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FEDERAL ELECTION 2004 Results Guide

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2004

Key dates

Issue of writs	31 August 2004
Close of roll	7 September 2004
Close of nominations	16 September 2004
Declaration of nominations	17 September 2004
Election day	9 October 2004
Return of the writs	
House of Representatives	11 November 2004
Senate	
New South Wales	3 November 2004
Victoria	5 November 2004
Queensland	1 November 2004
Western Australia	5 November 2004
South Australia	2 November 2004
Tasmania	3 November 2004
Australian Capital Territory	11 November 2004
Northern Territory	11 November 2004

Enrolment

	2004	2001
NSW	4 329 115	4 227 937
VIC	3 309 800	3 234 874
QLD	2 475 611	2 336 698
WA	1 248 732	1 206 422
SA	1 051 923	1 039 025
TAS	342 809	331 675
ACT	227 541	221 184
NT	112 930	111 022
AUS	13 098 461	12 708 837

These figures show the number of people entitled to vote on election day. They comprise enrolment at the close of rolls with subsequent adjustments such as the removal of names of electors who died after the close of rolls.

State of the parties

House of Representatives	2004	2001
LP	74	68
NP	12	13
CLP	1	1
ALP	60	65
IND	3	3
Total	150	150

Senate	Elected 9 Oct 2004	Full Senate*
ALP	16	27
LP	17	33
NP	3	5
CLP	1	1
CLR	-	1
DEM	-	4
FFP	1	1
GRN	2	4
Total	40	76

*This column shows the number of seats each party will hold in the Senate from 1 July 2005.

Votes cast (%)

	2004	2001
House of Representatives		
ordinary votes	82.46	84.36
absent votes	6.03	6.22
provisional votes	0.73	0.67
pre-poll votes	5.81	4.79
postal votes	4.96	3.96
Informal voting		
House of Representatives	5.18	4.82
Senate	3.75	3.89
Turnout (House of Representatives)	94.32	94.85

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Senate 2004 results: state of the full Senate from 1 July 2005

Party	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
ALP	4	4	4	4	5	4	1	1	27
LP	4	5	5	6	6	6	1	-	33
NP	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	5
CLP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
CLR	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
DEM	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	4
FFP	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
GRN	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	4
Total	12	12	12	12	12	12	2	2	76

Senate results 1980-2004

Year	ALP	LP	NP	CLP	CLR	DEM	FFP	GRN	GWA	HAN	HAR	IND	NDP	VPG	Total
2004	16	17	3	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
	27	33	5	1	1	4	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	76
2001	13	17	2	1	1	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
	27	31	3	1	1	8	-	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	76
1998	17	15	1	1	-	4	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	40
	29	31	3	1	-	9	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	76
1996	14	17	2	1	-	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
	29	31	5	1	-	7	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	76
1993	17	15	3	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	40
	30	30	5	1	-	7	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	76
1990	15	16	2	1	-	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	40
	32	29	4	1	-	8	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	76
1987*	32	27	6	1	-	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	76
	32	27	6	1	-	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	76
1984	20	16	3	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	46
	34	27	5	1	-	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	76
1983*	30	23	4	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	64
	30	23	4	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	64
1980	15	13	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	34
	27	28	3	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	64

*The elections held in 1983 and 1987 were double dissolution elections.

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House of Representatives 2004 results

Party	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
LP	21	16	17	10	8	2	-	-	74
NP	6	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	12
ALP	21	19	6	5	3	3	2	1	60
CLP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
IND	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total	50	37	28	15	11	5	2	2	150

House of Representatives results 1980-2004

Year	ALP	LP	NP/CLP	IND	Total
2004	60	74	13	3	150
2001	65	68	14	3	150
1998	67	64	16	1	148
1996	49	75	19	5	148
1993	80	49	16	2	147
1990	78	55	14	1	148
1987	86	43	19	-	148
1984	82	45	21	-	148
1983	75	33	17	-	125
1980	51	54	20	-	125

Two-Party-Preferred figures 1993-2004 (%)

