

National seat status fact sheet: 2025 federal election

This fact sheet provides the status of federal electoral divisions (seats) heading into the 2025 federal election. These margins reflect the [results of the previous federal election in 2022](#) while also, where possible, taking into account changes to electoral boundaries since that time.

The purpose of this document is to be a resource showing the two-candidate preferred (TCP) margin for each House of Representatives seat as of the most recent federal election. This document is not intended to predict in any way the results of the 2025 federal election, or the likely success of any given candidate or political party.



Seat margins in this fact sheet will be the starting point in the 2025 federal election tally room for measuring a swing.

What is a margin?

A House of Representatives candidate is elected if they gain more than 50 per cent of formal votes in their electorate. The margin is the percentage of votes above 50 per cent received by the winning candidate.

Margins can be used to calculate the 'swing' of votes required to win or lose a seat. For example, if a candidate won a seat at the 2022 federal election with a margin of 52 per cent of the vote, a swing of 2% of votes would be required for another candidate to win the seat at a future election.

More information:

- [How the House of Representatives result is determined](#)
- [The Senate counting process](#)
- [Complex count scenarios explained](#)

Seat status classifications

- **marginal (M):** < 56%
- **fairly safe (FS):** 56 - 60%
- **safe (S):** > 60%

The AEC uses the margin of the count between the 'final two' candidates to classify seats as either marginal, fairly safe or safe – as reflected above.

Classic & non-classic results

For many decades, almost all House of Representatives contests result in the ‘final two’ candidates being from the ALP and Coalition. Therefore these results are colloquially known as ‘classic’ seats.

pp. 5-12: At the 2022 federal election 124 out of 151 (82%) seats had a classic result. These seat margins are reflected in the tables on pages 5-12 of this fact sheet.

pp. 13-14: The remaining 27 seats are categorised by the AEC as ‘non-classic’. One non-classic seat was North Sydney, which has since been abolished as part of the NSW redistribution. The other 26 non-classic seat margins are available on pages 13 and 14.

By-elections

Since the previous federal election in 2022 by-elections have been conducted in Aston (VIC), Fadden (QLD), Dunkley (VIC) and Cook (NSW).

Three of those by-elections have occurred in states where boundaries have been redrawn. By-elections are conducted on the boundaries in place at the previous full federal election. As such, the AEC cannot transfer by-election results onto any new boundaries.

p.14: By-election results are available in a table on page 14 for reference.

Party abbreviations

Party	Abbreviation
Australian Greens	GRN
Australian Labor Party	ALP
Centre Alliance	CA
Independent	IND
Katter’s Australian Party	KAP
Liberal National Party of Queensland	LNP
Liberal Party of Australia	LP
National Party of Australia	NP

Redrawn boundaries

Since the previous federal election, the boundaries of seats have been redrawn in NSW, VIC and WA.



As part of these redistribution processes one additional seat was created – the division of Bullwinkel in Western Australia (Image left: [Vivien Bullwinkel](#)). In addition, the seats of North Sydney in New South Wales and Higgins in Victoria were abolished. As a result, a total of 150 seats will be contested at the 2025 federal election.

No seat names were changed as part of the redistribution process in any state or territory.



The Northern Territory redistribution will be complete in March 2025.

State/territory	Number of seats	Change since 2022
New South Wales	46 seats	North Sydney abolished
Victoria	38 seats	Higgins abolished
Queensland	30 seats	No change
Western Australia	16 seats	Bullwinkel created
South Australia	10 seats	No change
Tasmania	5 seats	No change
Australian Capital Territory	3 seats	No change
Northern Territory	2 seats	No change
TOTAL	150 seats	Reduction from 151

Notional margins

In states that have had boundaries redrawn, seat margins are calculated by applying voting patterns to the new boundaries that will be in place for the 2025 federal election. This notional seat status endeavours to provide the margin that a party or candidate would have won the seat by if the new boundaries applied.

Notional margins listed in this fact sheet will be used in the 2025 federal election tally room only to provide a basis upon which swings can be calculated. Others external to the AEC who also publish swing data, such as media outlets, may adopt all or part of this information. In our experience, most media outlets will use this information as one input into formulating their own swing data. The AEC is not otherwise involved in the decisions made about swing data by those external to the AEC.



In some non-classic seats, the mathematic hypothesis exercise for calculating starting margins in redrawn seats is more difficult. Ultimately, some AEC margin calculations will differ from others who are external to the AEC and do their own calculations. This is explained further below.

Calculating margins for Independents



Boundary changes have occurred to seats won by, and contested by, Independent candidates at the 2022 federal election. As Independent candidates are not part of a formal group, the AEC cannot calculate voting patterns in the same way they are calculated for registered political parties.

