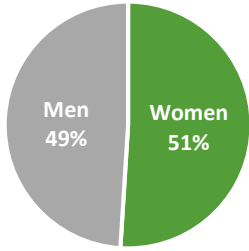


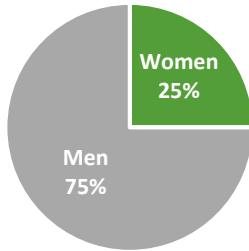
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## UNITED STATES

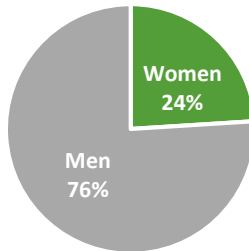
**US Population**  
(N=321,004,407)



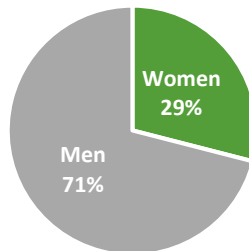
**US Senate**  
(N=100)



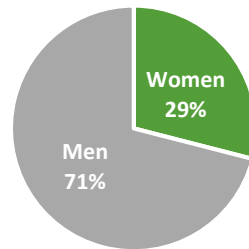
**House of Representatives**  
(N=435)



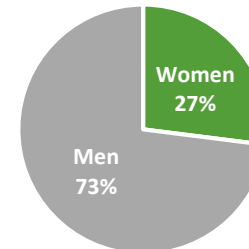
**Statewide Elected Executives** (N=311)



**State Legislative Seats**  
(N=7,383)



**US Mayors of largest cities** (N=100)

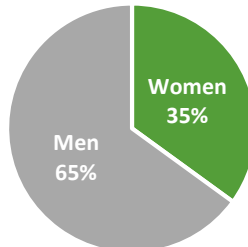


Sources: US Census, 2017; Center for American Women and Politics, 2019.

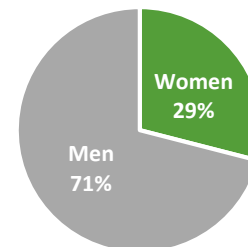
## CALIFORNIA

- California ranks **20<sup>th</sup>** out of all US states for women represented in legislative seats.<sup>7</sup>
- Nevada is the only state with more than **50%** women in the state legislature.<sup>8</sup>
- California has sent **more women to Congress** than any other state, 43 women. New York ranks second, having sent 29 women to Congress.<sup>9</sup>
- California has the **most women mayors** in the country, with 68 in 2019.<sup>10</sup>

**2019 State Senate**  
(N=40)



**2019 State Assembly**  
(N=80)

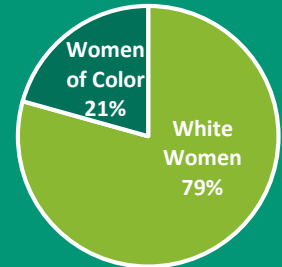


Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, 2019.

## WOMEN OF COLOR

- 358 women** have served in Congress, however **only 74** of those women have been women of color.<sup>11</sup>

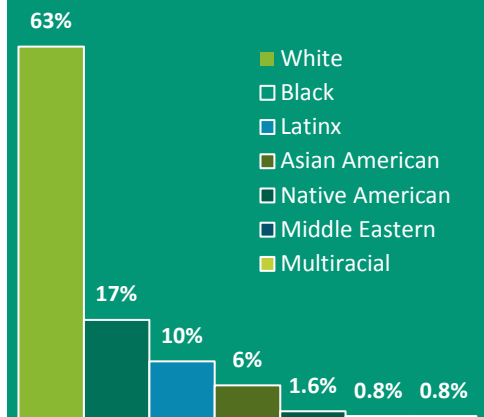
### Women Who Served in Congress



Source: Center for American Women and Politics, 2019.

- Shirley Chisholm** was the first black Congresswoman. She served in the US House of Representatives from 1968-1982 and in 1972 ran for President.<sup>12</sup>

### 2019 Women in Congress by Race (N=535)



Source: Center for American Women and Politics, 2019.

