



# GENERAL ELECTION 2020

## A STATISTICAL PROFILE

### MAIN TAKEAWAYS

Compared to GE2016, the main changes are:

**Sinn Féin** got the most first preference votes (FPV) in this election (24.5%, +10.7pp) and won 37 seats (the second highest), a gain of 14 seats (+61%). The party is now the second largest in terms of Dáil representation.

The **Green Party** got 7.1% of FPVs (+4.4pp) and won 12 seats, a gain of 10 seats (+500%).

**Fianna Fáil** got 22.2% of FPVs (-2.1pp) and won 38 seats, a gain of 6 seats (-13.6%). The party is now the largest in terms of Dáil representation.

**Fine Gael** got 20.9% of FPVs (-4.6pp) and 35 seats, a loss of 15 seats (-30%). The party is now the third largest in terms of Dáil representation (at 36 seats).

The **Social Democrats** doubled their representation from 3 to 6 TDs (+100%) with a slight decrease in its FPV (-0.1pp).

**Independents and Others** combined got the fourth highest FPV and won 19 seats in all (no change).

#### Glossary

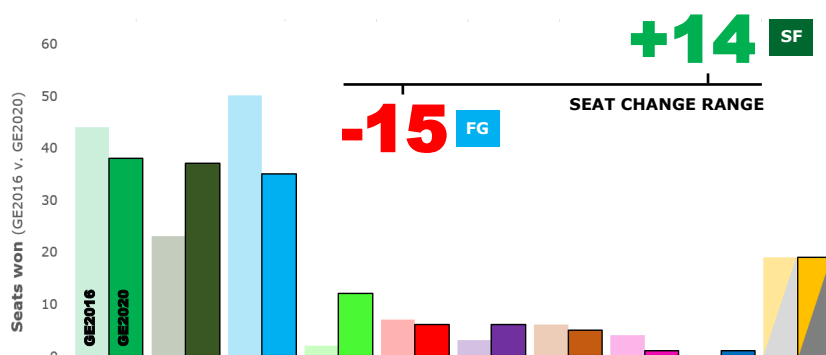
<b>FPV</b>	First preference vote
<b>pp</b>	Percentage point

### TDs ELECTED

GE2020 compared to GE2016



	FF	SF	FG	GP	Lab	SD	PBP-AAA / Sol.	I4C	Aontú	IND	OTH.
<b>GE2016</b>	44	23	50	2	7	3	6	4	-	19	158
<b>FPV %</b>	24.3	13.8	25.5	2.7	6.6	3.0	3.9	1.5	-	18.5	100
<b>GE2020</b>	38	37	35	12	6	6	5	1	1	19	160
<b>FPV %</b>	22.2	24.5	20.9	7.1	4.4	2.9	2.6	0.4	1.9	13.1	100
<b>Change</b>											
<b>TDs (%)</b>	-13.6	+60.9	-30.0	+500	-14.3	+100	-16.7	-75	NEW	NC	
<b>FPV (pp)</b>	-2.1	+10.7	-4.6	+4.4	-2.2	-0.1	-1.3	-1.1	NEW	-5.4	

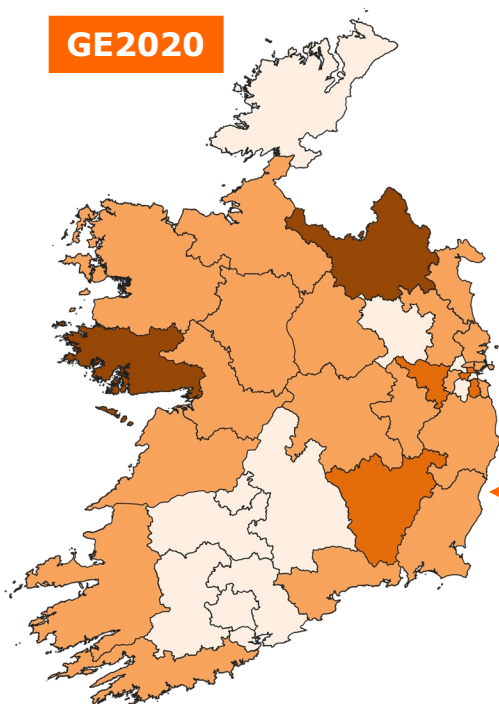


### MAIN TAKEAWAYS

The number of female TDs elected has risen marginally (by 1) to 36.

