



SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL WOMEN CANDIDATES 2008

Each listing of a potential candidate is based on information from at least two of the following sources: *Campaigns and Elections*; *House Race Hotline*; *CQ Politics Daily*; *Politics1.com*; *The Hill*; *Roll Call*; and local newspapers in many states.

Number of states where filing deadlines have passed: 30
Number of states where primaries have been held: 10

U.S. Senate - 10 (5D, 5R)

Considering Running	3 (2D, 1R)
Have Filed	5 (2D, 3R)
Won Primary	2 (1D, 1R)

U. S. Senate Races in 2008

In 2008, 33 states have Senate races. In at least five states (CO, ID, NE, NM, VA) there will be open seats because incumbent senators have announced they will not seek reelection. No women have announced that they are retiring.

To date, **10 (5D, 5R) women are considered candidates in eight states.**

3 (1D, 2R) are incumbents: Susan Collins (R-ME); Elizabeth Dole (R-NC); and Mary Landrieu (D-LA).

1 (1R) is a candidate for an open seat: Heather Wilson (R-NM)..

6 (4D, 2R) are challengers: Vivian Davis Figures (D-AL); Kay Hagan (D-NC); Patty Lovaas (R-MT); Candy Neville (D-OR); Christine O'Donnell (R-DE) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH).

Lost Primary: 1(1D)

A record 16 (11D, 5R) women currently serve in the U. S. Senate. The candidate records to beat are the 1992 Senate race in which 29 (22D, 7R) women filed, and 2006 when 12 (8D, 4R) women won their primaries.

U.S. House - 190 (135D, 55R)

(does not include candidates for the four non-voting delegate and one resident commissioner seats)

Considering Running	51 (37D, 14R)
Have Filed	108 (76D, 32R)
Won Primary	31 (22D, 9R)

Lost Primary 20 (14D, 6R)

U.S. House Races in 2008

Of the 435 House and 5 Delegate seats, there are currently **35 (8D, 27R)** House members or delegates who have already announced their intention to leave Congress. Four women will not be returning to the U.S. House of Representatives: Heather Wilson (R-NM) is running for the U.S. Senate; Deborah Pryce (R-OH); Darlene Hooley (D-OR);and Barbara Cubin (R-WY) are retiring.

A total of **190 (135D, 55R) women are considered candidates for House seats**, and three incumbent women are considered candidates for delegate to Congress from the District of Columbia, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

67 (50D, 17R) incumbents are expected to run for re-election.

31 (21D, 10R) women are running in 24 districts with open seats.

92 (64D, 28R) are running as challengers.

A record 222 (140D, 82R) women filed for the U.S. House in 1992. Of the 222 who filed, 106 (70D, 36R) won their parties' primaries. In 2004 a record 141 (88D, 53R) women won their primaries.

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Governor 7 (5D, 2R)

Considering Running	2 (2D)
Have Filed	3 (1D, 2R)
Won Primary	2 (2D)

Governor Races in 2008

In 2008, 11 states have gubernatorial races; in at least 4 there will be open seats.

Thus far 7 (5D, 2R) women are considered candidates in 4 states. One is an incumbent likely to run for re-election: Christine Gregoire (D-WA). The others are: Christina Anderson (D-MO); Beverly Perdue (D-NC); Jennie Lee Sievers (R-MO); Sarah Steelman (R-MO); Gaye Symington (D-VT); Jill Long Thompson (D-IN).

Eight women currently serve as governors: Jennifer Granholm (D-MI); Christine Gregoire (D-WA); Linda Lingle (R-HI); Ruth Ann Minner (D-DE); Janet Napolitano (D-AZ); Sarah Palin (R-AK); M. Jodi Rell (R-CT) and Kathleen Sebelius (D-KS).

In 1994, a record 34 (18D, 15R, 1ACP) women filed for gubernatorial races and a record 10 (6D, 3R, 1IND) won their primaries. In 2002 and 2006, the record was tied with 10 (9D, 1R) and 10 (5D, 5R) women winning their primaries.

Lieutenant Governor 6 (5D, 1R)

Considering Running	1 (1D)
Have Filed	4 (4D)
Won Primary	1 (1R)

The record number of nominees for lieutenant governor is 29, set in 1994.

Additional Statewide Elective Executives 31 (25D, 5R, 1NP)

Considering Running	3 (1D, 1R, 1NP)
Have Filed	18 (16D, 2R)
Won Primary	10 (8D, 2R)

* ACP is A Connecticut Party, a third party in that state that is included here because there was a governor from that party at the time.

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