



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics

Gender Balance Project¹: Municipal Boards August 2013 Data Summary² DRAFT³

City	County	Total # of Seats	# of Men	# of Women	# of Vacancies	Total Chairs	Women Chairs	Total Vice Chairs	Women Vice Chairs	% of Total Seats Held by Women	# of Balanced Boards	Total # of Boards
Adel†	Dallas	24	13	9	2	2	2	0	0	37.50%	1	4
Albia†	Monroe	34	20	14	0	5	1	3	2	41.18%	5	6
Algona†	Kossuth	35	22	13	0	0	0	0	0	37.14%	3	5
Allison†	Butler	5	1	4	0	1	1	1	0	80.00%	0	1
Alta	Buena Vista	24	17	7	0	4	1	1	0	29.20%	0	4
Altoona	Polk	17	9	8	0	3	1	3	2	47.06%	2	3
Ames	Story	36	18	18	0	0	0	0	0	50.00%	4	6
Anamosa†	Jones	21	12	9	0	3	2	2	1	42.86%	2	3
Ankeny	Polk	24	14	10	0	4	0	3	3	41.66%	3	4
Asbury	Dubuque	12	11	1	0	2	0	0	0	8.33%	0	2

¹ According to Iowa Code (69.16A), gender balance is required on public boards and commissions. This means that any board, commission, committee, or council established by the state (or by a political subdivision of the state, i.e. a city or county) with an odd number of members, the members of one gender must equal one-half the membership plus one. If the board has an even number of members, "not more than one-half of the membership shall be of one gender."

² This summary is a preliminary view of the data received as part of the Gender Balance Project, a research partnership between the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics at Iowa State University and the Friends of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women. It includes a summation of the first 178 municipalities in Iowa that have responded to requests for information on the gender composition of nine city boards and commissions. The nine municipal boards and commissions included in this project are: Airport Board, Civil Service Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Housing Services Board, Human Rights Commission, Library Board of Trustees, Planning and Zoning Commission, Water Works Board of Trustees, and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

³ This is a working document. A final report will soon be available online at <http://cattcenter.las.iastate.edu/catt-research/>. For more information about the Gender Balance Project, please contact Valerie Hennings, Scholar-in-Residence at the Catt Center, at 515-294-3181. Last updated 08/19/2013

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Atkins	Benton	15	10	5	0	3	0	2	0	33.33%	2	3
Atlantic†	Cass	31	18	13	0	5	2	1	0	41.96%	2	5
Audubon†	Audubon	19	13	4	2	0	0	0	0	21.05%	0	3
Bedford†	Taylor	20	10	7	3	0	0	0	0	35.00%	3	4
Belle Plaine	Benton	27	18	7	2	2	0	1	1	25.93%	1	5
Bellevue	Jackson	22	12	9	1	4	1	0	0	40.91%	3	4
Belmond	Wright	25	13	11	1	3	1	2	0	44.00%	1	3
Bettendorf	Scott	28	15	12	1	5	2	0	0	42.86%	3	5
Bloomfield†	Davis	30	19	11	0	3	0	1	0	36.66%	3	5
Bondurant	Polk	19	10	9	0	2	1	0	0	47.37%	1	3
Boone†	Boone	29	18	10	1	2	0	0	0	34.48%	2	5
Burlington†	Des Moines	47	31	14	2	0	0	0	0	29.79%	4	9
Camanche	Clinton	20	13	7	0	3	1	0	0	35.00%	2	4
Carlisle	Polk & Warren	21	13	8	0	1	1	1	1	38.10%	1	3
Carroll†	Carroll	38	22	16	0	6	1	4	2	42.11%	3	6
Carter Lake	Pottawattamie	19	9	9	1	3	1	2	2	47.37%	1	3
Cascade	Dubuque	17	9	6	2	2	1	0	0	35.29%	0	3
Cedar Falls	Black Hawk	56	29	26	1	8	3	6	3	46.43%	7	8
Cedar Rapids†	Linn	59	29	30	0	0	0	0	0	50.85%	5	8
Centerville†	Appanoose	44	24	20	0	6	4	0	0	45.45%	5	8
Chariton†	Lucas	45	23	21	1	7	3	0	0	46.67%	6	7
Charles City†*	Floyd	39	20	19	0	3	0	0	0	48.72%	7	7
Cherokee†	Cherokee	30	20	10	0	4	1	0	0	33.33%	2	4
Clarinda†	Page	21	12	5	4	3	0	2	1	23.81%	1	3
Clarion†	Wright	17	11	4	2	2	0	0	0	23.53%	1	3
Clive	Dallas & Polk	22	13	8	1	3	2	2	0	36.36%	2	4
Colfax	Jasper	17	9	8	0	3	1	1	0	47.06%	1	3
Columbus Junction	Louisa	17	11	6	0	3	1	0	0	35.29%	0	3

