



Women in Federal and State-level Judgeships

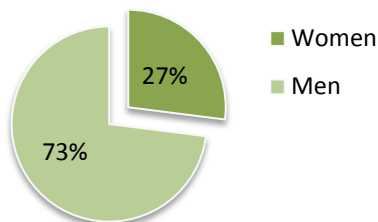
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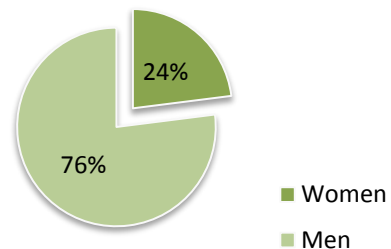
Highlights: Women on Federal and State Benches in 2011

- No state has achieved equal representation of women (50% of all seats) in either federal or state-level judgeships.
- In the U.S., women make up 23% of all federal judgeships and 27% of all state-level positions. This represents an overall 1% increase from 2010 levels, which were 22% and 26% respectively.
- In 2011, women accounted for 26.6% of both federal and state-level judgeships.
- Compared with their 2010 levels, women's share of federal and state judgeships has increased in 65% of states, remained at the same levels in 22% of states, and decreased in 14% of states.
- Vermont retained its first place ranking in terms of the percentage of women on federal and state benches. With 40% of seats occupied by women on its federal and state benches, Vermont is approaching parity.
- Idaho also retained its 2010 last place ranking among other states. Only 11% of seats on federal and state benches are occupied by women.

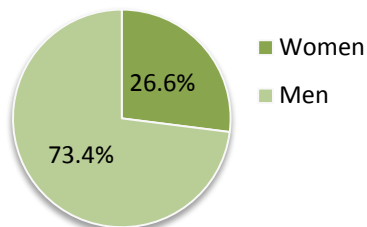
Percentage of Women in State Judgeships



Percentage of Women in Federal Judgeships



Percentage of Women in both State and Federal Judgeships



Women's Representation Matters!

The empirical literature extensively tackled the question of whether women's representation in elected or appointed offices matters. Scholars emphasized the importance of descriptive representation (i.e. officials representing the population they serve in descriptive characteristics, in this case gender). Descriptive representation, or having a number of women judges who are representative of the population they serve is believed to be of critical symbolic and material importance, since it generates group empowerment (Hardy-Fanta et.al., 2006), and leads to greater *confidence* in the judicial system and in government in general (Ulbig, 2007). It has been shown that descriptive representation can send signals that women (and minorities) are respected and have a place in government. These messages can increase *trust*, improve levels of participation and interest, enhance perceived government legitimacy, and combat political alienation of underrepresented groups (Hardy-Fanta et. al., 2006).

Moreover, research has documented that women's descriptive representation on elected and appointed bodies can be correlated to substantive representation. (Beckwith, 2007). Women's unique experiences as women are believed to inform their interpretation and shape the lens with which they make decisions as judges especially in cases where women's experiences are central.

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Notes on Methodology

This publication utilized existing data compiled by Foster-Lang's 2011 edition of *The American Bench*. We calculated the percentage of women represented in state-level judgeships, as well as those represented in federal-level judgeships located in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Based on the percentage of each level, states are ranked.

Number of Women and Men in Federal and State Judgeships

	Women	Men	Total	% of Women
Alabama				
Total Federal	11	34	45	24.4%
Total State	55	215	270	20.4%
Alabama Total	66	249	315	21.0%
Alaska				
Total Federal	2	13	15	13.3%
Total State	13	51	64	20.3%
Alaska Total	15	64	79	19.0%
Arizona				
Total Federal	10	29	39	25.6%
Total State	69	153	222	31.1%
Arizona Total	79	182	261	30.3%
Arkansas				
Total Federal	4	19	23	17.4%
Total State	44	212	256	17.2%
Arkansas Total	48	231	279	17.2%
California				
Total Federal	56	126	182	30.8%
Total State	473	1168	1641	28.8%
California Total	529	1294	1823	29.0%
Colorado				
Total Federal	6	17	23	26.1%
Total State	92	227	319	28.8%
Colorado Total	98	244	342	28.7%
Connecticut				
Total Federal	8	13	21	38.1%
Total State	93	302	395	23.5%
Connecticut Total	101	315	416	24.3%
Delaware				
Total Federal	3	7	10	30.0%
Total State	14	42	56	25.0%
Delaware Total	17	49	66	25.8%
District of Columbia				
Total Federal	5	15	20	25.0%
Total State	38	64	102	37.3%
District of Columbia Total	43	79	122	35.2%

	Women	Men	Total	% of Women
Florida				
Total Federal	26	71	97	26.8%
Total State	297	684	981	30.3%
Florida Total	323	755	1078	30.0%
Georgia				
Total Federal	13	45	58	22.4%
Total State	233	582	815	28.6%
Georgia Total	246	627	873	28.2%
Hawaii				
Total Federal	3	8	11	27.3%
Total State	24	55	79	30.4%
Hawaii Total	27	63	90	30.0%
Idaho				
Total Federal	1	5	6	16.7%
Total State	15	121	136	11.0%
Idaho Total	16	126	142	11.3%
Illinois				
Total Federal	20	59	79	25.3%
Total State	268	699	967	27.7%
Illinois Total	288	758	1046	27.5%
Indiana				
Total Federal	5	27	32	15.6%
Total State	83	325	408	20.3%
Indiana Total	88	352	440	20.0%
Iowa				
Total Federal	3	15	18	16.7%
Total State	49	151	200	24.5%
Iowa Total	52	166	218	23.9%
Kansas				
Total Federal	4	17	21	19.0%
Total State	44	220	264	16.7%
Kansas Total	48	237	285	16.8%
Kentucky				
Total Federal	5	26	31	16.1%
Total State	85	171	256	33.2%
Kentucky Total	90	197	287	31.4%
Louisiana				
Total Federal	14	37	51	27.5%
Total State	95	271	366	26.0%
Louisiana Total	109	308	417	26.1%
Maine				
Total Federal	1	7	8	12.5%
Total State	17	54	71	23.9%
Maine Total	18	61	79	22.8%

