

Women in Montana Legislative Leadership Positions

SENATE

2025	Majority Whip	Sue Vinton
	Minority Whip	Laura Smith
	Minority Whip	Susan Webber (Blackfeet Tribe)
2023	Minority Whip	Shannon O'Brien
	Minority Whip	Susan Webber (Blackfeet Tribe)
2021	Minority Leader	Jill Cohenour
	Minority Whip	JP Pomnichowski
	Minority Whip	Diane Sands
2019	Minority Whip	JP Pomnichowski
	Minority Whip	Margaret MacDonald
2017	Minority Whip	JP Pomnichowski
2015	President	Debby Barrett
	Minority Whip	Robyn Driscoll
2013	President Pro Tempore	Debby Barrett
	Majority Whip	Janna Taylor
	Minority Whip	Robyn Driscoll
2011	Minority Leader	Carol Williams
	Minority Whip	Kim Gillan
2009	Minority Leader	Carol Williams
	Minority Whip	Trudi Schmidt
	Minority Whip	Kim Gillan
2007	Majority Leader	Carol Williams
	Majority Whip	Lynda Moss
2005	Majority Whip	Carolyn Squires, Trudi Schmidt
2001	Minority Whip	Linda Nelson
1999	Minority Whip	Linda Nelson
1997	Minority Whip	Eve Franklin
1989	Minority Whip	Judy Jacobson
1987	Minority Whip	Judy Jacobson
1983	Minority Whip	Pat Regan

HOUSE

2025	Speaker Pro Tempore	Katie Zolnikov
	Majority Whip	Marta Bertoglio
	Majority Whip	Amy Regier
	Minority Leader	Katie Sullivan
	Minority Whip	Melissa Romano
	Minority Caucus Chair	Jennifer Lynch
2023	Speaker Pro Tempore	Rhonda Knudsen (Chippewa Tribal Affiliation)
	Majority Leader	Sue Vinton
	Majority Whip	Jennifer Carlson
	Minority Leader	Kim Abbott
	Minority Whip	Katie Sullivan
	Minority Caucus Chair	Alice Buckley
2021	Majority Leader	Sue Vinton
	Majority Whip	Lola Sheldon-Galloway

	Minority Leader	Kim Abbott
	Minority Caucus Chair	Marilyn Marler
	Minority Whip	Laura Bishop
2019	Majority Whip	Becky Beard
	Minority Whip	Kim Abbott
	Minority Whip	Denise Hayman
	Minority Caucus Chair	Laurie Bishop
2017	Minority Leader	Jenny Eck
	Majority Whip	Theresa Manzella
2015	Majority Whip	Sarah Laszloffy
	Minority Caucus Chair	Carolyn Pease-Lopez (Crow Tribe)
	Minority Whip	Margaret MacDonald
	Minority Whip	Jenny Eck
2013	Majority Whip	Christy Clark
	Minority Whip	Margaret MacDonald
	Minority Whip	Edie McClafferty (Hispanic)
2011	Speaker Pro Tempore	Janna Taylor
	Majority Whip	Wendy Warburton
	Minority Caucus Leader	Betsy Hands
	Minority Whip	Margaret MacDonald
2009	Speaker Pro Tempore	Franke Wilmer
	Majority Leader	Margaret Campbell (Tribal Affiliation)
	Majority Whip	Julie French
	Minority Whip	Dee Brown
2007	Speaker Pro Tempore	Debby Barrett
	Minority Whip	Margaret Campbell
2005	Democratic Whip	Gail Gutsche
	Republic Whip	Debby Barrett
2003	Majority Whip	Cindy Younkin
	Minority Whip	Monica Lindeen
2001	Majority Whip	Cindy Younkin
	Minority Floor Leader	Kim Gillan
1999	Minority Floor Leader	Emily Swanson
1997	Speaker Pro Tempore	Marian Hanson
	Minority Leader	Vicki Cocchiarella
1995	Speaker Pro Tempore	Marian Hanson
1993	Speaker Pro Tempore	Marian Hanson
1991	Majority Whip	Paula Darko
1981	Minority Whip	Bobbi Spilker
1979	Majority Leader	Ann Mary Dussault
1977	Majority Whip	Dorothy Bradley

Sources: 1989 through 2025 Session Law and Directories
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