

Syrian Arab Republic

People's Assembly

Political system
Transitional system

Structure of parliament
Unicameral

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Election results

Data on parliamentary elections, including the background, candidates, voter turnout, results and the formation of the new legislature. By default the latest election results are displayed. Select a date to view results from previous elections



Background

Election date(s)

19.07.2020

Timing of election

Delayed elections

Expected date of next elections

30.06.2024

Scope of elections

Full renewal

Candidates

Total number of candidates

1,656

Number of male candidates

1,456

Number of female candidates

200

Percentage of women candidates

12.08%

Results

About the election

The National Unity (see note), led by President Bashar al-Assad's Baath Arab Party, took a total of 183 seats in the 250-member People's Assembly. According to the Higher Judicial Committee for elections, which did not announce the number of eligible voters, turnout was 33.17 per cent, down from 57.56 per cent recorded in 2016. In all, 28 women were elected, down from 33 in 2016. The new legislature, which convened on 10 August, re-elected as Speaker Mr. Hammouda Sabbagh (Baath Arab Party), serving in the post since 2017.

The 2020 elections were the third to be held since the 2011 uprising and ensuing civil war. According to the state news agency, more than 7,000 polling stations were set up across about 70 per cent of the country where the government maintains control. As was the case in 2012 and 2016, the major opposition parties boycotted the 2020 elections. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 elections were postponed twice – from 13 April to 20 May then to 19 July. During election campaigning, many candidates pledged to revive the country's economy, tackle inflation and rebuild the infrastructure destroyed by the civil war.

Note:

All the nine parties which won parliamentary representation in 2020 belong to the National Unity while 67 remaining seats went to independent candidates.

Parties or coalitions winning seats

Political group	Total
Baath Arab Party	167
Syrian Socialist Nationalist Party	3
Socialist Union Party	3
Socialist Unionist Party	2
Syrian Communist Party	2
Syrian Communist Party (Unified)	2
National Covenant Party	2
Arab Democratic Union	1
Democratic Socialist Unionist Party	1
Independents	67

Members elected, by sex

Number of men elected	222
Number of women elected	28

Sources

People's Assembly (22.08.2020)

<http://sana.sy/en/>

BBC Monitoring

<https://www.aljazeera.com>

<https://www.dw.com>

<https://www.euronews.com>

Women Directly Elected

28

New legislature

Total number of men after the election

222

Total number of women after the election

28

Date of the first session

10.08.2020

First Speaker of the new legislature

First Speaker of the new legislature

Hammouda Sabbagh (Male)

Political party

Baath Arab Party

Date of election

11.08.2020



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