The number of constituencies with **no female TD** has fallen from 21 (GE2011) to 12 (GE2020).

#### GE2020



### FEMALE REPRESENTATION

Female TDs elected by constituency



**36**

Female TDs elected (of 160)

**+1** Compared to GE2016 (35 TDs of 158)

**22.5%**

of total TDs elected

**+0.3pp** Compared to GE2020 (22.2%)

No. of constituencies with:	GE2020	GE2016	GE2011
0 female TDs	12	16	21
1 female TD	20	14	19
2 female TDs	5	9	3
3 female TDs	2	1	0
	39	40	43

#### Female candidates

	Candidates	Female	%
GE2020	530	162	30.6
GE2016	551	162	29.4
GE2011	566	86	15.2

Sources: [womenforelection.ie](http://womenforelection.ie) (GE2020), Prof. Michael Gallagher, TCD [webpage](http://webpage) (GE2016) and Claire McSing, NUIM (GE2011).

#### Female TDs elected (by party/group)

	TDs Elected	Female TDs Elected	% Female TDs
I4C	1	1	100.0
SocDem	6	4	66.7
SF	37	13	35.1
IND.	19	4	21.1
SOL-PBP	5	1	20.0
FG	35	6	17.1
GP	12	2	16.7
FF	38	5	13.2
LAB	6	0	0
Aontú	1	0	0
	160	36	

Sources: L&RS analysis based on RTE's GE2016 and GE2020 results Portals and L&RS election maps and analysis for GE2011 and GE2016.



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**SF** **Sinn Féin** got the highest combined FPV share in 15 constituencies (+12 compared to GE2016).

**FF** **Fianna Fáil** got the highest combined FPV share in 11 constituencies (-3 compared to GE2016).

**FG** **Fine Gael** got the highest combined FPV share in 8 constituencies (-10 compared to GE2016).

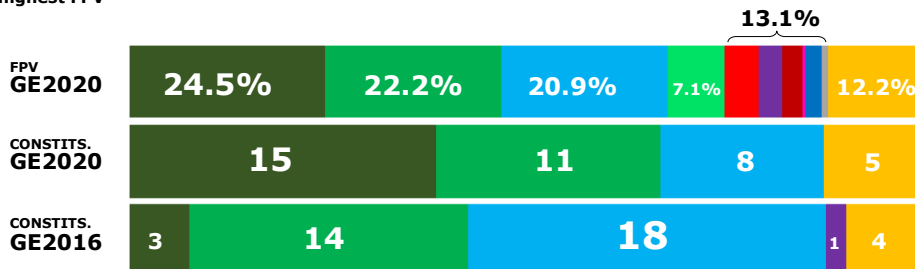
**IND** **Independents** got the highest combined FPV vote share in 5 constituencies (Cork South-West, Galway West, Kerry, Roscommon-Galway, Tipperary) (+1 compared to GE2016).

**SD** Though the **Social Democrats** got the highest FPV vote in 1 constituency in GE2016 (Dublin North-West), Sinn Féin got the highest vote there in GE2020.

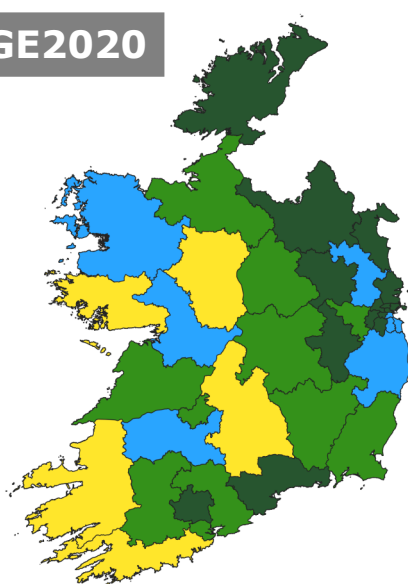
	GE2020 FPV	GE2020 CONSTIT.	GE2016 CONSTIT.
SF	24.5%	15	3
FF	22.2%	11	14
FG	20.9%	8	18
Ind.	12.2%	5	4
GP	7.1%	-	-
Labour	4.4%	-	-
SocDem	2.9%	-	1
SOL-PBP	2.6%	-	-
Aontú	1.9%	-	-
Other	0.9%	-	-
I4C	0.4%	-	-
		39	40