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Coralville*	Johnson	22	11	11	0	3	3	1	0	50.00%	4	4
Corning†	Adams	27	14	11	2	1	1	0	0	40.74%	3	5
Cresco†	Howard	26	18	8	0	0	0	0	0	30.77%	0	4
Creston†	Union	32	21	9	2	7	2	2	0	28.13%	3	7
Dakota City†	Humboldt	10	7	3	0	2	0	0	0	30.00%	1	2
Dallas Center	Dallas	17	10	6	1	3	0	1	0	35.29%	1	3
Davenport†	Scott	56	31	25	0	8	2	0	0	44.64%	5	8
Decorah†	Winneshiiek	48	27	21	0	0	0	0	0	43.75%	6	8
Denison†	Crawford	31	21	8	2	5	0	2	1	25.81%	2	5
Denver	Bremer	17	11	5	1	3	2	0	0	29.41%	1	3
Des Moines†	Polk	75	35	33	7	0	0	0	0	44.00%	6	9
DeWitt*	Clinton	22	11	11	0	2	1	0	0	50.00%	4	4
Dubuque†	Dubuque	55	34	19	2	6	1	0	0	34.55%	3	8
Durant	Cedar, Muscatine & Scott	17	10	7	0	3	1	0	0	41.18%	2	3
Dyersville	Delaware & Dubuque	25	13	12	0	3	1	3	1	48.00%	1	3
Eldora†	Hardin	19	10	7	2	3	0	0	0	36.84%	2	3
Eldridge	Scott	19	17	1	1	2	0	0	0	05.00%	0	4
Elkader†*	Clayton	17	9	8	0	3	1	1	0	47.06%	3	3
Ely	Linn	24	11	12	1	4	2	1	1	50.00%	0	4
Emmetsburg†*	Palo Alto	31	16	13	2	5	1	0	0	41.94%	5	5
Epworth	Dubuque	12	9	3	0	1	0	1	0	25.00%	0	2
Estherville†	Emmet	29	21	8	0	5	1	2	1	27.59%	2	5
Evansdale	Black Hawk	32	17	14	1	0	0	0	0	43.75%	2	6
Fairfax	Linn	21	11	10	0	3	1	1	1	47.62%	1	3
Fairfield†	Jefferson	34	26	8	0	6	2	2	0	23.53%	2	7
Farley	Dubuque	12	11	1	0	1	1	0	0	8.33%	0	2
Forest City†	Winnebago	30	20	10	0	4	0	0	0	33.33%	0	4

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Fort Dodge†	Webster	44	21	20	3	7	3	0	0	45.45%	7	8
Fort Madison†	Lee	47	28	16	3	6	2	0	0	34.04%	3	8
Garner†	Hancock	17	13	4	0	3	1	0	0	23.53%	1	3
Glenwood†	Mills	24	17	6	1	3	1	1	0	25.00%	1	4
Greenfield†	Adair	31	21	9	1	3	1	0	0	29.03%	1	4
Grimes	Dallas & Polk	15	11	4	0	1	1	1	1	26.67%	1	3
Grinnell	Poweshiek	46	28	13	5	6	1	3	1	28.26%	3	8
Grundy Center†	Grundy	17	10	6	1	3	0	1	1	35.29%	1	3
Guthrie Center†	Guthrie	14	9	5	0	3	2	0	0	35.71%	1	4
Guttenberg	Clayton	22	13	6	3	2	1	1	0	27.27%	2	4
Hampton†	Franklin	24	15	9	0	4	1	1	0	37.50%	2	4
Harlan†	Shelby	41	26	14	1	3	1	2	1	34.15%	4	6
Hartley	O'Brien	15	10	5	0	3	1	0	0	33.33%	1	3
Hawarden	Sioux	16	10	6	0	3	1	2	1	37.50%	1	3
Hiawatha	Linn	34	21	12	1	4	1	1	1	35.29%	2	6
Hudson	Black Hawk	19	13	6	0	3	0	1	1	31.58%	1	3
Hull	Sioux	17	13	4	0	1	1	1	1	23.53%	0	3
Humboldt	Humboldt	29	18	10	1	2	0	0	0	34.48%	1	5
Huxley	Story	19	14	4	1	3	1	0	0	21.05%	1	3
Independence†	Buchanan	19	11	8	0	0	0	0	0	42.11%	2	3
Indianola†	Warren	30	20	10	0	5	1	0	0	33.33%	2	5
Iowa City†	Johnson	58	31	25	2	7	3	3	1	43.10%	6	8
Iowa Falls	Hardin	35	19	14	2	5	0	3	3	40.00%	4	5
Jesup	Buchanan & Black Hawk	12	9	3	0	2	0	2	0	25.00%	1	2
Johnston*	Polk	19	9	10	0	3	2	3	0	52.63%	3	3
Kalona	Washington	19	11	7	1	3	0	1	1	36.84%	0	3
Keokuk	Lee	55	26	25	4	8	3	0	0	45.45%	4	9
Keosauqua†	Van Buren	14	7	6	1	0	0	0	0	42.86%	2	3

