



# FACT SHEET

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### WOMEN IN THE WYOMING LEGISLATURE FROM 1971-PRESENT

Table 1, below, depicts the number of women who have been members of the State of Wyoming Legislature and any leadership positions that they have held from 1971 to 2016. In addition, the table also indicates the number of women legislators in the House of Representatives and Senate separately per legislature. Due to incomplete historical data, the table may not include all women legislators that were appointed mid-term, especially in the earlier years.

**Table 1. Women in the Wyoming Legislature and Leadership Positions.**

Year	House/Senate	Name and Political Party	Leadership	House Members	Senate Members	Total Members
<b>1971-72</b>	House	June Boyle-D		3	0	3
	House	Nancy F. Peternal-D				
	House	Nancy G. Wallace-R				
<b>1973-74</b>	Senate	June Boyle-D		4	1	5
	House	Ellen Crowley-R				
	House	Catherine Parks-R				
	House	Elizabeth Phelan-D				
	House	Edness Kimball Wilkins-D				
<b>1975-76</b>	Senate	June Boyle-D		6	1	7
	House	Esther Eskens-R				
	House	Matilda Hansen-D				
	House	Catherine Parks-R				
	House	Nancy F. Peternal-D				
	House	Mary K. Schwope-D				
	House	Edness Kimball Wilkins-D				
<b>1977-78</b>	Senate	June Boyle-D		7	1	8
	House	Sheila Arnold-D				
	House	Ellen Crowley-R				
	House	Esther Eskens-R				
	House	Matilda Hansen-D				
	House	Catherine Parks-R				
	House	Elizabeth Phelan-D				
	House	Edness Kimball Wilkins-D				

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Year	House/ Senate	Name and Political Party	Leadership	House Members	Senate Members	Total Members
<b>1979-80</b>	Senate	June Boyle-D		<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>
	Senate	Catherine Parks-R				
	House	Sheila Arnold-D				
	House	Ellen Crowley-R				
	House	Esther Eskens-R				
	House	Matilda Hansen-D				
	House	Cynthia Lummis-R				
	House	Patti MacMillian-R				
	House	Nyla Murphy-R				
	House	Elizabeth Phelan-D				
	House	Mary K. Schwope-D				
	House	Peg Shreve-R				
	House	Marlene Simons-R				
	House	Ann Strand-D				
	House	Pat Tugman-R				
	House	Edness Kimball Wilkins-D				
<b>1981-82</b>	Senate	June Boyle-D		<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>
	Senate	Win Hickey-D				
	Senate	Catherine Parks-R				
	House	Sheila Arnold-D				
	House	Liz Byrd-D				
	House	Ellen Crowley-R				
	House	Esther Eskens-R				
	House	Matilda Hansen-D				
	House	Cynthia Lummis-R				
	House	Patti MacMillian-R				
	House	Nyla Murphy-R				
	House	Mary Odde-R				
	House	Elizabeth Phelan-D				
	House	Mary Kay Schwope-D				
	House	Peg Shreve-R				
	House	Marlene Simons-R				
	House	Ann Strand-D				
<b>1983-84</b>	Senate	June Boyle-D		<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>22</b>
	Senate	Win Hickey-D				
	Senate	Catherine Parks-R				
	House	Sheila Arnold-D				
	House	Margaret Brown-R				
	House	Johnnie Burton-R				
	House	Liz Byrd-D				
	House	Lynn Dickey-D				
	House	Barbara Dobos-D				
	House	Matilda Hansen-D				
	House	Pinkie Hendricks-D				

