



Pre-Election Fact Sheet: 2024 General Election

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South Africa



THE 2024 ELECTION

Election Date: 29 May 2024

Incumbent Head of State:

President Cyril Ramaphosa

Incumbent Head of Government:

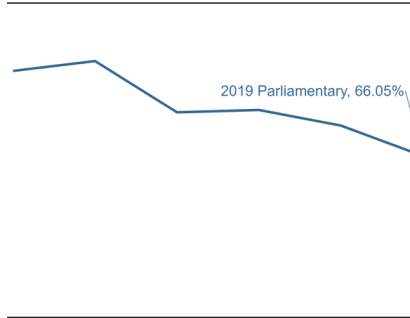
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Incumbent Head of Government Party:

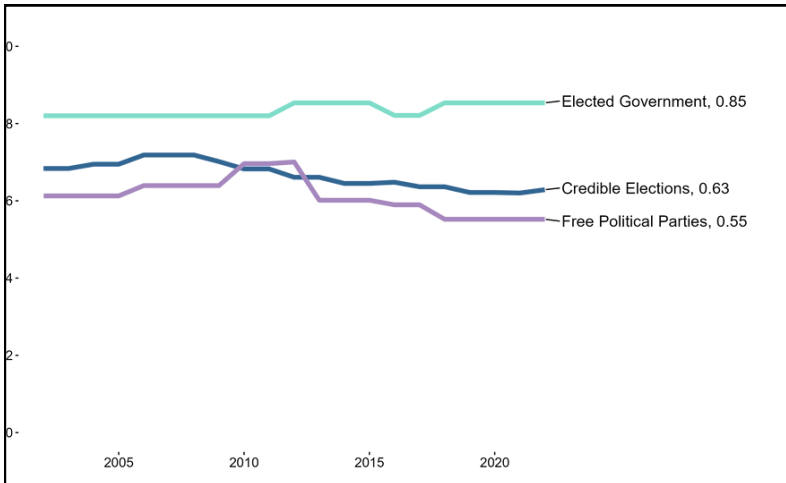
African National Congress

Compulsory voting? No

PAST VOTER TURNOUT



Global State of Democracy Indices data 2002 - 2022



ELECTORAL PROCESS

Selection Process for Head of State:

Indirect election (assembly)

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 (limited), mobile ballot box (limited)



WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION

Legislated gender quotas?

Single/Lower house: No

Upper house: No

Proportion of women in legislature (2019):

Single/lower house: 182 of 394 seats (46.2%)

Upper house: 24 of 54 seats (44.4%)

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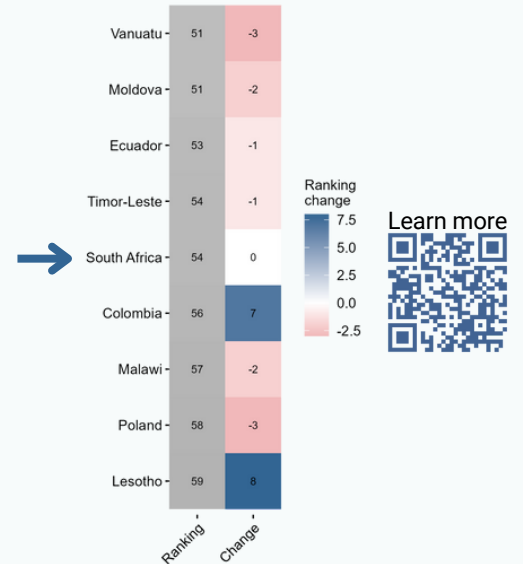
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President Ramaphosa signs law permitting independent candidates to contest elections



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.



Note: Based on 2022 data, showing ranking change over 1 year. [See the full country rankings.](#)

Additional Resources

[Electoral Commission of South Africa](#)

[The ACE Electoral Knowledge Network](#)

[International IDEA - Protecting Electoral Integrity: The Case of South Africa](#)

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