

Know Your Voting Rights



First Time Voter Registration

WHERE TO REGISTER

Register at any designated voter registration center in your electoral area. Where you register is where you will vote.

The Electoral Commission of Ghana will publish an invite in the Gazette inviting all eligible citizens to register to vote during a period specified within the published notice. In 2024 it will take place May 7th - May 27th.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

- Only Ghanaian Citizens (by birth or by law) may register as voters
- You must be at 18 years or older
- You must be of sound mind
- Prisoners are entitled to register as voters, unless otherwise barred by law
- You must register in the place you live

STEP 1

Present a valid National ID Card to the registration center in your electoral area

Acceptable forms of identification:

- National ID Card (Ghana Card)
- Passport

If you do not have either of the above forms of ID, you may submit an Identification Guarantee Form endorsed by two registered voters

STEP 2

Provide your name, age, sex, residential address and other information necessary for the completion of your voter registration form (Form 1A)

STEP 3

Submit your completed form to the Data Entry Clerk and have your biometrics and photograph recorded

STEP 4

The Registration Official will issue you a voter ID Card and receipt of your registration

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Election Day Process

VOTING DAY

You will vote at the location where you registered to become a voter. The General Election takes place December 7th 2024 and voters will elect the President and Members of Parliament.

VOTING BY PROXY

Any registered voter can apply for a proxy vote, but you must provide one of the following reasons for your absence:

- Illness or disability
- Employment or military service
- Attendance of an educational course
- Absence due to personal reasons
- You are living overseas

How to vote on Election Day:

- 1) Go to your Polling Station with your Voter ID Card and join the queue if one exists
- 2) A Polling Assistant will check your name in the reference list
- 3) A Verification Officer will verify your identity as a registered voter with a verification machine
- 4) You will be issued a Presidential Ballot paper. Ensure that it has no marks and has the validating stamp on it
- 5) Go to the voting booth and mark your candidate of choice with your thumbprint
- 6) Cast your vote in the Presidential Ballot Box
- 7) Proceed to the next Polling Assistant for a Parliamentary Ballot paper
- 8) Mark your chosen Member of Parliament with your thumbprint
- 9) Cast your ballot in the Parliamentary Ballot Box
- 10) Leave your polling station after voting, but you may return at 5pm for the count

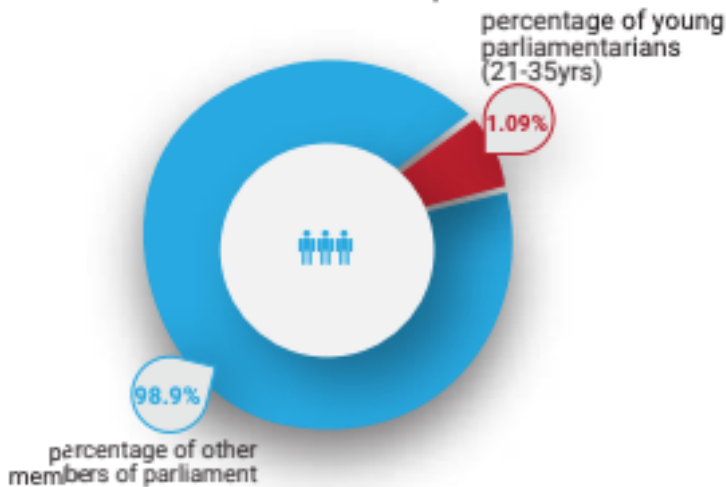
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Voter Demographics



REPRESENTATION IN PARLIAMENT

Youth Representation at the start of the 7th
Parliament of the 4th Republic of Ghana



Young Adult Political Representation and Participation Statistics

- 73.7% of Ghana's population falls below the age of 35, but less than 2% of Ghana's Members of Parliament are 35 or younger
- Nearly 8 out of 10 first-time voters identify as not being interested in politics
- The registered young voting population has dropped by almost 7% between 2016 and 2020
- More than half of first-time voters are not affiliated with any political party
- A significant number of first time voters cannot name a single campaign promise from any candidate running for election
- More than 8 out of 10 surveyed young participants intend to vote for the first time this year
- Almost 95% of first-time voters believe their votes can impact the vote count of their candidate

IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH REPRESENTATION

- The participation of young voters in the electoral process ensures that youth voices, concerns, and aspirations are being heard and considered in policy decisions
- Young voters are most passionate about issues of education, job opportunities, and healthcare