

Michigan



Electing more women, and especially women of color, to state legislatures will create a more representative government and accelerate social progress.

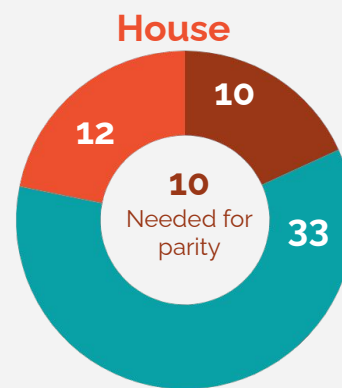
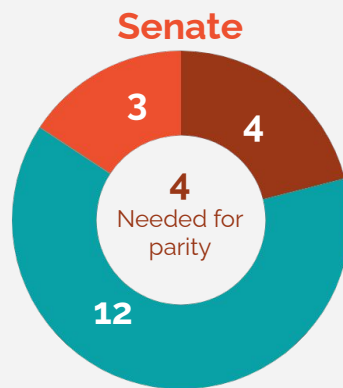
State legislatures create **real change** for communities and serve as a **training ground** for higher office.



How representative is Michigan's state legislature today?

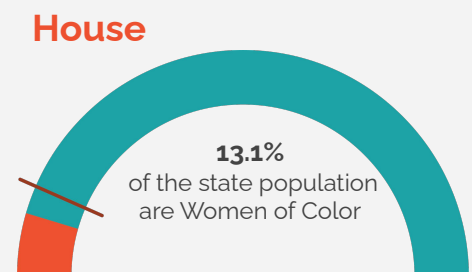
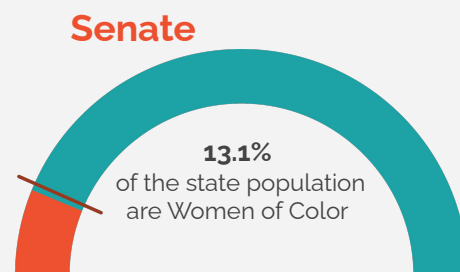
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Fourteen more women are needed to reach a majority of women state legislators.



Democratic women
Republican women

More women of color must be elected to the House to reflect the state population.



2024 Electoral dynamics

Extensive recruitment efforts by GLPA LEAD resulted in **women running in 58% of the targeted, competitive state legislative races**. This includes 15 of 26 competitive House races (the Senate is not up for election this year). **Four of the 15 recruited candidates are women of color**.

Michigan is a Presidential swing state and there is an open U.S. Senate seat with Senator Debbie Stabenow stepping down. Following the state's new redistricting process, more districts are competitive and cost more to win.

All members of the State House are up for election in 2024.

Legislators cannot serve more than 12 years combined in either chamber.

Michigan is a Presidential swing state.

The primary election is on August 6, 2024.

WomenCount is an online giving platform that raises funds for women candidates and simplifies the giving process. WomenCount and Electing Women Alliance, a national network of giving groups, work together to close the political gender giving gap as a pathway to electing more women.

Campaign finance considerations

Donation limit:

\$2,450 for the Senate | **\$1,225** for the House

Average cost of a state house race:

\$50,000

- LLCs can contribute directly to candidates. The amount is allocated to individual limits.
- There are no unique disclosure requirements for independent expenditure campaigns.

All donors are advised to consult an accountant and/or legal counsel to determine the limits and reporting requirements that apply.

Urgent: Candidates in need of primary support before August 6



HD7 Tonya Myers Phillips

(North west of Detroit)

Myers Phillips was born in Detroit, Michigan. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1999 and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 2003. Myers Phillips' career experience includes working as an attorney and public policy advisor. She is the director of community partnerships and development with the Sugar Law Center for Social and Economic Justice, and she serves as a public policy advisor for Michigan Legal Services.



HD57 Aisha Farooqi

(Macomb and Oakland counties)

Farooqi immigrated with her family to the US where she attended Detroit Public Schools. She earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and served as president of her class at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. She has represented lower income folks as a legal aid attorney at Lakeshore Legal Aid where she was a proud union member and offered pro bono services to those in need while operating her own law firm. Currently, she works as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Wayne County.

