100 Years of Women Voting: Unfinished Business

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The 19th Amendment

- ► The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.
 - ► [All citizens have this right and sex shall not be considered]
- Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation
 - ▶ [Our system was set up so that the legislative branch (i.e. Congress, made up of the House and Senate) can pass laws pursuant to the powers granted to it in the Constitution.]

U.S. Constitution - Article V

Article V

The Congress, whenever two thirds of both houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to this Constitution, or, on the application of the legislatures of two thirds of the several states. shall call a convention for proposing amendments, which, in either case, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of this Constitution, when ratified by the legislatures of three fourths of the several states, or by conventions in three fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by the Congress: provided that no amendment which may be made prior to the year one thousand eight hundred and eight shall in any manner affect the first and fourth clauses in the ninth section of the first article: and that no state, without its consent, shall be deprived of its equal suffrage in the Genate.

The Women's Bureau

[Public-No. 259-66th Congress.]

[H. R. 13229.]

An Act To establish in the Department of Labor a bureau to be known as the Women's Bureau.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be established in the Department of Labor a bureau to be known as the Women's Bureau.

SEC. 2. That the said bureau shall be in charge of a director, a woman, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall receive an annual compensation of \$5,000. It shall be the duty of said bureau to formulate standards and policies which shall promote the welfare of wage-earning women, improve their working conditions, increase their efficiency, and advance their opportunities for profitable employment. The said bureau shall have authority to investigate and report to the said department upon all matters pertaining to the welfare of women in industry. The director of said bureau may from time to time publish the results of these investigations in such a manner and to such extent as the Secretary of Labor may prescribe.

SEC. 3. That there shall be in said bureau an assistant director, to be appointed by the Secretary of Labor, who shall receive an annual compensation of \$3,500 and shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the director and approved by the Secretary of Labor.

SEC. 4. That there is hereby authorized to be employed by said bureau a chief clerk and such special agents, assistants, clerks, and other employees at such rates of compensation and in such numbers as Congress may from time to time provide by appropriations.

SEC. 5. That the Secretary of Labor is hereby directed to furnish sufficient quarters, office furniture, and equipment, for the work of this bureau.

Sec. 6. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, June 5, 1920.

Labor Force Status by Sex Aug. 2020

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES¹

Group	3-yr History	Rate	$\Delta 1 mo^2$	$\Delta 1 \text{ yr}^2$
<u>Total</u>		8.4%	-1.8%	+4.9%
<u>Women</u>		8.6%	-2.0%	+5.2%
Men		8.3%	-1.5%	+4.7%

LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES¹

Group	3-yr History	Rate	$\Delta 1 \text{ mo}^2$	Δ1 yr ²
<u>Total</u>		61.7%	+0.3%	-1.5%
<u>Women</u>		56.1%	+0.1%	-1.5%
Men		67.7%	+0.6%	-1.5%

EMPLOYMENT-POPULATION RATIOS¹

Group	3-yr History	Ratio	$\Delta 1 \text{ mo}^2$	$\Delta 1 \text{ yr}^2$
<u>Total</u>		56.5%	+1.4%	-4.5%
<u>Women</u>		51.3%	+1.2%	-4.3%
Men		62.1%	+1.6%	-4.6%

¹ Data are seasonally adjusted.

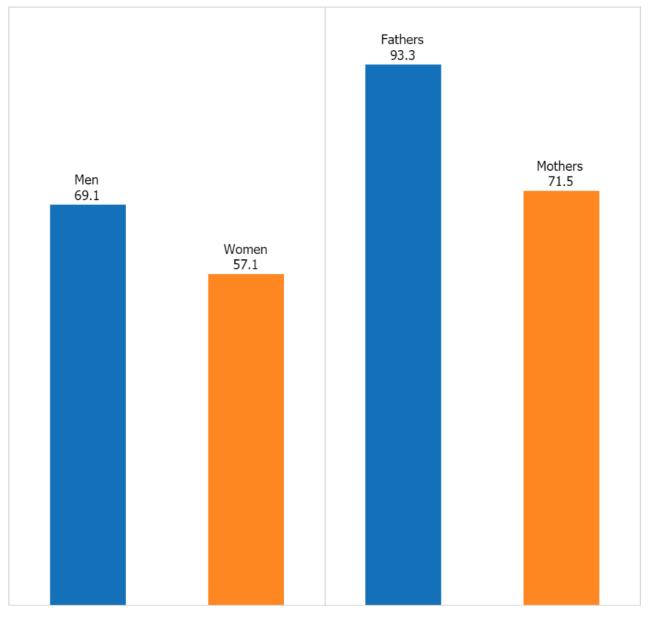


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey Graphic: U.S. Department of Labor, Women's Bureau

² Changes may not be statistically significant.

