Annual demographics of U.S. public utility commissioners (2018)

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Commissioner demographics

- Data on commissioners and their appointments were compiled from a directory published by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and commission and other websites.
About the Commissioners (as of March 2018)
Data for 242 commissioners serving 60 commissions (4 vacancies);
FERC, FCC, and 50 states with MA-2, NE-2, TX-2, DC, GU, PR-2, VI

- Female commissioners: 77
- Male commissioners: 165
- Former commissioner
  - Private: 20
  - Other public: 34
- Former commission staff or ALJ: 67
- Former elected official (excl. com. Elections): 85
- Ph.D. or E.D.: 10
- Attorneys (JD): 8
- Attorneys (JD) with Masters: 36
- Masters degree: 59
- Bachelors degree: 10
- Assoc., some college, or not spec.: 3
- CPA of CFA (included elsewhere): 1
- Total formerly elected: 85
- Former elected both state & local: 8
- Former local elected officials: 18
- Former state elected officials: 59
- Republicans (excl. vacancies): 73
- Democrats (excl. vacancies): 39
- Independents (excl. vacancies): 3
- Unknown (excl. vacancies): 127
Characteristics of commissioner appointments

- Elected by the public: 12
- Selected by legislature: 2
- Appointed by governor: 46
- Eight-year term (NC UC): 1
- Six-year term: 33
- Five-year term: 18
- Four-year term: 7
- Three-year term (VI PSC): 1
- Seven members: 5
- Five members: 24
- Three members: 30
- One member (MA DTC): 1

Number of commissions

0 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50
Commissioner selection (as of March 2018)
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- Elected by the public

States with elected commissioners
- Constitutional
- Statutory
Commissioner tenure as of March 2018
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Average tenure as of March 2018 = 5.3 years
Median tenure as of March 2018 = 3.9 years
Collective and average years of experience of sitting commissioners as of March 2018

- Collective experience
- Average experience (excl. vacancies)
## Longest serving commissioners as of March 2018

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*Finished service in February.
Historical data

Tenure of commissioners in year of leaving office

- Y-axis: Tenure (0, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50)

- The plot shows a scatter of data points indicating the tenure of commissioners at various years.
Historical data

Average tenure of commissioners in years as of year leaving office with 10-year moving average
Historical data

Commissioners by gender at year of appointment

Start year

- Females
- Males
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