



Nova Scotia
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Women Candidates in Nova Scotia

Federal election - 2008

There are 11 federal electoral districts in Nova Scotia. According to the Elections Canada website, there were 52 candidates running in these districts in the 2008 federal election. Fourteen (27 per cent) were women, four of whom attended the Council's campaign schools for women.

Nova Scotia Municipal Elections - 2008

Election Year	# Candidates	# male candidates	# female candidates	% of candidates that are women
2004	885	711	174	20%
2008	821	638	180	22%

There were 180 women who ran in the 2008 municipal elections, compared to 638 men; Six *more* women and 73 *fewer* men running than in 2004. There were three women in the province who ran as mayoral candidates compared to 68 men.

Source: Vi Carmichael, Municipal Elections Officer

Provincial Election – 2009

In the most recent provincial election in Nova Scotia (June, 2009), there were a total of 54 female candidates, making up 25.5 per cent of all candidates running (N=212).

Party	1999	2003	2006	2009
NDP	19	12	12	16
Lib	13	9	11	11
PC	7	9	7	7
Green Party	-	-	19	20
NS Party	7	5	-	-
Independent	1	0	0	0
Total	47	35	49	54