate. In addition, one woman was elected to the Assembly to fill an open seat.

Woman now hold **10 seats in the Senate (30%)**, which is the highest level in a decade (see table).

Wisconsin State Legislature, 2011



Women in the Wisconsin State Legislature, 1981–2011

Year	Senate	Assembly	Total
1981	2	18	20
1983	2	24	26
1985	3	22	25
1987	4	24	28
1989	5	32	37
1991	5	27	32
1993	9	27	36
1995	9	23	32
1997	10	22	32
1999	11	20	31
2001	11	22	33
2003	9	28	37
2005	8	26	34
2007	8	22	30
2009	7	22	29
2011	8	23	31
2011(n)*	10	24	34

There are a total of 132 seats in the State Legislature (33 Senate & 99 Assembly). Source for historical figures: Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau. (n) updated following 2011 special elections.

Women in the Wisconsin State Legislature November 2011

Wisconsin State Senate

- Senator Alberta Darling
- Senator Pam Galloway
- Senator Sheila Harsdorf
- Senator Jessica King
- Senator Julie Lassa
- Senator Mary Lazich
- Senator Jennifer Shilling
- Senator Lena Taylor
- Senator Kathleen Vinehout
- Senator Leah Vukmir

Wisconsin State Assembly

- Representative Joan Ballweg
- Representative Terese Berceau
- Representative Penny Bernard Schaber
- Representative Kathleen Bernier
- Representative Janet Bewley
- Representative Jill Billings
- Representative Elizabeth Coggs

Wisconsin State Assembly *continued*

- Representative Tamara Grigsby
- Representative Samantha Kerkman
- Representative Margaret Krusick
- Representative Michelle Litjens
- Representative Amy Loudenbeck
- Representative Sandy Pasch
- Representative Sondy Pope-Roberts
- Representative Janis Ringhand
- Representative Kelda Helen Roys
- Representative Donna Seidel
- Representative Christine Sinicki
- Representative Pat Strachota
- Representative Chris Taylor
- Representative Barbara Toles
- Representative Amy Sue Vruwink
- Representative Mary Williams
- Representative JoCasta Zamarripa

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Women in Local Government

Women hold about **one in five seats** (21%) in local governments across Wisconsin. This percentage increased only slightly over the five-year period from 2005 to 2010.

Women hold about **one in ten leadership positions** in the elected bodies of Wisconsin's local governments, such as City Council, Village, Town and School Board Presidents and City Mayors.

Women Elected Office Holders in Wisconsin Local Governments, 2005 and 2010

