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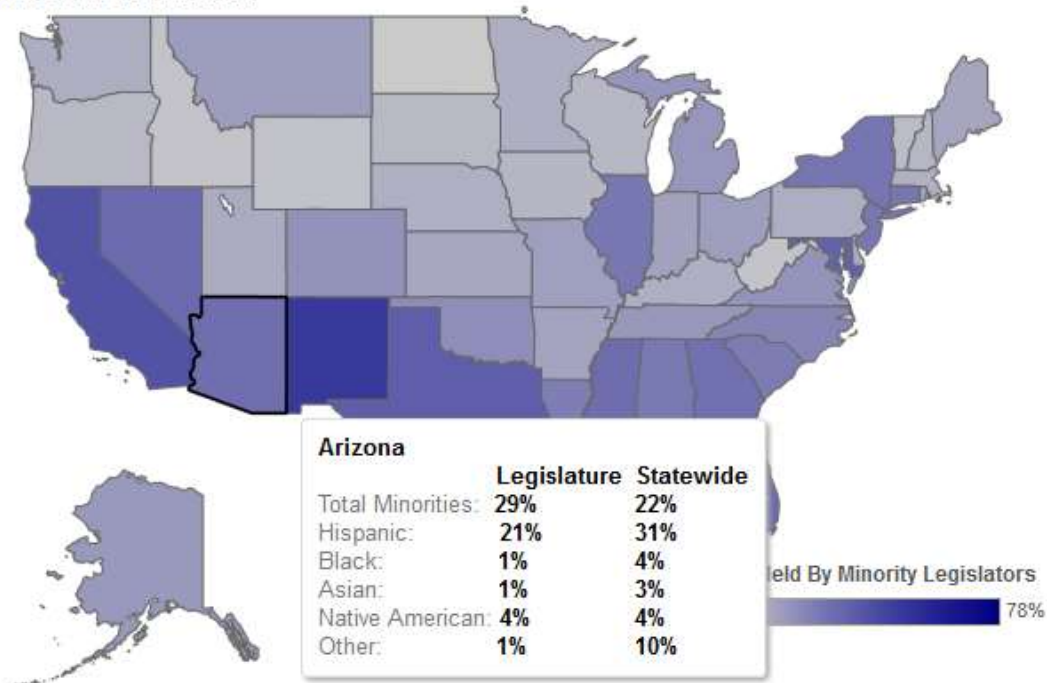
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The Demographics of State Legislatures

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Minorities in State Legislatures

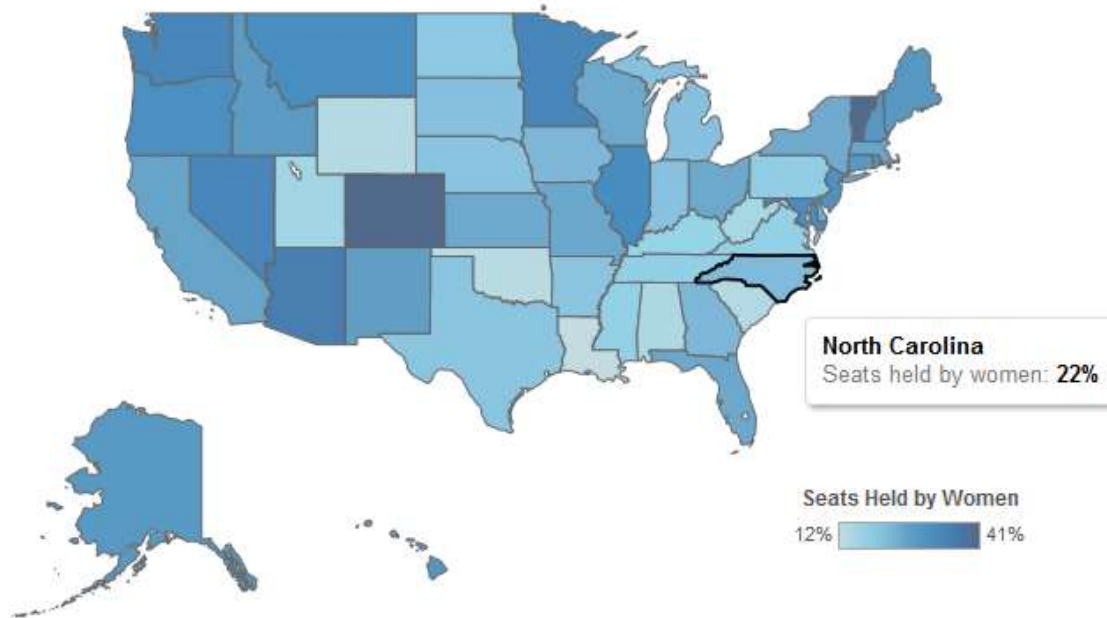
The number of state legislators from ethnic and racial minorities has increased since 1971. But African-Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans and Asian-Americans remain under-represented in state capitols across the country. Hover over a state to see how its legislature compares with its minority populations. Note: Numbers have been rounded.



