## The Climate Policy Landscape in Manitoba

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Of the 341 total emissions-reduction policies in the <u>Canadian Climate Policy Inventory</u>, Manitoba has nine policies, or three per cent. The Government of Canada has the largest number (71).

Figure 1 shows the policy instruments employed by the Government of Manitoba, categorizing them by sector. The inner ring highlights the share of instrument types—abatement support, indirect or mandatory—by sector, while the outer ring indicates the percentage of total policies targeting each sector.

Policies are classified by instrument type based on how they reduce emissions: mandatory, abatement support, and indirect. Mandatory policies impose a compulsory requirement on regulated parties (e.g., regulation). Abatement support policies incentivize voluntary adoption or development of lower emissions processes or products, (e.g., consumer subsidies). Indirect policies do not require or directly incentivize abatement but nevertheless contribute to emissions abatement (e.g., enabling legislation and information). Mandatory policies are generally considered more effective in reducing emissions than opt-in abatement support or indirect policies. Notably, Manitoba has no indirect policies.

Agriculture and land use
1 | 11%

Buildings
1 | 11%

Abatement support

Mandatory

Multi-sector
3 | 34%

Figure 1: Policy Instruments Employed by the Government of Manitoba by Sector

Source: Canadian Climate Policy Inventory, Version 3





## **KEY FACTS**

- In Manitoba, carrots (abatement support) dominate instrument type when compared with sticks (mandatory action). Carrots: e.g., the Conservation and Climate Fund. Sticks: e.g., the emissions tax on coal and the biofuels mandate.
- There are nine implemented policies, with none proposed and none announced.
- Most policies reduce emissions by improving energy efficiency and end-use fuel switching.
- One third of Manitoba's policies apply to multiple sectors (e.g., *Efficiency Manitoba Act*). Another third of the policies target transportation (e.g., Efficient Trucking Program).
- Notably, Manitoba does not have any policies targeting the waste, oil and gas, or electricity sectors individually.
- Narrowly scoped policies that are technology or project specific are common (e.g., Electric Vehicle Incentive program), while there are few broadly applied policies (e.g., energy savings targets).

Figure 2 displays the number of policies by the policy instrument applied to mitigate emissions.

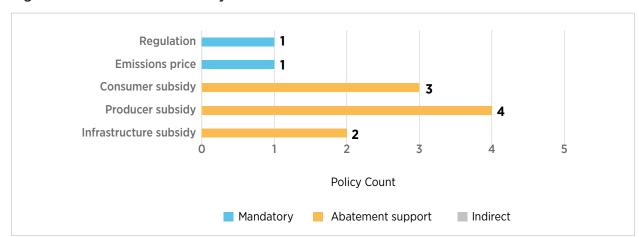


Figure 2: Number of Policies by Instrument

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Note: Abatement support policies can be implemented using a combination of instruments, thus the total number of instruments is greater than the total number of Manitoba policies.

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