



FACT SHEET

THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (CUPE) IN SASKATCHEWAN

Did you know?

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) was formed when the National Union of Public Service Employees and the National Union of Public Employees merged in 1963.

CUPE is the largest union in Canada with more than 540,000 members, and the largest union in Saskatchewan representing over 26,000 members. CUPE is a strong and democratic union - one in which the members make the decisions and set the policies.

Who does CUPE represent?

Throughout Canada, CUPE represents workers in a variety of public sector occupations. In Saskatchewan, CUPE represents workers in the following sectors:

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| 12,500 members | Health Care (includes hospitals, nursing homes, home care, community clinics, mental health centres, personal care homes) |
| 5,900 members | K-12 Education |
| 3,800 members | Municipalities |
| 2,800 members | Universities |
| 650 members | Libraries |
| 400 members | Community-Based Organizations (includes group homes, vocational training centres, child care centres) |
| 130 members | Legal Aid Commission and Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission |
| 200 members | Other workplaces (includes community associations, SUN, friendship centers, SPCA) |

How is CUPE structured?

There are 175 CUPE locals in Saskatchewan. These locals are directly chartered to the national union which has servicing staff in each province as well as technical staff in the national office.

Occupational Sectors

CUPE members in the province are organized into occupational groups which concern themselves primarily with bargaining and other occupation specific issues. In Saskatchewan, the occupational groups are:

- Community-Based Organizations (CBO) Workers' Steering Committee
- Education Workers' Steering Committee
- Health Care Council
- Library Workers' Steering Committee
- Local 600 Provincial Council
- Municipal Workers' Steering Committee
- University Workers' Steering Committee

CUPE Saskatchewan



CUPE Saskatchewan is the political and policy arm of CUPE in the province. A 16 member executive, consisting of four table

officers, two diversity representatives, one young worker representative and nine sectoral executive members representing CUPE's major occupational groups, is elected at the annual CUPE Saskatchewan convention.

The executive is responsible for carrying out the policies passed at convention and presenting CUPE's position to government and other bodies.

CUPE Saskatchewan employs an Executive Assistant to help carry out these duties, edit the quarterly newsletter *CUPEnews* and maintain the web site.

Nine standing committees advise the executive on issues and develop action programs and educationals for the membership. The standing committees are:

- Aboriginal Council Committee
- Committee Against Racism and Discrimination
- Contracting Out and Privatization Committee
- Education Committee
- Environment Committee
- Global Justice Committee
- Occupational Health and Safety Committee
- Women's Committee
- Young Workers Committee

How to contact CUPE:

CUPE members in Saskatchewan have their servicing needs met by 17 national representatives that work out of offices in Prince Albert, Saskatoon and the Regional Office in Regina. The Regional Director coordinates the activities of these representatives and four specialists: Education, Communications, Legal and Research Representatives.

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