



# FACT SHEET

## THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (CUPE) IN SASKATCHEWAN

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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 about 600,000 members, and the largest union in Saskatchewan representing about 29,000 members. CUPE is a strong and democratic union - one in which the members make the decisions and set the policies.

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

12,600 members	Health Care (includes hospitals, nursing homes, home care, community clinics, mental health centres, personal care homes)
6,400 members	K-12 Education
4,300 members	Municipalities
3,200 members	Universities
650 members	Libraries
700 members	Community-Based Organizations (includes group homes, vocational training centres, child care centres)
130 members	Legal Aid Commission and Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission
260 members	Other workplaces (includes community associations, SUN, friendship centers, SPCA)

## How is CUPE structured?

There are more than 100 CUPE locals in Saskatchewan. These locals are directly chartered to CUPE which has servicing staff in each province as well as technical staff in the national office.

Each CUPE Local is advised by one or more national servicing representatives who 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.

## 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 Board, consisting of four table officers, two diversity representatives (one aboriginal), one young worker representative and nine sectoral Executive Board 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, the public and other bodies.

CUPE Saskatchewan employs an Executive Assistant and a clerical staff person as well as their president on a full-time basis.

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

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