



Pre-Election Fact Sheet: 2024 Presidential Election

Sri Lanka



THE 2024 ELECTION

Election Date: 21 September 2024

Incumbent Head of State:

President Ranil Wickremesinghe

Incumbent Head of Government:

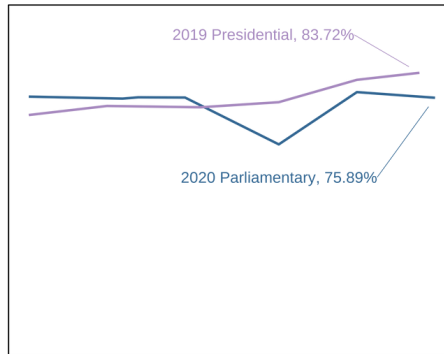
Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena

Incumbent Head of Government Party:

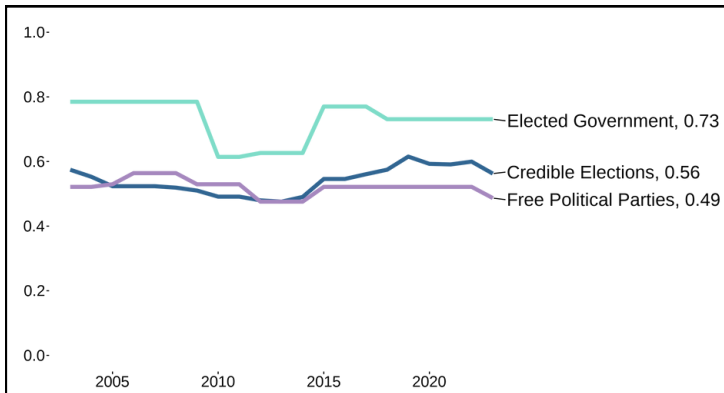
United National Party

Compulsory voting? No

PAST VOTER TURNOUT



Global State of Democracy Indices data 2003 - 2023



ELECTORAL PROCESS

Selection Process for Head of State:

Direct election (alternative vote)

Voter registration:

Created by the EMB using its own data collection and/or other sources of data

Out-of-Country Voting:

No

Special Voting Arrangements:

Yes, early voting



WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION

Legislated gender quotas?

Single/lower house: No

Upper house: Not applicable

Proportion of women in legislature (2022):

12 of 225 of seats (5.3%)

Latest Democracy Developments

August 2024

Supreme Court orders immediate local elections

July 2024

Supreme Court issues interim order against chief of national police force

June 2024

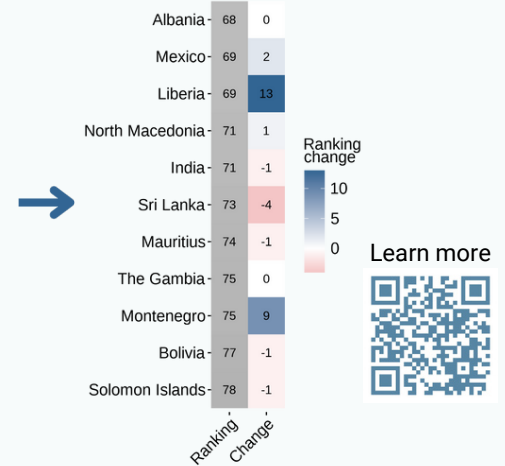
Government officials withhold exam results over hijab rule

June 2024

Court clears Nathasha Edirisooriya of blasphemy charges

Global Ranking in Representation

The Representation category comprises six factors to measure contested and inclusive elections, including Credible Elections, Free Political Parties and Elected Government.



Note: Based on 2023 data, showing ranking change over 1 year. See the full country rankings.

Additional Resources

[Election Commission of Sri Lanka](#)

[The ACE Electoral Knowledge Network](#)

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