Worksheet to determine the percent of elected members who have never previously served in the Minnesota Legislature

*Election Year: 2016

*Special Circumstance regarding District 32B: The MN Supreme Court ruled on September 8, 2016 that Rep. Bob Barrett was ineligible to run in the November election because he did not reside in his district. Minnesota Statute 204B.13 prescribes a February special election for this situation. This data does not include this seat and is based on 200 open seats rather than the usual 201.

Number of new legislators: 44

List of new Senators (with district number): (21)

*In House last session

Paul Anderson	44
Steve Cwodzinski	48
Rich Draheim	20
Justin Eichorn	5
Nick Frentz	19
Mike Goggin	21
*Jason Isaacson	42
John Jasinski	24
Scott Jensen	47
Mark Johnson	1
Matt Klein	52
Mark Koran	32
*Carolyn Laine	41
Andrew Lang	17
Matt Little	58
Andrew Mathews	15
*Jerry Newton	37
Jerry Relph	14
*Dan Schoen	54
*Erik Simonson	7
Paul Utke	2

List of new Representatives (with district number): (23)

Dario Anselmo   49A
Cal Bahr   31B
Regina Barr   52B
Jamie Becker-Finn   42B
Matt Bliss   5A
Andrew Carlson   50B
Keith Franke   54A
Matthew J. Grossell   2A
Barb Haley   21A
Randy Jessup   42A
Tony Jurgens   54B
Erin Koegel   37A
Mary Kunesh-Podein   41B
Sandy Layman   5B
Fue Lee   59A
Liz Olson   7B
Ilhan Omar   60B
John Poston   9A
Laurie Pryor   48A
Erin Maye Quade   57A
Julie Sandstede   6A
Duane Sauke   25B
Nolan West   37B

Determine number of new legislators with prior service:

Number of new House members who served in the House before, with a gap in service**: 0**
Number of new House members who served in the Senate before**: 0**
Number of new Senate members who served in the Senate before, with a gap in service**: 0**
Number of new Senate members who served in the House before**: 5**
Total number of new legislators with prior service: **5**

Names:

Jason Isaacson (42)
Carolyn Laine (41)
Jerry Newton (37)
Dan Schoen (54)
Erik Simonson (7)

Determine the number of new legislators with no prior service (true freshman):

44 (new legislators) – 5 (new legislators with prior service) = 39
Divide that number by 200 and multiply by 100 to equal percentage

Number of new legislators who are true freshmen**: 39**

Percentage of newly-elected legislators who are true freshmen: **19.5%**