

ALBERTA

AN EQUAL VOICE PROVINCE SNAPSHOT, 2025

Alberta (Alta.) has had a record three women premiers, but its legislature has not yet achieved gender parity by having women make up at least half of its MLAs. The Legislative Assembly of Alberta seats 87 members, of which 31 are women (36%). Alta.'s last election took place in May 2023.



Population
4,888,723



Female to Male
49.6% : 50.4%



GDP
\$344+ billion

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Alta. has a unicameral legislature, with one chamber: the **Legislative Assembly of Alberta**. As a parliamentary democracy, Alta. has 87 constituencies which are each represented by an elected **Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA)**.

The political party with the most elected MLAs forms government, and their leader becomes the head of government, called the **Premier**. The Premier selects MLAs to serve as Cabinet Ministers.

The **Lieutenant Governor of Alberta** is appointed by the Governor General of Canada and represents the King, Canada's Head of State.



CURRENT EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION

(as of Mar 2025)

Premier: Danielle Smith (W)
Assumed office: 11 Oct. 2022
Party: United Conservative Party of Alta
25 Cabinet Members
5 women (20.0%) : 20 men (80.0%)
Notable portfolios currently held by women:
- Intergovernmental Relations
- Environment and Protected Areas
- Arts, Culture and Status of Women
- Advanced Education
- Health

CURRENT LEGISLATURE

(as of Mar 2025)

86 MLAs total*
31 women (36.0%) : 55 men (64.0%)

MLAS PER PARTY

United Conservative Party of Alta.: 48 MLAs
11 women (22.9%) : 37 men (77.1%)

Alta. New Democratic Party: 37 MLAs
20 women (54.1%) : 17 men (45.9%)

Independent MLAs: 1 man

*one additional seat is vacant, pending a by-election



LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

(as of Mar 2025)

19 Lieutenant Governors since 1905
4 women : 15 men

Current Lieutenant Governor:
Salma Lakhani (W)

PAST PREMIERS

(as of Mar 2025)

19 Premiers since 1905
3 women : 16 men
Alison Redford, 7 Oct. 2011 - 23 Mar. 2014
Rachel Notley, 24 May. 2015 - 30 Apr. 2019
Danielle Smith, 11 Oct. 2022 - present

MILESTONES

1917

Alta. was the first Canadian province or territory to elect women MLAs to its legislature. Louise McKinney and Roberta MacAdams Price were also the first women elected to a provincial legislature in the entire British Empire.

1921

Irene Parbly was the first woman named to Cabinet in Alberta.

1985

Helen Hunley was the first woman to be appointed Lieutenant Governor of Alberta.

2011

Alison Redford was the first woman premier of Alberta.

2022

Danielle Smith became the third woman premier of Alta. Three women - Alison Redford, Rachel Notley & Danielle Smith - have now held that role. This is more woman premiers than in any other Canadian province or territory.

2023

Rhiannon Hoyle was the first Black woman MLA and Jodi Calahoo Stonehouse was the first First Nations woman ML elected in Alberta.

2023

Alta.'s 2023 election saw a record number of women win seats in the province's legislature, with 33 women MLAs out of 87 (37.9%). This is the highest proportion of women MLAs in Alta.'s history.