

# 2020 New Zealand general election

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← [2017](#)                      **17 October 2020**                      [2023](#) →

← 52nd New Zealand Parliament                      53rd New Zealand Parliament →

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All 120 seats in the [House of Representatives](#)  
61 seats needed for a majority

### [Opinion polls](#)

**Turnout**                      2,919,073 (82.24%; Increase 2.49 [pp](#))

[t Hon Jacinda Ardern](#) [Judith Collins](#) [Aotearoa New Zealand Green Leadership 2020.jpg](#)

			
<b>Leader</b>	<a href="#">Jacinda Ardern</a>	<a href="#">Judith Collins</a>	<a href="#">James Shaw</a> <a href="#">Marama Davidson</a>
<b>Party</b>	<a href="#">Labour</a>	<a href="#">National</a>	<a href="#">Green</a>
<b>Leader's seat</b>	<a href="#">Mount Albert</a>	<a href="#">Papakura</a>	<a href="#">List</a>
<b>Last election</b>	46 seats 36.89%	56 seats 44.45%	8 seats 6.27%
<b>Seats before</b>	46	56	8
<b>Seats won</b>	<b>65</b>	33	10
<b>Seat change</b>	Increase 19 <b>1,357,501</b> <b>48.07%</b>	Decrease 23 963,845 34.13%	Increase 2 162,245 5.74%
<b>Electorate vote</b>	Increase 10.19 <a href="#">pp</a>	Decrease 9.92 pp	Decrease 1.17 pp
<b>Party vote</b>	<b>1,443,545</b> <b>50.01%</b>	738,275 25.58%	226,757 7.86%

Increase 13.12 pp	Decrease 18.87 pp	Increase 1.59 pp
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[Epsom.jpg](#)

[Winston Peters](#)  
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māori

		<a href="#">John</a>	
<b>Leader</b>	<a href="#">David Seymour</a>	<a href="#">Tamihere Debbie Ngarewa-Packer</a>	<a href="#">Winston Peters</a>
<b>Party</b>	<a href="#">ACT</a>	<a href="#">Māori Party</a>	<a href="#">NZ First</a>
		<i>Ran in <a href="#">Tāmaki</a></i>	
<b>Leader's seat</b>	<a href="#">Epsom</a>	<a href="#">Makaurau</a> (lost) <sup>[a]</sup>	<a href="#">List</a> (lost)
		<a href="#">List</a>	
<b>Last election</b>	1 seat 0.50%	0 seats 1.18%	9 seats 7.20%
<b>Seats before</b>	1	0	9
<b>Seats won</b>	10	2	0
<b>Seat change</b>	Increase 9	Increase 2	Decrease 9
	97,697	60,837	30,209
	3.46%	2.15%	1.07%
<b>Electorate vote</b>	Increase 2.45 pp	Increase 0.04 pp	Decrease 4.38 pp
	219,031	33,630	75,020
	7.59%	1.17%	2.60%
<b>Party vote</b>	Increase 7.08 pp	Decrease 0.01 pp	Decrease 4.60 pp

Map of the general election. Electorate results are shown on the left, Māori electorate results in the centre, and the list members on the right.

## **Prime Minister before election**

[Jacinda Ardern](#)  
[Labour](#)

## **Subsequent Prime Minister**

[Jacinda Ardern](#)  
[Labour](#)

The **2020 New Zealand general election** was held after the currently elected [52nd New Zealand Parliament](#) is dissolved or expires. Prime Minister [Jacinda Ardern](#) announced the election date as Saturday 17 October 2020.<sup>[2]</sup>

In the last election, [Labour Party](#), led by Prime Minister [Jacinda Ardern](#), formed [a minority coalition government](#) with the [New Zealand First](#) party.<sup>[3]</sup>

[Incumbent](#) Prime Minister Ardern was re-elected with a Labour [landslide victory](#).<sup>[4]</sup>

## **Candidates**

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[Jacinda Ardern](#)  
([Labour Party](#)) from  
[Mount Albert](#)  
[Prime Minister](#)  
**[Jacinda Ardern](#)**  
([Labour Party](#))  
from [Mount Albert](#)
- [Opposition](#)  
[Leader Judith](#)  
[Collins](#)  
([National](#)  
[Party](#)) from  
[Papakura](#)  
[Opposition](#)  
[Leader](#)  
**[Judith](#)**  
**[Collins](#)**  
([National](#)  
[Party](#))  
from  
[Papakura](#)
- [Deputy Prime](#)  
[Minister Winston](#)  
[Peters \(NZ First\)](#)  
from [Northland](#)

[Deputy Prime Minister](#)  
**Winston Peters**  
([NZ First](#))  
from [Northland](#)

- [Members of Parliament](#)  
[James Shaw](#)  
and [Marama Davidson](#)  
([Green Party](#))  
for [List](#)  
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## Election changes

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Electorate boundaries for the next election are due to be redrawn in 2019, after the [2018 census](#) and Māori electoral option. This means that unless a [snap election](#) is called before 2019, the next general election will be the first to use boundaries based on the 2018 census.

## Opinion polling

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## Seat projections

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Party	2017 election result	Roy Morgan <sup>[5]</sup> 30 Oct - 12 Nov 2017 poll	1 News Colmar Brunton <sup>[6]</sup> 19-23 May 2018 poll	R 5 Jun
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<a href="#">National Party</a>	56	51	58	57
<a href="#">Labour Party</a>	46	49	55	54
<a href="#">New Zealand First</a>	9	6	0	0
<a href="#">Green Party</a>	8	13	6	8
<a href="#">ACT</a>	1	1	1	1
<b>Seats in Parliament</b>	<b>120</b>		120	120

<b>Overall result (majority)</b>	<b>National–NZ First (65)</b>			
	<b>Labour–Green–NZ First (63)</b>	<b>Labour–Green (62)</b>	<b>Labour–Green (61)</b>	<b>Labour (57)</b>

Note: Forecasted seats are currently calculated using the Electoral Commission's [MMP seat allocation calculator](#)

## Notes

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- a. <sup>↑</sup> In late October, after preliminary election results suggested that the only Māori Party seat in parliament would be the [Waiariki electorate](#), held by [Rawiri Waititi](#), the party confirmed Rawiri as its new co-leader, replacing [John Tamihere](#).<sup>[1]</sup>

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