

The Climate Policy Landscape in Saskatchewan

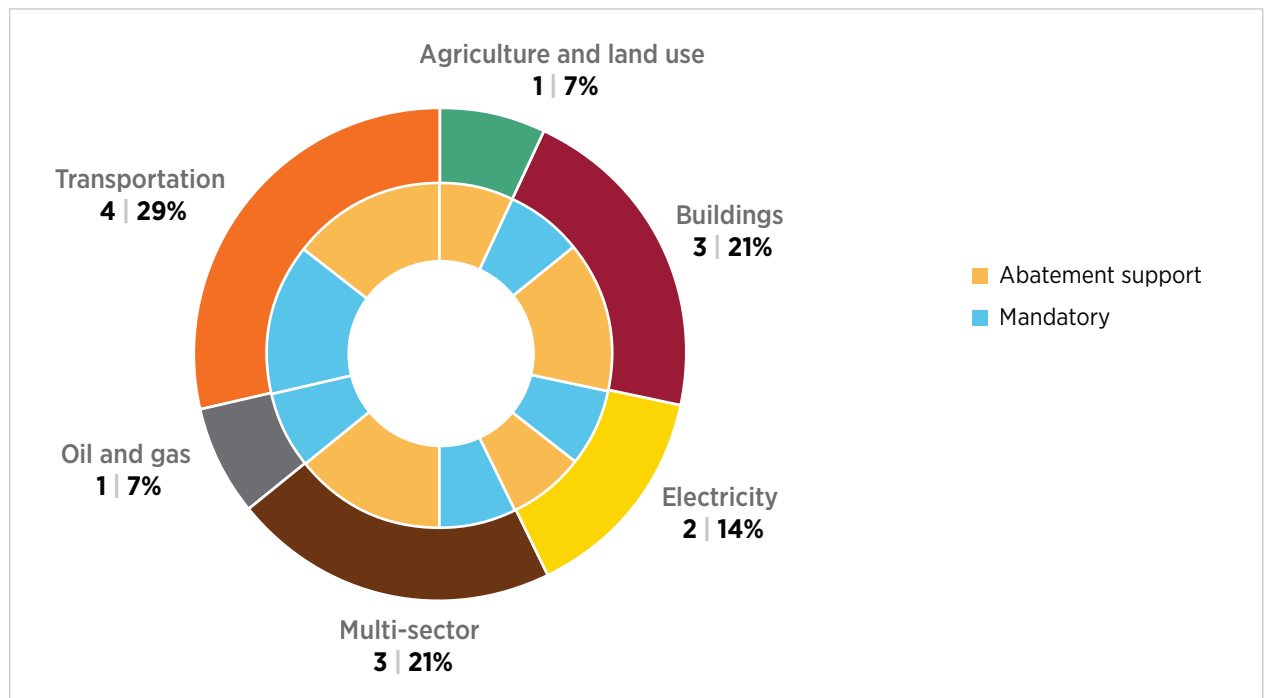
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Of the 341 total emissions-reduction policies in the **Canadian Climate Policy Inventory**, Saskatchewan has 14 policies, or four per cent. The Government of Canada has implemented the largest number (71).

Figure 1 shows the policy instruments employed by the Government of Saskatchewan, 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, Saskatchewan has no indirect policies.

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



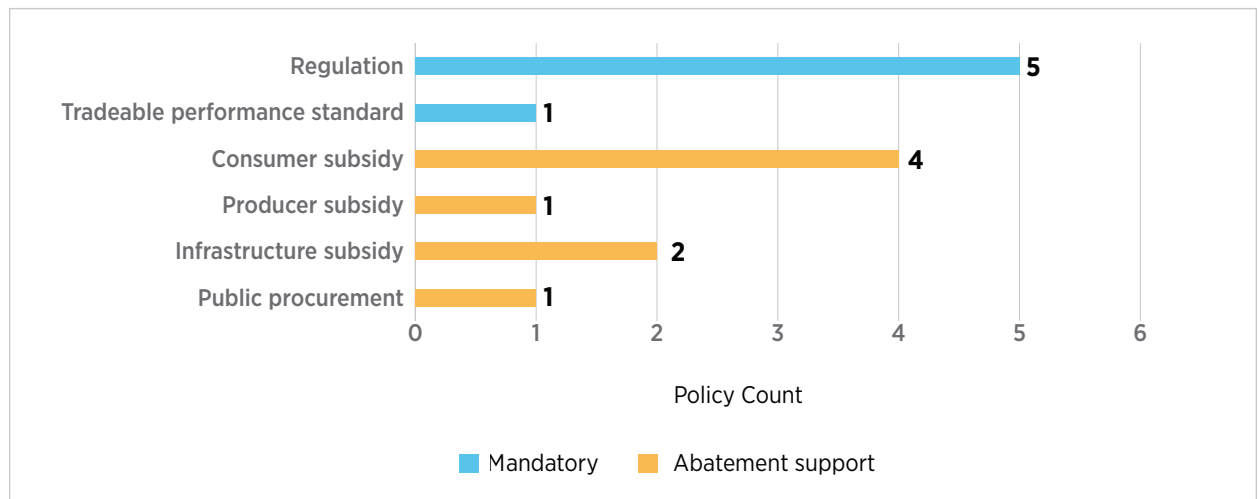
Source: Canadian Climate Policy Inventory, Version 3

KEY FACTS

- There are slightly more carrots (abatement support) than sticks (mandatory action) in Saskatchewan. Carrots: e.g., energy efficiency rebates. Sticks: e.g., *Renewable Diesel Act*.
- Narrowly scoped policies that are technology or project specific are common (e.g., the SaskPower Energy Assistance program).
- Broadly applied sector-specific policies (e.g., building energy efficiency standards) are slightly less common.
- Most policies reduce emissions through improving energy efficiency and end-use fuel switching.
- Policies targeting the transportation, buildings, and multi-sector account for most of Saskatchewan's policies.
- Saskatchewan does not have any policies exclusively for waste or heavy industry.

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

Figure 2: Number of Policies by Instrument



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