



# Election Fact Sheet: 2024 General Election



## THE 2024 ELECTION

**Election Date:** 5 May 2024

**Incumbent Head of State:**

President Laurentino Cortizo

**Incumbent Head of Government:**

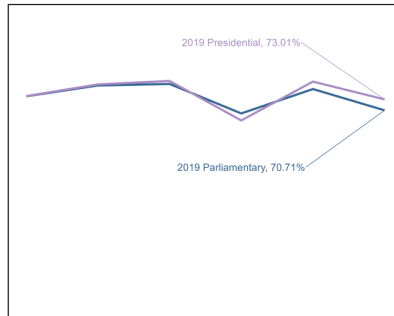
President Laurentino Cortizo (since 2019)

**Incumbent Head of Government Party:**

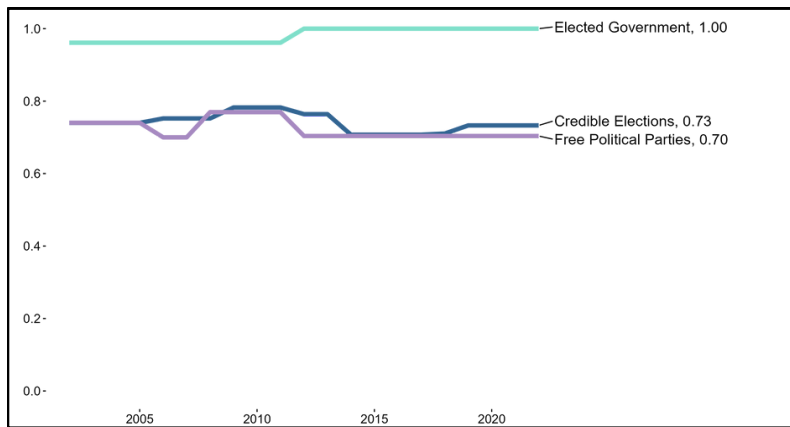
Democratic Revolutionary Party

**Compulsory voting?** Yes

## PAST VOTER TURNOUT



## Global State of Democracy Indices data 2002 - 2022



## ELECTORAL PROCESS

**Selection Process for Head of State:**

Direct election (plurality)

**Voter registration:**

Created by the EMB using its own data collection and/or other sources of data

**Out-of-Country Voting:**

Yes

**Special Voting Arrangements:**

Early voting



## WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION

**Legislated gender quotas?**

Single/lower house: Yes

Upper house: Not applicable

**Proportion of women in legislature (2019):**

16 of 71 seats (22.5%)

## Latest Democracy Developments

**February 2024**

Former President Martinelli sentenced to 10 years for money laundering



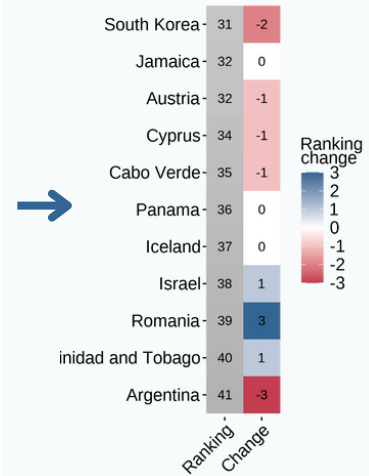
**November 2023**

Supreme Court strikes down controversial mining contract



## Global Ranking in Representation

The Representation category comprises six factors to measure contested and inclusive elections, including Credible Elections, Free Political Parties and Elected Government.



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Note: Based on 2022 data, showing ranking change over 1 year. See the full country rankings.

## Additional Resources

[Electoral Tribunal of Panama \(TE\)](#)

[The ACE Electoral Knowledge Network](#)

[International IDEA News: Protecting electoral integrity: International IDEA presents the global project "Protecting Elections" in Panama](#)

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