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HD84 Rep. Carol Glanville*

(Kent County)

Rep. Glanville was born and raised in West Michigan by two union workers, and she went on to live and raise her family in the Walker community. She has extensive professional experience as a classroom teacher, administrator, education consultant, and local elected official that serves on many community boards. Rep. Glanville won 52% of the overall vote in the May Special against one of her current Republican opponents who is a far-right extremist whose comments on sexual assault, racist and misogynistic views, and embrace of violent conspiracy theories including the backing of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and believes COVID-19 is a hoax. Her priorities are education, good paying jobs, and access to healthcare.



HD13 Rep. Mai Xiong*

(Macomb and Wayne counties)

Rep. Xiong is a Hmong American businesswoman, who won a special election to fill the vacant District 13 in the Michigan House of Representatives in April 2024. Rep. Xiong was born in the Ban Vinai Refugee Camp in the Loei province of Thailand, and she and her family moved to Ohio after being accepted into the United States as refugees when Rep. Xiong was 3. Her legislative priorities focus on protecting workers, education, supporting tax cuts for working families, gun safety, the environment, and access to healthcare.

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HD25 Layla Taha

(Wayne County)

Raised by a single mother in this area, Taha studied global health at the University of Michigan and went on to earn her Master of Public Health with a Certificate in Health Policy from Columbia University. After several years working as a health policy analyst evaluating Medicare reimbursement and nursing home quality, Taha began organizing voting rights and reproductive freedom. She currently serves as Program Director for Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, operating her youth engagement and campaign programming. Taha's platform includes a focus on infrastructure, the environment, access to health care, affordable housing, and protecting families.



HD109 Rep. Jenn Hill*

(Dickinson, Alger, Baraga, and Marquette counties)

State Rep. Jenn Hill is serving her first term representing the 109th House District. She is an infrastructure advocate and nonprofit leader whose tenure has focused on building a more resilient Michigan. For the last 25 years, she has led in the nonprofit sector nationally, building and scaling community-focused environmental, public health, arts and youth mentorship programs. Elected to the Marquette City Commission in 2018, Jenn is a proven problem solver who works with others to get results. Her legislative priorities include access to health care, strengthening public education, workforce development, environmental protections, and supporting seniors.

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Candidates without active primaries, but where early support is needed



HD27 Rep. Jaime Churches

(Wayne County)

Rep. Churches is serving her first term representing the 27th House District. Churches is a longtime resident of Downriver. She attended Madonna University and earned her bachelor's in integrated science and elementary education and her master's in educational leadership. She has been teaching fifth grade for the past 10 years. As a former educator and union vice president, she has seen how the lack of investment in public education, small business and working families has led to hardships and inequity for Michiganders. Policy priorities for Churches include education, labor and infrastructure.



HD28 Janise O'Neil Robinson

(Monroe and Wayne counties)

O'Neil Robinson is a teacher, wife, and mom who grew up in Taylor and now lives in Brownstown. She was raised by a working mother and a dad who had a life-changing injury at the age of 24 that caused him to be disabled. She learned that people can adapt to life with their disabilities when they work hard and have the support they need to effectively manage their lives. This experience led her to a career as a special education teacher and consultant in the Taylor public schools.

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HD31 Rep. Reggie Miller

(Lenawee, Monroe, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties)

Rep. Miller is serving her first term in Michigan's 31st House District. Before her time in the House, she was the Van Buren Township trustee for three terms and worked for 20 years as a courier/documentation specialist for local freight forwarder custom brokers. Rep. Miller has dedicated much of her adult life to serving those in her community. She was the board liaison for both the Senior Endowment Committee and the Elections Committee, vice president of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, vice chair of the Public Safety Committee and volunteered to work on the police and library millage proposals. Her legislative priorities include fighting for Michigan families by combating inflation, repealing the retirement tax, working toward paid family leave, supporting teachers and students by increasing school funding, making schools safer, recruiting and retaining teachers, supporting mental health services for children, and funding universal pre-K for all preschool-aged children.



