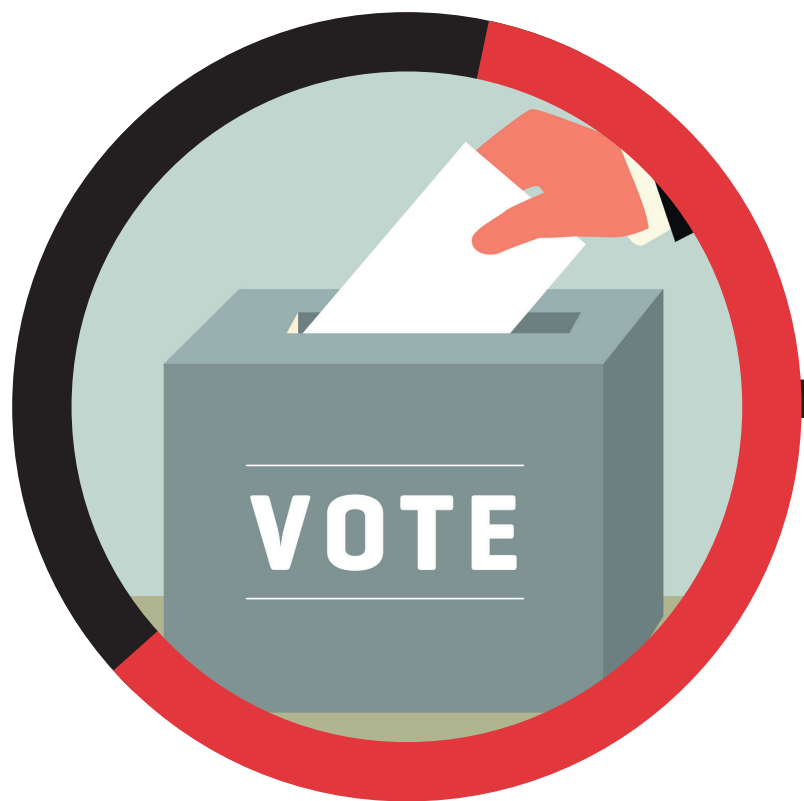


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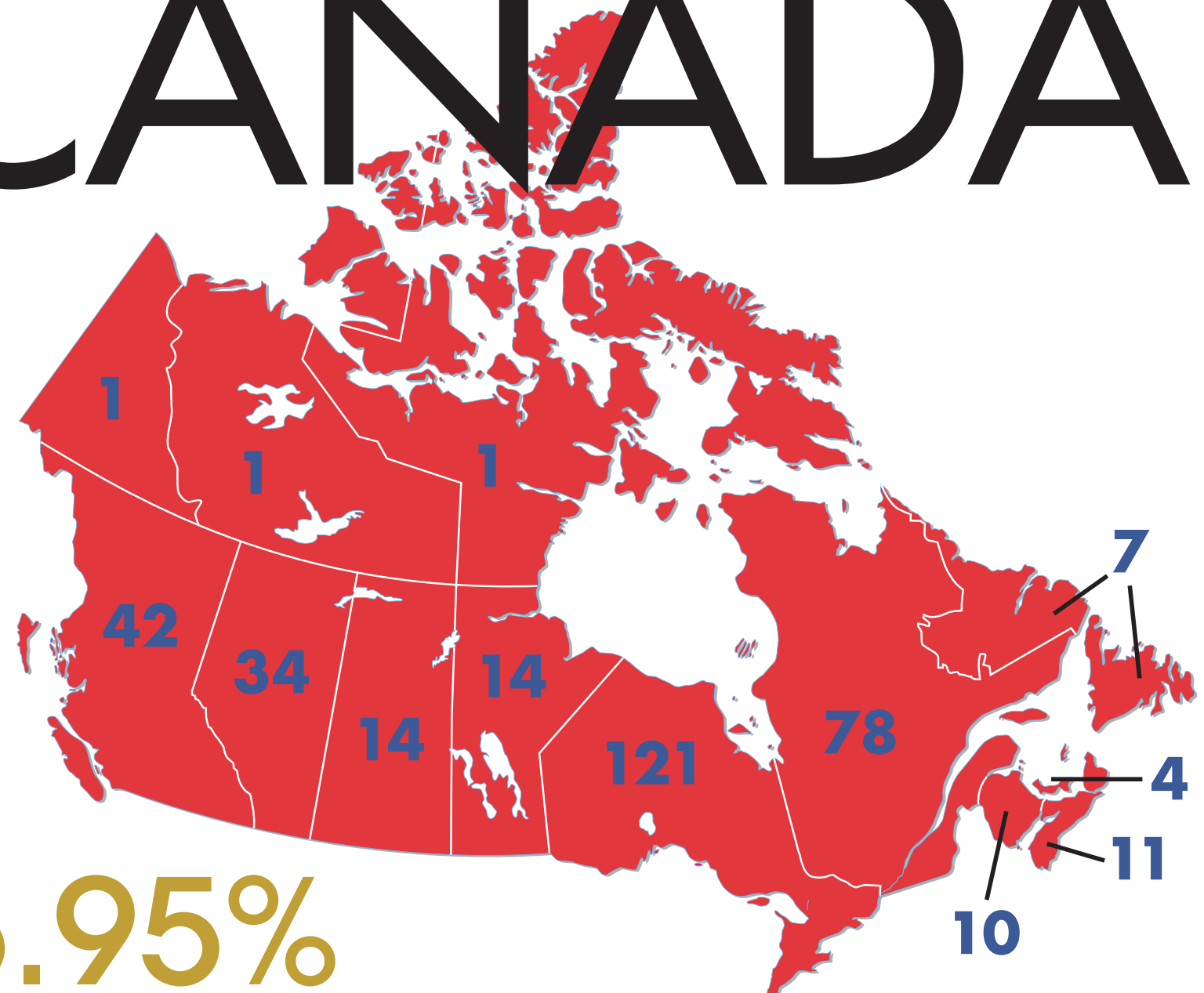
NEXT ELECTION
October 16, 2023

