



PROMOTING THE ELECTION OF WOMEN IN CANADA
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EV Fast Facts

*Women in Provincial Politics
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Provincial Legislatures:

How many women are elected to provincial legislatures?

The following is the current number of women in provincial legislatures across the country:

Province	Elected Women/Total Seats	% of Elected Women
Alberta	23/87	26.4%
British Columbia	27/85	31.7%
Manitoba	16/57	28.0%
New Brunswick	7/55	12.7%
Newfoundland	8/48	16.6%
Nova Scotia	12/52	23.0%
Ontario	31/107	28.9%
PEI	6/27	22.2%
Quebec	41/125	32.8%
Saskatchewan	11/58	18.9%
TOTAL	182/701	25.9%

The following is the current number of women in territorial legislatures across the country:

Territory	Elected Women/Total Seats	% of Elected Women
NWT	2/19	10.5%
Nunavut	3/19	15.7%
Yukon	6/19	31.5%
TOTAL	11/57	19.2%



Cabinet Representation:

How many women sit in provincial cabinets?

Women in Provincial Cabinets – 2013

Province	Party	Women Ministers/Total Ministers	% Female
Alberta	Pro. Conservative	3/19	15.7%
British Columbia	Liberal	8/19	42.1%
Manitoba	New Democrat	7/19	36.8%
New Brunswick	Liberal	4/18	22.2%
Newfoundland	Pro. Conservative	4/16	25.0%
Nova Scotia	New Democrat	4/14	28.5%
Ontario	Liberal	8/27	29.6%
PEI	Liberal	2/11	18.1%
Quebec	Liberal	9/26	34.6%
Saskatchewan	New Democrat	4/18	22.2%
TOTAL		53/205	25.8%

Territory	Party	Women Ministers/Total Ministers	% Female
NWT	N/A	0/7	0%
Nunavut	N/A	1/7	14.2%
Yukon	Yukon Party	1/9	11.1%
TOTAL		2/23	8.6%



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Cabinet Portfolios

What portfolios do women in provincial cabinets currently hold?

Alberta – 3/19 or 15.7% Women:

Name of Provincial Cabinet Minister	Ministerial Responsibilities
Hon. Alison Redford	Premier
Hon. Diane McQueen	Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development
Hon. Heather Klimchuk	Minister of Culture

British Columbia – 8/19 or 42.1% Women:

Name of Provincial Cabinet Minister	Ministerial Responsibilities
Hon. Christy Clark	Premier
Hon. Ida Chong	Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation
Hon. Stephanie Cadieux	Minister of Children and Family Development
Hon. Dr. Margaret MacDiarmid	Minister of Health
Hon. Shirley Bond	Minister of Justice and Attorney General
Hon. Moira Stilwell	Minister of Social Development
Hon. Mary Polak	Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Hon. Naomi Yamamoto	Minister of State for Small Business

Manitoba – 7/19 or 36.8% Women:

Name of Provincial Cabinet Minister	Ministerial Responsibilities
Hon. Nancy Allan	Minister of Education
Hon. Christine Melnick	Minister of Immigration and Multiculturalism
Hon. Theresa Oswald	Minister of Health



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Hon. Kerri Irvin-Ross	Minister of Housing and Community Development, Minister responsible for Neighborhoods Alive!, Minister responsible for Community Places, Minister responsible for Co-operative Development
Hon. Jennifer Howard	Minister of Family Services and Labour, Minister responsible for Persons with Disabilities, Minister responsible for the Workers Compensation Act, Minister responsible for the Status of Women
Hon. Flor Marcelino	Minister of Culture, Heritage and Tourism
Hon. Erin Selby	Minister of Advanced Education and Literacy, Minister responsible for International Education

New Brunswick – 4/18 or 22.2% Women:

Name of Provincial Cabinet Minister	Ministerial Responsibilities
Hon. Marie-Claude Blais	Minister of Justice and Attorney General and Minister of Women's Issues
Hon. Sue Stultz	Minister of Government Services
Hon. Dorothy Shephard	Minister of Healthy and Inclusive Communities
Hon. Madeleine (Mado) Dubé	Minister of Social Development

Newfoundland – 4/16 or 25.0% Women:

Name of Provincial Cabinet Minister	Ministerial Responsibilities
Hon. Kathy Dunderdale	Premier
Hon. Joan Shea	Minister of Advanced Education and Skills
Hon. Susan Sullivan	Minister of Health and Community Services and Minister Responsible for Aging and Seniors, and Francophone Affairs
Hon. Charlene Johnson	Minister of Child, Youth and Family Services and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women



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Nova Scotia – 4/14 or 28.5% Women:

Name of Provincial Cabinet Minister	Ministerial Responsibilities
Hon. Maureen MacDonald	Minister of Finance, Minister responsible for the Credit Union Act, Minister responsible for the Liquor Control Act, Minister responsible for the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation, Minister responsible for the Securities Act, Minister responsible for the Utility and Review Board Act
Hon. Marilyn More	Minister of Labour and Workforce Development, Minister of Immigration, Minister responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women Act, Minister Responsible for the Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act, Minister Responsible for the Workers' Compensation Act (except Part II), Minister of Volunteerism
Hon. Denise Peterson-Rafuse	Minister of Community Services, Minister of Seniors, Minister responsible for the Disabled Persons' Commission Act
Hon. Ramona Jennex	Minister of Education, Minister responsible for Youth

