

How many newly-elected members have never previously served in the Minnesota Legislature (or, are “true freshmen”)?

Election Year: 2020

New legislators:

Newly-elected Senators (with district number): 10

Julia Coleman (47)
Gene Dornink (27)
Zach Duckworth (58)
Omar Fateh (62)
Ann Johnson Stewart (44)
Mary Kunesh (41) – former House member
Jen McEwen (7)
Erin Murphy (64) – former House member
Lindsey Port (56)
Aric Putnam (14)

Newly-elected Representatives (with district number): 23

Esther Agbaje (59B)
Susan Akland (19A)
Kaela Berg (56B)
Matt Bliss (05A) – former House member
Liz Boldon (25B)
John Burkel (01A)
Sandra Feist (41B)
Keith Franke (54A) – former House member
Cedrick Frazier (45A)
Luke Frederick (19B)
Emma Greenman (63B)
Jessica Hanson (56A)
Athena Hollins (66B)
Spencer Igo (05B)
Heather Keeler (04A)
Erik Mortensen (55A)
Patricia Mueller (27B)
Bjorn Olson (23A)
Brian Pfarr (20A)
Donald Raleigh (38A)
Jordan Rasmusson (08A)
Liz Reyer (51B)
John Thompson (67A)

Total number of new legislators after general election: 33

Number of new legislators with prior service:

Number of newly-elected House members who served in the House before: 2

Keith Franke (54A)

Matt Bliss (05A)

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Total number of newly-elected legislators with prior service: 4

Number of newly-elected legislators with no prior service (true freshman):

33 new of legislators – 4 of legislators with prior service = 29

Number of newly-elected legislators who are true freshmen: 29

$(29 \text{ true freshman} / 201 \text{ total legislators}) \times 100 = 14.43\%$

Percentage of newly-elected legislators who are true freshmen: 14.43%