Labor Force Participation

Labor force participation rate by sex and parental status



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey, 2018 Graph by the Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor

- The history of mankind is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations on the part of man toward woman, having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over her. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world.
- Now, in view of this entire disfranchisement of one-half the people of this country, their social and religious degradation--in view of the unjust laws above mentioned, and because women do feel themselves aggrieved, oppressed, and fraudulently deprived of their most sacred rights, we insist that they have immediate admission to all the rights and privileges which belong to them as citizens of the United States.

results necessarily from the fact of the identity of the race in capabilities and responsibilities.

Resolved, therefore, That, being invested by the Creator with the same capabilities, and the same consciousness of responsibility for their exereise, it is demonstrably the right and duty of woman, equally with man, to promote every righteous cause, by every righteous means; and especially in regard to the great subjects of morals and religion, it is self-evidently her right to participate with her brother in teaching them, both in private and in public, by writing and by speaking, by any instrumentalities proper to be used, and inany assemblies proper to be held; and this being a self-evident truth, growing out of the divinely implanted principles of human nature, any custom or authority adverse to it, whether modern or wearing the heary sanction of antiquity, is to be regarded as self-evident falsehood, and at war with the interests of maskind.

LUCRETIA MOTT read a humorous article from a newspaper, written by MARTHA C. WRIGHT. After an address by E. W. M. CLINTOCK, the meeting adjourned to 10 o'clock the next morning.

In the evening, Lucretta Mott spoke with her usual eloquence and power to a large and intelligent audience on the subject of Reforms in general.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Convention assembled at the hour appointed, James Mott, of Philadelphia, in the Chair, The minutes of the previous day having been read, E. C. Stanton again read the Declaration of Sentiments, which was freely discussed by Lucretia Mott, Ansel Bascom, S. E. Woodworth, Thomas and Mary Ann M'Chintork,

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FREDERICK DOUGLASS, AMY POST, CATHARINE STERBINS, and ELIZABETH C. STANTON, and was unanimously adopted, as follows:

DECLARATION OF SENTIMENTS.

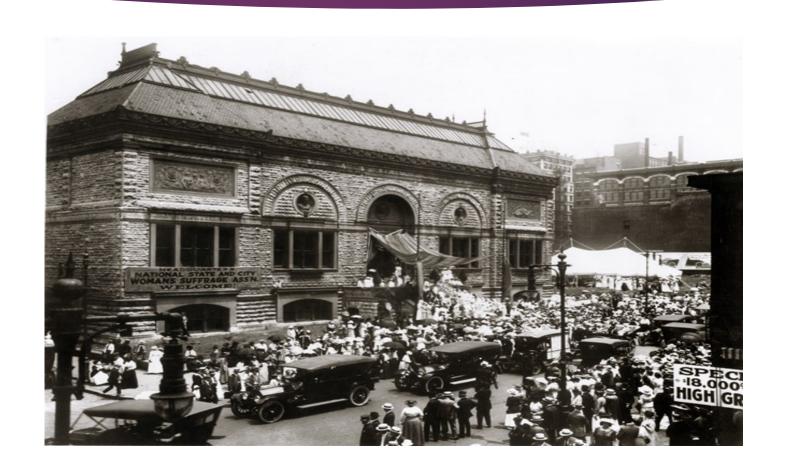
When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one portion of the family of man to assume among the people of the earth a position different from that which they have hitherto occupied, but one to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes that impel them to such a course.

