

# VOTING & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AMONG UTAH WOMEN

## UTAH WOMEN'S POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

Utah women have a strong history of political involvement.



Utah women were the first women in the United States to vote.

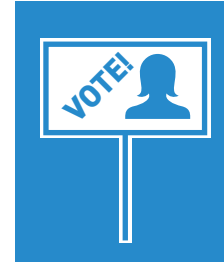


Utah was home to the 1st female state senator in the nation.

Over the years, Utah women's political participation has varied.



We elected our second female Lt. Governor, Deidre Henderson.



2020 was a record-setting year for women running for office in US and Utah.

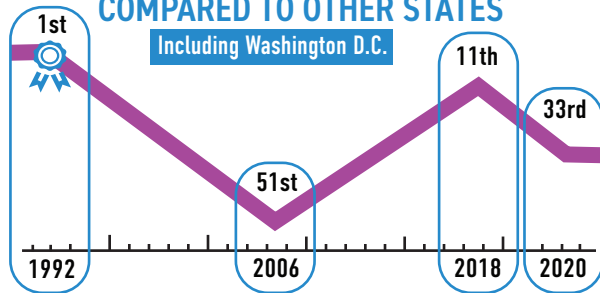


But we lost female representation in the state legislature in 2021.

## HOW DOES UTAH STACK UP?

In recent decades, Utah women's voting rates have fluctuated.

### Utah Women's Voter Participation COMPARED TO OTHER STATES



In 2020, 66.6% of eligible female voters in Utah  VOTED, the highest achieved over a 14-year period.

### IN 2016, WOMEN COMPRISED

- 56% of Republican voters
- 24% of Republican delegates
- 55% of Democrat voters
- 47% of Democrat delegates

## WOMEN'S POLICY PRIORITIES

In terms of public policy, men and women have different priorities. In 2020, Utah women's top policy priorities were as follows:

- K-12 Education
- Healthcare (costs or access)
- State Taxes & Government Spending
- Jobs & the Economy
- Public Health/ COVID-19 Pandemic
- Housing Affordability
- Politicians Listening to Voters
- Police (support or reform)
- Managing Growth
- Racial Inequality or Racism

In contrast, public health/pandemic, taxes & government spending, and healthcare were the top priorities for men.

## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Utah women are actively engaged in their communities.

### Percentage of Adults Who Volunteer Regularly



Utahns (men and women) are **#1** in the nation for volunteering.

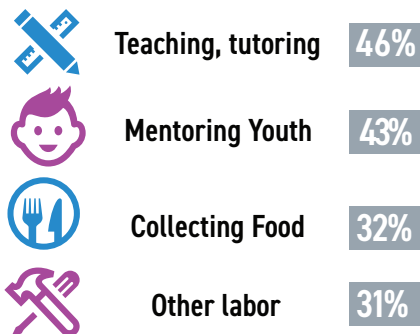
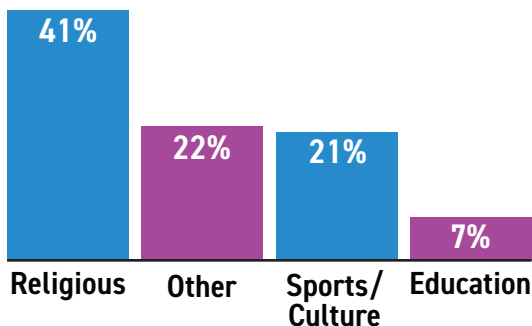
Nationally, women volunteer at higher rates than men.



In 2019, Utah ranked **#3** in the nation for public meeting participation.

## WHERE DO UTAHNS VOLUNTEER?

Utahns volunteer through the following organizations and activities:



**45%** of nonprofit board seats are held by women.



**33%** of government board seats are held by women.



**57%** of nonprofit executive positions are held by women.



## WHAT CAN WE DO?

Women can do more to influence in the public sphere.

Register and vote (help others do the same), and run for public office.

Speak up to advocate for public policy.

Volunteer for worthy causes.

Serve on boards and commissions to expand influence.