



Wyoming Women in the Legislature

Nineteen women were elected to the position of state senator in Wyoming from 1930 through 2012. Senator April Brimmer Kunz was the first woman to become President of the Senate in 2003.

Wyoming State Senate

Name	County/District	City	Year Elected
Susan Anderson (R)	Senate District 28	Casper	1992
Pat Aullman (R)	Senate District 16	Thayne	2004
June Boyle (D)	Albany	Laramie	1972, 1976, 1980
Harriet Elizabeth "Liz" Byrd (D)	Laramie	Cheyenne	1988
Willa Wales Corbitt (D)	Fremont	Riverton	1964
Bernadine L. Craft (D)	Senate District 12	Rock Springs	2012
Barbara Cubin (R)	Senate District 29	Casper	1992
Irene Devin (R)	Senate District 10	Laramie	1996, 2000
Della Herbst (D)	Sheridan	Sheridan	1986, 1990
Winifred Hickey (D)	Laramie	Cheyenne	1980, 1984, 986
Rae Lynn Job (D)	Senate District 12	Rock Springs	1996, 2000, 2004
Lisa Kinney (D)	Albany	Laramie	1984, 1988, 1992
April Brimmer Kunz (R)	Senate District 4	Cheyenne	1992, 1994, 1996, 2000
Cynthia M. Lummis (R)	Senate District 5	Cheyenne	1992
Dora McGrath (R)	Hot Springs	Thermopolis	1930
E. Jayne Mockler (D)	Senate District 8	Cheyenne	1996, 2000, 2004
Leslie J. Nutting (R)	Senate District 7	Cheyenne	2010
Catherine M. Parks (R)	Campbell-Johnson	Newcastle	1978, 1980
Kathryn L. Sessions (D)	Senate District 7	Cheyenne	1998, 2002, 2006
Edness Kimball Wilkins (D)	Natrona	Casper	1966



Wyoming Women in the Legislature

A total of 99 women were elected to the Wyoming House of Representatives from 1910 to 2012, two of whom became Speaker of the House: Edness Kimball Wilkins in 1966, upon the death of Walter B. Phelan; and Verda I. James in 1969.

Wyoming State House of Representatives

Name	County/District	City	Year Elected
Deborah Alden (R)	House District 3	Wheatland	2002, 2004, 2006
Susan Anderson (R)	Natrona	Casper	1990
Sheila Arnold (D)	Albany	Laramie	1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990
Wende Barker (D)	House District 45	Laramie	1992, 1994, 1996
Mary Behrens (R)	Natrona	Casper	1986
Mary G. Bellamy (D)	Albany	Laramie	1910
Rosie Berger (R)	House District 51	Big Horn	2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012
Nancy Berry (D)	House District 59	Casper	1996, 1998
Lynn Birleffi (D)	Laramie	Cheyenne	1984, 1986
Janice Bodine (R)	Uinta	Evanston	1990
Mrs. Fred D. Boice (Shirley) (R)	Laramie	Cheyenne	1950, 1952, 1954
June Boyle (D)	Albany	Laramie	1962, 1964, 1966, 1968, 1970
Margaret Brown (R)	Carbon	Rawlins	1982, 1984
R.M. Johnnie Burton (R)	Natrona	Casper	1982, 1984, 1986
Harriet Elizabeth Byrd (D)	Laramie	Cheyenne	1980, 1982, 1984, 1986
Lettie D. Campbell (R)	Lincoln	Afton	1930
Rita Campbell (R)	House District 34	Shoshoni	2010, 2012
Virginia L. Casady (D)	House District 49	Evanston	1998
Kathy Coleman (R)	House District 30	Sheridan	2012
Lucile Connaghan (D)	Fremont	Riverton	1932
Cathy Connolly (D)	House District 13	Laramie	2008, 2010, 2012
Bernadine L. Craft (D)	House District 17	Rock Springs	2006, 2008, 2010
Ellen Crowley (R)	Laramie	Cheyenne	1972, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1984, 1986
Barbara Cubin (R)	Natrona	Casper	1986, 1988, 1990
Kathy Davison (R)	House District 20 House District 18 (2012)	Kemmerer	2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012
Irene Devin (R)	House District 14	Laramie	1992, 1994
Lynn Dickey (D)	Sheridan	Big Horn	1982, 1984, 1986, 1988
Barbara Dobos (D)	Natrona	Casper	1982, 1984
Ruth Nelson Edelman (R)	Sheridan	Sheridan	1938
Amy L. Edmonds (R)	House District 12	Cheyenne	2006, 2008, 2010
Madge Enterline (R)	Natrona	Casper	1948, 1950