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Year	House/ Senate	Name and Political Party	Leadership	House Members	Senate Members	Total Members
	House	Della Herbst-D				
	House	Shirley Humphrey-D				
	House	Patti MacMillian-R				
	House	Nyla Murphy-R				
	House	Mary Odde-R				
	House	Dorothy Perkins-R				
	House	Elizabeth Phelan-D				
	House	Mary Kay Schwope-D				
	House	Peg Shreve-R				
	House	Marlene Simons-R				
	House	Ann Strand-D				
<b>1985-86</b>	Senate	Win Hickey-D	Senate Minority Floor Leader-1986	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>
	Senate	Lisa Kinney-D				
	House	Sheila Arnold-D				
	House	Lynn Birleffi-D				
	House	Margaret Brown-R				
	House	Johnnie Burton-R				
	House	Liz Byrd-D				
	House	Ellen Crowley-R				
	House	Lynn Dickey-D				
	House	Barbara Dobos-D				
	House	Matilda Hansen-D				
	House	Della Herbst-D				
	House	Shirley Humphrey-D				
	House	April Brimmer Kunz-R				
	House	Cynthia Lummis-R				
	House	Patti MacMillian-R				
	House	Nyla Murphy-R				
	House	Mary Odde-R				
	House	Dorothy Perkins-R				
	House	Louise Ryckman-D				
	House	Mary Kay Schwope-D				
	House	Peg Shreve-R				
	House	Marlene Simons-R				
	House	Ann Strand-D				
<b>1987-88</b>	Senate	Della Herbst-D		<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>
	Senate	Win Hickey-D	Senate Minority Floor Leader			
	Senate	Lisa Kinney-D				
	House	Sheila Arnold-D				
	House	Mary Lynn Behrens-R				
	House	Lynn Birleffi-D				
	House	Johnnie Burton-R				
	House	Liz Byrd-D				

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Year	House/ Senate	Name and Political Party	Leadership	House Members	Senate Members	Total Members
	House	Barbara Cubin-R				
	House	Lynn Dickey-D				
	House	Matilda Hansen-D				
	House	Shirley Humphrey-D				
	House	Cynthia Lummis-R				
	House	Patti MacMillian-R				
	House	Nyla Murphy-R				
	House	Mary Odde-R				
	House	Dorothy Perkins-R				
	House	Louise Ryckman-D				
	House	Mary Kay Schwope-D				
	House	Peg Shreve-R				
	House	Marlene Simons-R				
<b>1989-90</b>	Senate	Liz Byrd-D		<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>
	Senate	Della Herbst-D				
	Senate	Win Hickey-D				
	Senate	Lisa Kinney-D				
	House	Sheila Arnold-D				
	House	Barbara Cubin-R				
	House	Lynn Dickey-D				
	House	Sylvia Gams-R				
	House	Matilda Hansen-D				
	House	Shirley Humphrey-D				
	House	Cynthia Lummis-R				
	House	Patti MacMillian-R				
	House	Nyla Murphy-R				
	House	Mary Odde-R				
	House	Dorothy Perkins-R				
	House	Louise Ryckman-D				
	House	Mary Kay Schwope-D				
	House	Peg Shreve-R				
	House	Marlene Simons-R				
	House	Carol Jo Vlastos-R				
	House	Carol Watson-D				
	House	Virginia Wright-R				
<b>1991-92</b>	Senate	Harriett E. Byrd-D		<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23</b>
	Senate	Della Herbst-D				
	Senate	Lisa F. Kinney-D				
	House	Janice M. Bodine-R				
	House	Edith V. Garcia-D				
	House	Susan C. Anderson-R				
	House	Sheila Arnold-D				
	House	April Brimmer-Kunz-R				
	House	Barbara L. Cubin-R				

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Year	House/ Senate	Name and Political Party	Leadership	House Members	Senate Members	Total Members
	House	Sylvia S. Gams-R				
	House	Matilda Hansen-D				
	House	Shirley J. Humphrey-D				
	House	Clarene Law-R				
	House	Cynthia M. Lummis-R				
	House	Patti L. MacMillan-R				
	House	Dorothy Perkins-R				
	House	Louise Ryckman-D				
	House	Mary K. Schwope-D				
	House	Peg Shreve-R				
	House	Marlene J. Simons-R				
	House	Carol J. Vlastos-R				
	House	Carol K. Watson-D				
	House	Virginia L. Wright-R				
<b>1993-94</b>	Senate	Susan C. Anderson-R		<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>
	Senate	April Brimmer-Kunz-R				
	Senate	Barbara L. Cubin-R				
	Senate	Lisa F. Kinney-D	Senate Minority Floor Leader			
	Senate	Cynthia M. Lummis-R				
	Senate	Mary C. MacGuire-R				
	House	Irene Devin-R				
	House	Virginia L. Wright-R				
	House	Wende Barker-D				
	House	Sylvia S. Gams-R				
	House	Matilda Hansen-D				
	House	Clarene Law-R				
	House	Patti L. MacMillan-R	Speaker Pro-Tem			
	House	Jayne E. Mockler-D				
	House	Patricia Nagel-R				
	House	Carolyn Paseneaux-R				
	House	Dorothy Perkins-R				
	House	Louise Ryckman-D	Minority Floor Leader			
	House	Kathryn L. Sessions-D				
	House	Peg Shreve-R				
	House	Marlene J. Simons-R				
	House	Glenda F. Stark-R				
	House	Sherri L. Wooldridge-D				
<b>1995-96</b>	Senate	Susan C. Anderson-R		<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>
	Senate	April Brimmer-Kunz-R				
	House	Clarene Law-R				
	House	Wende Barker-D				
	House	Irene Devin-R				

