

# Women in the WI Legislature

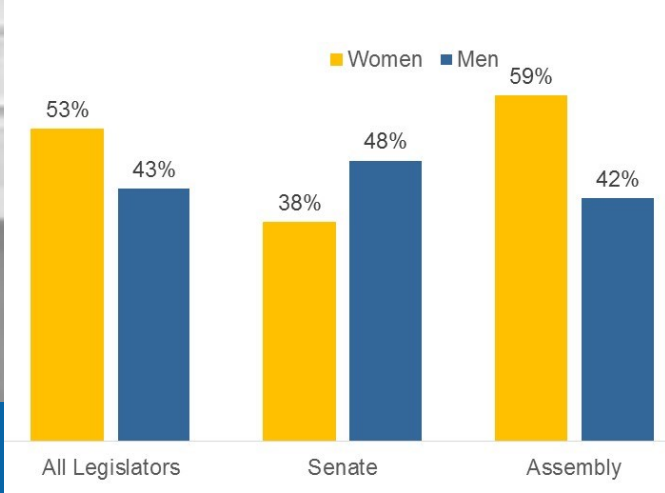
Prior Experience in State and Local Government Elected Office, 2017

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# 53%

The majority of the women serving in the 2017 Wisconsin State Legislature (53%) held **local elected office** prior to serving as legislators, compared to 43% of their male counterparts.

Current State Legislators who have held Local Government Elected Office



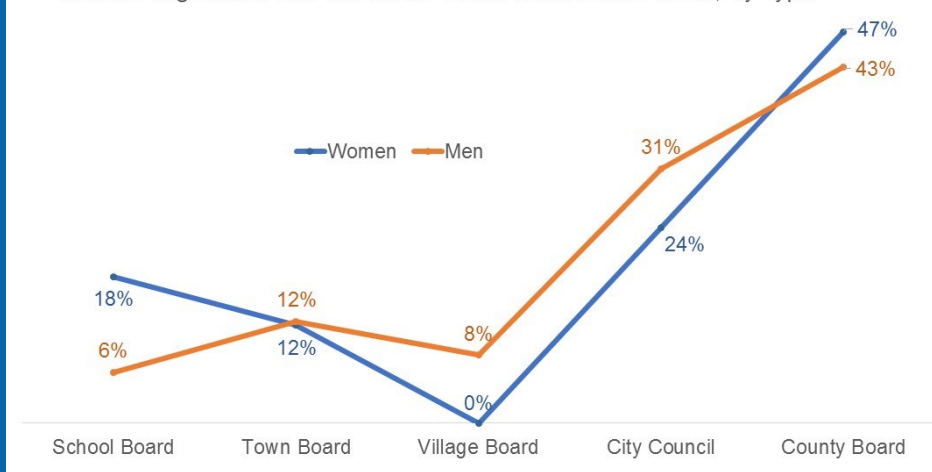
## Assembly vs Senate

Women in the Assembly are more likely than their Senate colleagues to have held local elected office (59% vs 38%), while the opposite is true for male legislators.

# 47% COUNTY BOARD

**County Board** is the most common level of local elected office, among all current legislators who have served in local government, followed by **City Council**; while women are 3x more likely than men to have served on a **School Board**.

Current Legislators who have held Local Government Office, by Type



# 88% ASSEMBLY to SENATE

The majority of WI State Senators served in the Assembly before moving to the Senate. Most (7 of 8, or 88%) of women in the Senate first served in the Assembly, compared to 64% (16 of 25) of their male colleagues.

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Since 2005, the Women's Council has tracked and published statistics on women in state and local elected offices in Wisconsin, including post-election fact sheets updating data on Women in the Wisconsin Legislature.

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### WI Women in Elected Office Factsheets

Prior Experience in State and Local Elected Office, 2017

Women in the WI Judiciary, 2017

Women in the WI Legislature, 2017

Women in Local Government, 2015

### Moving Wisconsin Forward, 2015

An analysis of women in elected office in Wisconsin's state and local governments with updated statistics and 10-years trends.

### Wisconsin Women's Political Firsts Timeline, 2015

Timeline of women in elected office in Wisconsin state government, including the first women elected to the State Legislature (1925), first female Lieutenant Governor (2001), and first Latina elected to the Legislature (2011). Printed copies available by request (while supplies last).

### Moving Wisconsin Forward, 2010

An analysis of Wisconsin Women in Elected Office, with updated statistics.

### Women and Elected Office, 2005

Wisconsin's first statewide benchmark report on women holding elected office in state and local government, including elected seats in Wisconsin's counties, cities, towns, villages and school districts.

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