

HOW ELECTIONS WORK IN CANADA

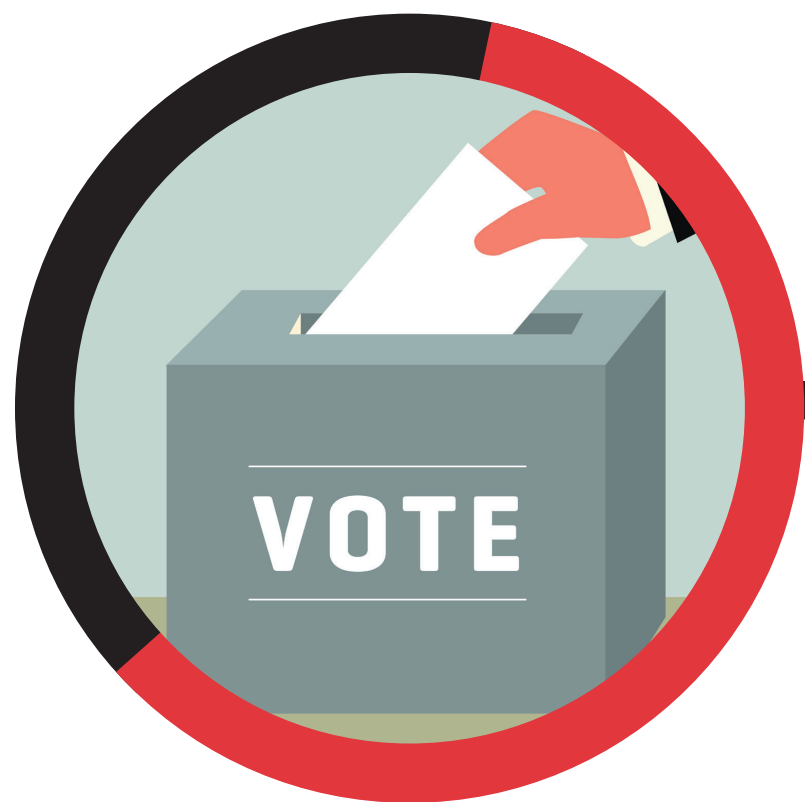
NEXT SCHEDULED ELECTION

October 15, 2029

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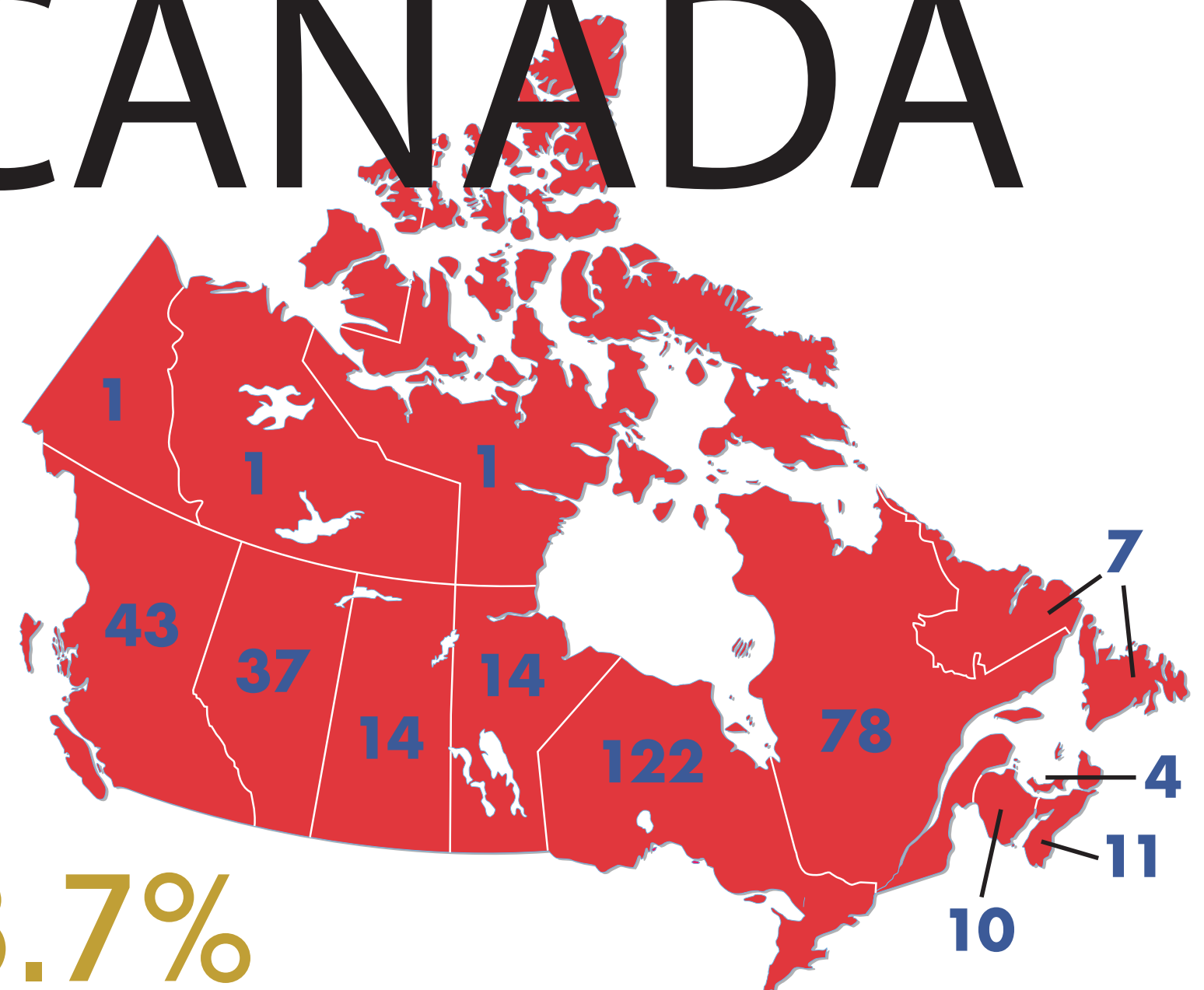
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electoral districts in Canada. One representative from each riding is elected to sit in the House of Commons as a Member of Parliament.



