2012 Catalyst Census
*Fortune 500 Women Board Directors*

### 2012 BOARD SEATS

![Chart showing 2012 board seats with 16.6% for women and 83.4% for men.](chart)

In 2011, women held 16.1 percent of board seats.

### WOMEN’S SHARE OF BOARD LEADERSHIP

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<th>Position</th>
<th>2011</th>
<th>2012</th>
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<tr>
<td>Board Chair</td>
<td>2.6%</td>
<td>3.3%</td>
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<td>Lead Director</td>
<td>8.3%</td>
<td>8.4%</td>
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<td>Audit Committee Chair</td>
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<td>Compensation Committee Chair</td>
<td>12.5%</td>
<td>11.3%</td>
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<td>Nominating/Governance Chair</td>
<td>19.2%</td>
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Women’s representation in nominating/governance committee chairs continued to keep pace with their share of overall board seats. Women’s representation in all other board leadership positions continued to lag their share of overall board seats.

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1. 2011 and 2012 analyses are based on 497 companies. See Appendix 1—Methodology for more information. Results are accurate within one-tenth of a percent. Percents may not add to total because of rounding. None of the changes from 2011 to 2012 are statistically significant.
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COMPANIES BY PERCENTAGE OF BOARD SEATS HELD BY WOMEN

In both 2011 and 2012, less than one-fifth of companies had 25 percent or more women directors, while one-tenth had no women serving on their boards.

Less than one-fourth of companies had three or more women directors serving together in both 2011 (21.7%) and 2012 (23.1%).

2012 BOARD SEATS BY RACE/ETHNICITY

In 2011, women of color held 3.0 percent of all board seats, and white women held 13.1 percent.2

2. Catalyst’s 2012 race/ethnicity data was drawn from 493 Fortune 500 companies, compared to 495 in 2011.
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2012 BOARD SEATS HELD BY WOMEN BY RACE/ETHNICITY

In 2011, women of color’s share of board seats held by all women was 18.8 percent. In 2011, women of color’s share of board seats held by all women comprised 11.3 percent black women, 4.9 percent Latinas, and 2.5 percent Asian women.

COMANIES BY NUMBER OF BOARD SEATS HELD BY WOMEN OF COLOR DIRECTORS

In both 2011 and 2012, more than two-thirds of companies had no women of color directors.

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