Year		NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	AUS
2004	ALP	48.1	49.0	42.9	44.6	45.6	54.2	61.5	52.1	47.3
	LP/NP	51.9	51.0	57.1	55.4	54.4	45.8	38.5	47.9	52.7
2001	ALP	48.3	52.1	45.1	48.4	45.9	57.7	61.1	52.5	49.1
	LP/NP	51.7	47.9	54.9	51.6	54.1	42.3	38.9	47.5	50.9
1998	ALP	51.5	53.5	47.0	49.5	46.9	57.3	62.4	50.6	51.0
	LP/NP	48.5	46.5	53.0	50.5	53.1	42.7	37.6	49.4	49.0
1996	ALP	47.4	50.3	39.8	44.0	42.7	51.6	55.5	49.6	46.4
	LP/NP	52.6	49.7	60.2	56.0	57.3	48.4	44.5	50.4	53.6
1993	ALP	54.4	51.8	48.4	46.0	47.3	54.7	61.2	55.3	51.4
	LP/NP	45.6	48.2	51.6	54.0	52.7	45.3	38.8	44.7	48.6

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The 20 most marginal seats

The following seats are the 20 most marginal seats across Australia based on the 2004 federal election results. The total number of marginal seats is 47 out of 150.

Division	Status	Two-Party-Preferred (%)	Sitting Member
Hindmarsh (SA)	Marginal Labor	50.06	Steve Georganas (ALP)
Kingston (SA)	Marginal Liberal	50.07	Kym Richardson (LP)
Swan (WA)	Marginal Labor	50.08	Kim Wilkie (ALP)
Richmond (NSW)	Marginal Labor	50.19	Justine Elliot (ALP)
Bonner* (QLD)	Marginal Liberal	50.51	Ross Vasta (LP)
Greenway (NSW)	Marginal Liberal	50.58	Louise Markus (LP)
Wakefield (SA)	Marginal Liberal	50.67	David Fawcett (LP)
Parramatta (NSW)	Marginal Labor	50.77	Julie Owens (ALP)
Cowan (WA)	Marginal Labor	50.78	Graham Edwards (ALP)
Makin (SA)	Marginal Liberal	50.93	Trish Draper (LP)
Bendigo (VIC)	Marginal Labor	50.96	Steve Gibbons (ALP)
Banks (NSW)	Marginal Labor	51.06	Daryl Melham (ALP)
Calare** (NSW)	Marginal Liberal	51.10	Peter Andren (IND)
Braddon (TAS)	Marginal Liberal	51.13	Mark Baker (LP)
Adelaide (SA)	Marginal Labor	51.33	Kate Ellis (ALP)
Isaacs (VIC)	Marginal Labor	51.48	Ann Corcoran (ALP)
Holt (VIC)	Marginal Labor	51.51	Anthony Byrne (ALP)
Hasluck (WA)	Marginal Liberal	51.82	Stuart Henry (LP)
Stirling (WA)	Marginal Liberal	52.04	Michael Keenan (LP)
Eden-Monaro (NSW)	Marginal Liberal	52.14	Gary Nairn (LP)

*The newly created seat of Bonner was first contested in 2004.

**At the 2004 federal election Calare was won by an Independent candidate, however for statistical purposes another count was conducted to determine the status of the seat on a two-party-preferred basis and those results were used in this table.

Seat Status

Seat status is generally based on the Two-Party-Preferred (TPP) figures from the last election. TPP figures indicate results where preferences have been distributed to the major sides of politics, the ALP and the Coalition (LP/NP).

By convention, when a party receives less than 56% of the vote the seat is classified as 'marginal', 56-60% is classified as 'fairly safe' and more than 60% is considered 'safe'.

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Seats where preferences decided the 2004 result

New South Wales (18)

Banks (ALP)
Barton (ALP)
Bennelong (LP)
Charlton (ALP)
Cunningham (ALP)
Dobell (LP)

Eden-Monaro (LP)
Greenway (LP)
Kingsford Smith (ALP)
Lindsay (LP)
Lowe (ALP)
Newcastle (ALP)

Page (NP)
Parramatta (ALP)
Richmond (ALP)
Shortland (ALP)
Sydney (ALP)
Wentworth (LP)

Victoria (11)

Ballarat (ALP)
Bendigo (ALP)
Bruce (ALP)
Chisholm (ALP)

Corio (ALP)
Gippsland (NP)
Holt (ALP)
Isaacs (ALP)

Jagajaga (ALP)
McMillan (LP)
Melbourne Ports (ALP)

Queensland (12)

Bonner (LP)
Brisbane (ALP)
Capricornia (ALP)
Dawson (NP)

Griffith (ALP)
Herbert (LP)
Hinkler (NP)
Kennedy (IND)

