

National seat status

This fact sheet lists the seat status for all federal electoral divisions leading up to the 2016 federal election.

How is seat status defined?

Each electoral division (seat) is classified in terms of its seat status. Seat status is based on the two-party preferred vote (TPP) count undertaken at the previous federal election. The TPP count in each seat allocates preferences to the Australian Labor Party (ALP) and Liberal/National Coalition (Coalition) candidates only.

As detailed below, a seat where the final two candidates does not comprise both an ALP and Coalition candidate is referred to as a 'non classic' seat and a two-candidate preferred (TCP) count is conducted.

The AEC classifies seats as follows:

- **marginal (M)**: when the leading party receives less than 56 per cent of the TPP vote
- **fairly safe (FS)**: when leading party receives between 56-60 per cent of the TPP vote
- **safe (S)**: when a leading party receives more than 60 per cent of the TPP vote.

Seats in the House of Representatives

The number of seats to be elected in the House of Representatives at the 2016 federal election was [determined by the Electoral Commissioner in November 2014](#) using official population figures.

A total of 150 seats will be contested at the 2016 federal election for the House of Representatives. This is the same number as at the 2013 federal election, however, NSW's entitlement decreased by one seat and WA's entitlement increased by one seat.

State/territory	Number of seats
New South Wales	47 seats
Victoria	37 seats
Queensland	30 seats
Western Australia	16 seats
South Australia	11 seats
Tasmania	5 seats
Australian Capital Territory	2 seats
Northern Territory	2 seats
TOTAL	150 seats

Notional seat status

Since the 2013 federal election, the boundaries of seats in New South Wales, Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory have been redrawn. The names of some seats in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory have also changed.

At each election after a redistribution, the AEC calculates the notional seat status for each seat in a redistributed state/territory. The notional seat status is the margin that a party (candidate) would have won the seat by using 2013 federal election voting patterns and applying them to the redrawn boundaries.

These calculations will be used by the AEC's tally room at the 2016 federal election to provide swings on a TPP basis. As a result, this fact sheet lists the notional TPP margin for the seats in the affected states and the ACT.

'Non-classic' results

Historically, almost all of the contests for election to the House of Representatives result in the 'final two' candidates being ALP and Coalition candidates.

At the 2013 federal election this was the case in 139 out of 150 seats. The remaining eleven seats are categorised by the AEC as 'non-classic'.

A TPP count is also conducted by the AEC in 'non-classic' seats for statistical purposes. This count notionally allocates votes to the leading ALP and Coalition party candidates using the next available preference on the ballot papers to show what the result would have been had these candidates been the two leading candidates. State/Territory and national TPP swings can then be estimated for statistical purposes.

All statistical information on pages 2-5 is expressed as TPP. TPP calculations for 'non-classic' seats are indicated by an asterisk.

A separate table on page 6 provides TCP information for these eleven 'non-classic' seats, including post-redistribution notional seat status for the three affected seats.

Two party preferred (TPP) margins

New South Wales (notional post-redistribution margins)						
Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Notional party	Status	Swing required	
Banks	47.20	52.80	LP	M	2.80	
Barton**	54.39	45.61	ALP	M	4.39	
Bennelong	42.23	57.77	LP	FS	7.77	
Berowra	30.95	69.05	LP	S	19.05	
Blaxland	61.24	38.76	ALP	S	11.24	
Bradfield	29.06	70.94	LP	S	20.94	
Calare	35.03	64.97	NP	S	14.97	
Chifley	60.93	39.07	ALP	S	10.93	
Cook	34.29	65.71	LP	S	15.71	
Cowper	36.76	63.24	NP	S	13.24	
Cunningham	61.29	38.71	ALP	S	11.29	
Dobell**	50.18	49.82	ALP	M	0.18	
Eden-Monaro	47.09	52.91	LP	M	2.91	
Farrer	28.29	71.71	LP	S	21.71	
Fowler	62.89	37.11	ALP	S	12.89	
Gilmore	46.22	53.78	LP	M	3.78	
Grayndler	68.76	31.24	ALP	S	18.76	
Greenway	52.98	47.02	ALP	M	2.98	
Hughes	38.19	61.81	LP	S	11.81	
Hume	36.42	63.58	LP	S	13.58	
Hunter (Previously named Charlton)	55.68	44.32	ALP	M	5.68	
Kingsford Smith	52.74	47.26	ALP	M	2.74	
Lindsay	47.01	52.99	LP	M	2.99	
Lyne	36.48	63.52	NP	S	13.52	
Macarthur	46.61	53.39	LP	M	3.39	
Mackellar	31.16	68.84	LP	S	18.84	
Macquarie	45.52	54.48	LP	M	4.48	
McMahon	54.63	45.37	ALP	M	4.63	
Mitchell	28.61	71.39	LP	S	21.39	
New England*	30.46	69.54	NP	*	19.54	
Newcastle	59.40	40.60	ALP	FS	9.40	
North Sydney	34.29	65.71	LP	S	15.71	
Page	46.90	53.10	NP	M	3.10	
Parkes	30.03	69.97	NP	S	19.97	
Parramatta	51.32	48.68	ALP	M	1.32	
Paterson**	50.27	49.73	ALP	M	0.27	
Reid	46.67	53.33	LP	M	3.33	
Richmond	51.58	48.42	ALP	M	1.58	

