



Georgia voters were justifiably envious as Kathy Hochul (left) took the oath to become New York’s first woman governor. After all, in 2018, Stacey Abrams (right) made Georgia history as the first ever female gubernatorial nominee and she came amazingly close to a WIN!

Real progress for Georgia – the eighth-most populous state in the nation – will require new leadership which embraces equal treatment for the state’s rapidly changing population by promoting policies to create equal opportunities, expand Medicare and finally fully fund the education our children deserve because current decades-old formulas aspire to “adequate” funding. Our current leaders cling to the past and flirt with white supremacy in their desperate attempts to retain powers held by their pale patriarchy.

19 states, including Georgia, California, Florida, Pennsylvania and Illinois have never been led by a woman governor. For a look at which of the nation’s ten most populous states currently or historically have women governors, review our informative chart below:

State	Population (million)	Current Woman Governor?	Who/When	Current Statewide Elected Women	% Women legislators	State Rank
1 - California	39.6	Never		Lt. Gov, Treasurer & Controller	31.7	21
2 - Texas	29.7	No	Ann Richards (D) 91-94	Railroad Commissioner	26.5	35
3 - Florida	21.9	Never		Lt. Gov., Attorney General, Ag Comm.	34.4	15
4 - New York	19.2	Kathy Hochul (August 24,2021)	Acting Lt. Gov & Attorney General		34.3	16
5 - Pennsylvania	12.8	Never		Treasurer	29.2	30
6 - Illinois	12.5	Never		Lt Gov. & Comptroller	40.1	11
7 - Ohio	11.7	No	Nancy Hollister (R) 98-99	None at present	30.3	27
8 - Georgia	10.8	Never		* PSC by appointment	33.3	18
9 – N. Carolina	10.7	No	Beverly Perdue (D) 09-12	SOS, Auditor & Supt of Schools	26.5	35
10 – Michigan	9.9	Gretchen Whitmer 2019	Jennifer Granholm 03-10	SOS & Attn Gen.	35.8	12

\*Georgia Public Service Commission Chair Tricia Pridemore was appointed, not elected  
 All figures based on Research by the Center for American Women in Politics Rutgers University

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