Lilley (ALP)
Moreton (LP)
Rankin (ALP)
Wide Bay (NP)

Western Australia (8)

Brand (ALP)
Cowan (ALP)
Fremantle (ALP)

Hasluck (LP)
Kalgoorlie (LP)
Perth (ALP)

Stirling (LP)
Swan (ALP)

South Australia (5)

Adelaide (ALP)
Hindmarsh (ALP)

Kingston (LP)
Makin (LP)

Wakefield (LP)

Tasmania (5)

Bass (LP)
Braddon (LP)

Denison (ALP)
Franklin (ALP)

Lyons (ALP)

Australian Capital Territory (1)

Canberra (ALP)

Northern Territory (1)

Solomon (CLP)

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Seats won outright in 2004

(where the winning candidate received 50% plus 1 of the first preference votes)

New South Wales (32)

Berowra (LP)	Gwydir (NP)	Parkes (NP)
Blaxland (ALP)	Hughes (LP)	Paterson (LP)
Bradfield (LP)	Hume (LP)	Prospect (ALP)
Calare (IND)	Hunter (ALP)	Reid (ALP)
Chifley (ALP)	Lyne (NP)	Riverina (NP)
Cook (LP)	Macarthur (LP)	Robertson (LP)
Cowper (NP)	Mackellar (LP)	Throsby (ALP)
Farrer (LP)	Macquarie (LP)	Warringah (LP)
Fowler (ALP)	Mitchell (LP)	Watson (ALP)
Gilmore (LP)	New England (IND)	Werriwa (ALP)
Grayndler (ALP)	North Sydney (LP)	

Victoria (26)

Aston (LP)	Goldstein (LP)	Maribyrnong (ALP)
Batman (ALP)	Gorton (ALP)	McEwen (LP)
Calwell (ALP)	Higgins (LP)	Melbourne (ALP)
Casey (LP)	Hotham (ALP)	Menzies (LP)
Corangamite (LP)	Indi (LP)	Murray (LP)
Deakin (LP)	Kooyong (LP)	Scullin (ALP)
Dunkley (LP)	La Trobe (LP)	Wannon (LP)
Flinders (LP)	Lalor (ALP)	Wills (ALP)
Gellibrand (ALP)	Mallee (NP)	

Queensland (16)

Blair (LP)	Forde (LP)	Moncrieff (LP)
Bowman (LP)	Groom (LP)	Oxley (ALP)
Dickson (LP)	Leichhardt (LP)	Petrie (LP)
Fadden (LP)	Longman (LP)	Ryan (LP)
Fairfax (LP)	Maranoa (NP)	
Fisher (LP)	McPherson (LP)	

Western Australia (7)

Canning (LP)	Moore (LP)	Tangney (LP)
Curtin (LP)	O'Connor (LP)	
Forrest (LP)	Pearce (LP)	

South Australia (6)

Barker (LP)	Grey (LP)	Port Adelaide (ALP)
Boothby (LP)	Mayo (LP)	Sturt (LP)

Australian Capital Territory (1)

Fraser (ALP)

Northern Territory (1)

Lingiari (ALP)

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Seats which changed parties at 2004 election

Division	Previous incumbent	Party	Successful candidate	Party
New South Wales (3)				
Greenway	Frank Mossfield	ALP	Louise Markus	LP
Parramatta	Ross Cameron	LP	Julie Owens	ALP
Richmond	Larry Anthony	NP	Justine Elliot	ALP
Victoria (1)				
McMillan	Christian Zahra	ALP	Russell Broadbent	LP
Queensland (1)				
Bowman	Con Sciacca	ALP	Andrew Laming	LP
Western Australia (2)				
Hasluck	Sharryn Jackson	ALP	Stuart Henry	LP
Stirling	Jann McFarlane	ALP	Michael Keenan	LP
South Australia (3)				
Adelaide	Trish Worth	LP	Kate Ellis	ALP
Hindmarsh	Chris Gallus	LP	Steve Georganas	ALP
Kingston	David Cox	ALP	Kym Richardson	LP
Tasmania (2)				
Bass	Michelle O'Byrne	ALP	Michael Ferguson	LP
Braddon	Sid Sidebottom	ALP	Mark Baker	LP

Please note that the above compares party representation immediately after the 2001 and 2004 elections. Results of any by-elections have been ignored.

