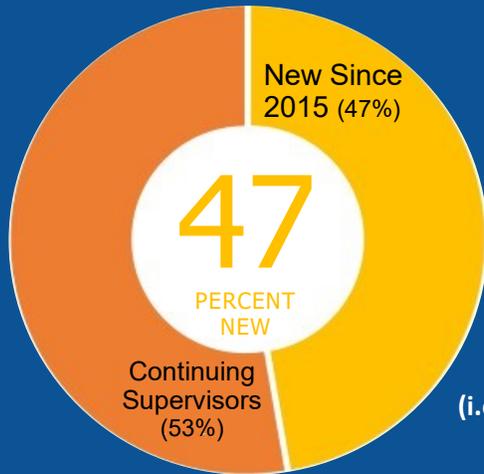
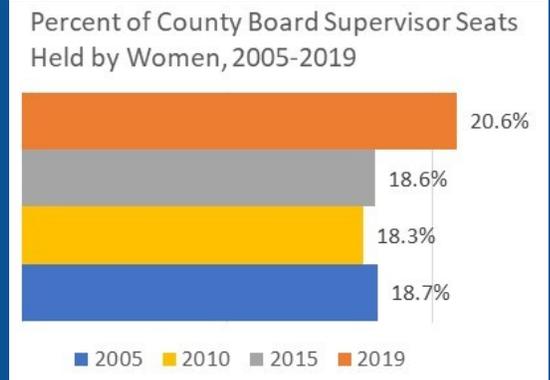


# Women on County Boards, 2019

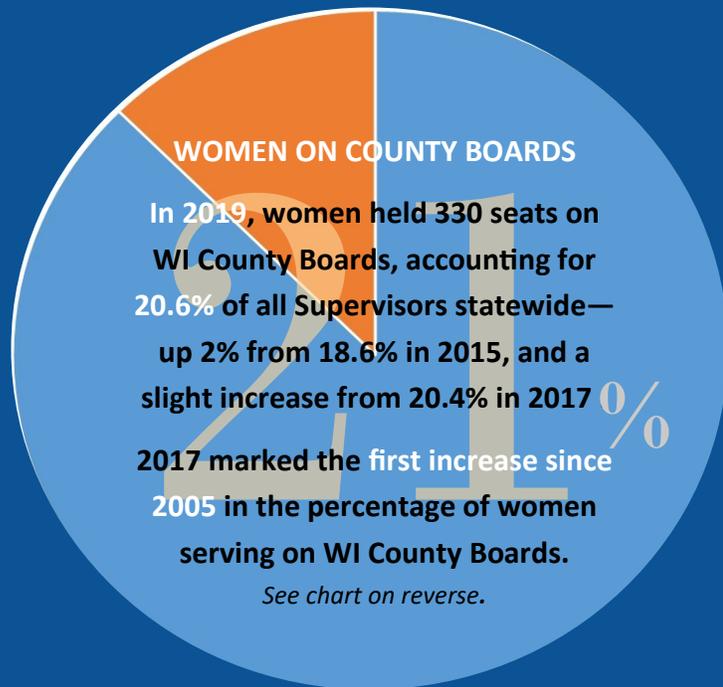
Wisconsin Women's Council  
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**Nearly Half**  
of current Female  
County Board  
Supervisors  
have taken office  
since 2015  
(i.e., in 2016, '17, '18, or '19).



Women serve as  
County Board Chair in  
9 of 72 WI Counties.  
Women make up 12.5% of  
Chairs and 25% of Vice  
Chairs, largely unchanged  
over the past decade.



High overall turnover from 2015!  
Among women *and* men, nearly  
40% of current County Supervisors  
have taken office since 2015.

## ON THE RUN



The net increase of 30 female Supervisors (300 to 330) masks a larger movement of women elected to Wisconsin County Boards.

More than 150 of the 330 women currently serving on a County Board took office between 2015 and 2019.

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

Women in County Government, 2019

Women in the WI Legislature, 2019

Prior Experience in State and Local Elected Office, 2017

Women in the WI Judiciary, 2017

### 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 in May 2019; Women’s Council publications on Wisconsin women and elected office, 2005, 2010 and 2015 (listed above) and 2017 factsheet. Graphics credit: Running Woman, iStock.com/vectoratu.



## Summary Data

### Women on County Boards

2005-2019

Women in Leadership Women County Board Chairs		
	Number	Percent
2019	9	12.5%
2017	9	12.5%
2015	11	15.3%
2010	6	8.3%
2005	8	11.1%

### Women on County Boards, 2005 to 2019

	Total Supervisors	Women Supervisors	Percent Women
2019	1600	330	20.6%
2017	1593	325	20.4%
2015	1612	300	18.6%
2010	1680	308	18.3%
2005	1790	334	18.7%



## 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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