Status of Women in the States: Fact Sheet

Political Participation

*Top Five*
1) Kansas
2) Washington
3) Minnesota
4) Maine
5) Maryland

*Bottom Five*
50) Tennessee
49) Kentucky
48) Mississippi
47) Pennsylvania
46) Arkansas

Employment and Earnings

*Top Five*
1) District of Columbia
2) Alaska
3) Maryland
4) Massachusetts
5) Connecticut

*Bottom Six*
51) West Virginia
50) Mississippi
49) Kentucky
48) Alabama
46) Arkansas & Indiana

Economic Autonomy

*Top Five*
1) District of Columbia
2) Maryland
3) Colorado & Connecticut
5) Vermont

*Bottom Six*
51) Mississippi
50) Arkansas
49) West Virginia
46) Alabama, Kentucky & Louisiana

Reproductive Rights

*Top Five*
1) Hawaii
2) New York
3) Maryland
4) District of Columbia
5) New Jersey

*Bottom Five*
51) Nebraska
50) North Dakota
49) Mississippi
48) Utah
47) Tennessee

• Taking all four composite indicators into account, women’s status is highest in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Vermont, and Connecticut. These four ranked in the top ten on all four indicators (while the District of Columbia is unranked for Political Participation, were its elected officials treated as state officials, it would also rank very high). Women also rank well in Washington, Alaska, California, and Oregon. These states rank in the top ten on two of the four indicators and in the top third on the other two indicators.

• Women’s status is lowest in Mississippi, Kentucky, Arkansas, and Tennessee. These states rank in the bottom ten on all four indicators. Alabama, West Virginia, Louisiana, and South Carolina rank in the bottom ten on at least two indicators and in the bottom third on the others.
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District of Columbia
Georgia
Illinois
Maine
Maryland
Michigan
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
Texas
Virginia
Washington

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• voter registration and turnout
• women in elected office and more!

ECONOMIC AUTONOMY
• access to health insurance
• educational attainment
• business ownership
• women in poverty

HEALTH
• fertility and infant health
• preventive health services
• environmental and cancer risks

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