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Knoxville†	Marion	39	24	14	1	0	0	0	0	35.90%	5	8
La Porte City	Black Hawk	23	10	13	0	3	2	1	1	56.52%	3	4
Lake City	Calhoun	26	15	11	0	3	0	0	0	42.31%	3	4
Lake Mills	Winnebago	15	12	3	0	3	0	0	0	20.00%	1	3
Lamoni	Decatur	22	13	9	0	4	1	0	0	40.91%	3	4
Le Mars†	Plymouth	27	13	13	1	4	1	0	0	48.15%	4	5
LeClaire	Scott	19	9	8	2	3	0	2	0	42.11%	1	3
Leon†	Decatur	26	12	11	3	3	0	1	1	42.31%	0	4
Lisbon	Linn	26	11	13	2	0	0	0	0	50.00%	1	5
Manchester†	Delaware	34	22	12	0	0	0	0	0	35.29%	3	4
Marion	Linn	43	28	15	0	6	2	4	1	34.88%	4	7
Mason City†	Cerro Gordo	48	31	15	2	0	0	0	0	31.25%	4	8
Maquoketa†	Jackson	36	18	14	4	5	3	0	0	38.89%	2	6
Marshalltown†	Marshall	34	19	13	2	5	2	3	2	38.24%	5	6
Mediapolis	Des Moines	17	11	6	0	3	0	3	1	35.29%	2	3
Milford	Dickinson	27	19	8	0	4	0	0	0	29.63%	2	5
Missouri Valley	Harrison	23	13	9	1	3	2	0	0	39.13%	1	5
Mitchellville	Polk & Jasper	17	12	5	0	3	1	1	0	29.41%	2	3
Monona	Clayton	26	16	10	0	3	0	0	0	38.46%	1	4
Monroe	Jasper	19	7	10	2	1	1	1	1	52.63%	1	3
Monticello	Jones	22	16	6	0	4	1	0	0	27.27%	2	4
Mount Ayr†	Ringgold	31	20	10	1	0	0	0	0	32.25%	1	5
Mount Pleasant†	Henry	31	20	11	0	2	1	0	0	35.48%	4	6
Mt. Vernon	Linn	29	13	14	2	3	1	0	0	48.28%	3	4
Muscatine†	Muscatine	36	19	15	2	0	0	0	0	41.67%	5	6
Nashua*	Chickasaw & Floyd	7	3	4	0	1	1	0	0	57.14%	1	1
Nevada†	Story	26	14	9	3	4	1	2	1	34.62%	3	4

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New Hampton†	Chickasaw	26	13	12	1	3	0	0	0	46.15%	2	4
New London	Henry	22	12	9	1	3	2	1	0	40.91%	3	4
Newton†*	Jasper	28	15	13	0	0	0	0	0	46.43%	6	6
North Liberty	Johnson	18	10	6	2	1	0	1	1	33.33%	1	3
Northwood†	Worth	24	15	9	0	0	0	0	0	37.50%	2	4
Norwalk	Polk & Warren	24	14	10	0	4	2	0	0	41.67%	0	4
Oakland	Pottawattamie	12	5	6	1	0	0	0	0	50.00%	0	2
Ogden	Boone	5	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	80.00%	0	1
Onawa†	Monona	29	23	6	0	0	0	0	0	20.69%	2	5
Orange City†	Sioux	22	17	5	0	2	0	0	0	22.73%	1	4
Osage†	Mitchell	24	15	8	1	3	0	0	0	33.33%	2	4
Osceola†	Clarke	34	20	12	2	4	1	2	1	35.29%	2	6
Oskaloosa†	Mahaska	44	22	14	8	6	0	0	0	31.81%	1	8
Parkersburg	Butler	17	11	6	0	3	1	2	1	35.29%	1	3
Pella	Marion	30	23	7	0	4	0	3	1	23.33%	2	4
Perry	Dallas	29	19	9	1	2	0	0	0	31.03%	1	5
Pleasant Hill	Polk	17	10	7	0	3	1	3	0	41.18%	2	3
Polk City	Polk	24	12	12	0	4	2	3	3	50.00%	0	4
Postville	Allamakee	19	8	10	1	3	0	3	1	52.63%	1	3
Prairie City	Jasper	14	7	7	0	3	0	0	0	50.00%	2	3
Reinbeck*	Grundy	10	6	4	0	2	0	0	0	40.00%	2	2
Robins	Linn	12	8	2	2	2	0	2	0	16.67%	0	2
Rock Rapids†	Lyon	32	25	6	1	4	0	3	0	18.75%	0	6
Rockwell City†*	Calhoun	21	12	9	0	0	0	0	0	42.86%	3	3
Sergeant Bluff	Woodbury	14	9	3	2	1	0	0	0	21.43%	0	2
Sheldon	O'Brien & Sioux	26	18	6	2	3	1	0	0	23.08	1	4
Shenandoah	Fremont & Page	35	24	10	1	3	1	1	0	28.57%	1	5

