



Legislature (total)



25% ... the share of women in the WI Legislature

in 2015 (33 of 132 seats)—an overall share that has been largely unchanged for the past quarter century (see chart below).

Senate



33% ... the share of women in the State Senate in

2015 (11 of 33 seats). *Net gain* of two seats from 2013. Newly elected for 2015: Bewley and Ringhand, both previously served in the Assembly.

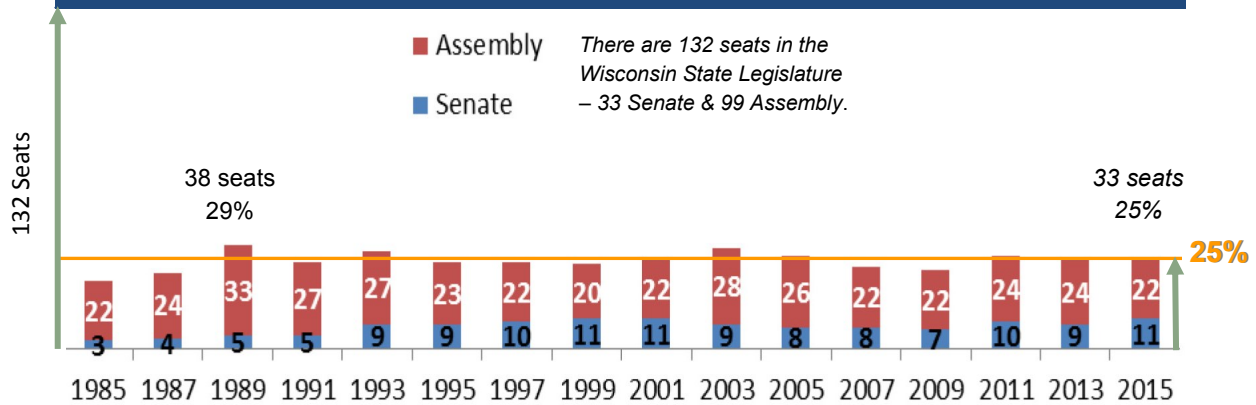
Assembly



22% ... the share of women in the State Assembly

in 2015 (22 of 99 seats). *Net loss* of two seats from 2013. Newly elected for 2015: Brandtjen, Meyers, Stubeck, Stuck and VanderMeer.

Three Decades of Women in the Wisconsin State Legislature



Benchmarks (1985 to 2015)

Largest number of women in the ...

- ◆ **Legislature (total):** 1989, 38 seats (29%)
- ◆ **Assembly:** 1989, 33 seats (33%)
- ◆ **Senate:** 1999, 2001 and 2015, 11 seats (33%)

Women's legislative leadership firsts:

- ◆ Senate President, 2015, Mary Lazich (R)
- ◆ Senate Majority Leader, 2003, Mary Panzer (R)
- ◆ Senate Minority Leader, 1985, Sen. Susan Engeleiter (R)
- ◆ Assembly Speaker (none)
- ◆ Assembly Majority Leader, 2014, Pat Strachota (R)
- ◆ Assembly Minority Leader, 1987, Betty Jo Nelsen (R)

Women in Legislative Leadership for 2015

Senate Majority Party (R)
President of the Senate
Mary Lazich
(WI's first female Senate President)
Caucus Chair
Sheila Harsdorf

Senate Minority Party (D)
Minority Leader
Jennifer Shilling
Caucus Chair
Julia Lassa
Caucus Vice Chair
Kathleen Vinehout

Assembly Majority Party (R)
Caucus Secretary
Jessie Rodriguez
Sergeant at Arms
Samantha Kerkman

Assembly Minority Party (D)
Assistant Minority Leader
Katrina Shankland
Assistant Caucus Chair
JoCasta Zamarripa
Caucus Secretary
Beth Meyers