	Women	Men	Total	% of Women
Maryland				
Total Federal	7	21	28	25.0%
Total State	89	189	278	32.0%
Maryland Total	96	210	306	31.4%
Massachusetts				
Total Federal	7	18	25	28.0%
Total State	132	264	396	33.3%
Massachusetts Total	139	282	421	33.0%
Michigan				
Total Federal	10	40	50	20.0%
Total State	175	442	617	28.4%
Michigan Total	185	482	667	27.7%
Minnesota				
Total Federal	7	15	22	31.8%
Total State	104	217	321	32.4%
Minnesota Total	111	232	343	32.4%
Mississippi				
Total Federal	2	27	29	6.9%
Total State	30	117	147	20.4%
Mississippi Total	32	144	176	18.2%
Missouri				
Total Federal	8	29	37	21.6%
Total State	79	292	371	21.3%
Missouri Total	87	321	408	21.3%
Montana				
Total Federal	0	13	13	0.0%
Total State	61	103	164	37.2%
Montana Total	61	116	177	34.5%
Nebraska				
Total Federal	2	8	10	20.0%
Total State	26	116	142	18.3%
Nebraska Total	28	124	152	18.4%
Nevada				
Total Federal	4	16	20	20.0%
Total State	58	129	187	31.0%
Nevada Total	62	145	207	30.0%
New Hampshire				
Total Federal	1	6	7	14.3%
Total State	17	79	96	17.7%
New Hampshire Total	18	85	103	17.5%
New Jersey				
Total Federal	20	25	45	44.4%
Total State	119	337	456	26.1%
New Jersey Total	139	362	501	27.7%

	Women	Men	Total	% of Women
New Mexico				
Total Federal	8	18	26	30.8%
Total State	25	78	102	24.5%
New Mexico Total	33	96	128	25.8%
New York				
Total Federal	39	109	148	26.3%
Total State	374	811	1185	31.6%
New York Total	413	920	1333	30.9%
North Carolina				
Total Federal	3	30	33	9.1%
Total State	131	360	491	26.7%
North Carolina Total	134	390	524	25.6%
North Dakota				
Total Federal	2	5	7	28.6%
Total State	9	48	57	15.8%
North Dakota Total	11	53	64	17.2%
Ohio				
Total Federal	16	46	62	25.8%
Total State	180	542	722	24.9%
Ohio Total	196	588	784	25.0%
Oklahoma				
Total Federal	7	23	30	23.3%
Total State	56	222	278	20.1%
Oklahoma Total	63	245	308	20.5%
Oregon				
Total Federal	6	17	23	26.1%
Total State	62	124	186	33.3%
Oregon Total	68	141	209	32.5%
Pennsylvania				
Total Federal	22	75	97	22.7%
Total State	126	326	452	27.9%
Pennsylvania Total	148	401	549	27.0%
Rhode Island				
Total Federal	1	8	9	11.1%
Total State	29	51	80	36.3%
Rhode Island Total	30	59	89	33.7%
South Carolina				
Total Federal	5	20	25	20.0%
Total State	56	110	166	33.7%
South Carolina Total	61	130	191	31.9%
South Dakota				
Total Federal	1	12	13	7.7%
Total State	6	37	43	14.0%
South Dakota Total	7	49	56	12.5%

	Women	Men	Total	% of Women
Tennessee				
Total Federal	11	33	44	25.0%
Total State	31	153	184	16.8%
Tennessee Total	42	186	228	18.4%
Texas				
Total Federal	32	88	120	26.7%
Total State	264	778	1042	25.3%
Texas Total	296	866	1162	25.5%
Utah				
Total Federal	4	13	17	23.5%
Total State	23	84	107	21.5%
Utah Total	27	97	124	21.8%
Vermont				
Total Federal	2	3	5	40.0%
Total State	34	52	86	39.5%
Vermont Total	36	55	91	39.6%
Virginia				
Total Federal	5	42	47	10.6%
Total State	85	322	407	20.9%
Virginia Total	90	364	454	19.8%
Washington				
Total Federal	9	31	40	22.5%
Total State	134	284	418	32.1%
Washington Total	143	315	458	31.2%
West Virginia				
Total Federal	3	14	17	17.6%
Total State	28	92	120	23.3%
West Virginia Total	31	106	137	22.6%
Wisconsin				
Total Federal	5	13	18	27.8%
Total State	42	222	264	15.9%
Wisconsin Total	47	235	282	16.7%
Wyoming				
Total Federal	3	8	11	27.3%
Total State	6	42	48	12.5%
Wyoming Total	9	50	59	15.3%

2010 and 2011 State Ranks Based on Women’s Share of Seats on Federal and State Benches

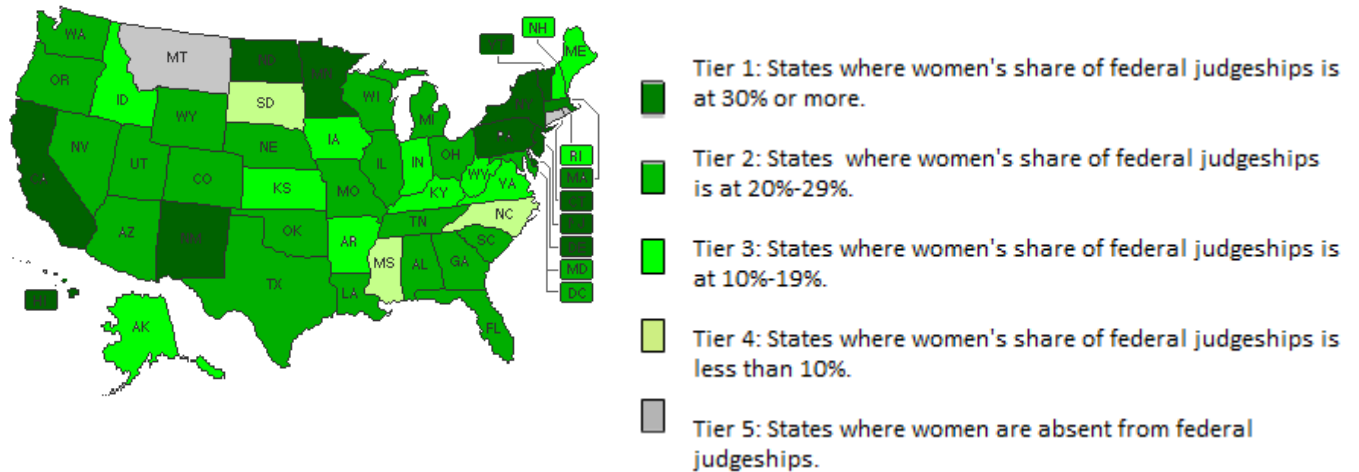
Sixty-five percent of states (33 states) have recorded gains in the number of women judges in 2011, while 14% of states (7 states) recorded losses in the number of women. Eleven states, or 22%, remained at their 2010 levels.

