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## Women Made History on Tuesday!

New Hampshire has the distinction of electing the **first-ever all-women delegation**, by electing Gov. Maggie Hassan (D), and Congresswomen Carol Shea-Porter (D) and Ann McLane Kuster (D). They join Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D) and Kelly Ayotte (R). Governor-elect Hassan will be the only female Democratic governor in 2013.

**20 women** will hold Senate seats in the 113th Congress! This is the **most** ever. Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota was the last Senate race to confirm a winner.

At least **17 women** will join the Freshmen class as Congresswomen in the 113th Congress (two Arizona seats are still pending). Of the 435 members of the House of Representatives, at least **77 of those in the 113th Congress will be women**, breaking the

current [record](#) of 73!

Of the approximately 90 [new](#) Members of Congress (House and Senate), **22 are women**.

## New Women Senators

Tammy Baldwin (D) - Wisconsin

Deb Fischer (R) - Nebraska

Heidi Heitkamp (D) - North Dakota

Mazie Hirono (D) - Hawaii

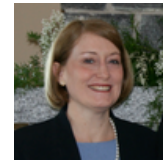
Elizabeth Warren (D) - Massachusetts

## Re-Elected Women Senators

Maria Cantwell (D) - Washington

Dianne Feinstein (D) - California

Kirsten Gillibrand (D) - New York



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Amy Klobuchar (D) - Minnesota

Claire McCaskill (D) - Missouri

Debbie Stabenow (D) - Michigan

Of the 17 current female Senators, Kay Bailey Hutchison (TX) and Olympia Snowe (ME), both Republicans, are retiring.

## Women Who Won (or races still pending)

### Alabama

District 2 Martha Roby (R)

District 7 Terri Sewell (D)

### Arizona

District 1 Ann Kirkpatrick (D)

District 2 Martha McSally (R) - pending

District 9 Krystan Sinema (D) - pending

### California

US Senate Diane Feinstein (D)

District 6 Doris Matsui (D)

District 12 Nancy Pelosi (D)

District 13 Barbara Lee (D)

District 14 Jackie Speier (D)

District 18 Anna Eshoo (D)

District 19 Zoe Lofgren (D)

District 24 Lois Capps (D)

District 26 Julia Brownley (D)

District 27 Judy Chu (D)

District 32 Grace Napolitano (D)

District 35 Gloria Negrete McLeod (D)

District 36 Mary Bono Mack (R)

District 37 Karen Bass (D)

District 38 Linda Sanchez (D)

District 40 Lucille Roybal-Allard (D)

District 43 Maxine Waters (D)

District 44 Janice Hahn (D)

District 46 Loretta Sanchez (D)

District 53 Susan Davis (D)

### Colorado

District 1 Diana DeGette (D)

### Connecticut

District 3 Rosa DeLauro (D)

District 5 Elizabeth Esty (D)

#### District of Columbia

At-Large Eleanor Holmes Norton (D)

#### Florida

District 5 Corrine Brown (D)

District 14 Kathy Castor (D)

District 22 Lois Frankel (D)

District 23 Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D)

District 24 Frederica Wilson (D)

District 27 Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R)

#### Hawaii

Senate Mazie Hirono (D)

District 1 Colleen Hanabusa (D)

District 2 Tulsi Gabbard (D)

#### Illinois

District 8 Tammy Duckworth (D)

District 9 Jan Schakowsky (D)

District 17 Cheri Bustos (D)

#### Indiana

District 2 Jacki Walorski (R)

District 5 Susan Brooks (R)

#### Kansas

District 2 Lynn Jenkins (R)

#### Maine

District 1 Chellie Pingree (D)

#### Maryland

District 4 Donna Edwards (D)

#### Maine

Senate Elizabeth Warren (D)

District 3 Niki Tsongas (D)

#### Michigan

Senate Debbie Stabenow (D)

District 10 Candice Miller (R)

#### Minnesota

Senate Amy Klobuchar (D)

District 4 Betty McCollum (D)

District 6 Michelle Bachmann (R)

#### Missouri

Senate Claire McCaskill (D)

District 2 Ann Wagner (R)

District 4	Vicki Hartzler (R)
District 8	Jo Ann Emerson (R)
<b>Nebraska</b>	
Senate	Deb Fischer (R)
<b>New Hampshire</b>	
District 1	Carol Shea-Porter (D)
District 2	Ann McLane Kuster (D)
<b>Nevada</b>	
District 1	Dina Titus (D)
<b>New Mexico</b>	
District 1	Michelle Lujan Grisham (D)
<b>New York</b>	
Senate	Kirsten Gillibrand (D)
District 4	Carolyn McCarthy (D)
District 6	Grace Meng (D)
District 7	Nydia Velazquez (D)
District 9	Yvette Clarke (D)
District 12	Carolyn Maloney (D)
District 17	Nita Lowey (D)
District 25	Louise Slaughter (D)
<b>North Carolina</b>	
District 2	Renee Elmers (R)
District 5	Virginia Foxx (R)
<b>North Dakota</b>	
Senate	Heidi Heitkamp (D)
<b>Ohio</b>	
District 3	Joyce Beatty (D)
District 9	Marcy Kaptur (D)
District 11	Marcia Fudge (D)
<b>Oregon</b>	
District 1	Suzanne Bonamici (D)
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	
District 13	Allyson Schwartz (D)
<b>South Dakota</b>	
At-Large	Kristi Noem (R)
<b>Tennessee</b>	
District 6	Diane Black (R)
District 7	Marsha Blackburn (R)
<b>Texas</b>	
District 12	Kay Granger (12)
District 18	Sheila Jackson Lee (D)
District 30	Eddie Bernice Johnson (D)