New South Wales (notional post-redistribution margins)						
Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Notional party	Status	Swing required	
Riverina	31.01	68.99	NP	S	18.99	
Robertson	46.91	53.09	LP	M	3.09	
Shortland	57.40	42.60	ALP	FS	7.40	
Sydney	62.87	37.13	ALP	S	12.87	
Warringah	34.68	65.32	LP	S	15.32	
Watson	58.82	41.18	ALP	FS	8.82	
Wentworth	31.08	68.92	LP	S	18.92	
Werriwa	56.53	43.47	ALP	FS	6.53	
Whitlam (Previously named Throsby)	56.91	43.09	ALP	FS	6.91	

* indicates non-classic seats.

** indicates seats where the party status has notionally changed as a result of the redistribution. The seats of Barton, Dobell and Paterson currently have Liberal sitting members.

Note: Margins for NSW seats at the 2013 federal election (pre-redistribution) are available at <http://results.aec.gov.au/17496/Website/HouseTppByDivision-17496-NSW.htm>.

Victoria						
Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected (2013)	Status	Swing required	
Aston	41.80	58.20	LP	FS	8.20	
Ballarat	54.89	45.11	ALP	M	4.89	
Batman*	70.98	29.02	ALP	*	20.98	
Bendigo	51.26	48.74	ALP	M	1.26	
Bruce	51.80	48.20	ALP	M	1.80	
Calwell	63.86	36.14	ALP	S	13.86	
Casey	42.83	57.17	LP	FS	7.17	
Chisholm	51.60	48.40	ALP	M	1.60	
Corangamite	46.06	53.94	LP	M	3.94	
Corio	57.75	42.25	ALP	FS	7.75	
Deakin	46.82	53.18	LP	M	3.18	
Dunkley	44.43	55.57	LP	M	5.57	
Flinders	38.19	61.81	LP	S	11.81	
Gellibrand	66.53	33.47	ALP	S	16.53	
Gippsland	34.16	65.84	NP	S	15.84	
Goldstein	38.97	61.03	LP	S	11.03	
Gorton	66.12	33.88	ALP	S	16.12	
Higgins	40.07	59.93	LP	FS	9.93	
Holt	59.09	40.91	ALP	FS	9.09	
Hotham	57.27	42.73	ALP	FS	7.27	
Indi*	40.90	59.10	IND	*	9.10	
Isaacs	53.86	46.14	ALP	M	3.86	
Jagajaga	53.13	46.87	ALP	M	3.13	

Victoria						
Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected (2013)	Status	Swing required	
Kooyong	38.94	61.06	LP	S	11.06	
La Trobe	45.99	54.01	LP	M	4.01	
Lalor	62.16	37.84	ALP	S	12.16	
Mallee*	26.34	73.66	NP	*	23.66	
Maribyrnong	61.39	38.61	ALP	S	11.39	
McEwen	50.15	49.85	ALP	M	0.15	
McMillan	38.17	61.83	LP	S	11.83	
Melbourne*	69.25	30.75	GRN	*	19.25	
Melbourne Ports	53.56	46.44	ALP	M	3.56	
Menzies	35.55	64.45	LP	S	14.45	
Murray	29.13	70.87	LP	S	20.87	
Scullin	64.35	35.65	ALP	S	14.35	
Wannon	39.93	60.07	LP	S	10.07	
Wills*	70.76	29.24	ALP	*	20.76	

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Queensland						
Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected (2013)	Status	Swing required	
Blair	55.26	44.74	ALP	M	5.26	
Bonner	46.31	53.69	LNP	M	3.69	
Bowman	41.14	58.86	LNP	FS	8.86	
Brisbane	45.72	54.28	LNP	M	4.28	
Capricornia	49.23	50.77	LNP	M	0.77	
Dawson	42.42	57.58	LNP	FS	7.58	
Dickson	43.28	56.72	LNP	FS	6.72	
Fadden	35.64	64.36	LNP	S	14.36	
Fairfax*	38.32	61.68	PUP	*	11.68*	
Fisher	40.25	59.75	LNP	FS	9.75	
Flynn	43.47	56.53	LNP	FS	6.53	
Forde	45.62	54.38	LNP	M	4.38	
Griffith	53.01	46.99	ALP	M	3.01	
Groom	33.53	66.47	LNP	S	16.47	
Herbert	43.83	56.17	LNP	FS	6.17	
Hinkler	40.96	59.04	LNP	FS	9.04	
Kennedy*	32.85	67.15	KAP	*	17.15*	
Leichhardt	44.32	55.68	LNP	M	5.68	
Lilley	51.32	48.68	ALP	M	1.32	
Longman	43.08	56.92	LNP	FS	6.92	
Maranoa	27.72	72.28	LNP	S	22.28	
McPherson	37.00	63.00	LNP	S	13.00	

