

## Gender Parity Index

# U.S. TERRITORIES

## Did you know?

Women dominate among the U.S. House delegations from the territories. Five out of the six non-voting territory delegates are women: Eleanor Holmes Norton of the District of Columbia, Madeleine Bordallo of Guam, Stacey Plaskett of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Jennifer Gonzalez of Puerto Rico, and Amata Coleman Radewagen from American Samoa.

### District of Columbia

**Mayor:** Muriel Bowser (D) has served as mayor since 2015. Sharon Pratt Kelly served as mayor from 1991-1995. She was also the first African American woman to serve as mayor of a major American city.

**City Council:** Four (31%) of the District's 13 city councilmembers are women.

**Delegate to the U.S. House:** Eleanor Holmes Norton has served as the District's one non-voting representative in Congress since 1991. She is the second person to hold this position.

### Guam

**Governor:** No woman has ever served as governor of Guam.

**Legislature:** Five (33%) of the 15 seats in Guam's legislature are filled by women. Therese M. Terlaje currently serves as the Vice-Speaker.

**Mayors:** Dededo, Tamuning and Barrigada, Guam's first, third and fifth largest villages respectively, all have female mayors.

**Delegate to the U.S. House:** Since 2003, Madeleine Bordallo (D) has served as the first woman non-voting delegate from Guam.

### U.S. Virgin Islands

**Governor:** A woman has never served as governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**Legislature:** Three (20%) of 15 seats are held by women.

**Delegate to the U.S. House:** Stacey Plaskett (D) currently serves as the delegate to the U.S. House starting in 2015. Her predecessor, Donna Christian-Christensen, served from 1997 to 2015.

### Northern Mariana Islands

**Governor:** A woman has never served as governor of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**Commonwealth Legislature:** Two (10%) of 20 House seats held by women, one (11.1%) of nine Senate seats held by women.

**Delegate to the U.S. House:** The post of delegate to the U.S. House has been filled by men since its creation in 2008.

### Puerto Rico

**Governor:** Sila Calderon of the Popular Democratic Party served as the first and only woman governor of Puerto Rico from 2001 to 2005. Prior to her election as governor, she had served as Secretary of State and as the Mayor of San Juan.

**Legislative Assembly:** Seven of 27 (26%) Senate seats are held by women, 7 of 51 (14%) of House seats are held by women. 16 senators are elected in two-member districts, and 11 senators are elected at-large by a fair representation voting method. The House is elected primarily from single-member districts, with some add-on seats to provide representation to smaller parties.

**Mayors:** The current mayor of San Juan, the territory's largest city, is Carmen Yulin Cruz, who was elected in 2012. The current mayor of Ponce, the fourth largest city, is Maria Melendez.

**Resident Commissioner:** Jennifer Gonzalez serves as Puerto Rico's single non-voting member of the U.S. House. First elected in 2016, she is the only woman to hold this position.

### American Samoa

**Governor:** No woman has ever served as governor of American Samoa.

**Legislature:** Two women out of 39 (5.1%) currently serve in American Samoa's legislature. Legislators are chosen by election in single-winner districts (House) or by the island chiefs (Senate).

**Delegate to the U.S. House:** Amata Coleman Radewagen has served as American Samoa's non-voting Congressional delegate since 2015.