Women Currently Serving in State Legislatures

Percentage By State — 2018

Iowa Women Legislators by Home County — 43rd-87th General Assembly

Women Have Served in the Iowa Legislature

Women Have Served in Leadership Positions

Average Age of Women When First Elected to the Legislature

Quick Facts:
- First female legislator was Carolyn Pendray (D), Jackson County — elected to the Iowa House in 1928; the Senate in 1932.
- First female minority elected was Willie Stevenson Glanton (D), Polk County — elected to serve the 61st G.A. (1961-1963).
- Representative Linda Upmeyer (R), Cerro Gordo County, was the first female Speaker of the House, taking oath in 2016.

Sources: National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), Iowa Legislative Services Agency

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