

QUEBEC

AN EQUAL VOICE PROVINCE SNAPSHOT, 2025

Québec (Que.) has had one woman premier, and its legislature came very close to achieving gender parity when women made up nearly half of its MNAs. The National Assembly of Québec seats 125 members, of which 57 are women (46%). Que.'s last election took place in October 2022.



Population
9,056,044



Female to Male
49.7% : 50.3%



GDP
\$437+ billion

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Que. has a unicameral legislature, with one chamber: the **National Assembly of Québec**. As a parliamentary democracy, Que. has 125 constituencies which are each represented by an elected **Member of the National Assembly (MNA)**.

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

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

MILESTONES

1951

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.

1961

Marie-Claire Kirkland was the first woman MNA elected in Que.

1962

Marie-Claire Kirkland was the first woman named to Cabinet in Que.

1997

Lise Thibault was the first woman to be appointed Lieutenant

2002

Louise Harel was the first woman president of the National Assembly of Que.

2012

Pauline Marois was the first woman premier of Que.

2022

Que.'s 2022 election saw a record number of women win seats in the province's legislature, with 58 women MNAs out of 125 (46.4%). This is the highest proportion of women MNAs in Que.'s history.



CURRENT EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION (as of Mar 2025)

Premier: François Legault (M)

Assumed office: 18 Oct. 2018

Party: Coalition Avenir Que.

30 Cabinet Members

14 women (46.7%) : 16 men (53.3%)

Notable portfolios currently held by women:

- Deputy Premier
- Transport and Sustainable Mobility
- Economy, Innovation and Energy
- Employment
- Natural Resources and Forests
- International Relations and La Francophonie
- Housing
- Health

CURRENT LEGISLATURE (as of Mar 2025)

124 MNAs total*

40 women (46.5%) : 46 men (53.5%)

MLAS PER PARTY

Que. Liberal Party: 19 MNAs

11 women (57.9%) : 8 men (42.1%)

Que. Solidaire: 12 MNAs

4 women (33.3%) : 8 men (66.7%)

Parti Québécois: 5 MNAs

1 woman (20.0%) : 4 men (80.0%)

Independent MNAs: 1 woman, 1 man

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



LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS (as of Mar 2025)

30 Lieutenant Governors since 1905

2 women : 28 men

Current Lieutenant Governor:
Manon Jeannotte (W)

PAST PREMIERS (as of Mar 2025)

32 Premiers since 1867

1 women : 32 men

Pauline Marois, 19 Sep. 2012 - 23 Apr. 2014