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2024 Ghanaian general election

General elections will be held in Ghana on 7 December 2024 to elect the president and members of Parliament.^{[1][2]} Incumbent President Nana Akufo-Addo is term-limited and thus ineligible to run again.

Electoral system

The President of Ghana is elected using the two-round system, whilst the 275 members of Parliament are elected in single-member constituencies using first-past-the-post voting.^{[3][4]}

Eligible voters must be Ghanaian citizens who are at least 18 years old, although those declared insane are disenfranchised. Parliamentary candidates must be Ghanaian citizens at least 21 years old, and either be resident in their constituency or have lived there for at least five of the ten years prior to the election.^[5]

Primary elections

New Patriotic Party

The ruling New Patriotic Party opened its nomination period on 26 May 2023, and closed nominations on 24 June 2023. It selected its candidate at its National Congress on 4 November 2023.^[6] In the event more than five candidates filed to run in the primaries, the party would have called call a Special Congress on 26 August. Incumbent President Akufo-Addo said that members of his cabinet who sought to run for president should step down from their posts to focus on their campaigns, prompting a number of resignations.^{[7][8]}

Candidates

- Francis Addai-Nimoh, former Member of Parliament for Mampong

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Presidential election



Nominee

Mahamudu Bawumia

Party

NPP



John Mahama

NDC



Nominee

Alan John Kyerematen

Party

Movement for Change



Nana Kwame Bediako

The New Force

Incumbent President

Nana Akufo-Addo
NPP

Parliamentary election

All 275 seats in the Parliament of Ghana
138 seats needed for a majority

- Owusu Afriyie Akoto, immediate former Minister for Food and Agriculture^[9]
- Kennedy Agyapong, Member of Parliament for Assin Central^[10]
- Kwabena Agyapong, former Presidential Press Secretary and General Secretary of the New Patriotic Party^[10]
- Boakye Agyarko, immediate former Minister for Energy and Petroleum^[10]
- **Mahamudu Bawumia**, incumbent Vice-President of Ghana^{[10][11]}
- Joe Ghartey, former Attorney General^[10]
- Kofi Konadu Apraku, former Minister for Regional Cooperation
- Alan Kyeremanten, immediate former Minister for Trade and Industry^[10]
- Kwadwo Poku, businessman^[12]

Party	Leader	Current seats
<u>NPP</u>	<u>Nana Akufo-Addo</u>	137
<u>NDC</u>	<u>Asiedu Nketia</u>	137
<u>Independents</u>	–	1
Incumbent Speaker		
<u>Alban Bagbin</u>		
<u>NDC</u>		

Results

To reduce the number of candidates, the NPP held a Special Super Delegates Congress on 26 August 2023, which would select the top five candidates who would then go on to contest the final primary in November. Vice President Bawumia placed first, with 68% of the vote. To the surprise of many observers, "maverick" MP Kennedy Agyapong, running a campaign largely critical of the Akufo-Addo administration, placed second, edging out NPP veteran Alan Kyeremanten, who first ran for President in 2008. Owusu Afriyie Akoto placed fourth, while Francis Addai-Nimoh and Boakye Agyarko tied for fifth place, necessitating a run-off, which Addai-Nimoh won, rounding out the five final candidates for the primary.^[13] However, Kyeremanten announced that he would withdraw from the primary (later leaving the NPP entirely and launching his own third-party campaign), leaving four candidates.^[14]

Candidate	Votes	%
<u>Mahamudu Bawumia</u>	629	68.37
<u>Kennedy Agyapong</u>	132	14.35
<u>Alan Kyeremanten</u>	95	10.33
<u>Owusu Afriyie Akoto</u>	36	3.91
<u>Francis Addai-Nimoh</u>	9	0.98
<u>Boakye Agyarko</u>	9	0.98
<u>Kwabena Agyapong</u>	6	0.65
<u>Kwadwo Poku</u>	4	0.43
<u>Kofi Konadu Apraku</u>	0	0.00
Total	920	100.00

The NPP held its primary on 4 November 2023. Bawumia again won by a wide margin, confirming him as the NPP's nominee for the 2024 elections, although Agyapong placed in an ever stronger second relative to his performance in the Super Delegates' Congress.^[15]