Ontario – 8/27 or 29.6% Women:

Name of Provincial Cabinet Minister	Ministerial Responsibilities
Hon. Kathleen Wynne	Premier
Hon. Deb Matthews	Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and Long Term Care
Hon. Liz Sandals	Minister of Education
Hon. Laurel Broten	Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Minister Responsible for Women's Issues
Hon. Linda Jeffrey	Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Tracy MacCharles	Minister of Consumer Services
Hon. Madeleine Meilleur	Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs
Hon. Teresa Piruzza	Minister for Children and Youth Services



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PEI – 2/11 or 18.1% Women:

Name of Provincial Cabinet Minister	Ministerial Responsibilities
Hon. Valerie E. Docherty	Minister of Community Services and Seniors, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women
Hon. Janice Sherry	Minister of Environment, Labour and Justice

Quebec – 9/26 or 34.6% Women:

Name of Provincial Cabinet Minister	Ministerial Responsibilities
Hon. Pauline Marois	Premier, Chair of the Comité des orientations stratégiques, Chair of the Comité ministériel de la région de la Gaspésie–Îles-de-la-Madeleine, Chair of the Groupe de travail ministériel sur les projets d'investissement privé
Hon. Agnès Maltais	Minister of Labour, Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity, Minister responsible for the Status of Women, Chair of the Comité ministériel de la solidarité, Minister responsible for the Capitale-Nationale region and the Chaudière-Appalaches region
Hon. Nicole Léger	Minister of Families, Minister responsible for the Laval region
Hon. Marie Malavoy	Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports, Minister responsible for the Montérégie region
Hon. Martine Ouellet	Minister of Natural resources
Hon. Diane De Courcy	Minister of Immigration and Cultural Communities, Minister responsible for the Charter of the French language
Hon. Véronique Hivon	Minister for Public Health and Youth Protection, Minister responsible for the Lanaudière region
Hon. Éline Zakaïb	Minister for Industrial Policy and the Banque de développement économique du Québec
Hon. Élisabeth Larouche	Minister for Aboriginal Affairs



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Saskatchewan – 4/18 or 22.2% Women:

Name of Provincial Cabinet Minister	Ministerial Responsibilities
Hon. June Draude	Minister of Social Services, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women
Hon. Donna Harpauer	Minister of Crown Investments, Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance, Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority
Hon. Nancy Heppner	Minister of Central Services, Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission, Minister Responsible for the Lean Initiative
Hon. Christine Tell	Minister Responsible for Corrections and Policing

Territories:

NWT – 0/7 or 0% Women (1 vacant seat):

Name of Territorial Cabinet Minister	Ministerial Responsibilities

Nunavut – 1/7 or 14.2% Women:

Name of Territorial Cabinet Minister	Ministerial Responsibilities
Hon. Eva Ariak	Premier, Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Minister Responsible for Immigration, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Minister of Education
Hon. Monica Ell	Minister of Human Resources, Minister responsible for Homelessness, Minister responsible for Qulliq Energy Corporation, Minister responsible for the Status of Women

Yukon – 1/9 or 11.1% Women:

Name of Territorial Cabinet Minister	Ministerial Responsibilities
Hon. Elaine Taylor	Deputy Premier, Minister of Community Services, Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission, Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate, Minister responsible for the French Language Services Directorate



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How many female premiers have served in Canada?

Province	Party	Name	Period Served
Alberta	PC	Alison Redford	2011 – present
BC	Social Credit	Rita Johnson	1991/04/02 – 1991/11/05
BC	Liberal	Christy Clark	2011 – present
Newfoundland	PC	Kathy Dunderdale	2010 – present
Ontario	Liberal	Kathleen Wynne	2013 – present
PEI	Liberal	Catherine Callbeck	1993 – 1996
Quebec	Parti Québécois	Pauline Marois	2012 – present

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NWT	N/A	Nellie Cournoyea	1991 – 1995
Nunavut	N/A	Eva Aariak	2008 – present
Yukon	Liberal	Pat Duncan	2000 – 2002

In all other provinces/territories, a woman has not held the position of Premier.

How many female major party leaders are there?

The following is a listing of female major provincial party leaders:

Women as Party Leaders – 2013

Province	Party	Name
Alberta	Pro. Conservative	Alison Redford
Alberta	Wildrose	Danielle Smith
British Columbia	Liberal	Christy Clark
British Columbia	Green Party	Jane Sterk
Newfoundland	Pro. Conservative	Kathy Dunderdale
Newfoundland	New Democrat	Lorraine Michael



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Ontario	New Democrat	Andrea Horwath
Ontario	Liberal	Kathleen Wynne
Quebec	Parti Québécois	Pauline Marois
Yukon	Green Party	Kristina Calhoun
Yukon	New Democrat	Elizabeth Hanson

The following is a listing of female major federal party leaders:

Party	Name
Green Party	Elizabeth May

In all other provinces and parties, a woman is not currently the leader of a major political party.

Sources:

All information was retrieved from official provincial and territorial government and legislative assembly websites.