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Year	House/ Senate	Name and Political Party	Leadership	House Members	Senate Members	Total Members
	House	Sylvia S. Gams-R				
	House	Patti L. MacMillan-R				
	House	Nimi McConigley-R				
	House	Jayne E. Mockler-D				
	House	Patricia Nagel-R				
	House	Carolyn Paseneaux-R				
	House	Dorothy Perkins-R				
	House	Louise Ryckman-D	Minority Floor Leader			
	House	Kathryn L. Sessions-D				
	House	Peg Shreve-R	Speaker Pro-Tem			
	House	Marlene J. Simons-R				
	House	Glenda F. Stark-R				
	House	Sherri L. Wooldridge-D				
	House	Pam Taylor-Horton-D				
	House	Kenilynn S. Zanetti-D				
<b>1997-98</b>	Senate	April Brimmer-Kunz-R		<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>
	Senate	Irene Devin-R				
	Senate	Rae L. Job-D				
	Senate	Jayne E. Mockler-D				
	House	Wende Barker-D				
	House	Nancy Berry-R				
	House	Clarene Law-R				
	House	Patricia Nagel-R				
	House	Carolyn Paseneaux-R				
	House	Dorothy Perkins-R				
	House	Ann Robinson-D				
	House	Peggy L. Rounds-D				
	House	Louise Ryckman-D	Minority Floor Leader			
	House	Kathryn L. Sessions-D				
	House	Peg Shreve-R	Speaker Pro-Tem			
	House	Marlene J. Simons-R				
	House	Kenilynn S. Zanetti-D				
<b>1999-00</b>	Senate	April Brimmer-Kunz-R	Vice President of the Senate	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>
	Senate	Irene Devin-R				
	Senate	Rae L. Job-D				
	Senate	Jayne E. Mockler-D	Minority Caucus Chairman			
	Senate	Kathryn L. Sessions-D				
	House	Nancy Berry-D				

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Year	House/ Senate	Name and Political Party	Leadership	House Members	Senate Members	Total Members
	House	Virginia Casady-D				
	House	Deborah Fleming-D				
	House	Lorna Johnson-D				
	House	Clarene Law-R				
	House	Patricia Nagel-R				
	House	Carolyn Paseneaux-R				
	House	Ann Robinson-D				
	House	Peggy L. Rounds-D				
	House	Louise Ryckman-D	Minority Floor Leader			
	House	Marlene J. Simons-R				
	House	Jane N. Wostenberg-R				
	House	Kenilynn S. Zanetti-D				
<b>2001-02</b>	Senate	April Brimmer-Kunz-R	Majority Floor Leader	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>
	Senate	Irene Devin-R				
	Senate	Rae L. Job-D	Minority Caucus Chairman			
	Senate	Jayne E. Mockler-D	Minority Whip			
	Senate	Kathryn L. Sessions-D				
	House	Lorna Johnson-D				
	House	Clarene Law-R				
	House	Saundra Meyer-D				
	House	Patricia Nagel-R				
	House	Carolyn Paseneaux-R				
	House	Ann Robinson-D				
	House	Jane Warren-D				
	House	Marlene J. Simons-R				
	House	Jane N. Wostenberg-R				
<b>2003-04</b>	Senate	April Brimmer-Kunz-R	Senate President	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>
	Senate	Irene Devin-R				
	Senate	Rae L. Job-D	Minority Whip			
	Senate	Jayne E. Mockler-D	Minority Floor Leader			
	Senate	Kathryn L. Sessions-D				
	House	Deborah Alden-R				
	House	Rosie Berger-R				
	House	Liz Gentile-D				
	House	Mary Gilmore-D				
	House	Elaine Harvey-R				
	House	Lorna Johnson-D	Minority Caucus Chairman			
	House	Clarene Law-R				
	House	Saundra Meyer-D				
	House	Ann Robinson-D				