68.7%

of Canadians voted in the 2025 federal general election. The highest turnout was in 1958, when 79.4% voted.



first-past-the-post

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1. (modifier) The most votes in the riding wins.

Majority Government

172 ridings

Minority Government

The constitution states that elections must be held every five years, but traditionally they are held approximately every four.



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Leonard Marchand became the first Indigenous Canadian to be elected to the House of Commons, in the 1968 general election. There were 12 Indigenous candidates elected in 2025, with a reported 45 vying for seats.

MEET THE LEADERS

MARK CARNEY, LIBERAL

Born March 16, 1965, in Fort Smith, NWT. Educated at Harvard Univ. (B.Econ.); Univ. of Oxford (M.Phil. and D.Phil.). Married to Diana Fox. Four children. Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada and Prime Minister since 2025. Private career: Financial executive, Goldman Sachs; Deputy Governor, Bank of Canada; Senior Associate Deputy Minister, Department of Finance Canada; Governor, Bank of Canada; Governor, Bank of England.



PIERRE POILIEVRE, CONSERVATIVE

Born June 3, 1979 in Calgary, AB. Educated at the Univ. of Calgary (B.A., International Relations). Leader, Conservative Party of Canada and Leader of the Opposition since 2022. Minister of Employment and Social Development, 2015. Minister of State (Democratic Reform), 2013-2015. Private career: Businessman.



DON DAVIES, NDP

Born 1963 in Edmonton, AB. Educated at the Univ. of Alberta (B.A., Political Science; LL.B.). Interim Leader of the New Democratic Party since 2025. Member of Parliament since 2008.



YVES-FRANÇOIS BLANCHET, BLOC QUÉBÉCOIS

Born April 16, 1965 in Drummondville, QC. Educated at Cégep de Drummondville (Diploma, Social Science) and Univ. de Montréal (B.A., History and Anthropology). Leader of the Bloc Québécois since 2019. Member of the Québec National Assembly, 2008-2014. Private career: Teacher and founder of entertainment management firm YFB Inc.



ELIZABETH MAY, GREEN

Born June 9, 1954 in Hartford, CT, USA. Educated at Dalhousie Law School (LL.B.). One daughter. Leader of the Green Party, 2006-2019, and since 2022; first elected to the House of Commons in 2011. Private career: A lawyer and environmentalist. Became Officer of the Order of Canada in 2005 for conservation work, including creating Gwaii Haanas National Park.



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