

National seat status

This fact sheet provides the seat status for all electoral divisions as a result of the 2019 Federal Election. It also includes the post-redistribution notional seat status for all divisions which have undergone redistributions since the 2019 Federal Election. Redistributions have occurred in Victoria and Western Australia.

How is seat status defined?

Each division (seat) is classified in terms of its seat status. Seat status is based on the two-party preferred (TPP) vote count undertaken at the previous federal election. TPP in each seat allocates preferences to Australian Labor Party (ALP) and Liberal/National Coalition (Coalition) candidates only.

As detailed below, a seat where the final two candidates does not comprise both an ALP and Coalition candidate is referred to as a 'non classic' seat and a two-candidate preferred (TCP) count is conducted.

The AEC classifies seats as follows:

- **marginal (M)**: when the leading party receives less than 56 per cent of the TPP vote
- **fairly safe (FS)**: when leading party receives between 56-60 per cent of the TPP vote
- **safe (S)**: when a leading party receives more than 60 per cent of the TPP vote.

Seats in the House of Representatives

The number of seats to be elected in the House of Representatives at the next federal election was determined by the Electoral Commissioner in [July 2020](#) using official population figures.

A total of 151 seats will again be contested at the next federal election. Since the previous federal election, Victoria's entitlement increased by one and Western Australia's entitlement decreased by one.

While the Northern Territory was initially determined to have decreased by one seat, [the passage of the Electoral Amendment \(Territory Representation\) Bill 2020](#) set aside that element of the July 2020 determination.

State/territory	Number of seats
New South Wales	47 seats
Victoria	39 seats
Queensland	30 seats
Western Australia	15 seats

South Australia	10 seats
Tasmania	5 seats
Australian Capital Territory	3 seats
Northern Territory	2 seats
TOTAL	151 seats

Notional seat status

Since the 2019 federal election, the boundaries of electoral divisions have been redrawn in Victoria and Western Australia.

After a redistribution, the AEC calculates the notional seat status for each electoral division in a redistributed state or territory. The notional seat status is the margin a party (candidate) would have won the seat by using 2019 federal election voting patterns and applying them to the redrawn boundaries.

These calculations will be used as the baseline in the AEC's tally room at the next federal election to enable the calculation of swings.

By-elections: *There have been two federal by-elections conducted since the 2019 federal election. By-election results are not reflected in this seat status document.*

'Non-classic' results

Historically, the majority of contests for election to the House of Representatives result in the 'final two' candidates being ALP and Coalition candidates.

At the 2019 federal election this was the case in 137 out of 151 seats. The remaining 14 seats are categorised by the AEC as 'non-classic'. *The Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (Electoral Act) provides for a TPP count to be conducted by the AEC in 'non-classic' seats for statistical purposes. This count notionally allocates votes to the leading ALP and Coalition party candidates using the next available preference on the ballot papers to show what the result would have been had these candidates been the two leading candidates.

Note: *All statistical information on pages 3-9 is expressed as TPP. TPP calculations for 'non-classic' seats are indicated by an **asterisk**.*

A separate table on page 10 provides TCP information for these 'non-classic' seats.

Two party preferred (TPP) margins

Note: The last column in the following tables lists the swing required to win or lose a seat. In each case an extra vote would be required to achieve a 50% +1 majority of TPP/TCP votes.

New South Wales					
Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected (2019)	Status	Swing required to win / lose seat
Banks	43.74	56.26	LP	FS	6.26
Barton	59.41	40.59	ALP	FS	9.41
Bennelong	43.09	56.91	LP	FS	6.91
Berowra	34.35	65.65	LP	S	15.65
Blaxland	64.72	35.28	ALP	S	14.72
Bradfield	33.44	66.56	LP	S	16.56
Calare	36.71	63.29	NP	S	13.29
Chifley	62.37	37.63	ALP	S	12.37
Cook	30.98	69.02	LP	S	19.02
Cowper	38.12	61.88	*	*	*
Cunningham	63.41	36.59	ALP	S	13.41
Dobell	51.50	48.50	ALP	M	1.50
Eden-Monaro #	50.85	49.15	ALP	M	0.85
Farrer	30.17	69.83	*	*	*
Fowler	63.99	36.01	ALP	S	13.99
Gilmore	52.61	47.39	ALP	M	2.61
Grayndler	73.83	26.17	*	*	*
Greenway	52.80	47.20	ALP	M	2.80
Hughes	40.15	59.85	LP	FS	9.85
Hume	37.01	62.99	LP	S	12.99
Hunter	52.98	47.02	ALP	M	2.98
Kingsford Smith	58.81	41.19	ALP	FS	8.81
Lindsay	44.96	55.04	LP	M	5.04
Lyne	34.83	65.17	NP	S	15.17
Macarthur	58.40	41.60	ALP	FS	8.40
Mackellar	36.78	63.22	LP	S	13.22