Queensland						
Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected (2013)	Status	Swing required	
Moncrieff	32.05	67.95	LNP	S	17.95	
Moreton	51.55	48.45	ALP	M	1.55	
Oxley	53.77	46.23	ALP	M	3.77	
Petrie	49.47	50.53	LNP	M	0.53	
Rankin	54.78	45.22	ALP	M	4.78	
Ryan	41.46	58.54	LNP	FS	8.54	
Wide Bay	36.84	63.16	LNP	S	13.16	
Wright	38.16	61.84	LNP	S	11.84	

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Western Australia (notional post-redistribution margins)						
Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Notional party	Status	Swing required	
Brand	53.71	46.29	ALP	M	3.71	
Burt (New seat)	43.91	56.09	LP	FS	6.09	
Canning	38.65	61.35	LP	S	11.35	
Cowan	45.48	54.52	LP	M	4.52	
Curtin	31.78	68.22	LP	S	18.22	
Durack*	34.96	65.04	LP	*	15.04	
Forrest	36.19	63.81	LP	S	13.81	
Fremantle	55.40	44.60	ALP	M	5.4	
Hasluck	43.98	56.02	LP	FS	6.02	
Moore	37.56	62.44	LP	S	12.44	
O'Connor*	34.58	65.42	LP	*	15.42	
Pearce	40.69	59.31	LP	FS	9.31	
Perth	52.18	47.82	ALP	M	2.18	
Stirling	41.03	58.97	LP	FS	8.79	
Swan	42.66	57.34	LP	FS	7.34	
Tangney	36.98	63.02	LP	S	13.02	

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Note: Margins for WA seats at the 2013 federal election (pre-redistribution) are available at <http://results.aec.gov.au/17496/Website/HouseTppByDivision-17496-WA.htm>.

South Australia					
Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected (2013)	Status	Swing required
Adelaide	53.95	46.05	ALP	M	3.95
Barker	33.45	66.55	LP	S	16.55
Boothby	42.88	57.12	LP	FS	7.12
Grey	36.46	63.54	LP	S	13.54
Hindmarsh	48.11	51.89	LP	M	1.89
Kingston	59.70	40.30	ALP	FS	9.70
Makin	55.06	44.94	ALP	M	5.06
Mayo	37.49	62.51	LP	S	12.51
Port Adelaide	64.02	35.98	ALP	S	14.02
Sturt	39.92	60.08	LP	S	10.08
Wakefield	53.40	46.60	ALP	M	3.40

Tasmania					
Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected (2013)	Status	Swing required
Bass	45.96	54.04	LP	M	4.04
Braddon	47.44	52.56	LP	M	2.56
Denison*	58.91	41.09	IND	*	8.91
Franklin	55.09	44.91	ALP	M	5.09
Lyons	48.78	51.22	LP	M	1.22

* indicates non-classic seats.

Australian Capital Territory (notional post-redistribution margins)					
Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Notional party	Status	Swing required
Canberra	57.51	42.49	ALP	FS	7.51
Fenner (Previously named Fraser)	62.49	37.51	ALP	S	12.49

Note: Margins for ACT seats at the 2013 federal election (pre-redistribution) are available at <http://results.aec.gov.au/17496/Website/HouseTppByDivision-17496-ACT.htm>.

Northern Territory					
Electorate	ALP	LP/NP	Elected (2013)	Status	Swing required
Lingiari	50.88	49.12	ALP	M	0.88
Solomon	48.60	51.40	CLP	M	1.40

'Non-classic' seats

Two candidate preferred (TCP) margins

At the 2013 federal election there were eleven seats where the top two candidates did not comprise of both the ALP and the Coalition. These seats are commonly referred to as 'non-classic' contests.

The TCP margins for the eleven non-classic seats are:

TCP margins – Non-classic seats							
State	Electorate	Leading party	TCP	Other party	TCP	Status	Swing required
NSW	New England	NP	63.17	IND	36.83	S	13.17
VIC	Batman	ALP	60.61	GRN	39.39	S	10.61
	Indi	IND	50.25	LP	49.75	M	0.25
	Mallee	LP	56.21	NP	43.79	FS	6.21
	Melbourne	GRN	55.27	ALP	44.73	M	5.27
	Wills	ALP	65.20	GRN	34.80	S	15.20
QLD	Fairfax	PUP	50.03	LNP	49.97	M	0.03
	Kennedy	KAP	52.19	LNP	47.81	M	2.19
WA	Durack	LP	54.29	NP	45.71	M	4.29
	O'Connor	NP	50.76	LP	49.24	M	0.76
TAS	Denison	IND	65.51	ALP	34.49	S	15.51

Note: The status of non-classic seats in NSW and WA include notional post-redistribution statistics.

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