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Year	House/ Senate	Name and Political Party	Leadership	House Members	Senate Members	Total Members
	House	Jane Warren-D				
	House	Jane N. Wostenberg-R				
<b>2005-06</b>	Senate	Pat Aullman-R		<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>
	Senate	Rae L. Job-D	Minority Floor Leader			
	Senate	Jayne E. Mockler-D				
	Senate	Kathryn L. Sessions-D	Minority Caucus Chairman			
	House	Deborah Alden-R				
	House	Rosie Berger-R				
	House	Kathleen Davison-R				
	House	Mary Gilmore-D				
	House	Debbie Hammons-D				
	House	Elaine Harvey-R				
	House	Lorraine K. Quarberg-R				
	House	Ann Robinson-D				
	House	Jane Warren-D				
<b>2007-08</b>	Senate	Pat Aullman-R		<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>
	Senate	Rae L. Job-D				
	Senate	Jayne E. Mockler-D				
	Senate	Kathryn L. Sessions-D	Minority Whip			
	House	Deborah Alden-R				
	House	Rosie Berger-R				
	House	Bernadine I. Craft-D				
	House	Kathleen Davison-R				
	House	Amy L. Edmonds-R				
	House	Liz Gentile-D				
	House	Mary Gilmore-D				
	House	Mary W. Hales-D				
	House	Debbie Hammons-D	Minority Whip			
	House	Elaine Harvey-R				
	House	Erin E. Mercer-R				
	House	Saundra Meyer-D				
	House	Lori A. Millin-D				
	House	Lorraine K. Quarberg-R				
	House	Lisa A. Shepperson-R				
	House	Mary A. Throne-D				
	House	Jane Warren-D				
	House	Sue E. Wallis-R				
<b>2009-10</b>	Senate	Kathryn L. Sessions-D	Minority Floor Leader	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>



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Year	House/ Senate	Name and Political Party	Leadership	House Members	Senate Members	Total Members
	House	Rosie Berger-R				
	House	Catherine R. Connolly-D				
	House	Bernadine I. Craft-D				
	House	Kathleen Davison-R				
	House	Amy L. Edmonds-R				
	House	Mary W. Hales-D				
	House	Debbie Hammons-D				
	House	Elaine Harvey-R				
	House	Erin E. Mercer-R				
	House	Sandra Meyer-D	Minority Floor Leader			
	House	Lori A. Millin-D	Minority Caucus Chairman			
	House	Lorraine K. Quarberg-R	Majority Whip			
	House	Lisa A. Shepperson-R				
	House	Mary A. Throne-D				
	House	Sue E. Wallis-R				
<b>2011-12</b>	Senate	Leslie J. Nutting-R		<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>
	House	Rosie Berger-R				
	House	Rita Campbell-R				
	House	Catherine R. Connolly-D				
	House	Bernadine I. Craft-D				
	House	Kathleen Davison-R				
	House	Amy L. Edmonds-R				
	House	Elaine Harvey-R				
	House	Norine A. Kasperik-R				
	House	Ruth A. Petroff-R				
	House	Lorraine K. Quarberg-R				
	House	Lisa A. Shepperson-R				
	House	Mary A. Throne-D	Minority Whip			
	House	Sue E. Wallis-R				
<b>2013-14</b>	Senate	Bernadine I. Craft-D	Minority Whip	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>
	Senate	Leslie J. Nutting-R				
	House	Rosie Berger-R	Speaker Pro-Tem			
	House	Rita Campbell-R				
	House	Katherine K. Coleman-R				
	House	Catherine R. Connolly-D	Minority Caucus Chairman			
	House	Kathleen Davison-R				
	House	Martha D. Halverson-R				
	House	Elaine Harvey-R				
	House	Norine A. Kasperik-R				
	House	Ruth A. Petroff-R				

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	House	Karen L. Shockley Hutchings-R				
	House	Mary A. Throne-D	Minority Floor Leader			
	House	Sue E. Wallis-R				
	House	Susan S. Wilson-R				
<b>2015-16</b>	Senate	Bernadine Craft-D	Minority Whip	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>
	House	Rosie Berger-R	Majority Floor Leader			
	House	Rita Campbell-R				
	House	Catherine R. Connolly-R				
	House	Joann Dayton-D				
	House	Martha D. Halverson-R				
	House	Elaine D. Harvey-R				
	House	Norine A. Kasperik-R				
	House	Ruth A. Petroff-R				
	House	Cheri Steinmetz-R				
	House	Mary A. Throne-D	Minority Floor Leader			
	House	Susan S. Wilson-R				

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