New South Wales					
Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected (2019)	Status	Swing required to win / lose seat
Macquarie	50.19	49.81	ALP	M	0.19
McMahon	56.64	43.36	ALP	FS	6.64
Mitchell	31.37	68.63	LP	S	18.63
New England	32.37	67.63	*	*	*
Newcastle	63.83	36.17	ALP	S	13.83
North Sydney	40.73	59.27	LP	FS	9.27
Page	40.55	59.45	NP	FS	9.45
Parkes	33.09	66.91	NP	S	16.91
Parramatta	53.50	46.50	ALP	M	3.50
Paterson	55.04	44.96	ALP	M	5.04
Reid	46.82	53.18	LP	M	3.18
Richmond	54.08	45.92	ALP	M	4.08
Riverina	30.52	69.48	NP	S	19.48
Robertson	45.76	54.24	LP	M	4.24
Shortland	54.45	45.55	ALP	M	4.45
Sydney	68.67	31.33	ALP	S	18.67
Warringah	47.88	52.12	*	*	*
Watson	63.52	36.48	ALP	S	13.52
Wentworth	40.15	59.85	*	*	*
Werriwa	55.47	44.53	ALP	M	5.47
Whitlam	60.91	39.09	ALP	S	10.91

* indicates non-classic seats.

The result for the 2020 Eden-Monaro by-election can be found at <https://results.aec.gov.au/25820/Website/HouseDivisionPage-25820-117.htm>

Victoria (notional post-redistribution margins)					
Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Notional party	Status	Swing required to win / lose seat
Aston	39.87	60.13	LP	S	10.13
Ballarat	60.24	39.76	ALP	S	10.24
Bendigo	58.85	41.15	ALP	FS	8.85

Victoria (notional post-redistribution margins)					
Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Notional party	Status	Swing required to win / lose seat
Bruce	57.28	42.72	ALP	FS	7.28
Calwell	69.62	30.38	ALP	S	19.62
Casey	45.38	54.62	LP	M	4.62
Chisholm	49.55	50.45	LP	M	0.45
Cooper	76.21	23.79	*	*	*
Corangamite	51.05	48.95	ALP	M	1.05
Corio	60.32	39.68	ALP	S	10.32
Deakin	45.31	54.69	LP	M	4.69
Dunkley	52.74	47.26	ALP	M	2.74
Flinders	44.36	55.64	LP	M	5.64
Fraser	68.05	31.95	ALP	S	18.05
Gellibrand	63.02	36.98	ALP	S	13.02
Gippsland	33.33	66.67	NP	S	16.67
Goldstein	42.21	57.79	LP	FS	7.79
Gorton	64.24	35.76	ALP	S	14.24
Hawke (New seat)	60.22	39.78	ALP	S	10.22
Higgins	47.39	52.61	LP	M	2.61
Holt	58.63	41.37	ALP	FS	8.63
Hotham	61.18	38.82	ALP	S	11.18
Indi	37.27	62.73	*	*	*
Isaacs	56.46	43.54	ALP	FS	6.46
Jagajaga	55.89	44.11	ALP	M	5.89
Kooyong	43.61	56.39	*	*	*
La Trobe	44.87	55.13	LP	M	5.13
Lalor	62.46	37.54	ALP	S	12.46
Macnamara	54.91	45.09	ALP	M	4.91
Mallee	34.32	65.68	NP	S	15.68
Maribyrnong	60.31	39.69	ALP	S	10.31

Victoria (notional post-redistribution margins)

Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Notional party	Status	Swing required to win / lose seat
McEwen	55.28	44.72	ALP	M	5.28
Melbourne	67.80	32.20	*	*	*
Menzies	42.98	57.02	LP	FS	7.02
Monash	43.14	56.86	LP	FS	6.86
Nicholls	29.97	70.03	NP	S	20.03
Scullin	71.66	28.34	ALP	S	21.66
Wannon	39.83	60.17	LP	S	10.17
Wills	75.71	24.29	*	*	*

* indicates non-classic seats.

Note: Margins for the 38 Victorian seats at the 2019 federal election (pre-redistribution) are available at <https://results.aec.gov.au/24310/Website/HouseDivisionMenu-24310-VIC.htm>.

Queensland

Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected (2019)	Status	Swing required to win / lose seat
Blair	51.21	48.79	ALP	M	1.21
Bonner	42.59	57.41	LNP	FS	7.41
Bowman	39.76	60.24	LNP	S	10.24
Brisbane	45.08	54.92	LNP	M	4.92
Capricornia	37.65	62.35	LNP	S	12.35
Dawson	35.39	64.61	LNP	S	14.61
Dickson	45.36	54.64	LNP	M	4.64
Fadden	35.82	64.18	LNP	S	14.18
Fairfax	36.56	63.44	LNP	S	13.44
Fisher	37.30	62.70	LNP	S	12.70
Flynn	41.34	58.66	LNP	FS	8.66
Forde	41.40	58.60	LNP	FS	8.60
Griffith	52.86	47.14	ALP	M	2.86
Groom #	29.52	70.48	LNP	S	20.48
Herbert	41.64	58.36	LNP	FS	8.36