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



65.95%

of Canadians voted in the 2019 federal general election. The highest turnout was in 1958, when 79.4% voted.



Majority Government

170 ridings

Minority Government

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



Photo by Gunnar Frey, courtesy of the office of the Rt. Hon. Kim Campbell.

The Rt. Hon. A. Kim Campbell was the first and only woman to become Prime Minister of Canada, on June 25, 1993. A record of 98 women were elected to the House of Commons in the general election held October 21, 2019. In total, 646 women ran in the election.

MEET THE LEADERS

JUSTIN TRUDEAU, LIBERAL

Born Dec. 25, 1971 in Ottawa, ON. Educated at McGill Univ. (B.A.); Univ. British Columbia (B.Ed.). Married to Sophie Grégoire. Three children (two sons & one daughter). Leader of Liberal Party since 2013 and Prime Minister since 2015. Private career: Teacher. Eldest son of the late Pierre E. Trudeau, Prime Minister from 1968 to 1979; 1980 to 1984.



ERIN O'TOOLE, CONSERVATIVE

Born Jan. 22, 1973 in Montréal, QC. Son of John O'Toole, member of the Ontario Legislative Assembly 1995-2014. Educated at the Royal Military College of Canada and Dalhousie Univ. Married to Rebecca. Two children: Mollie & Jack. Leader of the Conservative Party and Leader of the Opposition since 2020. Minister of Veterans Affairs, 2015. Reached the rank of Captain in the Royal Canadian Air Force, 2006. Private career: Lawyer.



JAGMEET SINGH, NDP

Born Jan. 2, 1979 in Scarborough, ON. Educated at Western Univ. (B.Sc., Biology) and Osgoode Hall Law School. Married to Gurkiran Kaur Sidhu. Leader of the New Democratic Party since 2017. Member of Ontario Provincial Parliament, 2011-2017. First elected to the House of Commons in a by-election held Feb. 25, 2019. Private career: A criminal defence lawyer.



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). Married to Nancy Déziel. 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.



ANNAMIE PAUL, GREEN

Born Nov. 3, 1972 in Toronto, ON. Educated at the Univ. of Ottawa and Princeton Univ. Speaks English, French, Catalan and Spanish. Married to Mark Freeman. Two children. Leader of the Green Party since 2020. Ran in the 2019 federal election and October 26, 2020 by-election (Toronto Centre), and was defeated. Private career: Worked in civic engagement and international affairs.



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