

North Carolina



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 North Carolina's state legislature today?

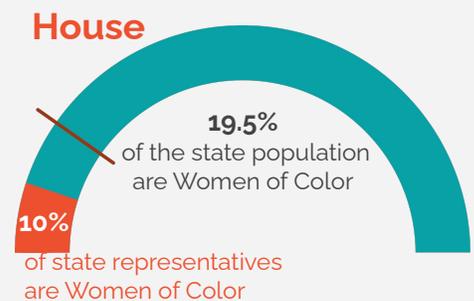
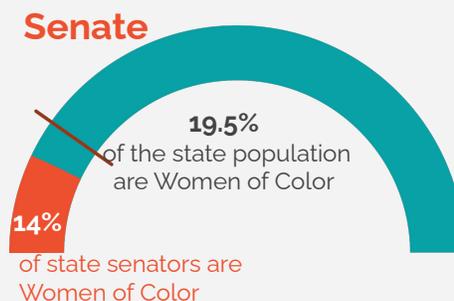
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Thirty-four more women are needed to reach a majority of women state legislators.



Democratic women
 Republican women

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



2024 Electoral dynamics

Extensive recruitment efforts by LEAD NC resulted in **women running in 67% of the targeted, competitive state legislative races**. This included four of nine competitive Senate races and 20 out of 28 House races. **Fourteen of the recruited candidates were women of color**. The primary resulted in two gains for women, two holds, and two losses. Two additional primary winners face tough general elections. Going into the general election, this prospectus features three opportunities to gain new seats for women and women of color, and two critical women incumbents who need protection.

North Carolina will have very competitive elections for Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General. It is one of the only states with competitive non-federal statewide races this year, which will lead to increased investment and organizing up and down the ballot. Republicans currently have a supermajority in both chambers and both sides will fight hard to win a narrow list of targeted state legislative seats. It is likely to be a targeted state for the presidential election as well, also drawing national attention.

The state drew new congressional and legislative districts in 2023 which will be in place for the 2024 elections.

All state legislative seats from both chambers will be on the ballot.

Statewide elections for Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General.

Targeted state Supreme Court race.

One competitive US House race (NC-1).

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:

\$6,400 per State Senator or State Representative

The average cost of a state legislative race is roughly

\$70,000 For the House and Senate

- LLCs cannot contribute directly to candidates.
- There are no unique disclosure requirements for independent expenditures.

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

Opportunities to gain more women and women of color state legislators



HD35 Evonne Hopkins

House District 35 (North/Northeastern Wake County)

Hopkins practices family law and is the President of Raleigh Law Center. She also serves on many committees for the North Carolina Bar Association and NC Advocates for Justice. This seat is an open seat because Democratic incumbent Terence Everitt is running for State Senate.



HD37 Safiyah Jackson

House District 37 (Wake County)

Jackson is a vocal early childhood advocate, whose career has included roles with preschools, family child care homes, elementary schools, and private and public health philanthropic institutions. She holds three master's degrees (in business, psychology, and early childhood education).



SD25 Rev. Donna Vanhook

Senate District 25 (Alamance County, part of Randolph County)

Rev. Vanhook is a retired law enforcement officer and ordained clergywoman, who is highly active in her community. She has served in various county and district commissions and supervisory roles, and she is running on a platform that focuses on education, rural infrastructure development, environmental stewardship, and economic development.

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Women incumbents in need of protection



SD13 Sen. Lisa Grafstein

Senate District 13 (Southern Wake County)

Sen. Grafstein is a civil rights attorney specializing in employment law. She was first elected to the NC Senate in 2022. All voters in this district are new to her because she had to move to run after Republicans drew her into the same district as another legislator.



HD73 Rep. Diamond Stanton-Williams

House District 73 (Carrabus County)

Rep. Stanton-Williams is a nurse and mom who is running for re-election. She originally ran for office after recognizing her voice was not being represented in the state legislature. As part of her track record, she's sponsored and supported bills to ensure a nurse is working in every public school, expanding pre-K schooling, defending workers' rights and voting rights, and protecting women's access to healthcare.

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