

Fast Facts

Women in Federal Politics

House of Commons:

How many women are in the House of Commons?

What political parties do these women represent?

How many women were elected to parliament between 1984 & 2006?

How many women were nominated by political parties to run as candidates in the 2006 election?

The Senate

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What political parties do women represent in the Senate?

The Cabinet

How many women are in the federal cabinet?

What is the history of women's representation in the federal cabinet?

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- 20.7% or 64 women of 308 Members of Parliament were elected in 2006

What political parties do women represent?

Political Party	Women Elected	Total MPs	% of Women MPs
NDP	12	29	41%
Bloc Québécois	17	51	33%
Liberal	21	101	21%
Conservative	14	125	11%

Source: Parliament of Canada web site, www.parl.gc.ca

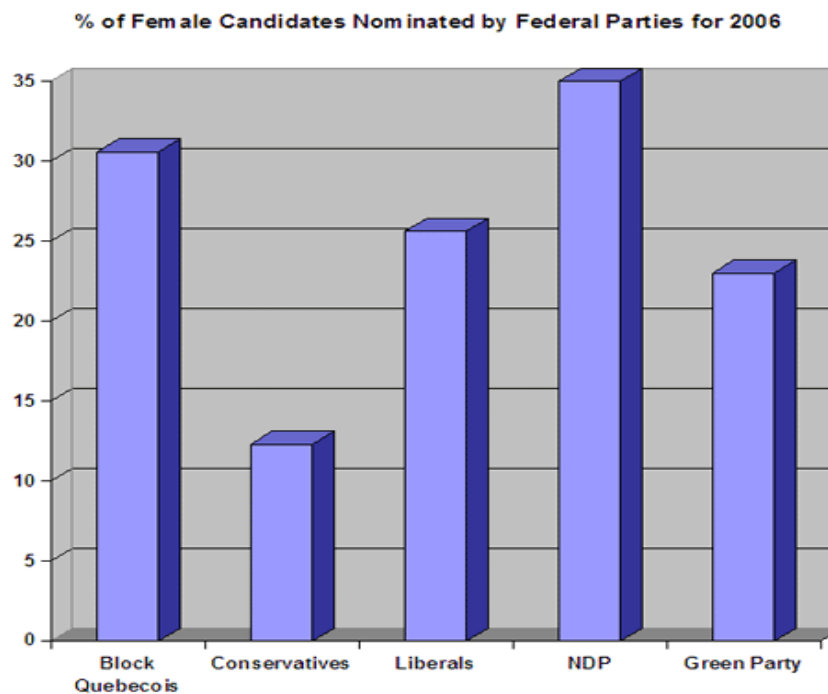
How many women were elected to parliament between 1984 & 2006?

The numbers of women in the House of Commons has not dramatically increased since the 1993 election when there was increase from 13.3% to 18%. Since the 2000 election, the number of women elected to the House of Commons has hovered around 20% and even decreased following the 2006 election.

Year	Total Number of Seats	Seats Held by Women	Proportion of Seats Held by Women
1984	282	27	9.6%
1988	295	39	13.3%
1993	295	53	18%
1997	301	62	20.6%
2000	301	62	20.6%
2004	308	65	21.1%
2006	308	64	20.8%

Source: Parliament of Canada web site.
<http://www.parl.gc.ca/information/library/PRBpubs/prb0562-e.htm>

How many women were nominated to run as candidates in the 2006 election?



Candidates Nominated and Elected by Political Parties – 2006 Election								
Political Party	Total Candidates		Male Candidates		Female Candidates		% Female Candidates	
	Nominated	Elected	Nominated	Elected	Nominated	Elected	Nominated	Elected
Bloc Québécois	75	51	52	34	23	17	30.6%	33%
Conservatives	308	125	270	111	38	14	12.3%	11%
Liberals	308	101	229	80	79	21	25.6%	21%
NDP	308	29	200	17	108	12	35%	41%
Green Party	308	0	236	0	72	0	23%	0%

The Senate:

How many women are members of the Senate?

35% of Canada's Senators are women (33/94)

What political parties do women represent in the Senate?

Political Party	Women Senators	Total Senators	% of Women Senators
Conservative:	8	23	34.7%
Liberal	21	63	33%
NDP	0	1	0
Progressive Conservative	1	3	33%
Independents	0	4	0

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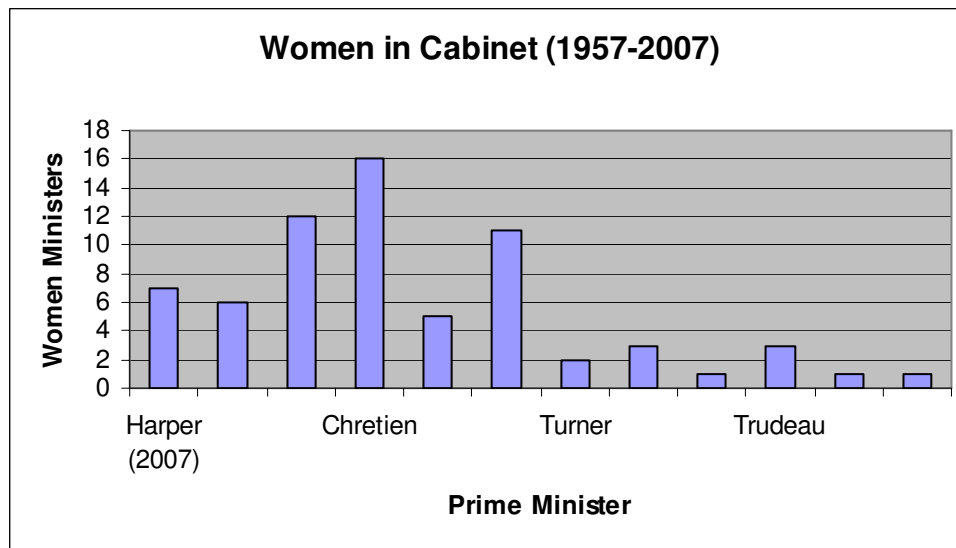
The Cabinet

How many women are in the federal cabinet?

- In 2007, 21.8% of the federal cabinet consists of women (7 women out of 32 Ministers).

What is the history of women's representation in the federal cabinet?

Prime Minister:	Number of Women in Cabinet
Harper (2007)	7
Harper (2006)	6
Martin	12
Chrétien	16
Campbell	5
Mulroney	11
Turner	2
Trudeau	3
Clark	1
Trudeau	3
Pearson	1
Diefenbaker	1



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