Transferring results from an independent candidate in one seat to an independent candidate in another seat for the purposes of calculating seat status would not reflect their independent status. Others may wish to do this, but the AEC cannot. As such, notional margins for Independent candidates in redistributed seats will appear lower than the margins Independent candidates won by at the 2022 federal election.

Neighbouring non-classic pairings



Electoral divisions that have been redrawn since the 2022 federal election, that neighbour each other, and have the same non-classic pairing, are likely to show a starting margin that is different to some calculations done by those external to the AEC.

This is largely due to a methodology for calculating such notional margins in the AEC's legacy election management systems that does not make assumptions about how voters at this small subset of polling places may have voted in their new electoral division.

Seat margins

Note: The last column in the following tables lists the swing required to win or lose a seat. In each case an extra vote would be required to achieve a 50% +1 majority.

New South Wales (notional post-redistribution margins)					
Seat	ALP	LP/NP	Notional Party	Status	Swing required to change %
Banks	47.36	52.64	LP	M	2.64
Barton	61.99	38.01	ALP	S	11.99
Bennelong	49.96	50.04	LP	M	0.04
Berowra	42.44	57.56	LP	FS	7.56
Blaxland	63.04	36.96	ALP	S	13.04
Bradfield*	43.87	56.13	*	*	*
Calare*	34.55	65.45	*	*	*
Chifley	63.65	36.35	ALP	S	13.65
Cook#	38.38	61.62	LP	S	11.62
Cowper*	40.47	59.53	*	*	*
Cunningham	65.07	34.93	ALP	S	15.07
Dobell	56.56	43.44	ALP	FS	6.56
Eden-Monaro	56.08	43.92	ALP	FS	6.08
Farrer	33.65	66.35	LP	S	16.35
Fowler*	55.90	44.10	*	*	*
Gilmore	50.17	49.83	ALP	M	0.17
Grayndler*	76.63	23.37	*	*	*
Greenway	57.94	42.06	ALP	FS	7.94
Hughes	46.54	53.46	LP	M	3.46
Hume	43.13	56.87	LP	FS	6.87
Hunter	54.78	45.22	ALP	M	4.78
Kingsford Smith	63.31	36.69	ALP	S	13.31
Lindsay	43.89	56.11	LP	FS	6.11
Lyne	36.20	63.80	NP	S	13.80
Macarthur	59.76	40.24	ALP	FS	9.76
Mackellar*	42.13	57.87	*	*	*
Macquarie	56.33	43.67	ALP	FS	6.33

New South Wales (notional post-redistribution margins)					
Seat	ALP	LP/NP	Notional Party	Status	Swing required to change %
McMahon	60.48	39.52	ALP	S	10.48
Mitchell	39.51	60.49	LP	S	10.49
New England	34.79	65.21	NP	S	15.21
Newcastle	67.94	32.06	ALP	S	17.94
Page	39.35	60.65	NP	S	10.65
Parkes	31.85	68.15	NP	S	18.15
Parramatta	53.72	46.28	ALP	M	3.72
Paterson	52.60	47.40	ALP	M	2.60
Reid	55.19	44.81	ALP	M	5.19
Richmond	58.23	41.77	ALP	FS	8.23
Riverina	40.29	59.71	NP	FS	9.71
Robertson	52.23	47.77	ALP	M	2.23
Shortland	56.00	44.00	ALP	FS	6.00
Sydney*	75.66	24.34	*	*	*
Warringah*	49.26	50.74	*	*	*
Watson	65.16	34.84	ALP	S	15.16
Wentworth*	48.84	51.16	*	*	*
Werriwa	55.34	44.66	ALP	M	5.34
Whitlam	58.31	41.69	ALP	FS	8.31

* indicates non-classic seats (see pg 13)

indicates seats for which a by-election has since been conducted (see pg 14)

Note: Margins for the 47 New South Wales seats at the 2022 federal election (pre-redistribution) are available at <https://results.aec.gov.au/27966/Website/HouseDivisionMenu-27966-NSW.htm>.