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men and women are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights governments are instituted, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed .-Whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of those who suffer from it to refuse allegiance to it, and to insist upon the institution of a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly, all experience bath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their duty to threw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security. Such has been

The 14th Amendment

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

St. Louis Golden Lane Protest



Pre-19th Amendment



Source: The National Constitution Center

Kansas Highlights

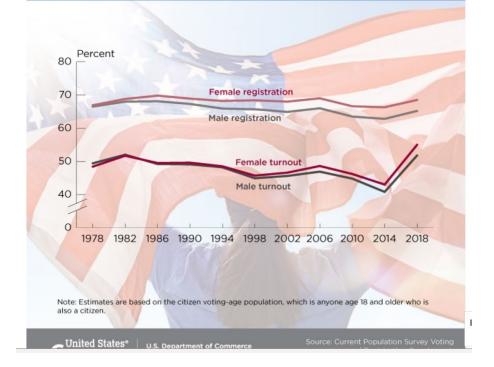
- 1867: Direct vote held on women's suffrage (first in the country!)
- ▶ 1887: Recognized a woman's right to vote in <u>local</u> elections only
 - April 1887: First woman mayor in the U.S. elected in Argonia, Kansas (Susanna Salter)
- ▶ 1912: Recognized a woman's right to vote
- ▶ June 16, 1919: Kansas ratifies the 19th Amendment by unanimous vote during special session
- Kansas has elected 3 women governors -- Joan Finney, Kathleen Sebelius and Laura Kelly

Voting by Sex

Participation in Congressional Elections by Sex Since 1978

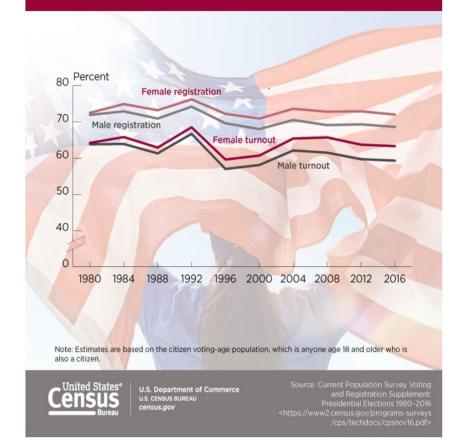
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Participation in Congressional Elections by Sex Since 1978



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Participation in Presidential Elections by Sex Since 1980



Johnson County Election Office Stats

Summary Results Report 2019 General Election November 5, 2019

STATISTICS	
	TOTAL
Precincts Complete	510 of 510
Registered Voters - Total	418,456
Ballots Cast - Total	72,585
Ballots Cast - Blank	58
Voter Turnout - Total	17.35%

Summary Results Report 2020 Primary Election August 4, 2020

STATISTICS		
	TOTAL	
Precincts Complete	513 of 513	
Registered Voters - Total	432,961	
Ballots Cast - Total	149,992	
Ballots Cast - Democratic	60,373	
Ballots Cast - Republican	88,973	
Ballots Cast - Nonpartisan	646	
Voter Turnout - Total	34.64%	
Voter Turnout - Democratic	46.35%	
Voter Turnout - Republican	47.76%	
Voter Turnout - Nonpartisan	0.55%	

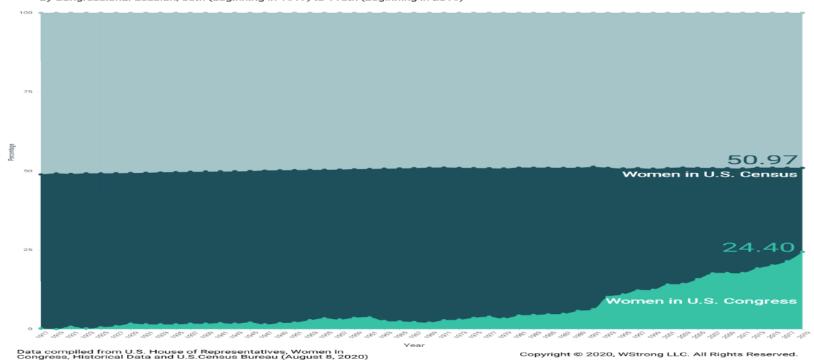
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WOMEN IN U.S. CONGRESS (1917 - 2019) as a Percentage of Total Population and U.S. Congress

