# The Climate Policy Landscape in Nunavut

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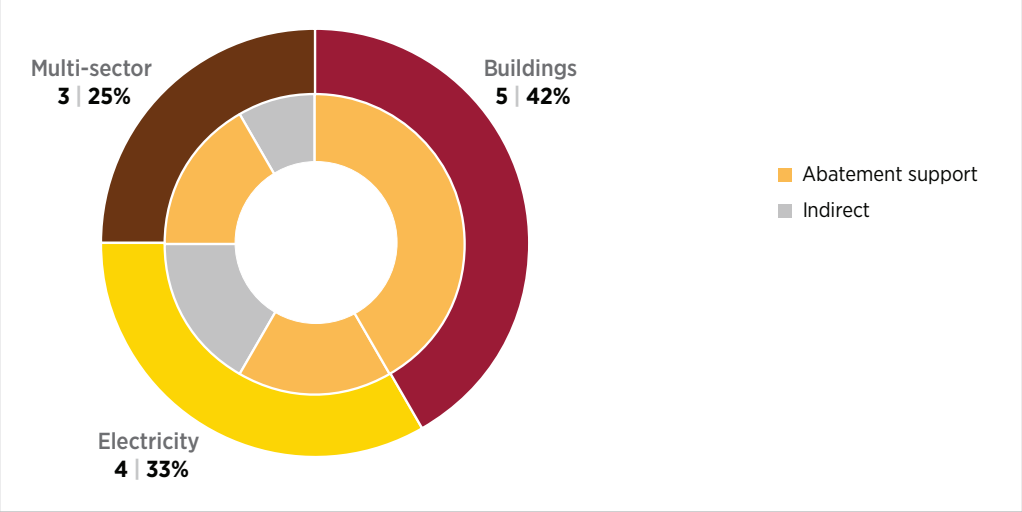
Of the 359 total emissions-reduction policies in the **Canadian Climate Policy Inventory**, Nunavut has 12 active policies (three per cent) and no inactive policies. The Government of Canada has the largest number (74 active policies).

Figure 1 shows the active policy instruments employed by the Government of Nunavut, 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 to be more effective in reducing emissions than opt-in abatement support or indirect policies. Active policies are those currently requiring compliance or providing support, including policies that are proposed or announced. This category also includes abatement support policies (e.g., consumer subsidies) that are fully subscribed but still have ongoing projects. Inactive policies are those that have concluded as scheduled, or have been suspended or cancelled.

**Figure 1: Policy Instruments Employed by the Government of Nunavut by Sector**



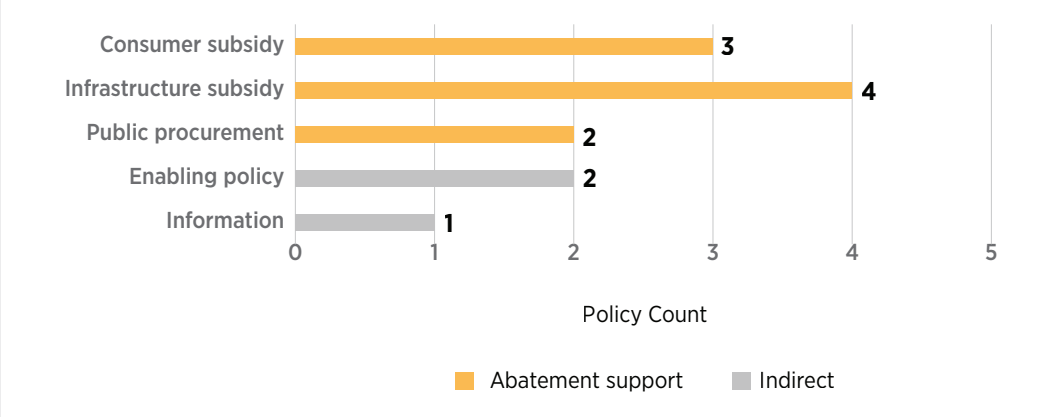

**Source:** Canadian Climate Policy Inventory, Version 6.

## KEY FACTS

- In Nunavut, carrots (abatement support) dominate instrument type when compared with sticks (mandatory action). Carrots: e.g., Renewable Energy Homeowner Grant Program. Notably, Nunavut has no mandatory policies.
- There are 12 implemented policies.
- There are 69 active federal policies that apply in Nunavut (11 mandatory, 54 abatement support, and four indirect policies).
- Most policies reduce emissions through improving energy efficiency and energy source decarbonization.
- Two sectors are targeted by emissions-reduction policies: buildings (5) and electricity (4). Three policies target multiple sectors.
- Narrowly scoped policies that are technology or project-specific are common (e.g., Nunavut New District Heating Systems).
- There are fewer broadly applied policies that are class or sector-specific (e.g., Net Metering Program).

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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