State	2011% Women	2011 Rank	2010% Women	2010 Rank
Alabama	21.0%	36	21.0%	34
Alaska	19.0%	40	17.5%	41
Arizona	30.3%	13	30.0%	13
Arkansas	17.2%	45	16.2%	47
California	29.0%	17	28.3%	19
Colorado	28.7%	18	28.7%	18
Connecticut	24.3%	30	23.4%	30
Delaware	25.8%	25	25.4%	25
District of Columbia	35.2%	2	33.9%	4
Florida	30.0%	14	28.7%	17
Georgia	28.2%	19	28.8%	16
Hawaii	30.0%	15	34.1%	2
Idaho	11.3%	51	11.3%	51
Illinois	27.5%	22	27.3%	21
Indiana	20.0%	38	20.0%	35
Iowa	23.9%	31	23.1%	31
Kansas	16.8%	47	16.8%	45
Kentucky	31.4%	9	31.9%	8
Louisiana	26.1%	24	26.1%	23
Maine	22.8%	32	20.0%	36
Maryland	31.4%	10	30.7%	10
Massachusetts	33.0%	5	32.1%	7
Michigan	27.7%	20	27.7%	20
Minnesota	32.4%	7	31.2%	9
Mississippi	18.2%	43	17.3%	43
Missouri	21.3%	35	19.4%	38
Montana	34.5%	3	33.7%	5
Nebraska	18.4%	41	17.7%	40
Nevada	30.0%	16	30.0%	12
New Hampshire	17.5%	44	15.8%	48
New Jersey	27.7%	21	26.8%	22
New Mexico	25.8%	26	24.4%	28
New York	30.9%	12	29.9%	14
North Carolina	25.6%	27	24.2%	29
North Dakota	17.2%	46	16.9%	44
Ohio	25.0%	29	24.4%	27
Oklahoma	20.5%	37	19.1%	39
Oregon	32.5%	6	32.5%	6
Pennsylvania	27.0%	23	25.9%	24
Rhode Island	33.7%	4	34.1%	3
South Carolina	31.9%	8	29.8%	15
South Dakota	12.5%	50	12.7%	50
Tennessee	18.4%	42	17.3%	42
Texas	25.5%	28	25.3%	26
Utah	21.8%	34	23.0%	32
Vermont	39.6%	1	39.6%	1
Virginia	19.8%	39	19.8%	37
Washington	31.2%	11	30.5%	11
West Virginia	22.6%	33	22.8%	33
Wisconsin	16.7%	48	16.5%	46
Wyoming	15.3%	49	15.0%	49

State Ranks based on the Number of Women in Federal Judgeships

State	Women's Share	State Rank based on Women's Share	Tier	State	Women's Share	State Rank based on Women's Share	Tier
New Jersey	44.4%	1	Tier 1: States where Women's share is at 30% and higher	Georgia	22.4%	30	Tier 2: States where Women's share is 20%-29%
Vermont	40.0%	2		Missouri	21.3%	31	
Connecticut	38.1%	3		Michigan	20.0%	Tied in 32nd	
Minnesota	31.8%	4		Nevada	20.0%		
California	31.0%	5		Nebraska	20.0%		
New Mexico	31.0%	Tied in 6 th Place		South Carolina	20.0%	Tier 3: States where women's share is from 10%-19%	
Delaware	30.0%	7		Kansas	19.0%		
North Dakota	28.6%	8	West Virginia	17.6%	37		
Massachusetts	28.0%	9	Arkansas	17.4%	38		
Wisconsin	27.8%	10	Idaho	16.7	Tied in 39 th		
Louisiana	27.5%	11	Iowa	16.7			
Hawaii	27.3%	Tied in 12 th	Kentucky	16.1%	41		Tier 4: State where the share of Women is below 10%
Wyoming	27.3%		14	Indiana	15.6%	42	
Florida	26.8%	15	New Hampshire	14.3%	43		
Texas	26.7%	16	Alaska	13.3%	44		
New York	26.3%	Tied in 17 th	Maine	12.5%	45		
Colorado	26.1%		19	Rhode Island	11.1%	46	
Oregon	26.1%	20	Virginia	10.6%	47		
Ohio	25.8%	21	North Carolina	9.1%	48	Women Totally Absent	
Arizona	25.6%	22	South Dakota	7.7%	49		
Illinois	25.3%	23	Mississippi	6.9%	50		
DC	25.0%	Tied in 22 nd	Montana	0.0%	51		
Maryland	25.0%		25				
Tennessee	25.0%	26					
Alabama	24.4%	27					
Utah	23.5%	28					
Oklahoma	23.3%	29					
Pennsylvania	22.7%						
Washington	22.5%						

Number of Women in Federal Judgeships



Achieving Critical Mass: Why is it important?

- Critical mass is defined as the point at which the presence of women becomes significant enough to instigate change in the stereotypical conception of gender roles.
- It is estimated that women achieve critical mass when they comprise one-third the membership of a group.

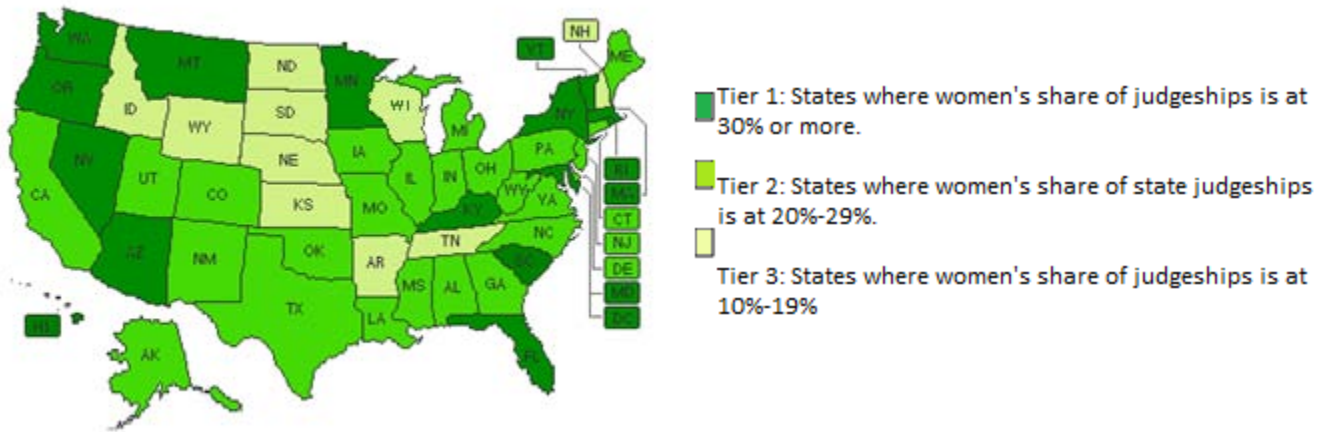
Dahlerup, "The Story of the Theory of Critical Mass," *Politics and Gender*, Vol. 2, No. 4, 2006, and Rosabeth Moss Kanter, *Men and Women of the Corporation*, November 1993.

