

PEOPLE IN ARMENIA HAVE SPOKEN

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The members of the National Assembly (parliament) are elected by party-list proportional representation. Seats are allocated using a threshold of 5% for parties and 7% for multi-party alliances. Three political forces will pass into parliament: My Step Alliance-«Իմ Ժայռը» դաշինք led by Nikol Pashinyan (70.43%), Prosperous Armenia-Բարգավաճ Հայաստան of Gagik Tsarukyan (8.27%) and Bright Armenia-Լուսավոր Հայաստան led by Edmon Marukyan (6.37%). The

Republican Party-Հանրապետական Կուսակցություն (4.7%) and the Armenian Revolutionary Federation-ՀՅԴ (3.89%) are left out of the National Assembly.

Voters casted their choice for a party at the national level and also gave a preference vote to any of the candidates for the same party in a district list. Seats will be allocated to parties using their national share of the vote, with half awarded to those on the national list and half to those who receive the most preference votes on the district lists. Four seats are reserved for national minorities (Assyrians, Kurds, Russians and Yazidis) with parties having separate lists for the four groups. A gender quota requires at least 25% of a list to be male or female, and nationwide lists can't include more than three consecutive members of the same gender.

Prior to the elections, on 22 October, the government led by Nikol Pashinyan submitted a bill to the National Assembly proposing modifications to the electoral system. These included lowering the thresholds for parties and electoral alliances to 4% and 6%, respectively, minimum representation of four political forces in the parliament (provided the fourth strongest receives at least 2% of the votes), abolishment of open lists of candidates from 13 regional constituencies leaving only nationwide closed lists and introduction of TV debates. The bill sought to raise the minimum representation of each gender from 25% to 30% of the seats on a party list. Most members of the Republican Party (RPA) boycotted the vote. RPA deputy chairman Armen Ashotyan insisted that the electoral system must not be changed less than two months before the elections, as this would amount to "building democracy in the country with undemocratic methods". The government submitted the bill to parliament a second time on 29 October. Once again, the bill failed to receive enough votes, and as a result the election took place according to the old legislation created by the RPA-era government.



List of participating parties and alliances

| Party | Leader | Political Position | Votes | % |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|---------|-------|
| My Step Alliance «Իմ Թայմը» դաշինք | Nikol Pashinyan | Centrist | 884,456 | 70.43 |
| Prosperous Armenia Բարգավաճ Հայաստան | Gagik Tsarukyan | Centre-right | 103,824 | 8.27 |
| Bright Armenia Լուսավոր Հայաստան | Edmon Marukyan | Centre to centre-right | 80,024 | 6.37 |
| Republican Party Հանրապետական Կուսակցություն | Serzh Sargsyan | Right | 59,059 | 4.7 |
| Armenian Revolutionary Federation ՀՅԴ | Hrant Markarian | Left | 48,811 | 3.89 |

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| We Alliance (Free Democrats & Hanrapetutyun) | Khachatur Kokobelyan | Centre | 25,174 | 2.01 |
| | Aram Sargsyan | Centre to centre-right | | |
| Sasna Tsrer Pan-Armenian Party Սասնա ծռեր | Varuzhan Avetisian | Right-wing | 22,862 | 1.82 |
| Rule of Law Օրինաց երկիր | Artur Baghdasaryan | Centre-right | 12,389 | 0.99 |
| Citizen's Decision Զաղաքացու որոշում | Suren Sahakyan | Center-left to left | 8,530 | 0.68 |
| Christian-Democratic Rebirth Party | Levon Shirinyan | Armenian Church & Democratic principles | 6,456 | 0.51 |
| National Progress Party Ազգային Առաջընթաց | | Centre Right | 4,122 | 0.33 |
| Invalid/blank votes | | | 5,133 | |
| Total | | | 1,260,840 | 100 |
| Registered voters | | | 2,573,579 | 48.63 |
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