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2018: ISSUE 3 Women Candidates in New Hampshire's Primary Elections (2018 & 2016)

On Election Day 1992, American voters sent more women to Congress than ever before. Since then, 1992 has been known as The Year of the Woman.¹ Nearly two decades later, voters are wondering if 2018 will be another watershed moment for women candidates across the country, including here in New Hampshire.

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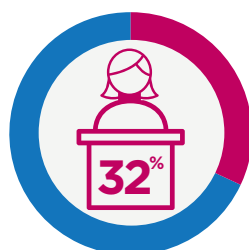


PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
September 11, 2018

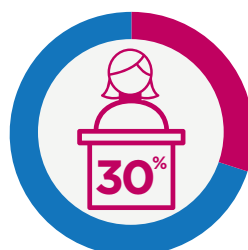
GENERAL ELECTION DAY
November 6, 2018

In 2018, **335** New Hampshire women are running in the primary election for county, state, and federal offices. In 2016, **306** women ran.² In both years, **35%** of the women running were incumbents.

WOMEN CANDIDATES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY ELECTIONS FOR COUNTY, STATE, AND FEDERAL OFFICES (2018 & 2016)



2018 ELECTION



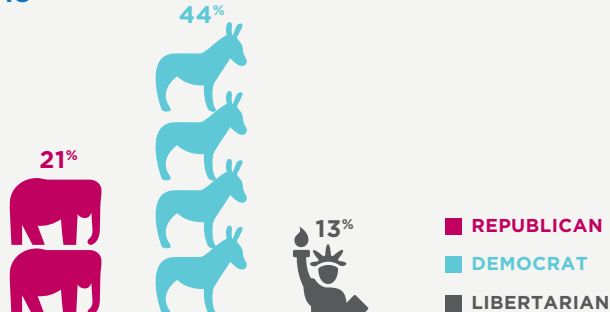
2016 ELECTION

■ WOMEN RUNNING FOR OFFICE
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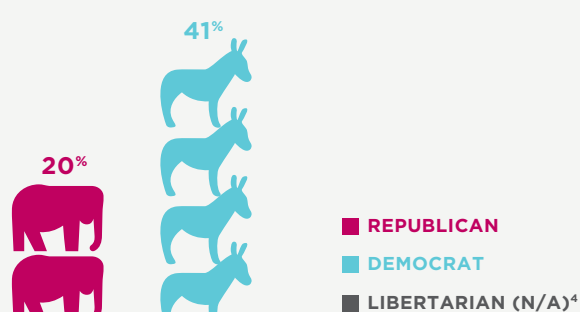
In both 2016 and 2018, more than 40 percent of candidates from the Democratic Party were women, far outpacing the Republican and Libertarian Parties. Between 2016 and 2018, the percentage of candidates who were women increased for both the Democratic and Republican Parties.³

WOMEN AS A PERCENTAGE OF CANDIDATES BY PARTY (2018 & 2016)