Including Members of Congress and Non-Voting Delegates and by Congressional Session, 65th (beginning in 1917) to 116th (beginning in 2019)

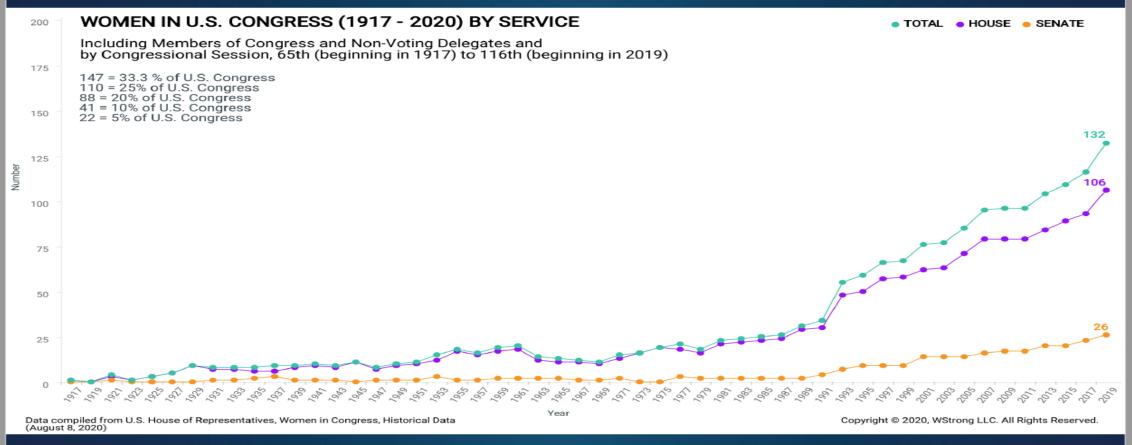
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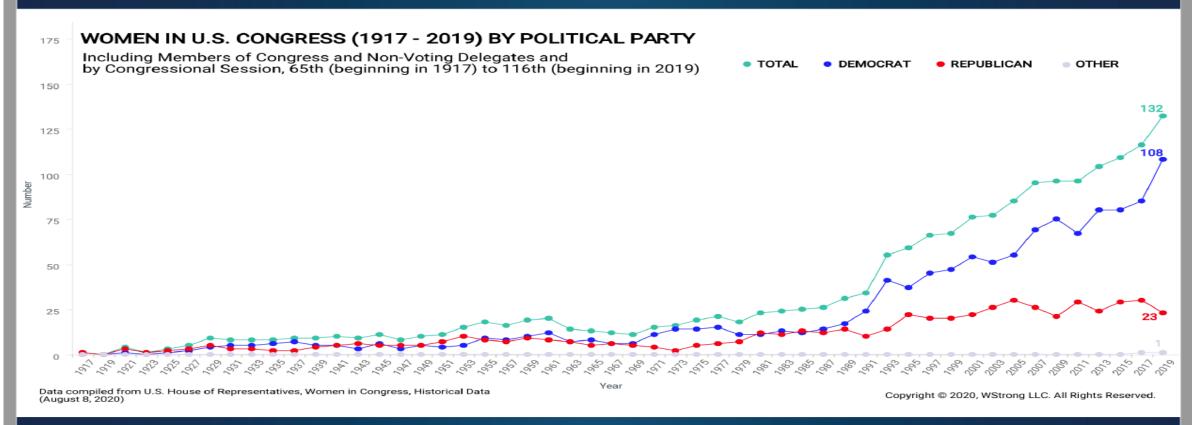
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Women in Elected Office

Percentages of Women in Federal and State Elective Office			
Year	U.S. Congress	Statewide Elective Office	State Legislature
1971	3%	7%	N/A
1981	4%	11%	12%
1991	6%	18%	18%
2001	13.6%	27.6%	22.4%
2011	16.8%	22.1%	23.7%
2016	19.6%	24.1%	24.5%
2017	19.6%	22.8%	25.1%
2018	20.6%	23.8%	25.4%
2019	23.7%	29.3%	28.9%

Source: American Bar Association CLE