Queensland					
Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected (2019)	Status	Swing required to win / lose seat
Hinkler	35.50	64.50	LNP	S	14.50
Kennedy	35.49	64.51	*	*	*
Leichhardt	45.83	54.17	LNP	M	4.17
Lilley	50.64	49.36	ALP	M	0.64
Longman	46.72	53.28	LNP	M	3.28
Maranoa	27.51	72.49	LNP	S	22.49
McPherson	37.80	62.20	LNP	S	12.20
Moncrieff	34.64	65.36	LNP	S	15.36
Moreton	51.90	48.10	ALP	M	1.90
Oxley	56.39	43.61	ALP	FS	6.39
Petrie	41.60	58.40	LNP	FS	8.40
Rankin	56.44	43.56	ALP	FS	6.44
Ryan	43.97	56.03	LNP	FS	6.03
Wide Bay	36.85	63.15	LNP	S	13.15
Wright	35.42	64.58	LNP	S	14.58

* indicates non-classic seats.

The result of the 2020 Groom by-election can be found at <https://results.aec.gov.au/25881/Website/HouseDivisionPage-25881-164.htm>

Western Australia					
Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Notional party	Status	Swing required to win / lose seat
Brand	56.66	43.34	ALP	FS	6.66
Burt	55.50	44.50	ALP	M	5.50
Canning	38.44	61.56	LP	S	11.56
Cowan	50.86	49.14	ALP	M	0.86
Curtin	36.05	63.95	LP	S	13.95
Durack	36.51	63.49	LP	S	13.49
Forrest	35.42	64.58	LP	S	14.58
Fremantle	56.92	43.08	ALP	FS	6.92
Hasluck	44.11	55.89	LP	M	5.89

Western Australia					
Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Notional party	Status	Swing required to win / lose seat
Moore	38.38	61.62	LP	S	11.62
O'Connor	34.59	65.41	LP	S	15.41
Pearce	44.81	55.19	LP	M	5.19
Perth	53.23	46.77	ALP	M	3.23
Swan	46.78	53.22	LP	M	3.22
Tangney	40.50	59.50	LP	FS	9.50

South Australia					
Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected (2019)	Status	Swing required to win / lose seat
Adelaide	58.18	41.82	ALP	FS	8.18
Barker	31.06	68.94	LP	S	18.94
Boothby	48.62	51.38	LP	M	1.38
Grey	36.68	63.32	LP	S	13.32
Hindmarsh	56.54	43.46	ALP	FS	6.54
Kingston	61.94	38.06	ALP	S	11.94
Makin	59.72	40.28	ALP	FS	9.72
Mayo	47.46	52.54	*	*	*
Spence	64.13	35.87	ALP	S	14.13
Sturt	43.13	56.87	LP	FS	6.87

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Tasmania					
Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected (2019)	Status	Swing required to win / lose seat
Bass	49.59	50.41	LP	M	0.41
Braddon	46.91	53.09	LP	M	3.09
Clark	66.17	33.83	*	*	*
Franklin	62.21	37.79	ALP	S	12.21
Lyons	55.18	44.82	ALP	M	5.18

* indicates non-classic seats.

Australian Capital Territory					
Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected (2019)	Status	Swing required to win / lose seat
Bean	57.52	42.48	ALP	FS	7.52
Canberra	67.08	32.92	ALP	S	17.08
Fenner	60.56	39.44	ALP	S	10.56

Northern Territory					
Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected (2019)	Status	Swing required to win / lose seat
Lingiari	55.46	44.54	ALP	M	5.46
Solomon	53.08	46.92	ALP	M	3.08

'Non-classic' seats

Two candidate preferred (TCP) margins

At the 2019 federal election there were 14 seats where the final two candidates did not comprise of both the ALP and the Coalition. These seats are commonly referred to as 'non-classic' contests.

State	Electorate	Leading party	TCP	Other party	TCP	Status	Swing required to win / lose seat
NSW	Cowper	NP	56.79	IND	43.21	FS	6.79
	Farrer	LP	60.94	IND	39.06	S	10.94
	Grayndler	ALP	66.30	GRN	33.70	S	16.30
	New England	NP	64.36	IND	35.64	S	16.36
	Warringah	IND	57.24	LP	42.76	FS	7.24
	Wentworth	LP	51.31	IND	48.69	M	1.31
VIC	Cooper	ALP	64.83	GRN	35.17	S	14.83
	Indi	IND	51.39	LP	48.61	M	1.39
	Kooyong	LP	55.42	GRN	44.58	M	5.42
	Melbourne	GRN	72.60	LP	27.40	S	22.60
	Wills	ALP	58.47	GRN	41.53	FS	8.47
QLD	Kennedy	KAP	63.33	LNP	36.67	S	13.33
SA	Mayo	Centre Alliance	55.14	LP	44.86	M	5.14
TAS	Clark	IND	72.12	ALP	27.88	S	22.12

Note: The status of non-classic seats in Victoria are notional post-redistribution statistics.

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