

Women's Council Programs and Local Government



Wisconsin Women's Council

The mission of the Women's Council is to enhance the ability of all Wisconsin women to participate fully in all aspects of life.

The agency's program agenda is set by a 15-member Board appointed by the Governor, Senate President, Senate Majority Leader and Assembly Speaker.

Christine Lidbury, Executive Director

Mary Jo Baas, Chair

The Women's Council is Wisconsin's statutory commission on the status of women and girls.

2017-2018 Program of Work

- ▶ **Women and Family (Adult) Caregiving**
with ongoing programs on
- ▶ **Women in STEM and Manufacturing**
- ▶ **Women's Business Ownership**
 - Governor's Trailblazer Awards
 - programs, resources and best practices
- ▶ **Financial Literacy for Women**
 - Money\$avvy
- ▶ **Status of Women in Wisconsin**
 - Fast Facts and other reporting
 - Women in Elected Office
- ▶ **ConnectWI** (government transparency)

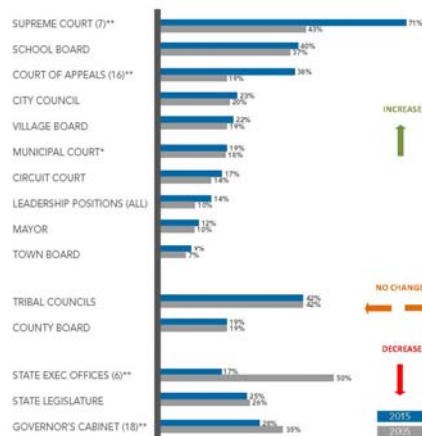
Benchmarking Women in Elected Office Local Government

DID YOU KNOW ...

Wisconsin is home to **2,350** local elected bodies, including - City Councils, County Boards, Village Boards, Town Boards and School Boards

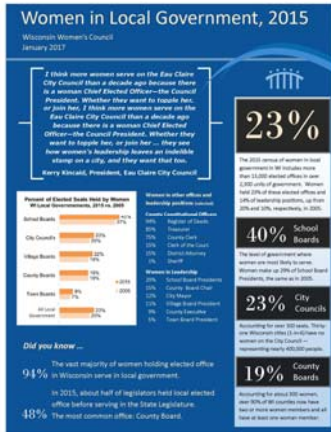
... with a combined total of more than **13,000** elected officials.

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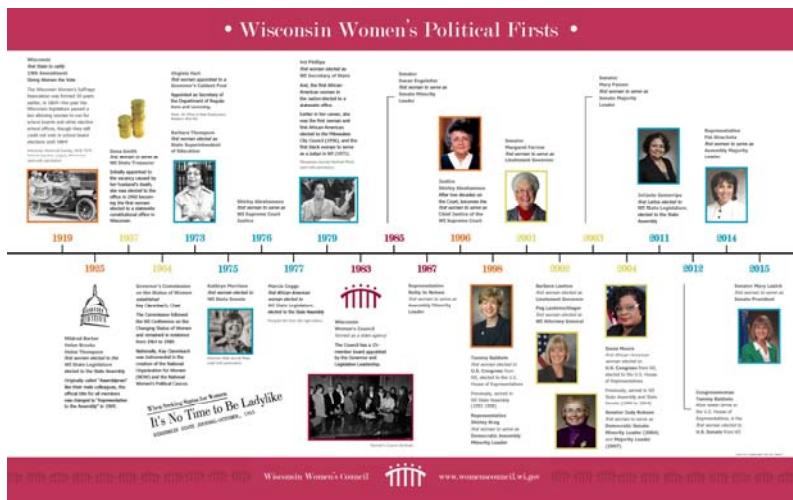


**2010 to 2015, data not collected in 2005 report. **Results should be viewed with caution. With only a small number of offices, a small change in gender balance - even one or two seats - may appear as a large percentage change.

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The History of Women in Elected Office State Government



The History of Women In Elected Office Local Government

Historical Timeline of Women's
Political Firsts in Local Government

WE NEED YOUR HELP! to uncover the history of women across Wisconsin that served in local elected office.

Our goal is to identify these trailblazing women and write their stories back into women's political history in Wisconsin.

Who were the first women to hold elected office in your local community?

First Female County Board Supervisor? Mayor? Village Trustee? Alderwoman? Clerk?

Share info at Facebook @Wlwomenscouncil or by email at womenscouncil.@Wisconsin.gov



Recognizing Website Transparency Local Government



- ▶ Promoting online access to information on elected officials and public meetings.
- ▶ Awarded to local governments for excellence in providing easily accessible and timely information on local elected officials, and opportunities to participate in and learn about the workings of public decision-making bodies such as boards and committees -- key elements in ensuring citizen participation and the democratic process.
- ▶ From School Boards to County Boards, Online Application. No cost to apply or be recognized.
- ▶ Joint initiative of the Women's Council, WI Newspapers and WI Broadcasters Associations

www.womenscouncil.wi.gov/ConnectWI

Celebrating Women's Business Ownership

Anyone May Nominate a Trailblazer



Trailblazer Awards recognize the rich legacy of **women's business ownership** and leading role women business owners play today in our economy - creating jobs and stimulating economic growth.

- ▶ Pioneer Award: 25 or more years of majority business ownership by a woman (or women).
- ▶ Thrive Award: 50 or more years (as above).
- ▶ Torchbearer Award : 3rd generation or more family-owned business now majority woman-owned.

Next Awards in Summer 2018
Open nominations starting in Fall 2017

www.womenscouncil.wi.gov/Trailblazer



Bookmarks & Brochures

Available in English and Spanish.

Brochures can be downloaded for Free from our website.

Printed copies of bookmarks and brochures are available free-of-charge to government agencies, schools and non-profit groups. Quantities of printed materials may be limited.



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Thank
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