

# QUEBEC

## AN EQUAL VOICE PROVINCE SNAPSHOT, 2026

Québec (Que.) has had two women serve as premier, and its legislature came very close to achieving gender parity when women made up nearly half of its MNAs. The National Assembly of Quebec seats 125 members, of which 58 are women (46.4%). Quebec's next election will take place in October 2026.



**Population**  
9,033,887



**Female to Male**  
50.6% : 49.4%



**GDP**  
\$450.3+ 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

**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 April 2026)

**Premier:** Christine Fréchette  
**Assumed office:** 15 April 2026  
**Party:** Coalition Avenir Que.

29 Cabinet Members  
12 women (41.4%) : 17 men (58.6%)

#### Notable portfolios currently held by women:

- Education
- Health
- Cybersecurity
- Natural Resources & Forests
- Environment & Climate Change
- Higher Education
- Status of Women
- Housing

### CURRENT LEGISLATURE

(as of April 2026)

125 MNAs total  
58 women (46.8%) : 67 men (53.2%)

#### MNAs PER PARTY

**Coalition Avenir Que:** 79 MNAs  
37 women (46.8%) : 42 men (53.2%)

**Que Liberal Party:** 18 MNAs  
10 women (55.5%) : 8 men (44.4%)

**Parti Québécois:** 7 MNAs  
2 women (28.6%) : 5 men (71.4%)

**Que. Solidaire:** 11 MNAs  
4 women (36.4%) : 7 men (63.6%)

**Independent MNAs:** 9 MNAs  
3 women (33.3%) : 6 men (66.7%)

**Conservative Party of Que.:** 1 MNA  
1 woman : 0 men



### 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 April 2026)

33 Premiers since 1867  
2 women : 32 men

**Pauline Marois,** 19 Sep. 2012 - 23 Apr. 2014  
**Christine Fréchette:** 15 Apr. 2026 - Present