Seats which changed leading candidate during 2004 count

(where the leader on first preferences lost after the full distribution of preferences)

Division	Leader on first preferences	Successful candidate
Parramatta (NSW)	Ross Cameron (LP)	Julie Owens (ALP)
Richmond (NSW)	Larry Anthony (NP)	Justine Elliot (ALP)
Adelaide (SA)	Trish Worth (LP)	Kate Ellis (ALP)
Hindmarsh (SA)	Simon Birmingham (LP)	Steve Georganas (ALP)
Bendigo (VIC)	Kevin Gibbins (LP)	Steve Gibbons (ALP)
Melbourne Ports (VIC)	David Southwick (LP)	Michael Danby (ALP)
Cowan (WA)	Luke Simpkins (LP)	Graham Edwards (ALP)
Swan (WA)	Andrew Peter Murfin (LP)	Kim Wilkie (ALP)

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Nominations by State/Territory 2001-2004

House of Representatives					Senate			
State/Territory	Seats	2004	Seats	2001	State/Territory	Seats	2004	2001
NSW	50	382	50	395	NSW	6	78	65
VIC	37	257	37	225	VIC	6	65	52
QLD	28	205	27	179	QLD	6	50	40
WA	15	124	15	116	WA	6	40	46
SA	11	76	12	71	SA	6	47	26
TAS	5	25	5	27	TAS	6	26	29
ACT	2	10	2	13	ACT	2	13	14
NT	2	12	2	13	NT	2	11	13
Female candidates		299		288	Female candidates		107	93
Male candidates		791		751	Male candidates		223	192
*Unknown		1		-	Total	40	330	285
Total	150	1 091	150	1 039				

Total number of registered political parties that fielded candidates	2004	2001
	51	49

*Details of gender were not provided.

Informal voting 1993-2004 (%)

House of Representatives						Senate				
State/Territory	2004	2001	1998	1996	1993	2004	2001	1998	1996	1993
NSW	6.1	5.4	4.0	3.6	3.1	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.8	2.7
VIC	4.1	4.0	3.5	2.9	2.8	5.1	5.6	3.8	3.6	3.1
QLD	5.2	4.8	3.3	2.6	2.6	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.3	2.0
WA	5.3	4.9	4.2	3.2	2.5	3.5	3.6	2.7	3.5	2.1
SA	5.6	5.5	4.5	4.1	4.1	3.5	3.1	2.8	3.3	2.3
TAS	3.6	3.4	3.1	2.4	2.7	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.2	2.6
ACT	3.4	3.5	2.9	2.8	3.4	2.5	2.3	2.0	2.5	1.6
NT	4.5	4.6	4.2	3.4	3.1	3.1	2.8	2.0	2.8	2.8
AUS	5.2	4.8	3.8	3.2	3.0	3.8	3.9	3.2	3.5	2.6

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House: Types of votes by State/Territory 2004 (%)

State/Territory	Ordinary	Absent	Provisional	Pre-poll	Postal
NSW	82.38	5.99	0.70	6.32	4.62
VIC	81.93	5.76	0.71	5.97	5.63
QLD	82.71	5.72	0.63	5.04	5.90
WA	81.82	8.82	1.13	4.84	3.39
SA	84.72	6.22	0.49	4.09	4.48
TAS	85.15	4.59	1.02	4.41	4.83
ACT	77.85	2.02	1.22	15.41	3.50
NT	82.75	2.18	1.24	10.56	3.27
AUS	82.46	6.03	0.73	5.81	4.96

House: Turnout 1980-2004 (%)

2004	Election	94.32
2001	Election	94.85
1998	Election	94.99
1996	Election	95.77
1993	Election	95.75
1990	Election	95.32
1987	Election	93.84
1984	Election and Referendum	94.17
1983	Election	94.64
1980	Election	94.35

Election costs 1993-2004

Year	Average cost per elector (GST exclusive) (\$)
2004	5.79
2001	5.09
1998	5.21
1996	5.08
1993	4.11

Please note that the above costs do not include public funding. For details on public funding payments made in respect of the 2004 election see Page 10.

Party abbreviations

ALP: Australian Labor Party; CLP: Northern Territory Country Liberal Party; CLR: Country Labor Party; DEM: Australian Democrats; FFP: Family First Party; GRN: Australian Greens; GWA: The Greens (WA) Inc; HAN: Pauline Hanson's One Nation; HAR: Tasmanian Independent Senator Brian Harradine Group; IND: Independent; LP: Liberal Party of Australia; NCP: National Country Party; NDP: Nuclear Disarmament Party; NP: National Party of Australia; VPG: Vallentine Peace Group.