- Only 23% of all seats in federal-level courts are filled by women.
- No state has achieved equal representation on the federal bench (50% of seats).
- Only 3 states; New Jersey, Vermont and Connecticut reached the 33% critical mass (the threshold where women's presence and perspectives make a difference) with respect to women's share of federal judgeships.
- There are 7 states in Tier 1 where women's share is 30% or higher.
- Tier 2 includes 27 states and the District of Columbia where women make up 20% - 29% of seats on federal benches.
- Tier 3 includes 12 states where women's share of federal judgeships is 10%-19%.
- Tier 4 states included 3 states where women's share of federal judgeship was less than 10%.
- Women are absent from the federal bench in Montana.

State Ranks Based on the Number of Women in State Judgeships

State	Women's Share	State Rank based on Women's Share	Tier	State	Women's Share	State Rank based on Women's Share	Tier
Vermont	39.5%	1	Tier 1: States where women's share is at 30% and higher	Mississippi	20.4%	37	Tier 2: States where women's share is 20%-29%
DC	37.3%	2		Alabama	20.4%	Tied in 37th	
Montana	37.2%	3		Indiana	20.3%	39	
Rhode Island	36.3%	4		Alaska	20.3%	Tied in 39 th	
South Carolina	33.7%	5		Oklahoma	20.10%	41	
Oregon	33.3%	Tied in 6 th Place		Nebraska	18.3%	42	Tier 3: States where women's share is between 10%-19%
Kentucky	33.2%	8		New Hampshire	17.7%	43	
Minnesota	32.3%	9		Arkansas	17.2%	44	
Washington	32.1%	10		Tennessee	16.8%	45	
Maryland	32.0%	11		Kansas	16.7%	46	
New York	31.6%	12		Wisconsin	15.9%	47	
Arizona	31.1%	13		North Dakota	15.8%	48	
Nevada	31.0%	14		South Dakota	14.0%	49	
Hawaii	30.4%	15		Wyoming	12.5%	50	
Florida	30.3%	16		Idaho	11.0%	51	
California	28.8%	Tied in 17 th		Tier 2: States where women's share is 20%-29%			
Georgia	28.6%	19					
Michigan	28.4%	20					
Pennsylvania	27.9%	21					
Illinois	27.7%	22					
North Carolina	26.7%	23					
New Jersey	26.1%	24					
Louisiana	26.0%	25					
Texas	25.3%	26					
Delaware	25.0%	27					
Ohio	24.9%	28					
New Mexico	24.5%	29					
Iowa	24.5%	Tied in 29 th					
Maine	23.9%	31					
Connecticut	23.5%	32					
West Virginia	23.3%	33					
Utah	22%	34					
Missouri	21.3%	35					
Virginia	21%	36					

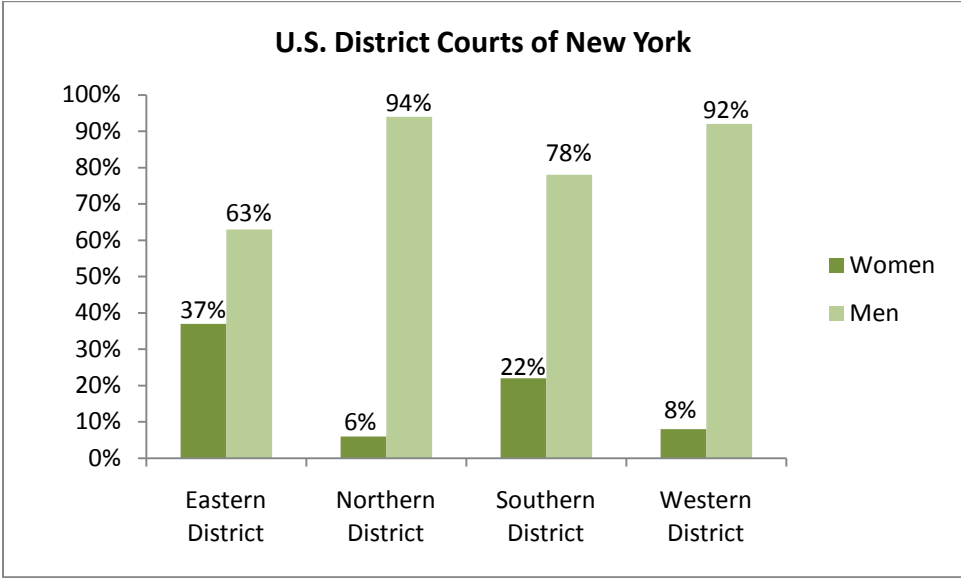
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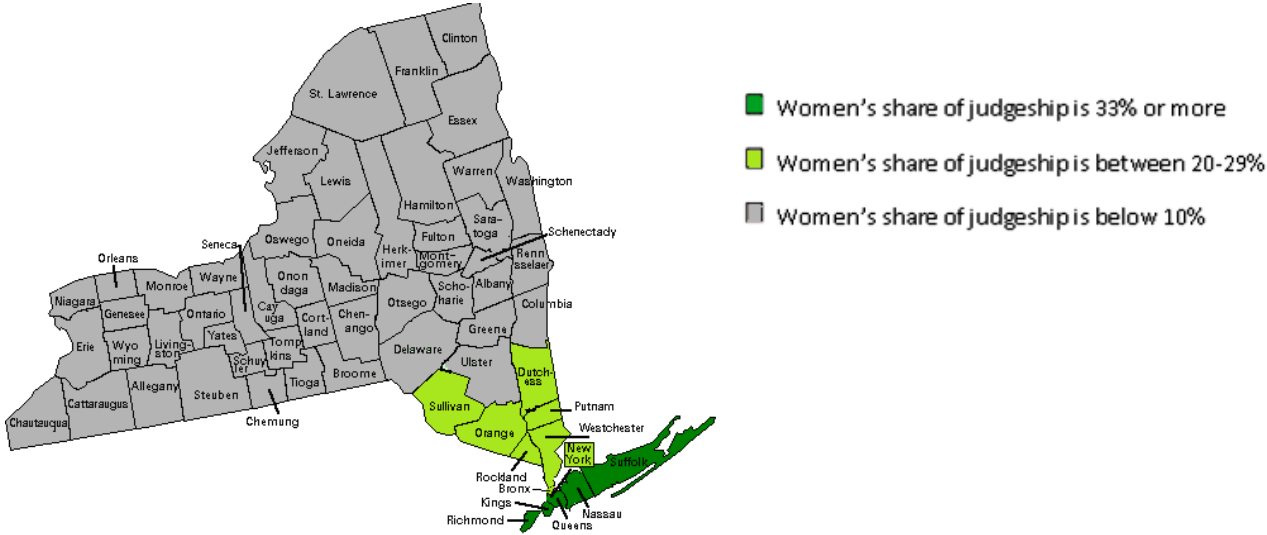
- Of all the seats in state level courts, 27% are filled by women.
- In state judgeships, 7 states and the District of Columbia have reached or passed the 33% threshold, with Vermont ranking in first place.
- Montana, which ranks last with respect to women’s share of federal judgeships (0%), ranks third in state judgeships, 37% occupied by women.
- Tier 2 is occupied by 25 states where the share of women in state judgeships is at 20%-29%.