2018

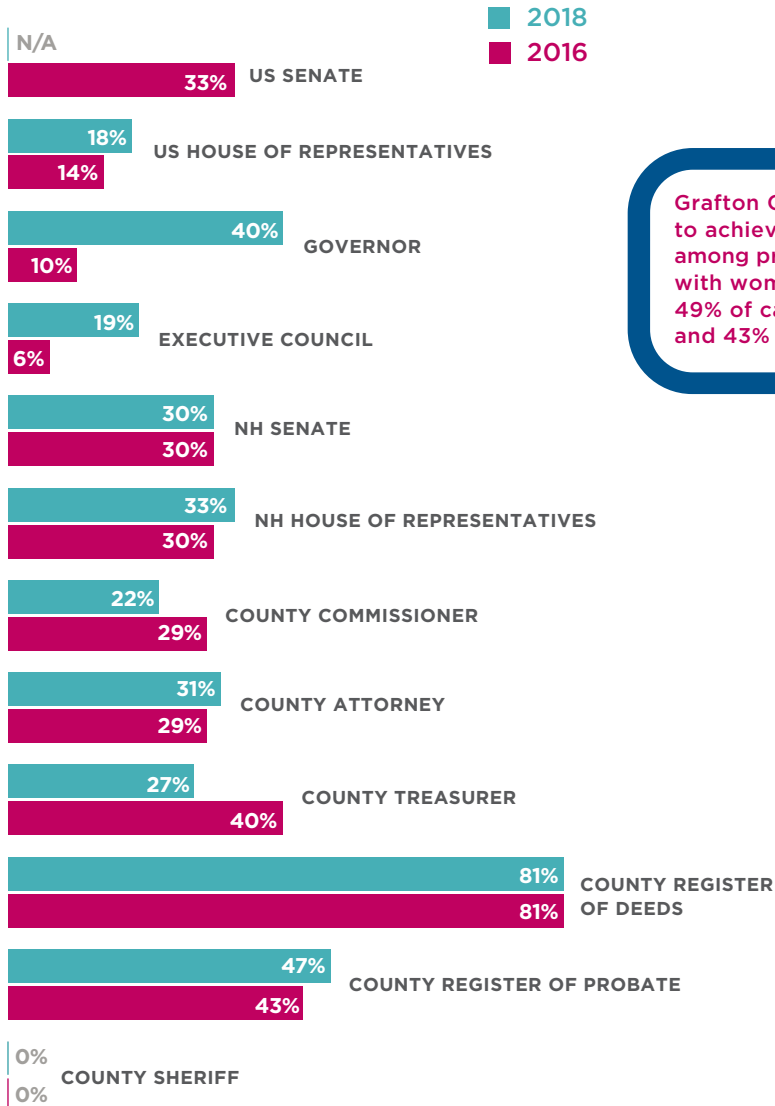


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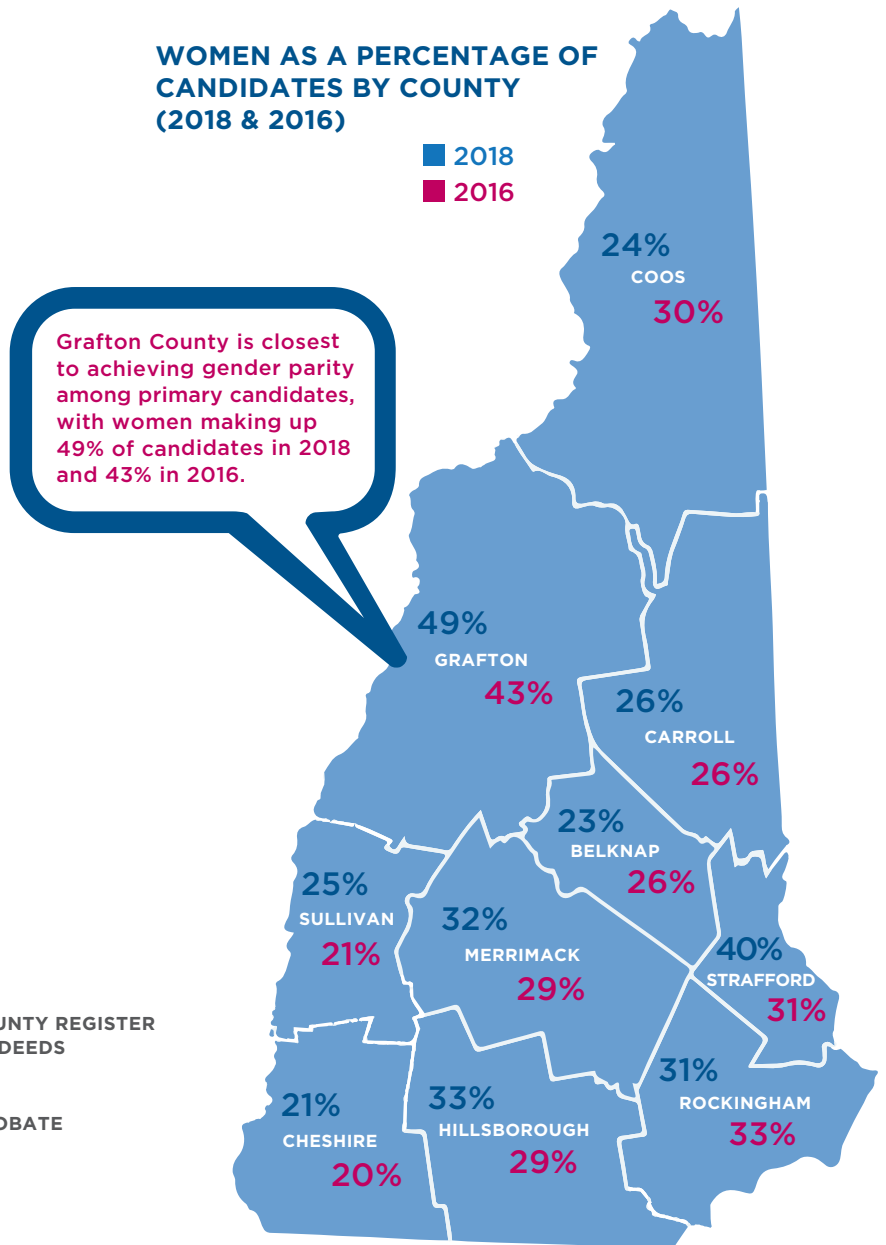


New Hampshire's House of Representatives has 400 members, so the vast majority of women candidates for New Hampshire county, state, and federal office in both 2018 and 2016 were running for State Representative. The percentage of women candidates varies greatly depending on the elected office. A whopping 81% of candidates for County Register of Deeds were women in both 2018 and 2016. No women ran for County Sheriff in either year. There are also regional differences. Grafton County is closest to achieving gender parity among candidates, while Cheshire County had the lowest percentage of women candidates in both 2018 and 2016.

WOMEN AS A PERCENTAGE OF CANDIDATES BY OFFICE SOUGHT (2018 & 2016)



WOMEN AS A PERCENTAGE OF CANDIDATES BY COUNTY (2018 & 2016)



Stay tuned for another edition of Gender Matters on women and politics later this year, when we'll report on how women candidates have fared!

FOOTNOTES

1. United States House of Representatives website, available at <http://history.house.gov/Exhibitions-and-Publications/WIC/Historical-Essays/Assembling-Amplifying-Ascending/Women-Decade/>.
2. The research team determined candidates' gender based on the totality of the available evidence, including such evidence as gender information available in the roster of current elected officials; names; photographs; and use of gender-specific pronouns in campaign websites, social media accounts, and other online sources.
3. The Libertarian Party did not have ballot access during the 2016 primary election.
4. Id.



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