

**Women in the U.S. Congress
and State Legislatures**

2009 U.S. Congress:

Total Women/ Total Senate:	Total Women/ Total House	% Women Overall:
17/100 (17.0%)	77/435 (17.7%)	94/535(17.5%)

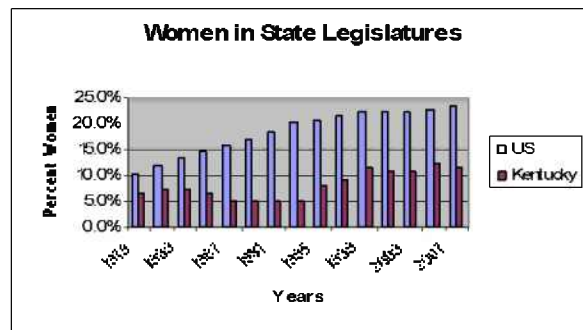
2008 State Legislatures:

- In the U.S., 23.8% of all state legislators are women. State House of Representatives have the highest percent of women law makers comprising 24.4%.
- Kentucky ranks 47th in percentage of women state legislators, with 14.0% female membership.

• In November 2008 New Hampshire became the first state with a female majority in their state senate. 13 of the 24 members are women.

2009 Kentucky State Legislature:

Total Women/ Total Senate:	Total Women/ Total House	% Women Overall:
6/38(15.8%)	15/100 (15.0%)	21/138 (15.2%)



Kentucky Elected Officials

	% are Women
County Judge Exec.	5%
City Mayors*	18%
Council/Commissioner*	25%
City Clerk/Treasurer *	78%

*Based on 2005 Data

Kentucky Women and the Judiciary.

	Women / Total Judges	% of Total
Supreme Court	2 / 7	28.6%
<i>Chief Justice</i>	0 / 1	0%
Court of Appeals	7 / 14	50%
<i>Chief Appellate Judge</i>	1 / 1	100%
Circuit Court	41 / 143	28.6%
<i>Chief Regional Circuit Judge</i>	2 / 8	25.0%
District Judge	44 / 114	39.9%
<i>Chief Regional District Judge</i>	4 / 8	50%

Did you know?

- During Governor Beshear's first 100 days in office, he appointed 268 women to boards and commissions and only 62 men to promote gender equality.
- Governor Beshear also moved the Commission on Women into the Capitol for their second time in Kentucky history.

Women and Voting

In the United States:

- The proportion of women voters has outnumbered the proportion of men voters in every presidential election since 1980.

In Kentucky:

- Women comprised 52.9% of registered voters. However, of the 1.5 million registered female voters, only 37.4% voted in the 2007 Gubernatorial election. 38.5% of registered men turned out to vote.
- Of the almost 1.1 million votes cast in the 2007 Gubernatorial election, 52.1% of the voters were women. During the 2008 presidential election, 54.1% of the voters were women.

Sources: 1Center for American Women and Politics—www.cawp.rutgers.edu, 2Kentucky County Judge/Executive Association www.kcjea.org, 3Kentucky League of Cities www.klc.org, 4Kentucky Administrative Offices of the Courts www.kycourts.net, 5Kentucky Boards and Commissions—Governor's Office—www.ky.gov, 6Kentucky State Board of Elections—www.elect.ky.gov; <http://blogs.wsj.com/washwire/2008/11/05/women-become-majority-in-new-hampshire-state-senate/>; <http://www.cq.com/graphics/monitor/2008/11/05/mon20081105-5-selection-stats.pdf>