





Ghana

Parliament

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| Political system | ? | Presidential system |  |
| Structure of parliament | ? | Unicameral |  |
| IPU membership | ? | Yes |   |

 Share

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

| | | |
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| Election date(s) | ? | 07 Dec 2016 |
| Date of dissolution of the outgoing legislature | ? | 06 Jan 2017 |
| Timing of election | ? | Upon normal expiry |
| Number of seats at stake | ? | 275 |
| Scope of elections | ? | Full renewal |

Candidates

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|--------------------------------|---|-------|
| Total number of candidates | ? | 1,158 |
| Number of male candidates | ? | 1,021 |
| Number of female candidates | ? | 137 |
| Percentage of women candidates | ? | 11.8% |

Voter turnout



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|-------------------|---|------------|
| Registered voters | ? | 15,712,499 |
| Voters | ? | 10,781,917 |
| Voter turnout | ? | 68.6% |

Results

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| About the election | ? | The New Patriotic Party (NPP), led by Mr. Nana Akufo-Addo, won both the parliamentary and presidential elections, thereby regaining power after eight years in opposition. President John Dramani Mahama of the National Democratic Congress (NDC), who was seeking a second term in office, conceded defeat, heralding another peaceful transmission of power in Ghana. The 2016 elections were held amid an economic slowdown, triggered by a fall in the value of the country's commodity exports, such as gold, oil and cocoa. During the election campaign, the major parties focused on the economy, promising to create more jobs, provide better infrastructure and development projects. |
| Number of parties winning seats | ? | 2 |
| Percentage of seats won by largest party or coalition | ? | 61.5% |
| Alternation of power after elections | ? | Yes |
| Number of parties in government | ? | 1 |
| Names of parties in government | ? | New Patriotic Party (NPP) |

Parties or coalitions winning seats

| Political group | Total |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| New Patriotic Party (NPP) | 169 |
| National Democratic Congress (NDC) | 106 |

Members elected, by sex

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| Number of men elected | 240 |
| Number of women elected | 35 |
| Percentage of women elected | <div>?</div> 12.7% |
| Women Directly Elected | 35 |
| Other notes on the elections | After a general election, the majority party nominates the Speaker in consultation with the other parties. Mr. Aaron Mike Ocquaye is not a Member of Parliament and will not become a Member through being elected Speaker. Mr. Ocquaye replaced Mr. Edward Doe Adjaho, who was a Member of Parliament before becoming Speaker. |
| Sources | Parliament (11.01.2017, 18.01.2017) Electoral Commission GhanaWeb International Foundation for Electoral Systems Ghana news Agency |



New legislature

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| Total number of men after the election | ? | 240 |
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| Total number of women after the election |  | 35 |
| Percentage of women after the election |  | 12.7% |
| First-term parliamentarians |  | No information available |
| Percentage of first-term parliamentarians |  | No information available |
| Date of the first session |  | 07 Jan 2017 |

First Speaker of the new legislature

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| Personal details for the first Speaker of the new legislature | | Mike Aaron Ocquaye (Male) Date of birth: 1944 |
| Political party |  | New Patriotic Party (NPP) |
| Date of election |  | 07 Jan 2017 |

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