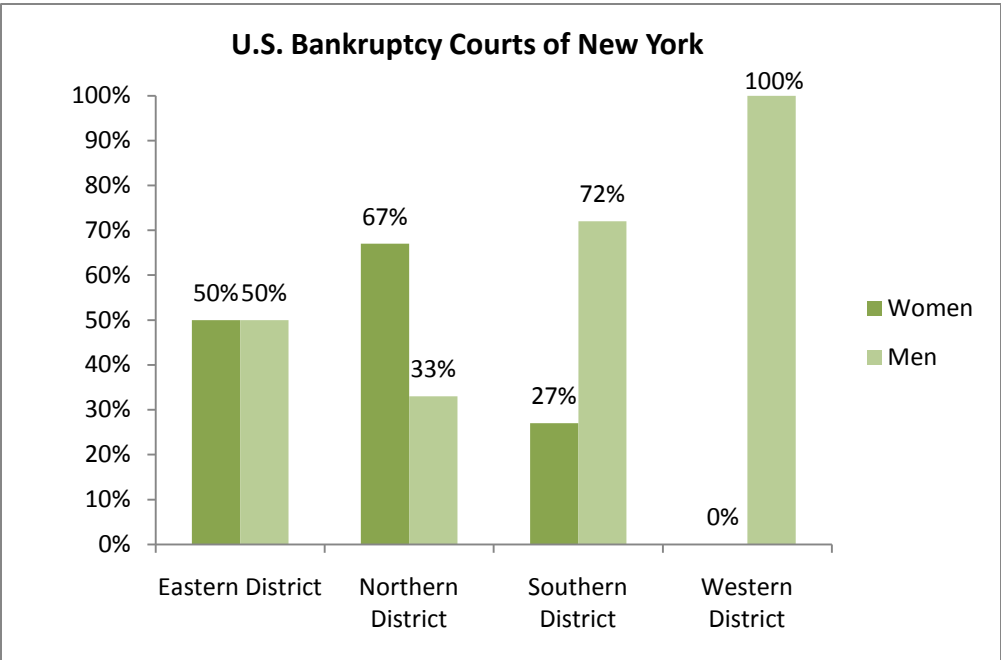
Spotlight: New York State

A closer look at the share of women of federal and state-level judgeships in New York State reveals that in 2011, women occupied 26.3% of seats on federal benches, and 31.6% of seats on state-level benches. This places New York at 12th position among other states with respect to the percentage of women on both federal and state benches; and represents an improvement from its 14th place in 2010.