- 26%** of women serving in state legislatures are women of color.<sup>13</sup>
- Out of the 27 women mayors in the nation's 100 largest cities, **10 are women of color** (including 4 cities in California).<sup>14</sup>

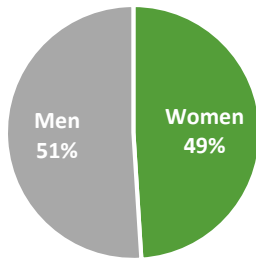


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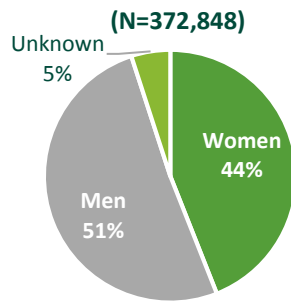
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## VOTING IN SAN FRANCISCO

### San Francisco Population (N=864,263)



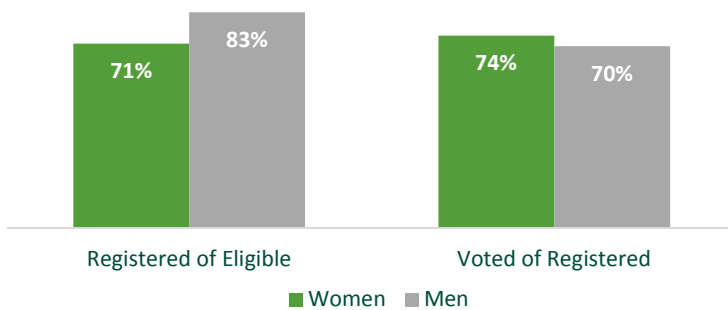
### Voted (N=372,848)



In general, women in San Francisco **are less likely** to vote than men.<sup>15</sup>

Sources: US Census, 2017; Statewide Database, 2018.

### 2018 Voting Patterns



However, women who are registered to vote **are more likely** to do so than men who are registered to vote.<sup>16</sup>

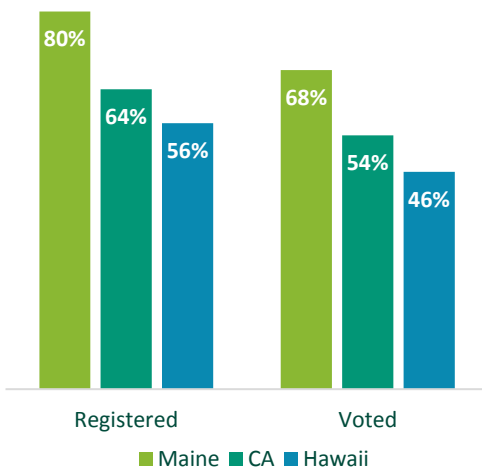
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## CALIFORNIA

- California ranks **4<sup>th</sup> lowest** among states for women registered to vote and ranks **28<sup>th</sup>** for women's voter participation.<sup>17</sup>

### Women's Voting Participation

(Compared to States with the Highest and Lowest Rates)

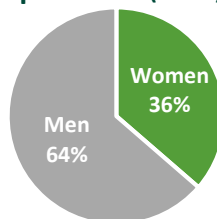


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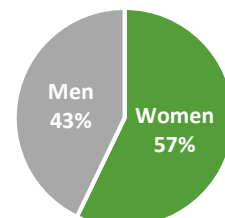
## ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- Women represent **51%** of appointees on policy bodies in San Francisco, but only **41%** of the 10 largest budgeted Commissions and Boards.<sup>18</sup>

### 2019 San Francisco Board of Supervisors (N=11)



### 2019 San Francisco School Board (N=7)



Source: City & County of San Francisco, 2019.

## TIMELINE

**1911:** Equal Suffrage was passed in California, allowing women to vote.<sup>19</sup> California is one of 16 states where women had the right to vote before the 19th Amendment.<sup>20</sup>

**1920:** The 19th Amendment to the US Constitution went into effect, eliminating sex as a basis to deny voting rights.<sup>21</sup> However many women of color experienced disenfranchisement until the Voting Rights Act of 1965.<sup>22</sup>

**1921:** Margaret Mary Morgan becomes the first woman on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.<sup>23</sup> 32 years pass before the next woman, Clarissa McMahon, is appointed to the Board of Supervisors.<sup>24</sup>

**1923:** Mae Ella Nolan becomes California's first woman in the US House of Representatives.<sup>25</sup> California was not represented by a woman in the US Senate until 1992.<sup>26</sup>

**1978:** Dianne Feinstein becomes San Francisco's first female Mayor. She previously served as the first woman president of the Board of Supervisors.<sup>27</sup>

**1993:** California is the first state to be represented simultaneously by two women in Senate, with the election of Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein, both from San Francisco.<sup>28</sup>

**2007:** San Francisco US Representative Nancy Pelosi becomes the first woman to serve as Speaker of the House.<sup>29</sup>

**2018:** London N. Breed becomes the first woman of color to serve as Mayor of San Francisco, the City's second woman and second black mayor.<sup>30</sup>

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