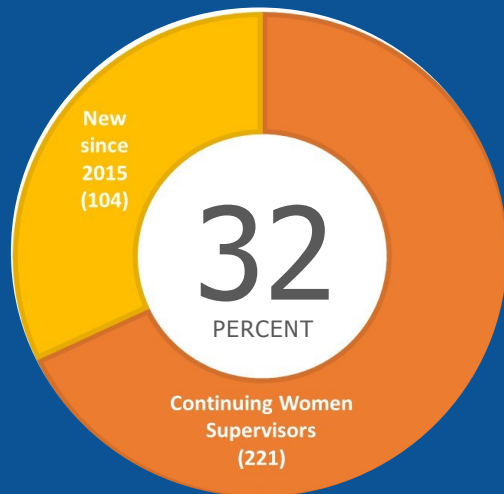


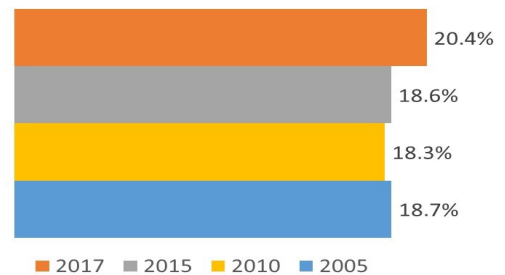
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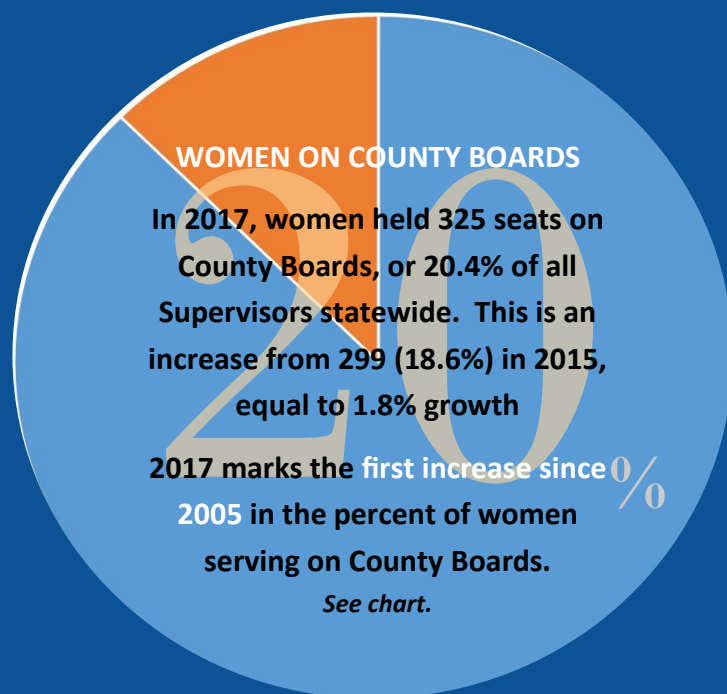


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Female
County Board
Supervisors
is new —
elected
since 2015.

Percent of County Board Supervisor Seats Held by Women, 2005-2017



Women serve as County Board Chair in 9 of 72 WI Counties, largely unchanged over the past decade.



High turnover from 2015. Among women and men, one-in-four current Supervisors was elected since 2015.

ON THE RUN



The net increase of 26 female Supervisors (299 to 325) masks a larger movement of women in elected office. From 2015-2017, **104 female candidates sought and won County Board seats** — one-third of all current Board Supervisor seats held by women.

Since 2005, the Women’s Council has tracked and published data on women in state and local elected offices in Wisconsin, including posting election fact sheets updating data on Women in the WI Legislature.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS (available online)

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.

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.

Sources: Official County websites, accessed between 9/18—9/20, 2017; Women’s Council publications on Wisconsin women and elected office, 2005, 2010 and 2015 (listed above). Running Woman graphic, iStock.com/vectoratu.



Summary Data

Women in County Government 2005-2017

| Women in Leadership Wisconsin County Board Chairs | | |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| | Number | Percent |
| 2017 | 9 | 12.5% |
| 2015 | 11 | 15.3% |
| 2010 | 6 | 8.3% |
| 2005 | 8 | 11.1% |

Women on County Boards, 2005 to 2017 Women’s Council Benchmark Reports

| | Total Supervisors | Women Supervisors | Percent Women | Growth Rate |
|------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 2017 | 1593 | 325 | 20.4% | 1.8% |
| 2015 | 1604 | 299 | 18.6% | 0.3% |
| 2010 | 1680 | 308 | 18.3% | -0.3% |
| 2005 | 1790 | 334 | 18.7% | |

County Constitutional Offices, 2005 and 2017 Percent of Offices Held by Women

| | County Clerk | Clerk of Courts | County Treasurer | Register of Deeds | District Attorney | Sheriff |
|------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|
| 2017 | 78% | 92% | 85% | 81% | 35% | 1% |
| 2005 | 89% | 74% | 82% | 74% | 18% | 1% |



About Us

The Women’s Council is Wisconsin’s statutory commission on the status of women and girls. Established in 1983, the Council promotes initiatives that empower women, serves as a clearing-house for information on the status of women in the state, conducts research, and promotes unique partnerships to further women’s economic and social equality and improve this state’s tax base and economy. The 15-member Women’s Council is appointed by the Governor and legislative leaders.

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