## Washington

Senate Maria Cantwell (D)

District 1 Suzan DelBene (D)

District 3 Jaime Herrera Beutler (R)

## West Virginia

District 2 Shelley Moore Capito (R)

## Wisconsin

Senate Tammy Baldwin (D)

District 4 Gwen Moore (D)

## Wyoming

At-Large Cynthia Lummis (R)

### UPDATE 10:29 PM

#### WOMEN WIN IN THE SENATE

Elizabeth Warren - Massachusetts

Claire McCaskill - Missouri

Debbie Stabenow - Michigan

Deb Fischer - Nebraska

Kirsten Gillibrand - New York

#### WOMEN WHO LOST SENATE RACES

Linda McMahon - Connecticut

Cynthia Dill - Maine

Wendy Long - New York

### UPDATE ELECTION NIGHT 7:44 pm

Watch these three House races, among those expected to be close:

#### California District 36

Congresswoman [Mary Bono Mack](#) (R) challenged by Paul Ruiz (D)

#### Minnesota District 6

Congresswoman [Michelle Bachman](#) (R) challenged by Jim Graves (D)

#### Utah District 4

Congressman [Jim Matheson](#) (D) challenged by Mia Love (R)

Yes, women are a critical part of the electorate, and we also serve in elected offices nationwide. Since suffragist [Jeannette Rankin](#) was elected to Congress in 1916, representing Montana, women have been elected to and served in the House and Senate. [Rebecca Felton](#), another suffragist, became the first woman to serve in the Senate when she was appointed by the governor of Georgia to serve a vacancy in 1922.

In 2012, women set a [record](#) for the number of filings in the House and Senate: 299 women filed to run for House seats, beating the previous record of 262 in 2010; 36 women filed to run for the

senate, surpassing the 2010 record. This year, 138 women won their parties' primaries. Nationally, women could be serving in record numbers if all of the women running for national office are elected on November 6th. 18 women are running in the Senate, and 141 in the House.

Soon, our voices may not only be heard, but they may also echo in the halls of Congress! At the [Center for American Women and Politics](#) at Rutgers University, Susan J. [Carroll](#), Professor of Political Science claims "we stand to have the largest number of new women elected to the House since 1992."

In the 112th Congress, women hold 16.8% of the 535 seats(17/100 in the Senate and 73/435 in the House.) Here are some facts about women in the current Congress:

26 states have female representation

Four states have never elected a woman to Congress

Delaware, Iowa, Mississippi, and Vermont

17 women are currently serving in the Senate

73 women are serving in the House of Representatives

24, or 27.0%, of the 90 women serving in congress are women of color. In addition, an African American woman and a Caribbean American woman serve as Delegates to the House from Washington, DC and the Virgin Islands, respectively.

### **How many women are running in 2012**

Senate - 18 (20D, 16R)

6 incumbents

8 for open senate seats

4 are challenging current senators

House - 166 (118D, 48R)

66 incumbents

26 for open seats

74 are challenging current house members

### **Records broken in 2012:**

Women who filed for Senate races (36)

Women who won primaries for Senate seats (18)

Women who filed for House races (299)

Women who won primaries for House seats (166)

### **Who is Running:**

The Center for American Women in Politics has a complete list of the [Women Congressional and Statewide Executive Candidates 2012](#)

### **Races to Watch - Women in SENATE Battleground States**

(Latest polling from [Real Clear Politics](#))

<a href="#">Connecticut</a>	<b>Linda McMahon</b> (R)/Chris Murphy (D)	Murphy+5
<a href="#">Massachusetts</a>	<b>Elizabeth Warren</b> (D)/Scott Brown (R)*	Warren +3
<a href="#">Missouri</a>	<b>Claire McCaskill</b> (D)/Todd Akin (R)	McCaskill +6.3
<a href="#">North Dakota</a>	<b>Heidi Heitkamp</b> (D)/Rick Berg (R)	Berg +5.7

\* incumbent

Use the [Election Night Women Candidates Scorecard](#) to keep track of women candidates.

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[Douglas Goodman](#)

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Katherine,

Just goes to show people are voting for the most qualified candidates. Sex, race, religion are becoming non-issues.

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### 12 REPLIES



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