



BC Provincial Election

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- In 2005, women make up 22.8% of MLAs
- In 2001, women made up 24% of MLAs
- In 1996, women made up 28% of MLAs

The percentage of women elected is trending downwards. On average statistically, women tend to win in the same proportion as men. In this case, women lost a disproportionately higher number of seats than did male candidates. The Liberals ran 25 women, the NDP 23 and 18 women won.

Clearly, boosting women in the short-term isn't working. It requires a concerted longer-term effort. Equal Voice BC, which seeks to increase the number of women elected from all parties, is looking into the most effective ways to increase the number of women elected.

Winning Women

1. Coquitlam-Maillardville – Diane Thorpe (NDP) - TBC
2. Delta South – Val Roddick (LIB)
3. Esquimalt-Metchosin – Maurine Karagianis (NDP)
4. Kelowna-Mission - Sindi Hawkins (LIB)
5. Langley - Mary Polak (LIB)
6. Maple Ridge-Mission - Jenny Stevens (NDP)
7. North Island - Claire Trevena (NDP)
8. North Vancouver-Lonsdale - Katherine Anne Whittred (LIB)
9. Oak Bay–Gordon Head - Ida Chong (LIB)
10. Prince George-Mt Robson - Shirley Bond (LIB)
11. Richmond Centre - Olga Ilich (LIB)
12. Richmond East - Linda Reid (LIB)
13. Surrey-Green Timbers - Sue Hammell (NDP)
14. Vancouver-Langara - Carol Taylor (LIB)
15. Vancouver-Mt Pleasant - Jenny Kwan (NDP)
16. Victoria-Beacon Hill - Carole James (NDP)
17. West Kootenay-Boundary - Katrine Convoy (NDP)
18. West Vancouver-Garibaldi - Joan McIntyre (LIB)

Totals

- 10 Liberal women
- 8 NDP women