### HIGHEST FIRST PREFERENCE VOTE (FPV) SHARE in each constituency

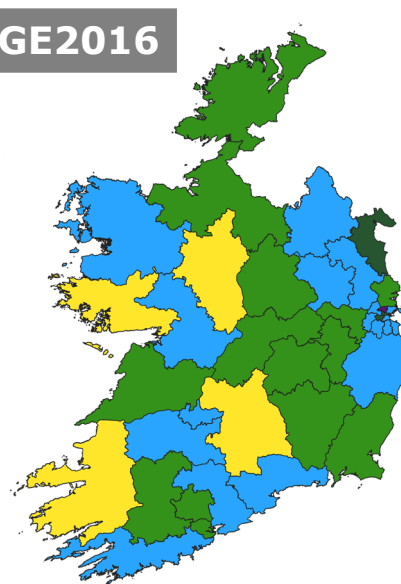
Highest FPV share nationally and number/percentage of constituencies where party/group got highest FPV



### GE2020



### GE2016



### MAIN TAKEAWAYS

Overall, voter turnout across the State was down compared to GE2016 (by 2.2 percentage points).

In GE2020, turnout was **highest** in the constituencies of Wicklow (70.9%), Kerry (66.9%) and Wexford (66.9%).

Turnout was **lowest** in predominately urban constituencies with the lowest turnouts recorded in Dublin Central (51.2%), Dublin Bay South (52.1%) and Dublin South-Central (55.1%).

# 62.9%

State overall turnout

**-2.2pp**

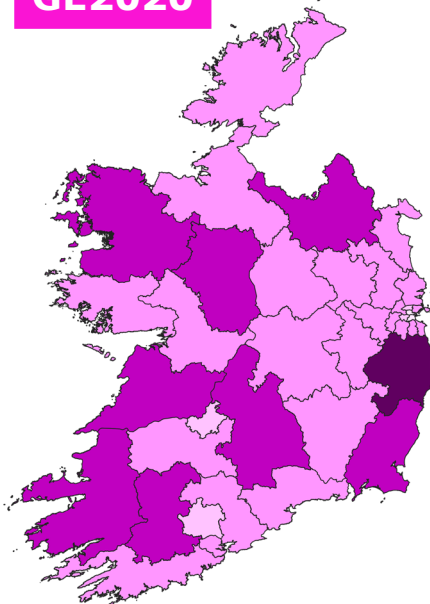
Compared to GE2016  
(65.1%)

Rank (of 39)	Constituency	Turnout (%)
1	Wicklow	70.9
2	Kerry	66.9
3	Wexford	66.9
37	Dublin South-Central	55.1
38	Dublin Bay South	52.1
39	Dublin Central	51.2
-	State	62.9

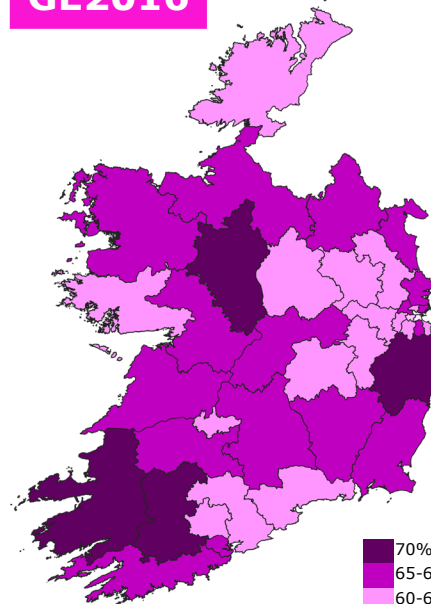
**Note:** Turnout is the number of valid votes expressed as a percentage of the eligible (registered) electorate. An accurate measure of turnout depends on the accuracy of the electoral register. See [here](#) for more.

### TURNOUT in each constituency

### GE2020



### GE2016



70%+  
65-69.9%  
60-64.9%  
55-59.9%  
<54.9%