HD48 Rep. Jennifer Conlin

(Jackson, Washtenaw, and Livingston counties)

Rep. Jennifer Conlin is serving her first term as state representative for House District 48. She is a wife, mother, daughter, caregiver and Washtenaw County native. Her family has a long legacy of public service in city, county and state governments, and continues to serve on the judicial bench to this day. During her decades-long career as a journalist, she had the opportunity to meet people all over the world and share their stories. For the last 12 years, she has been covering Michigan news, writing about small businesses, tourism, health care, arts and culture and economic development. As a state representative, her legislative priorities include strengthening infrastructure, protecting Michigan's natural resources, improving health care access and affordability, increasing school safety, recruiting and retaining teachers, and strengthening the economy.

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HD54 Shadia Martini

(Oakland County)

Martini was born in Aleppo, Syria to two surgeons. She has a bachelor's degree in architectural engineering from the University of Aleppo. Martini immigrated to the US in 1992, moving to southeast Michigan. She attended the University of Michigan and received an MBA in 1996. She now runs her own real estate brokerage, construction company, and medical spa, all operating in southeast Michigan, and she lives in Bloomfield Township with her family.



HD61 Rep. Denise Mentzer

(Macomb County)

State Rep. Denise Mentzer is serving her first term at the House representing the 61st District. Before taking office, Rep. Mentzer held 10 years of experience on the Mount Clemens City Commission. This experience makes her an exceptional legislator who is aware of the ins and outs of budgets, taxes and enterprise funds. The pride and passion Rep. Mentzer has for her community is shown through her constant commitment to making change and taking the lead. As a legislator, she supports affordable and accessible health care, new educational opportunities for kids and families, improving the ever-changing economy and upgrading Michigan's water infrastructure.

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HD62 Michelle Levine-Woodman

(Macomb County)

Levine-Woodman is an educator who is active in her local union. She sees the injustices that people deal with on a daily basis when students don't get enough to eat at home and families can't afford to take their children to the doctor or stay home from work when they are sick. Prioritizing a quality public education for all students and respect for the education system and its employees is extremely important to Levine-Woodman. A robust, supportive, and equitable system will remove barriers for students to give them a strong start in society.



HD76 Rep. Angela Witwer

(Eaton County)

State Rep. Angela Witwer is serving her third term representing the 76th House District. Witwer began her professional career in clinical health care, working first in Sparrow Hospital's burn unit and later as the manager of pediatric rehabilitation. Her legislative priorities have included building quality roads, ensuring access to affordable health care and a world-class education for children.



HD86 Abby Klomprens

(Allegan and Ottawa counties)

Klomprens was born and raised in Holland to two educators. Her dad also worked as a city council member. She received her BA from Grand Valley State University and is a graduate of the Michigan State University's Political Leadership Program. She started as a legislative intern, GOTV director, and finance assistant and then she worked as a legislative director for the Michigan State House. Over the last year, she has served as the West Michigan Regional Coordinator for Sen. Gary Peters. She often volunteers for the local humane society and sits on several boards in Holland.

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HD103 Rep. Betsy Coffia

(Benzie, Grand Traverse, Leelanau counties)

State Rep. Betsy Coffia is serving her first term representing the 103rd House District. Rep. Coffia grew up in a rural, working-class community. Her mother, who cleaned homes for a living and spent her free time volunteering, all while raising four children, instilled hard-working values in her. Before Coffia joined the Legislature, she was a Head Start social worker for dozens of families and five child care centers in Leelanau, Benzie and Grand Traverse counties. She is focused on building a Michigan where everyone has access to quality physical and mental health care, equitable housing, internet access and child care, no matter their ZIP code, race, gender or level of income.



HD110 Kim Corcoran

(Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Ontonagon counties)

Corcoran is an experienced meeting professional that currently owns and operates Destination Michigan, where the primary focus is connecting destinations, hotels, and service providers with meeting planners. She holds a bachelor's degree from Bowling State University.

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