

Fact Sheet



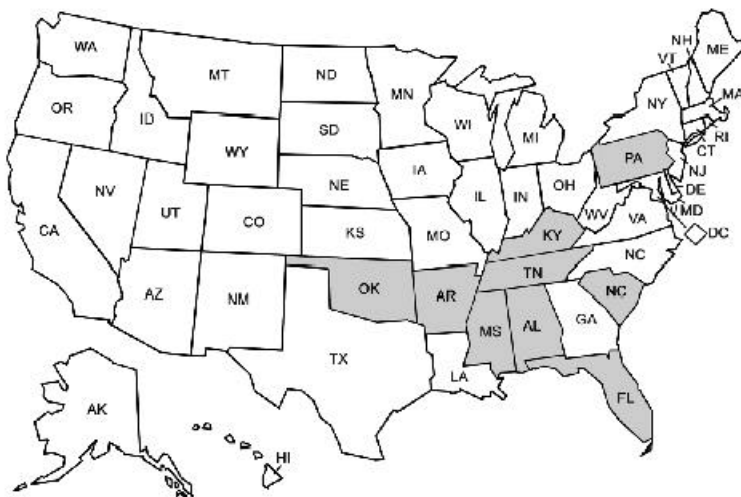
The Best and Worst States for Women in 2000

Best States

1. Connecticut
Vermont (tied)
3. Washington
4. Hawai'i
5. Colorado
Minnesota
New Hampshire (tied)
8. Alaska



Women's status is highest in Connecticut and Vermont, which rank in the top ten on four of the five composite indices and in the top third on all the composite indices. Women in Washington also fared well, ranking in the top ten on three composite indices and in the top third on all of them. Hawai'i ranks in the top ten on three and in the top third on four, while Colorado, Minnesota, and New Hampshire rank in the top ten on two and in the top third on four. Finally, Alaska ranks in the top ten on two of the composite indices. In each of these states, women's status does not fall below the midpoint for all states on any of the composite indices of women's status. In no state, however, do women yet enjoy full equality with men.



Worst States

51. Mississippi
49. Alabama
Tennessee (tied)
46. Arkansas
Kentucky
South Carolina (tied)
45. Oklahoma
44. Florida
43. Pennsylvania

Women's status is lowest in Mississippi, which ranks in the bottom ten in four out of the five composite indices and in the bottom third on all of them. Women's status is also low in Alabama and Tennessee, which rank in the bottom ten on three of five and in the bottom third on all of the composite indices. In Arkansas, Kentucky and South Carolina, women's status is in the bottom ten on three indices and in the bottom third on four. Oklahoma ranks in the bottom ten on two of five and in the bottom third on all five. Finally, in Florida women's status is in the bottom third on four of the five composite indices, and in Pennsylvania it is in the bottom third on three. In none of these states does women's status rank in the top half of all states on any of the composite indices of women's status.