



Pre-Election Fact Sheet: 2024 General Election

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Ireland



THE 2024 ELECTION

Election Date: 29 November 2024

Incumbent Head of State:

President Michael D. Higgins

Incumbent Head of Government:

Prime Minister (Taoiseach) Simon Harris

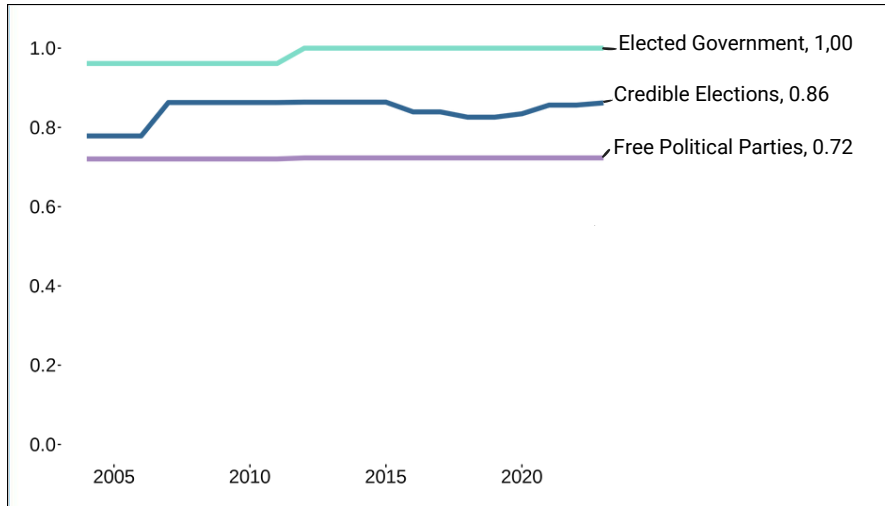
Incumbent Head of Government Party:

Fine Gael

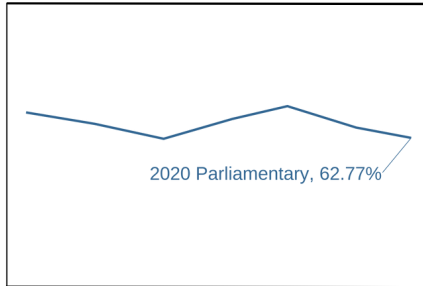
Compulsory voting?

No

Global State of Democracy Indices data 2003 - 2023



PAST VOTER TURNOUT



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August 2024

Landmark ruling finds government violated asylum seekers' rights



March 2024

Irish voters reject constitutional changes



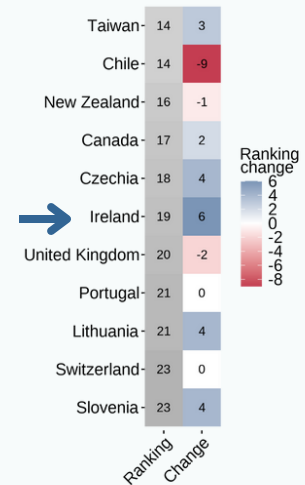
January 2024

Hostilities against asylum seekers increase



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.



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

Additional Resources

[The Electoral Commission](#)

[The ACE Electoral Knowledge Network](#)

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ELECTORAL PROCESS

Electoral system for national legislature:

Single Transferable Vote

Voter registration:

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

Out-of-Country Voting:

Yes

Special Voting Arrangements:

Yes, mobile and postal



WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION

Legislated gender quotas?

Single/lower house: Yes

Upper house: No

Proportion of women in legislature:

Lower house: 37 of 160 seats (23.1%)

Upper house: 24 of 60 seats (40.0%)