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2011 Catalyst Census: Fortune 500 Women Board Directors

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In its 2011 study of Fortune 500 women board directors, Catalyst monitors the percentage of women on company boards, the percentage of minority female directors, and the percentage of companies which exceed various thresholds. The study provides a regional and industry comparison of women directors and lists companies with the highest and lowest percentages of women. Overall, in 2011, women made up approximately 16% of Fortune 500 company boards. In 2010 and 2011, less than 20% of companies had 25% or more women directors, and 10% of companies had no women on their boards whatsoever. In those two years, women of color held only 3% of all board seats.