

YUKON

AN EQUAL VOICE PROVINCE SNAPSHOT, 2026

Yukon (Y.T.) has made significant strides toward gender parity in politics. The territory has had one woman serve as premier, and its Legislative Assembly achieved gender parity in the last territorial election, with women and gender-diverse people holding 12 of 21 seats (57.2%). Y.T.'s last election took place in November 2025.



Population
46,218



Female to Male
49.5% : 50.5%



GDP
\$3.2+ billion

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Y.T. has a unicameral legislature, with one chamber: the **Yukon Legislative Assembly**. As a parliamentary democracy, Y.T. has 19 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 **Commissioner of Yukon** is appointed by the Government of Canada and represents the federal government in the territory.

MILESTONES

1967

Jean Gordon was the first woman elected to the Yukon Territorial Council, a body which later became the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

1970

Hilda Watson was the first woman named to Cabinet in Y.T.

1978

Y.T. shifted to a system based in political parties, instead of only electing independent MLAs.

1978

Hilda Watson was the first woman elected to lead a political party in Y.T. and in Canada.

1979

Ione Christensen was the first woman to be appointed Commissioner of Y.T.

2000

Pat Duncan was the first woman premier of Y.T.

2002

Y.T.'s cabinet achieved gender parity, with 4 women – Pat Duncan, Sue Edelman, Pam Buckway and Cynthia Tucker – out of 7 members (57.1%). This was the first time that a Cabinet anywhere in Canada consisted of more women than men.

2025

Y.T.'s 2025 election saw a record number of women and gender diverse people win seats in the territory's legislature, with 12 women/gender diverse MLAs elected out of 21 (57.2%). This is the highest proportion of women and gender diverse MLAs in Y.T.'s history.



CURRENT EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION (as of Nov 2025)

Premier: Currie Dixon (M)
Assumed office: 22 Nov. 2025
Party: Yukon Party

8 Cabinet Members
4 women (50%) : 4 men (50%)

Notable portfolios currently held by women:

- Minister of Community Services
- Economic Dev.
- Tourism & Culture
- Justice & Attorney General
- French Language Services Directorate
- Women & Gender Equity Directorate

CURRENT LEGISLATURE

(as of Nov 2025)

21 MLAs total
11 women (52.4%) : 9 men (42.8%) : 1 gender diverse person (4.8%)

MLAS PER PARTY

Yukon Party: 14 MLAs

7 women (50%) : 7 men (50%)

Y.T. New Democratic Party: 6 MLAs

3 women (50%) : 2 men (33.3%) :

1 gender diverse person (16.7%)

Y.T. Liberal Party: 1 MLAs

1 woman : 0 men



COMMISSIONERS (as of Mar 2025)

18 Commissioners since 1948
5 women : 13 men

Current Commissioner:
Adeline Webber (W)

PAST PREMIERS

(as of Nov 2025)

12 Premiers since 1978
1 woman : 11 men

Pat Duncan: 6 May 2000 - 30 Nov. 2002