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Electoral Commission
Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

2026 General Election preliminary results

The Electoral Commission has released the preliminary results for the 2026 General Election.

Party	Party Votes	% Votes	Electorate Seats	List Seats	Total Seats
National Party	706,680	29.21	42	0	42
Labour Party	710,330	29.36	21	15	36
Green Party	321,902	13.30	2	14	16
ACT New Zealand	264,121	10.92	1	12	13
New Zealand First Party	236,630	9.78	0	12	12
Opportunity Party	144,298	5.96	0	7	7
Te Pāti Māori	13,845	0.57	5	0	5
Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party	4,829	0.19	0	0	0
NZ Outdoors & Freedom Party	2,685	0.11	0	0	0
Animal Justice Party Aotearoa New Zealand	2,585	0.10	0	0	0
Conservative Party NZ	1,886	0.07	0	0	0
Women's Rights Party	1,856	0.07	0	0	0
New Zealand Loyal	1,855	0.07	0	0	0
Vision New Zealand	1,529	0.06	0	0	0
Te Tai Tokerau Party	1,217	0.05	0	0	0
Free Palestine	1,168	0.04	0	0	0
Alliance Party	1,149	0.04	0	0	0
TOTALS	**2,418,565**		**71**	**60**	**131**

The preliminary results are based on the 2,432,403 ordinary votes counted on election night, including informal votes. They are indicative only and will change after special votes have been checked and counted.

- The number of special votes is approximately 399,365 including 96,947 overseas and dictation votes. This is an estimate and is likely to change.
- The total number of estimated votes is 2,831,768 (including the number of ordinary and special votes).
- At 1pm on Saturday 7 November, 3,796,891 were enrolled (93.7% of eligible electors).
- Voter turnout is estimated to be 74.6% of those enrolled as at 1pm Saturday 7 November. Turnout in 2023 was 78.2%.
- The number of ordinary votes cast in advance is 1,637,183 which is estimated to be 67.3% of total ordinary votes cast. In 2023, 61.4% of votes were cast in advance.

- The party vote percentages above are truncated to two decimal places to make the table easier to read. When the full number of decimal places is displayed they add up to 100%.

Results available online

A summary of party votes, electorate votes and advance votes is available at www.electionresults.govt.nz. The website also shows the projected distribution of seats by party as calculated by the Sainte-Laguë formula based on the preliminary results. Preliminary results by voting place for each electorate are also available.

Official Results Process

The Official Results process starts on Sunday 8 November and is expected to be completed in 20 days. There are steps that need to be taken before the official results can be released.

- Rolls from voting places are scanned and checked for anyone who appears to have voted more than once.
- All the ordinary votes counted on election day are recounted.
- By law, 10 days are allowed for votes to be returned from overseas.
- Special votes cast in New Zealand are transported back to their home electorate.
- Special votes are checked, and votes that are allowed are counted.
- Votes are tallied and quality assurance checks are made.

The date for the release the Official Results of the 2026 General Election is Friday 27 November.

Information on how the official count is conducted is available at https://elections.nz/democracy-in-nz/about-elections/how-are-general-election-votes-counted/

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