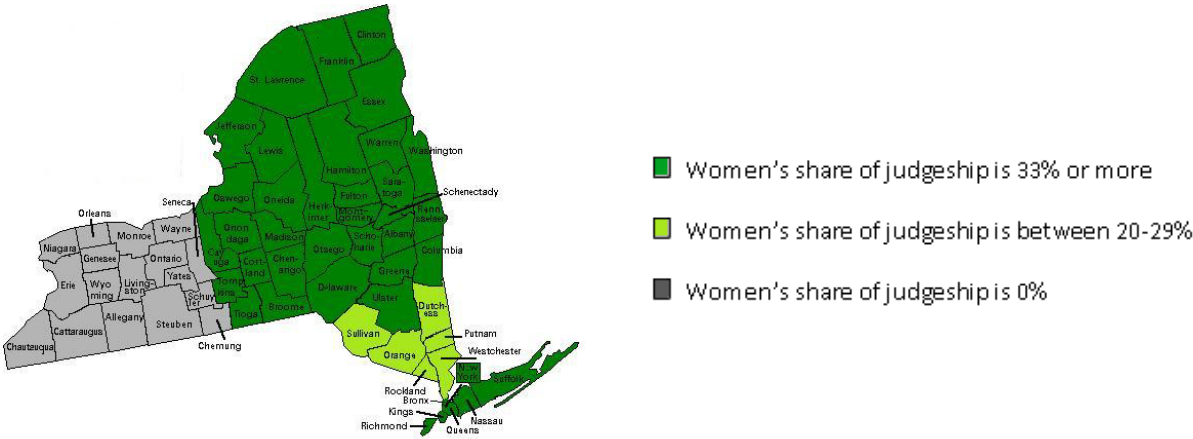


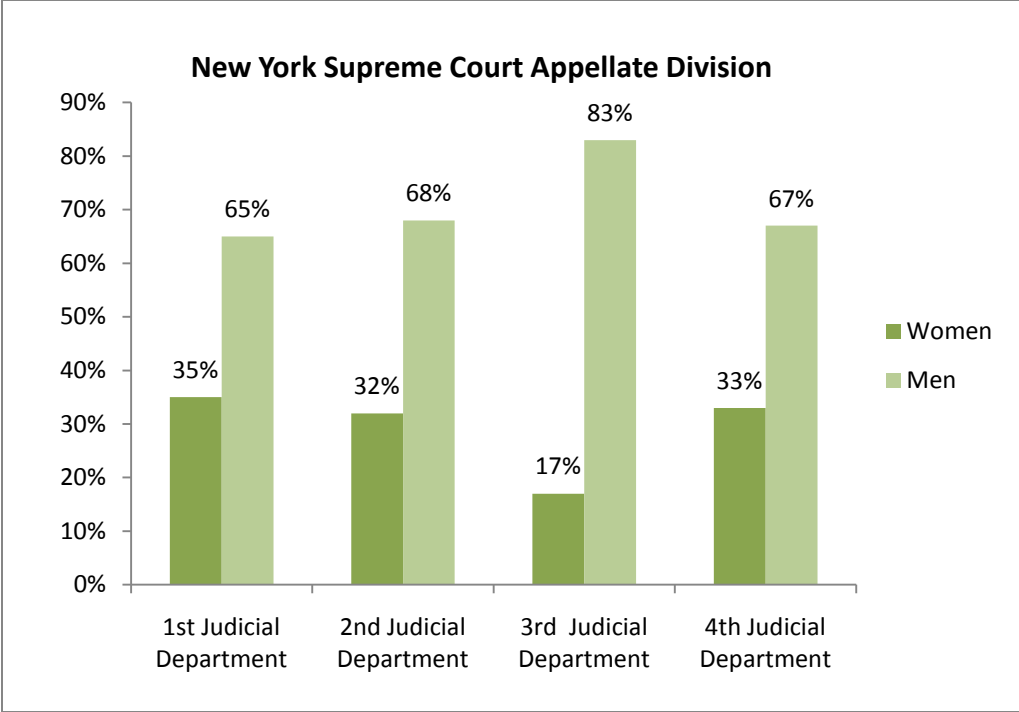
Percentage of Women in the U.S District Courts of New York



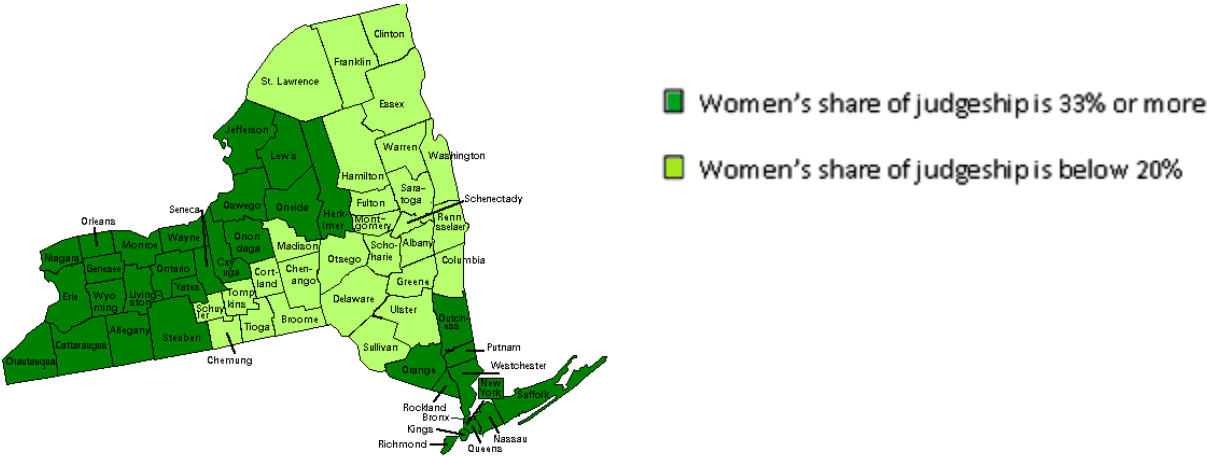


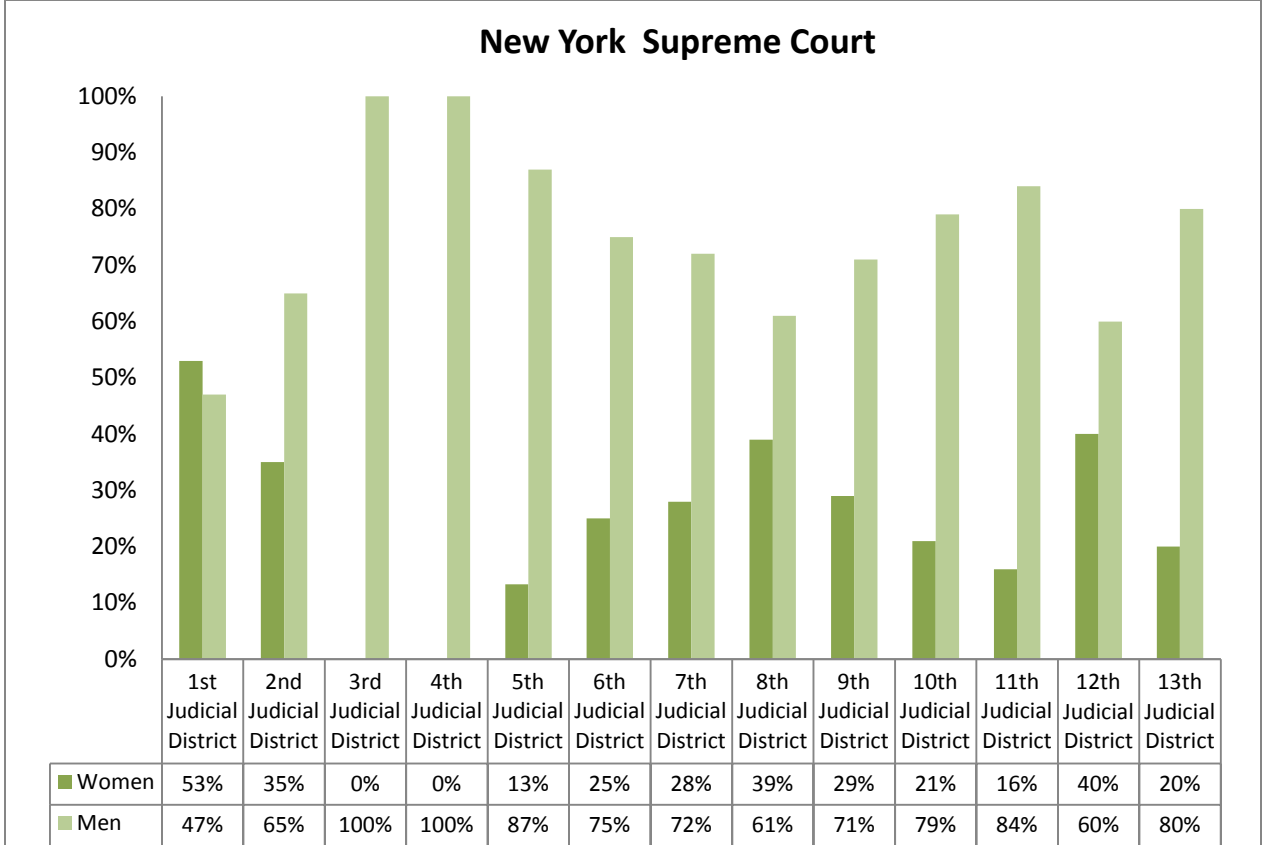
Percentage of Women in Bankruptcy Courts of New York