Wyoming Women in the Legislature

Wyoming State House of Representatives

Name	County/District	City	Year Elected
Esther Eskens (R)	Big Horn (74-78) Natrona (82)	Lovell	1974, 1976, 1978, 1982
Mrs. Thomas M. Fagan (Josephine) (D)	Niobrara	Lusk	1932
Deborah Fleming (D)	House District 36	Casper	1998
Sylvia S. Gams (R)	Big Horn House District 26 (beginning in 1992)	Cowley	1988, 1990, 1992, 1994
Edith V. Garcia (D)	Laramie	Cheyenne	1990
Liz Gentile (D)	House District 36	Casper	2002, 2006
Mary Meyer Gilmore (D)	House District 59	Casper	2002, 2004, 2006
Mary Hales (D)	House District 36	Casper	2008
Marti Halverson (R)	House District 22	Etna	2012
Debbie Healy Hammons (D)	House District 27	Worland	2004, 2006, 2008
Matilda Hansen (D)	Albany House District 13 (beginning in 1992)	Laramie	1974, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992
Elaine D. Harvey (R)	House District 26	Lovell	2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012
LaVerna "Pinkie" Hendricks (D)	Converse	Glenrock	1982
Della Herbst (D)	Sheridan	Sheridan	1982, 1984
Shirley J. Humphrey (D)	Laramie	Cheyenne	1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990
Lynn Hutchings (R)	House District 42	Cheyenne	2012
Verda I. James (R)	Natrona	Casper	1954, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1968
Lorna Johnson (D)	House District 45	Laramie	1998, 2000, 2002
Norina A. Kasperik (R)	House District 32	Gillette	2010, 2012
April Brimmer Kunz (R)	Laramie	Cheyenne	1984, 1990
Clarene Law (R)	Teton House District 23 (beginning in 1992)	Jackson	1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002
Cynthia M. Lummis (R)	Laramie	Cheyenne	1978, 1980, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990
Patti MacMillan (R)	Albany House District 46 (beginning in 1992)	Laramie	1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994
Mable Mathews (R)	Crook	Sundance	1928
Nimi McConigley (R)	House District 59	Casper	1994
Erin E. Mercer (R)	House District 53	Gillette	2006, 2008
Sandra Meyer (D)	House District 49	Evanston	2000, 2002, 2006, 2008
Anna B. Miller (D)	Albany	Laramie	1912
Lori Millin (D)	House District 8	Cheyenne	2006, 2008
E. Jayne Mockler (D)	House District 44	Cheyenne	1992, 1994
Nyla A. Murphy (R)	Natrona	Casper	1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988



Wyoming Women in the Legislature

Wyoming State House of Representatives

Name	County/District	City	Year Elected
Patricia Nagel (R)	House District 56	Casper	1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000
Mary Odde (R)	Fremont	Shoshoni	1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988
Catherine M. Parks (R)	Campbell	Weston	1972, 1974, 1976
Carolyn Paseneaux (R)	House District 38	Casper	1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000
Dorothy Perkins (R)	Natrona House District 35 (beginning in 1992)	Casper	1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996
Nancy F. Peternal (D)	Lincoln	Kemmerer	1970, 1974
Ruth Ann Petroff (R)	House District 16	Jackson	2010, 2012
Elizabeth B. Phelan (D)	Laramie	Cheyenne	1968, 1972, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982
Lorraine Quarberg (R)	House District 28	Thermopolis	2004, 2006, 2008, 2010
Ann Robinson (D)	House District 58	Casper	1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004
Mrs. Albert Rochelle (Kathleen) (D)	Niobrara	Lusk	1926, 1932
Peggy Rounds (D)	House District 19	Evanston	1998
Louise Ryckman (D)	Sweetwater House District 60 (beginning in 1992)	Green River	1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998
Mary K. Schwope (D)	Laramie	Cheyenne	1974, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990
Kathryn L. Sessions (D)	House District 43	Cheyenne	1992, 1994, 1996
Lisa Shepperson (R)	House District 58	Casper	2006, 2008, 2010
Peg Shreve (R)	Park House District 24 (beginning in 1992)	Cody	1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996
Marlene Simons (R)	Crook House District 1 (beginning in 1992)	Beulah	1978, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000
Alice Spielman (R)	Campbell	Gillette	1952, 1954
Glenda Stark (R)	House District 58	Casper	1992, 1994
Ann Strand (D)	Sweetwater	Rock Springs	1978, 1980, 1982, 1984
Pamela Taylor-Horton (D)	House District 11	Cheyenne	1994
Mary A. Throne (D)	House District 11	Cheyenne	2006, 2008, 2010, 2012
Nettie Truax (D)	Crook-Campbell	Sundance	1912
Pat Tugman (R)	Laramie	Cheyenne	1978
Carol Jo Vlastos (R)	Natrona	Casper	1988, 1990
Nancy G. Wallace (R)	Uinta	Evanston	1968, 1970
Sue Wallis (R)	House District 52	Recluse	2006, 2008, 2010, 2012
Jane Warren (D)	House District 13	Laramie	2000, 2002, 2004, 2006
Carol Watson (D)	Laramie	Cheyenne	1988, 1990
Edness Kimball Wilkins (D)	Natrona	Casper	1954, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978



Wyoming Women in the Legislature

Wyoming State House of Representatives

Name	County/District	City	Year Elected
Sue Wilson (R)	House District 7	Cheyenne	2012
Morna A. Wood (D)	Crook-Campbell	Sundance	1914
Sherri Wooldridge (D)	House District 12	Cheyenne	1992, 1994
N. Jane Wostenberg (R)	House District 27	Worland	1998, 2000, 2002
Virginia L. Wright (R)	Sheridan House District 51 (beginning in 1992)	Sheridan	1988, 1990, 1992
Kenilynn S. Zanetti (D)	House District 16	Rock Springs	1994, 1996, 1998

Source for historical data: Wyoming History Blue Book, Volumes I-IV.