

# Square Country Electoral Commission

## 2023 General Election – Statistical Report

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### 1. Executive Summary

The 2023 General Election in Square Country marked a notable increase in voter participation, with **64.2% of registered voters** casting ballots, up from **63.8% in 2019**. The Liberty Party retained power with **52.1% of the popular vote**, securing **15 seats** in the House of Representatives. The Freedoms Party maintained its position as the primary opposition with **34.2% of the vote** and **6 seats**. Minor parties, including the Green Party, Square Country First, and the Innovation Party, contributed to a diverse political landscape.

This report provides a detailed analysis of voter demographics, regional turnout, ballot validity, party performance, and legislative outcomes.

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### 2. Voter Participation

**Total Registered Voters:** 7,963,400  
**Votes Cast:** 5,116,200  
**Overall Turnout:** 64.2%

| Metric            | 2023      | 2019      | Change |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Registered Voters | 7,963,400 | 7,925,000 | +0.5%  |
| Votes Cast        | 5,116,200 | 4,653,900 | +9.9%  |

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|---------|-------|-------|---------|
| Turnout | 64.2% | 63.8% | +0.4 pp |
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**Observation:**  
The small increase in turnout was driven primarily by enhanced voter outreach programs, expanded early voting options, and a medium level of engagement among young and first-time voters (aged 18–25).

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### 3. Regional Voter Turnout

| Region               | Registered Voters | Votes Cast | Turnout (%) |
|----------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------|
| Northern Territories | 1,200,000         | 831,600    | 69.3%       |
| Square City District | 2,000,000         | 1,268,000  | 63.4%       |
| Eastlake District    | 1,500,000         | 945,000    | 63.0%       |
| Eastern Boundaries   | 1,100,000         | 642,400    | 58.4%       |
| Southern Regions     | 2,163,400         | 1,429,200  | 66.1%       |

**Observation:**

- Highest turnout was in the **Northern Territories** due to targeted local campaigns.
- The **Eastern Boundaries** lagged behind, reflecting challenges in voter mobilization in rural and geographically dispersed communities.

- Urban areas such as the **Square City District** had moderate turnout, with density and accessibility influencing participation.

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## 4. Ballot Validity

|  | Metric           | Value |
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|  | Valid Ballots    | 97.8% |
|  | Rejected Ballots | 2.2%  |

**Analysis:**

- Rejected ballots were primarily due to incorrect markings, blank submissions, or multiple selections.
- The low rejection rate demonstrates the effectiveness of public education and clarity of ballot design.

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## 5. Party Vote Share and Analysis

| Party                | Votes     | Percentage | Analysis   |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|--|
| Liberty Party (LIB)  | 4,247,921 | 52.1%      | Dominant across urban districts, particularly Square City District and Southern Regions. |
| Freedoms Party (FRE) | 2,786,449 | 34.2%      | Strong rural support; minor gains in traditionally Liberty-held areas.                   |

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| Green Party (GRE) | 839,273 | 10.3% | Concentrated in environmentally-conscious constituencies; slightly higher than 2019.  |
| Other Parties     | 279,757 | 3.4%  | Includes minor parties like Innovation Party, Square Country First, and independents. |

**Observation:**

The Liberty Party maintained a decisive lead, with significant urban support. The Freedoms Party remained strong in rural districts. Green Party influence was visible in targeted constituencies, while smaller parties captured a modest share of the vote.

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## 6. House of Representatives – Seat Allocation

| Party                | Seats Won | Change vs 2019 |
|----------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Liberty Party        | 15        | +1             |
| Freedoms Party       | 6         | -1             |
| Green Party          | 3         | +1             |
| Square Country First | 1         | -1             |
| Innovation Party     | 1         | 0              |

**Analysis:**

- The Liberty Party secured a majority of **15 seats**, maintaining governance without coalition reliance.
  - The Freedoms Party loosened its opposition position with minor losses.
  - Minor parties retained influence primarily in legislative committees.
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## 7. Demographic Insights

- **Youth Participation:** 18–25-year-olds accounted for 21% of votes cast, an increase from 16% in 2019.
  - **Gender Participation:** Turnout among women reached 65.5%, slightly higher than men (63.0%).
  - **Urban vs Rural:** Urban regions contributed 55% of total votes, while rural regions accounted for 45%.
  - **Early Voting:** 18% of total votes were cast before Election Day, up from 12% in 2019.
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## 8. Regional Party Performance Highlights

- **Northern Territories:** Liberty Party – 60% of votes; Freedoms Party – 28%
- **Square City District:** Liberty Party – 54%; Freedoms Party – 32%; Green Party – 12%
- **Eastlake District:** Liberty Party – 50%; Freedoms Party – 36%; Green Party – 10%
- **Eastern Boundaries:** Liberty Party – 46%; Freedoms Party – 40%
- **Southern Regions:** Liberty Party – 57%; Freedoms Party – 33%; Green Party – 8%

### Observation:

The Liberty Party's urban and southern dominance offset stronger rural opposition, enabling a comfortable overall majority.

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## 9. Observations and Trends

1. **Higher Turnout:** Targeted outreach, civic education, and early voting options contributed to overall increased participation.
  2. **Ballot Accuracy:** High validity rates reflect effective voter education programs.
  3. **Youth Engagement:** Significant improvement in first-time voter turnout, indicating long-term political engagement potential.
  4. **Party Shifts:** Minor gains for Freedoms and Green Parties suggest emerging trends in rural and environmentally conscious constituencies.
  5. **Election Timing:** 94% of results were reported within 24 hours, demonstrating efficient counting and reporting systems.
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## 10. Conclusion

The 2023 General Election in Square Country demonstrates a healthy and engaged democratic process. With **64.2% voter participation**, high ballot validity, and efficient reporting, the election underscores the continued importance of civic engagement programs. The Liberty Party retained governance, supported by strong urban and southern constituencies, while the Freedoms Party and minor parties contribute to a balanced opposition. Future electoral strategies should focus on enhancing rural turnout, sustaining youth engagement, and monitoring minor party influence.