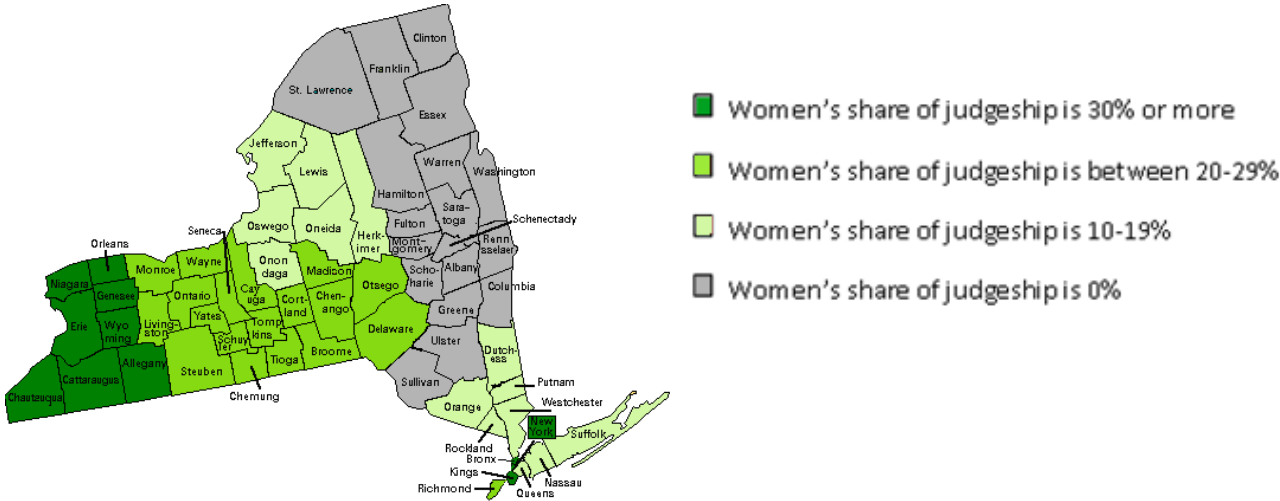


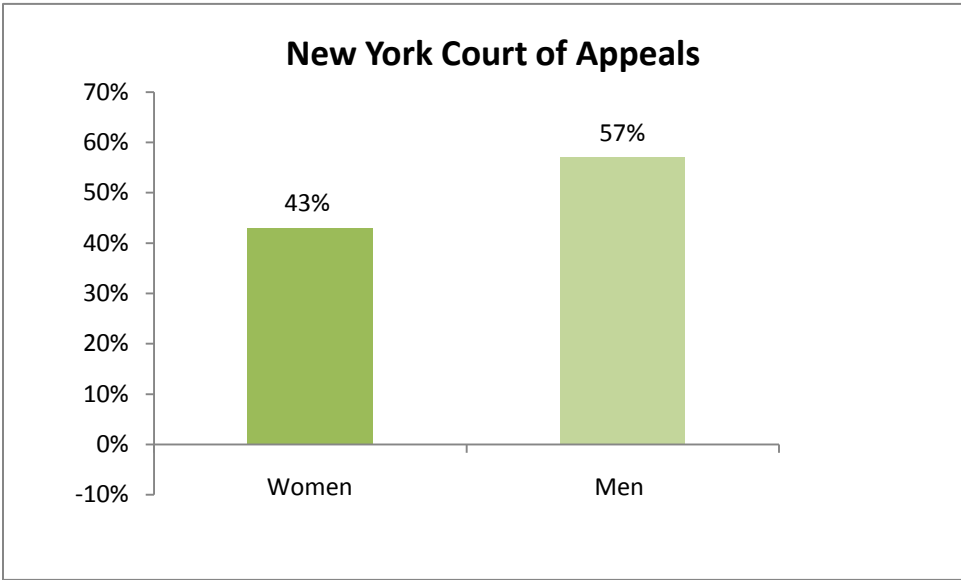
Percentage of Women in New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division



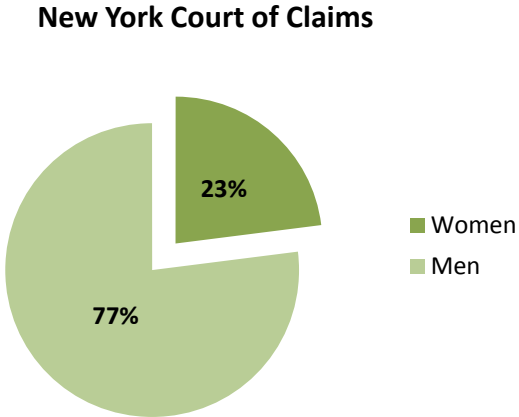


There are no women in the 3rd and 4th Judicial Districts of the New York State Supreme Court





While the percentage of women judges in the New York Court of Appeals is approaching parity at 43%, the number of women judges in the New York Court of Claims trails behind at 23%.



New York County Court

Court	Men	Women	Total	% of Women
Albany	2	0	2	0%
Allegany	2	0	2	0%
Broome	2	0	2	0%
Cattaraugus	2	0	2	0%
Cayuga	1	0	1	0%
Chautauqua	1	0	1	0%
Chemung	2	0	2	0%
Chenango	1	0	1	0%
Clinton	2	0	2	0%
Columbia	2	0	2	0%
Cortland	1	1	2	50%
Delaware	1	0	1	0%
Dutchess	1	0	1	0%
Erie	3	1	4	25%
Essex	1	0	1	0%
Franklin	1	0	1	0%
Fulton	1	1	2	50%
Genesee	1	0	1	0%
Greene	2	0	2	0%
Hamilton	1	0	1	0%
Herkimer	1	0	1	0%
Jefferson	0	1	1	100%
Lewis	1	0	1	0%
Livingston	2	0	2	0%
Madison	2	0	2	0%
Monroe	3	1	4	25%
Montgomery	1	0	1	0%
Nassau	12	2	14	14.3%
Niagara	1	1	2	50%
Oneida	2	0	2	0%
Onondaga	3	0	3	0%
Ontario	2	0	2	0%
Orange	3	0	3	0%
Orleans	1	0	1	0%
Oswego	3	0	3	0%
Otsego	2	0	2	0%
Putnam	2	0	2	0%
Rensselaer	1	0	1	0%
Rockland	3	0	3	0%
St. Lawrence	1	0	1	0%
Saratoga	1	0	1	0%
Schenectady	0	1	1	100%
Schoharie	1	0	1	0%
Schuyler	1	0	1	0%
Seneca	1	0	1	0%
Steuben	2	0	2	0%
Suffolk	10	1	11	9%
Sullivan	2	0	2	0%
Tioga	1	0	1	0%
Tompkins	2	0	2	0%
Ulster	1	0	1	0%
Warren	1	0	1	0%
Washington	1	1	2	50%
Wayne	3	0	3	0%
Westchester	5	3	8	37.5%
Wyoming	2	0	2	0%
Yates	1	0	1	0%
Total	111	28	125	22%