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Sibley†	Osceola	20	14	6	0	0	0	0	0	30.00%	1	4
Sidney†	Fremont	12	5	6	1	0	0	0	0	50.00%	1	2
Sigourney†	Keokuk	24	9	12	3	2	2	0	0	50.00%	3	4
Sioux Center	Plymouth & Woodbury	41	27	12	2	3	0	0	0	29.27%	3	5
Sioux City†	Woodbury	55	32	19	4	7	0	3	2	34.55%	5	7
Solon	Johnson	19	14	5	0	3	1	1	1	26.32%	1	3
Spencer†	Clay	38	22	14	2	6	4	3	1	36.84%	4	6
Spirit Lake†	Dickinson	27	15	10	2	0	0	0	0	37.04%	2	5
Storm Lake†	Buena Vista	29	21	7	1	5	1	1	0	24.14%	2	5
Story City	Story	18	11	7	0	0	0	0	0	38.89%	2	3
Stuart	Adair & Guthrie	27	17	10	0	5	2	0	0	37.04%	3	5
Tama	Tama	15	10	5	0	0	0	0	0	33.33%	1	3
Tiffin*	Johnson	5	2	3	0	1	1	0	0	60.00%	1	1
Tipton†	Cedar	32	21	11	0	1	0	0	0	34.38%	2	5
Toledo†	Tama	23	14	9	0	6	1	2	0	39.13%	2	6
Traer	Tama	25	16	9	0	4	1	1	0	36.00%	2	4
Urbandale	Polk	32	21	11	0	0	0	0	0	34.38%	3	6
Walcott	Muscatine & Scott	12	8	4	0	2	0	1	0	33.33%	1	2
Wapello†	Louisa	15	9	6	0	3	0	3	2	40.00%	2	3
Waterloo†	Black Hawk	59	32	26	1	9	3	8	3	43.33%	7	9
Waukee	Dallas	19	14	5	0	3	0	3	0	26.32%	1	3
Waverly†	Bremer	38	20	17	1	3	0	3	2	44.74%	5	6
West Branch	Cedar	24	18	6	0	3	0	1	0	25.00%	1	4
West Burlington	Des Moines	12	10	2	0	3	1	0	0	16.67%	0	2
West Des Moines*	Polk, Dallas, Warren & Madison	32	18	14	0	5	3	3	1	43.75%	6	6

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West Liberty	Muscatine	17	13	4	0	2	0	1	0	23.53%	1	3
West Union†	Fayette	24	17	5	2	4	0	1	1	20.83%	0	4
Williamsburg	Iowa	22	15	7	0	2	1	0	0	31.82%	0	3
Wilton*	Muscatine	17	9	8	0	3	2	2	2	47.06%	3	3
Windsor Heights*	Polk	12	7	5	0	2	0	1	0	41.67%	2	2
Winterset†	Madison	32	18	13	1	2	0	0	0	40.63%	4	6
Totals		4656	2770	1730	156	512	141 27.54%	162	67 41.36%	37.15%	382 49.16%	777

* These cities have achieved gender balance on all appointed municipal boards and commissions within the scope of this study.

† These cities are county seats.

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Airport Board	339	281	48	10	39	2	10	0	14.16%	12	68
Civil Service Commission	146	92	52	2	29	5	2	0	35.62%	37	45
Historic Preservation Commission	365	157	184	24	34	16	11	7	50.41%	37	56
Housing Services Board	242	122	109	11	18	7	6	2	45.04%	26	42
Human Rights Commission	154	71	72	11	12	3	6	4	46.75%	12	21
Library Board of Trustees	1168	464	684	20	114	72	47	33	58.56%	119	165
Planning & Zoning Commission	1205	823	340	42	126	16	40	11	28.22%	60	172
Water Works Board of Trustees	163	124	36	3	28	3	8	2	22.09%	16	39
Zoning Board of Adjustment	874	636	205	33	112	17	32	8	23.46%	63	169
TOTALS	4656	2770	1730	156	512	141 27.54%	162	67 41.36%	37.15%	382 49.16%	777