Candidate	Votes	%
<u>Mahamudu Bawumia</u>	118,210	61.43
<u>Kennedy Agyapong</u>	71,991	37.41
<u>Owusu Afriyie Akoto</u>	1,459	0.76
<u>Francis Addai-Nimoh</u>	781	0.41
Total	192,441	100.00

Members of Parliament Retiring

The following MPs who have decided not to seek re-election and the Individuals who were elected to replace them:

S/N	Constituency	Outgoing MP	Parliamentary Candidate-Elect
1	Suame	Osei Kyei-Mensah-Bonsu	John Darko
2	Bekwai	Joe Osei Owusu	Ralph Poku-Adusei
3	Oforikrom	Emmanuel Marfo	Michael Kwesi Aidoo
4	Abuakwa South	Samuel Atta Akyea	Kinsley Agyeman
5	Okere	Dan Botwe	Daniel Nana Addo Kenneth
6	Essikado Ketan	Joe Ghartey	Charles Bissie
7	Assin Central	Kennedy Agyapong	Godfred Anti Anewu
8	Atiwa West	Kwasi Amoako-Atta	Lauretie Korkor Asante
9	Sefwi Wiaso	Dr. Kwaku Afriyie	Festus Bumakama Agyapong
10	Atwima Nwabiagya	Benito Owusu-Bio	Frank Yeboah
11	New Juaben North	Nana Kwasi Adjei Boateng	Nana Osei-Adjei
12	Afigya Kwabre South	William Owuraku Aidoo	Damata Ama Appianimaa Salam
13	Ahafo Ano South West	Johnson Adu	Elvis Osei Mensah Dapaah
14	Tema West	Carlos Ahenkorah	Dennis Amfo-Sefah
15	Ahafo Ano South East	Francis Manu-Adabor	Frederick Acheampong
16	Ahafo Ano North	Suleman Sanid	Eric Nana Agyemang-Prempeh
17	Ahanta West	Kojo Kum	Francis Eric Pobee
18	Kwabre East	Francis Oteng	Onyina-Acheampong Akwasi Gyamfi
19	Akuapem South	Osei Bonsu Amoah	Election pending

National Democratic Congress

The opposition National Democratic Congress opened its nomination period on 22 February 2023 and closed nominations on 22 March 2023. Candidates were required to post a GH¢500,000 filing fee and a GH¢30,000 nomination fee (women and disabled candidates were eligible for a 50% discount, but none ultimately applied). The NDC will select its candidate on 13 May 2023.^[16]

Candidates

- Kojo Bonsu, former Mayor of Kumasi^[17]
- Kwabena Duffuor, former Governor of the Bank of Ghana and Minister for Finance and Economic Planning^[17]
- Ernest Kobeah, businessman^[17]
- **John Mahama**, former President of Ghana (2012–2017)^[17]

Results

The NDC primary was held on 13 May 2023. Kobeah dropped out on 29 March and Duffuor dropped out the day before the election, claiming irregularities in the organization of the polls, leaving two candidates.^{[18][19]} Former President Mahama won nomination in an overwhelming landslide, winning nearly 99% of the vote, setting the stage for the fourth consecutive election in which he would be the NDC's flag-bearer.^[20] Bonsu called Mahama to concede and offer his support.^[21]

Candidate	Votes	%
<u>John Mahama</u>	297,603	98.94
<u>Kojo Bonsu</u>	3,181	1.06
<u>Kwabena Duffuor</u>	0	0.00
Total	300,784	100.00

Other parties

Movement For Change

On 25 September 2023, Alan John Kyeremanten formed the Movement For Change party to aspire for the 2024 Ghanaian general election as an independent presidential candidate for the presidential race after resigning from New Patriotic Party (NPP). Therefore he will be a presidential candidate for the 2024 Ghanaian general election.^{[22][23]}

New Force

On 7 January 2024, real estate developer Nana Kwame Bediako announced that he would run as the candidate for the New Force movement. This followed weeks of speculation during which the New Force teased its fielding of a "masked" candidate who was widely expected to be Bediako. The announcement, which was due to take place at Black Star Square, was postponed after the presidential administration pulled the permit for the rally, citing a "an unforeseen state event".^[24]

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