New York Surrogate's Court

Court	Men	Women	Total	% of Women
Albany	0.0	1.0	1.0	100%
Allegany	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bronx	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Broome	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Cattaraugus	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cayuga	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Chautauqua	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Chemung	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chenango	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Clinton	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Columbia	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cortland	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dutchess	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Erie	0.0	1.0	1.0	100%
Essex	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Franklin	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fulton	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Genesee	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Greene	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hamilton	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Herkimer	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jefferson	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Kings	0.0	2.0	2.0	100%
Lewis	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Livingston	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Madison	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Monroe	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Montgomery	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Nassau	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
New York	0.0	2.0	2.0	100%
Niagara	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oneida	0.0	0.0	0.0	0%
Onondaga	0.0	1.0	1.0	100%
Ontario	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Orange	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Orleans	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oswego	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Otsego	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Putnam	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Queens	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Rensselaer	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Richmond	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Rockland	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
St. Lawrence	0.0	1.0	1.0	100%
Saratoga	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Schenectady	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Schoharie	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Schuyler	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Seneca	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Steuben	0.0	1.0	1.0	100%
Suffolk	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Sullivan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tioga	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tompkins	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ulster	0.0	1.0	1.0	100%
Warren	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Washington	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wayne	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Westchester	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Wyoming	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Yates	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	20	10	30	33%

City Courts in New York State

City	Men	Women	Total	% of Women
Albany	3	2	5	40%
Amsterdam	1	1	2	50%
Auburn	2	0	2	0%
Batavia	2	0	2	0%
Beacon	1	1	2	50%
Binghamton	2	1	3	33%
Buffalo	9	4	13	31%
Canandaigua	2	0	2	0%
Cohoes	2	0	2	0%
Corning	2	0	2	0%
Cortland	1	1	2	50%
Dunkirk	2	0	2	0%
Elmira	2	0	2	0%
Fulton	2	0	2	0%
Geneva	1	1	2	50%
Glen Cove	2	0	2	0%
Glens Falls	2	0	2	0%
Gloversville	1	1	2	50%
Hornell	2	0	2	0%
Hudson	2	0	2	0%
Ithaca	1	1	2	50%
Jamestown	1	0	1	0%
Johnstown	2	0	2	0%
Kingston	3	0	3	0%
Lackawanna	2	0	2	0%
Little Falls	1	0	1	0%
Lockport	2	0	2	0%
Long Beach	2	0	2	0%
Mechanicville	2	0	2	0%
Middletown	2	0	2	0%
Mount Vernon	3	1	4	25%
Newburgh	2	0	2	0%
New Rochelle	2	1	3	33%
Niagara Falls	3	1	4	25%
North Tonawanda	2	0	2	0%
Norwich	2	0	2	0%
Ogdensburg	2	0	2	0%
Olean	1	0	1	0%
Oneida	1	0	1	0%
Oneonta	1	1	2	50%
Oswego	2	0	2	0%
Peekskill	2	0	2	0%
Plattsburgh	0	1	1	100%
Port Jervis	1	0	1	0%
Poughkeepsie	1	1	2	50%
Rensselaer	1	1	2	50%
Rochester	6	3	9	33%
Rome	2	0	2	0%
Rye	2	0	2	0%
Salamanca	1	0	1	0%
Saratoga Springs	1	0	1	0%
Schenectady	2	1	3	33%
Sherrill	1	0	1	0%
Syracuse	5	3	8	37.5%
Tonawanda	2	0	2	0%
Troy	2	0	2	0%
Utica	3	0	3	0%
Watertown	2	0	2	0%
Watervliet	1	1	2	50%
White Plains	2	2	4	50%
Yonkers	5	0	5	0%
Total	124	30	154	19%

New York Family Court: Counties Outside of New York City

County	Men	Women	Total	% of Women
Albany	2.0	1.0	3.0	33%
Allegany	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Broome	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cattaraugus	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cayuga	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chautauqua	0.0	1.0	1.0	100%
Chemung	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Chenango	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Clinton	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Columbia	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cortland	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dutchess	2.0	1.0	3.0	33%
Erie	2.0	3.0	5.0	60%
Essex	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Franklin	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fulton	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Genesee	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Greene	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hamilton	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Herkimer	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Jefferson	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Lewis	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Livingston	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Madison	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Monroe	2.0	4.0	6.0	66.6%
Montgomery	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Nassau	3.0	5.0	8.0	62.5%
Niagara	2.0	0.0	2.0	0%
Oneida	2.0	1.0	3.0	33%
Onondaga	2.0	3.0	5.0	60%
Ontario	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Orange	1.0	3.0	4.0	75%
Orleans	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oswego	0.0	1.0	1.0	100%
Otsego	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Putnam	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rensselaer	1.0	2.0	3.0	66.6%
Rockland	1.0	1.0	2.0	50%
St. Lawrence	0.0	1.0	1.0	100%
Saratoga	1.0	1.0	2.0	50%
Schenectady	1.0	1.0	2.0	50%
Schoharie	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Schuyler	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Seneca	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Steuben	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Suffolk	5.0	5.0	10	50%
Sullivan	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Tioga	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tompkins	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ulster	1.0	1.0	2.0	50%
Warren	1.0	0.0	1.0	0%
Washington	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wayne	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Westchester	1.0	4.0	5.0	80%
Wyoming	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Yates	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	38	39	77	51%

A review of the percentage of women in county and city courts of New York State offers a mixed picture. Women are equitably represented in some courts; an example is Family Courts of New York State, while the representation of women lags behind in other courts.

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