

SASKATCHEWAN

AN EQUAL VOICE PROVINCE SNAPSHOT, 2025

Saskatchewan (Sask.) has not yet had a woman premier, nor has its legislature achieved gender parity by having women make up at least half of its MLAs. However, the current leader of the opposition is a woman (Carla Beck, Saskatchewan NDP). She is the third female opposition leader. The Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan seats 61 members, of which 21 are women (34.4%). Sask.'s last election took place in October 2024.



Population
1,239,865



Female to Male
49.6% : 50.4%



GDP
\$77+ billion

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Saskatchewan has a unicameral legislature, with one chamber: the **Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan**. As a parliamentary democracy, Sask. has 61 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 Saskatchewan** is appointed by the Governor General of Canada and represents the King, Canada's Head of State.

MILESTONES

1919

Sarah Ramsland was the first woman MLA elected in Sask. No other women MLAs were elected in the province until 1944. .

1982

Joan Duncan and Patricia Anne Smith were the first women named to Cabinet in Sask

1984

Pat Smith was appointed Saskatchewan's first Minister Responsible for the Status of Women.

1988

Sylvia Fedoruk was the first woman to be appointed Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan.

1989

Lynda Haverstock was the first woman to lead a Saskatchewan political party.

2024

Saskatchewan's 2024 election saw a record number of women win seats in the province's legislature, with 21 women MLAs out of 61 (34.4%). This is the highest proportion of women MLAs in Sask.'s history.



CURRENT EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION (as of Mar 2025)

Premier: Scott Moe (M)

Assumed office: 2 Feb. 2018

Party: Sask. Party

16 Cabinet Members

3 women (18.75%) : 13 men (81.25%)

Notable portfolios currently held by women:

- Energy and Resources
- Mental Health and Addictions
- Seniors and Rural and Remote Health
- Parks, Culture and Sport

CURRENT LEGISLATURE

(as of Mar 2025)

61 MLAs total

21 women (34.4%) : 40 men (65.6%)

MLAS PER PARTY

Sask. Party: 34 MLAs

8 women (23.5%) : 26 men (76.5%)

Sask. New Democratic Party: 27 MLAs

13 women (48.1%) : 14 men (51.9%)

PAST PREMIERS

(as of Mar 2025)

15 Premiers since 1905

0 women : 15 men



LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

(as of Mar 2025)

25 Lieutenant Governors since 1905

4 women : 20 men

Current Lieutenant Governor:
Bernadette McIntyre (W)