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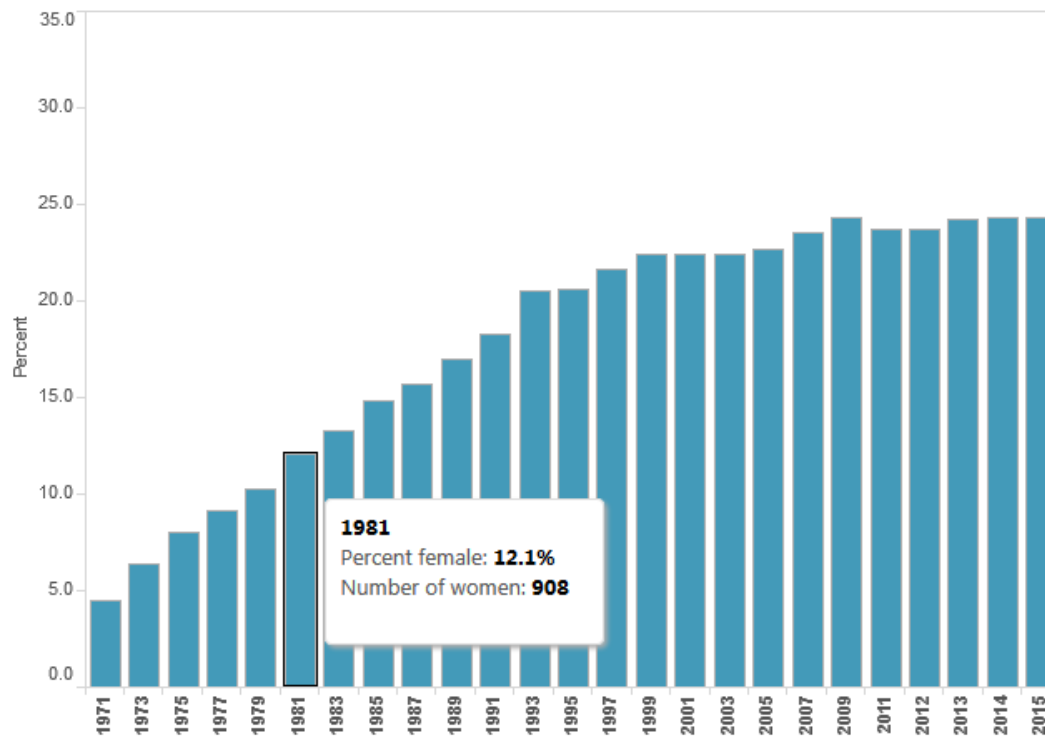
Women in State Legislatures

Nationwide, women hold just under 25 percent of state legislative seats. Hover over a state for more information.



