

Fab Forty-Four: Forty-four - 44 - XLIV - regardless of how it is stated, written, spoken, and/or numerically noted, as few as forty-four women senators have legislatively served in the 224-year history of the United States of America. During that same 224-year history, in that same country, one thousand nine hundred and two - 1,902 - MCMII - regardless of how it is stated, written, spoken, and/or numerically noted, as many as one thousand nine hundred and two male senators have legislatively served.

In a country whose people's gender percentage is - fifty -50 - L - men, and - fifty -50 - L - women, no matter how it is stated, written, spoken, and/or numerically noted; in a country of the people, by the people and for the people; in a country which purports to be a nation of laws, including voting laws, the people have elected forty-four female senate legislators from twenty-six states, and one thousand nine hundred and two male senate legislators from fifty states.*

Twenty-four states have yet to send women to the United States Senate: Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Celebrate the Fab Forty-Four and their twenty-six states in a time line that began in 1922.

1. Rebecca Latimer Felton – Georgia
2. Hattie Wyatt Caraway – Arkansas
3. Rose McConnell Long – Louisiana
4. Dixie Bibb Graves – Alabama
5. Gladys Pyle - South Dakota
6. Vera Cahalan Bushfield - South Dakota
7. Margaret Chase Smith - Maine
8. Eva Kelley Bowring - Nebraska
9. Hazel Hempel Abel - Nebraska
10. Maurine Brown Neuberger - Oregon
11. Elaine Schwartzenburg Edwards - Louisiana

12. Muriel Humphrey - Minnesota
13. Maryon Allen - Alabama
14. Nancy Landen Kassebaum - Kansas
15. Paula Hawkins - Florida
16. Barbara Mikulski - Maryland
17. Jocelyn Burdick - North Dakota
18. Dianne Feinstein - California
19. Barbara Boxer - California
20. Carol Mosley Braun - Illinois
21. Patty Murray - Washington
22. Kay Bailey Hutchinson - Texas

23. Olympia Jean Snowe - Maine
24. Sheila Frahm - Kansas
25. Mary Landrieu - Louisiana
26. Susan Collins - Maine
27. Blanche Lincoln - Arkansas
28. Debbie Stabenow - Michigan
29. Jean Carnahan - Missouri
30. Hillary Rodham Clinton - New York
31. Maria Cantwell - Washington
32. Lisa Murkowski - Alaska
33. Elizabeth Dole - North Carolina

34. Amy Klobuchar - Minnesota
35. Claire McCaskill - Missouri
36. Kay Hagan - North Carolina
37. Jeanne Shaheen - New Hampshire
38. Kristen Gillibrand - New York
39. Kelly Ayotte - New Hampshire
40. Tammy Baldwin - Wisconsin
41. Deb Fisher - Nebraska
42. Heidi Heidkamp - North Dakota
43. Maize Hirono - Hawaii
44. Elizabeth Warren - Massachusetts

Further “fab” information on each of the Fab Forty-Four female senators is just a click away. Visit this link to learn more about these women who have served and legislated for the men and women of the United States of America.

http://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/common/briefing/women_senators.htm

TOTAL NUMBER OF U.S. SENATORS	1789 TO PRESENT: 1,946
TOTAL NUMBER OF MALE U.S. SENATORS	1789 TO PRESENT: 1,902
TOTAL NUMBER OF FEMALE U.S. SENATORS	1789 TO PRESENT: 44

<http://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/resources/pdf/chronlist.pdf>

NOTE: In 2013, President Barack Obama had initiated dinner-meetings with lawmakers seeking bipartisan compromise on key issues. One dinner took place with a dozen Senate Democrats and two similar dinners with Senate Republicans. Subsequently, New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, initiated and suggested to Mr. Obama, a dinner-meeting with the twenty – 20 – XX - women senators representing both parties who currently serve in the Senate. She invited Mr. Obama to one of the women senators’ regularly scheduled monthly dinners held at one of their homes. Mr. Obama welcomed the idea but not the invitation and instead, invited the women senators to the White House for a dinner he hosted on Tuesday, April 23, 2013.

*Some senators, male and female, were appointed rather than elected due to varying legal contingencies; many were subsequently elected.