



**Mary Fallin
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Governor Mary Fallin is the first woman to be elected governor of Oklahoma. She also currently serves as the chair of the National Governors Association, a bipartisan group representing all of the nation's governors.

Prior to her historic election in 2011, Fallin represented the people of Oklahoma in a number of state and federal positions. She served two terms as a state representative before becoming Oklahoma's first Republican and first woman lieutenant governor in 1995. From 2006 to 2010, she served as a member of the United States House of Representatives.

As governor, Fallin cites job growth and retention, education reform and workforce development, government modernization and the elimination of government waste as top priorities. During Fallin's administration, Oklahoma has consistently ranked among the top states for job creation.

During her first year as governor, Fallin balanced the state budget while closing a \$500 million deficit and lowering the income tax rate. That year, she also saw many of her legislative priorities signed into law, including lawsuit reform, comprehensive education reform, and government modernizations.

In subsequent legislative sessions, the governor signed into law a historic overhaul of the workers' compensation system that will lower costs for businesses. She also successfully pursued improvements and funding increases in education, health care and infrastructure.

Additionally, Fallin has launched an initiative to increase the number of college graduates and career certificate holders in Oklahoma to help the state attract and retain jobs. She also has implemented a road and bridge plan that will eliminate all of the deficient bridges on the state's highway system. Finally, Fallin introduced the state's first-ever comprehensive energy plan focused on developing and finding new markets for Oklahoma's plentiful natural resources.

Fallin is a graduate of Oklahoma State University. She is married to Wade Christensen, Oklahoma's first "First Gentleman." The couple has six children between them.