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2004 election funding payments

Name	Amount
Liberal Party of Australia	\$17,956,326.48
Australian Labor Party	\$16,710,043.43
Australian Greens	\$3,316,702.48
National Party of Australia	\$2,966,531.27
Northern Territory Country Liberal Party	\$158,973.97
Family First Party	\$158,451.04
Pauline Hanson's One Nation	\$56,215.73
Australian Democrats	\$8,491.26
Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)	\$6,572.56
No Goods and Services Tax Party	\$5,995.20
Pauline Hanson	\$199,886.77
Antony (Tony) Windsor	\$89,562.59
Peter Andren	\$79,413.12
Robert (Bob) Katter	\$63,544.49
Peter King	\$25,730.39
Brian Deegan	\$24,449.31
Lars Hedberg	\$19,400.82
Graeme Campbell	\$12,935.18
Robert (Rob) Bryant	\$12,120.65
Robert Dunn	\$11,761.02
Margaret F Menzel	\$10,977.60
Darren Power	\$9,980.34
Bruce Haigh	\$7,381.25
Jeanette (Jen) Sackley	\$7,365.70
Samir (Sam) Bargshoon	\$7,346.26
Total election funding paid	\$41,926,158.91

Election dates 1980-2004

Election day	Government elected	Seats won	Total no. of seats
9 October 2004	LP/NP/CLP	87	150
10 November 2001	LP/NP/CLP	82	150
3 October 1998	LP/NP	80	148
2 March 1996	LP/NP/CLP	94	148
13 March 1993	ALP	80	147
24 March 1990	ALP	78	148
11 July 1987	ALP	86	148
1 December 1984	ALP	82	148
5 March 1983	ALP	75	125
18 October 1980	LP/NP/NCP	74	125

Key words

Absent vote

A vote cast by an elector out of their enrolled division but still within their home State/Territory on election day.

Divisions (electorates/seats)

Australia is divided into 150 voting districts known as divisions, electorates or seats. One member is elected from each Division to the House of Representatives.

Election funding

A candidate or Senate group is eligible for election funding if they obtain at least four per cent of the formal first preference vote in the division or the State/Territory they contested.

Informal vote

A vote cast in an election that has not been marked according to the rules of that election.

Ordinary vote

A vote cast at a polling place in the elector's enrolled division on election day.

Political party

Political parties can register with the AEC for federal elections. Registered parties are eligible to have the party affiliation of their candidates printed on ballot papers.

Postal and pre-poll votes

Votes cast before election day by post or at a pre-poll voting centre by electors who for various reasons are unable to attend a polling place in their home State/Territory on election day.

Provisional vote

A vote cast in circumstances where an elector's name cannot be found on the roll or has already been marked off the roll as having voted. They are not counted until a careful check of enrolment records has been made.

Roll

The list of electors eligible to vote at an election.

Two-candidate-preferred (TCP)

TCP figures show where preferences have been distributed to the final two candidates in an election.

Two-party-preferred (TPP)

TPP figures indicate results where preferences have been distributed to the two major sides of politics, the ALP and the Coalition (LP/NP). In most cases TPP is the same as TCP because the final two candidates are ALP and Coalition. However, in an independently held seat or where the final two candidates are not the ALP and Coalition, the TPP differs from the TCP.

Turnout

The percentage of enrolled electors who voted in an election or referendum.

2004 Election logistics

Polling facilities

Ordinary polling places

No. of ordinary polling places: 7 729

Mobile polling teams

No. of mobile polling teams who visited special hospitals: 445

No. of special hospitals visited: 2 107

No. of mobile polling teams who visited remote locations: 43

No. of remote locations visited: 382

No. of mobile polling teams who visited prisons: 17

No. of prisons visited: 21

Pre-poll centres

No. of pre-poll voting centres: 309

Overseas polling places

No. of overseas polling places: 100

Temporary staff

Approximate number of temporary staff who assisted in the conduct of the election: 67 000

No. of call centre operators trained to answer inquiries for the election: 450

Polling equipment

No. of ballot boxes: 45 505

No. of voting screens: 150 599

No. of recycling bins: 13 893

No. of tables: 6 875

No. of queuing signs: 10 462

Website

No. of hits on AEC election results site on election night: over 13.5 million

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