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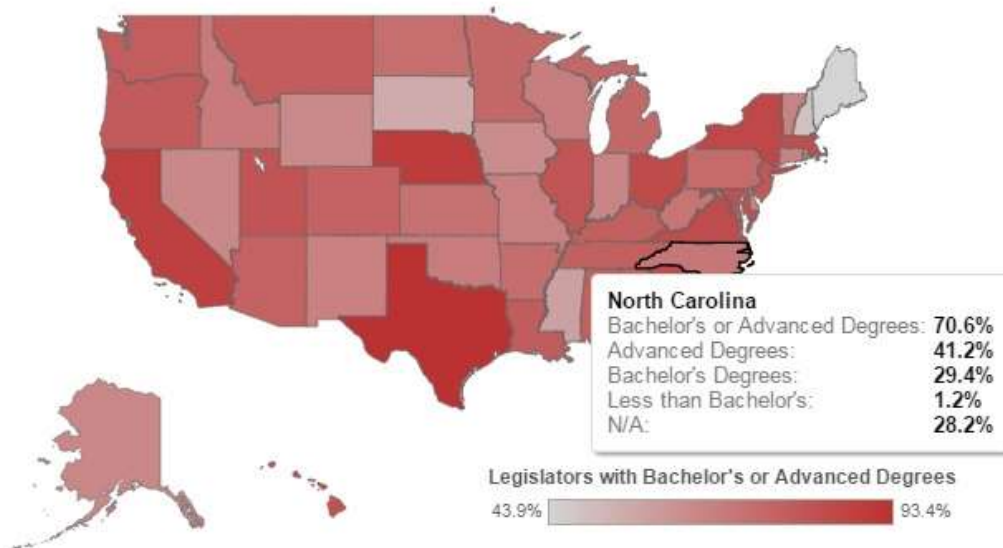
Female Legislators: After Progress, a Plateau



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Educational Background of State Legislators

The educational attainment of legislators ranges greatly by state. Hover over each state for details. (Advanced degrees are anything higher than a bachelor's degree, such as a master's degree or Ph.D.) Note: Data incomplete. Numbers have been rounded.

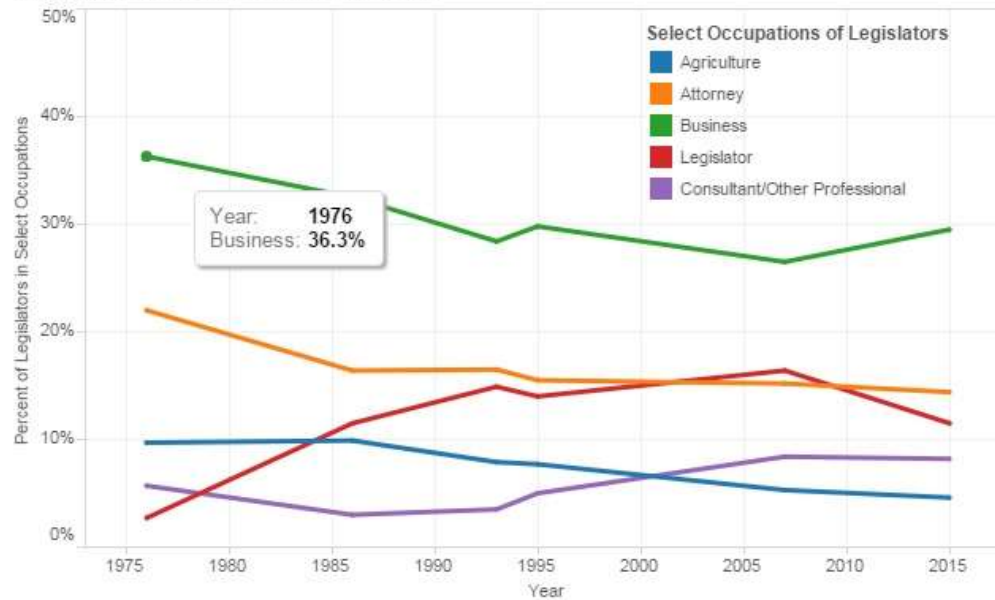


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Occupations of State Legislators

In the last 40 years, the percentage of legislators nationwide who are attorneys or farmers has decreased. There has also been a general increase in the percentage of legislators who are consultants or other professionals. Hover over lines for more information about each occupation.



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