Victoria (notional post-redistribution margins)					
Seat	ALP	LP/NP	Notional party	Status	Swing required to change %
Aston [#]	47.39	52.61	LP	M	2.61
Ballarat	62.98	37.02	ALP	S	12.98
Bendigo	61.21	38.79	ALP	S	11.21
Bruce	55.31	44.69	ALP	M	5.31
Calwell	62.39	37.61	ALP	S	12.39
Casey	48.57	51.43	LP	M	1.43
Chisholm	53.33	46.67	ALP	M	3.33
Cooper [*]	75.71	24.29	*	*	*
Corangamite	57.84	42.16	ALP	FS	7.84
Corio	62.49	37.51	ALP	S	12.49
Deakin	49.98	50.02	LP	M	0.02
Dunkley [#]	56.77	43.23	ALP	FS	6.77
Flinders	43.84	56.16	LP	FS	6.16
Fraser	66.56	33.44	ALP	S	16.56
Gellibrand	61.20	38.80	ALP	S	11.20
Gippsland	29.43	70.57	NP	S	20.57
Goldstein [*]	46.28	53.72	*	*	*
Gorton	59.98	40.02	ALP	FS	9.98
Hawke	57.62	42.38	ALP	FS	7.62
Holt	57.11	42.89	ALP	FS	7.11
Hotham	61.59	38.41	ALP	S	11.59
Indi [*]	44.74	55.26	*	*	*
Isaacs	59.51	40.49	ALP	FS	9.51
Jagajaga	62.21	37.79	ALP	S	12.21
Kooyong [*]	46.26	53.74	*	*	*
La Trobe	41.57	58.43	LP	FS	8.43
Lalor	62.79	37.21	ALP	S	12.79
Macnamara	62.17	37.83	ALP	S	12.17
Mallee	31.01	68.99	NP	S	18.99
Maribyrnong	63.03	36.97	ALP	S	13.03

Victoria (notional post-redistribution margins)					
Seat	ALP	LP/NP	Notional party	Status	Swing required to change %
McEwen	53.82	46.18	ALP	M	3.82
Melbourne*	73.09	26.91	*	*	*
Menzies	50.42	49.58	ALP	M	0.42
Monash	47.10	52.90	LP	M	2.90
Nicholls*	34.17	65.83	*	*	*
Scullin	65.43	34.57	ALP	S	15.43
Wannon*	41.35	58.65	*	*	*
Wills*	77.09	22.91	*	*	*

* indicates non-classic seats (see pg 13)

indicates seats for which a by-election has since been conducted (see pg 14)

Note: Margins for the 39 Victorian seats at the 2022 federal election (pre-redistribution) are available at <https://results.aec.gov.au/27966/Website/HouseDivisionMenu-27966-VIC.htm>.

Queensland					
Seat	ALP	LP/NP	Elected (2022)	Status	Swing required to change %
Blair	55.23	44.77	ALP	M	5.23
Bonner	46.59	53.41	LNP	M	3.41
Bowman	44.49	55.51	LNP	M	5.51
Brisbane*	54.40	45.60	*	*	*
Capricornia	43.41	56.59	LNP	FS	6.59
Dawson	39.58	60.42	LNP	S	10.42
Dickson	48.30	51.70	LNP	M	1.70
Fadden#	39.37	60.63	LNP	S	10.63
Fairfax	41.05	58.95	LNP	FS	8.95
Fisher	41.33	58.67	LNP	FS	8.67
Flynn	46.18	53.82	LNP	M	3.82
Forde	45.77	54.23	LNP	M	4.23
Griffith*	61.07	39.93	*	*	*
Groom*	35.83	64.17	*	*	*
Herbert	38.23	61.77	LNP	S	11.77
Hinkler	39.93	60.07	LNP	S	10.07
Kennedy*	39.84	60.16	*	*	*
Leichhardt	46.56	53.44	LNP	M	3.44
Lilley	60.54	39.46	ALP	S	10.54
Longman	46.92	53.08	LNP	M	3.08
Maranoa	27.88	72.12	LNP	S	12.12
McPherson	40.66	59.34	LNP	FS	9.34
Moncrieff	38.81	61.19	LNP	S	11.19
Moreton	59.09	40.91	ALP	FS	9.09
Oxley	61.59	38.41	ALP	S	11.59
Petrie	45.56	54.44	LNP	M	4.44
Rankin	59.09	40.91	ALP	FS	9.09
Ryan*	52.42	47.58	*	*	*
Wide Bay	38.66	61.34	LNP	S	11.34
Wright	39.11	60.89	LNP	S	10.89

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Western Australia (notional post-redistribution margins)					
Seat	ALP	LP/NP	Notional party	Status	Swing required to change %
Brand	67.07	32.93	ALP	S	17.07
Bullwinkel (New seat)	53.35	46.65	ALP	M	3.35
Burt	63.29	36.71	ALP	S	13.29
Canning	48.80	51.20	LP	M	1.20
Cowan	59.94	40.06	ALP	FS	9.94
Curtin*	44.36	55.64	*	*	*
Durack	45.34	54.66	LP	M	4.66
Forrest	45.81	54.19	LP	M	4.19
Fremantle	66.93	33.07	ALP	S	16.93
Hasluck	60.04	39.96	ALP	S	10.04
Moore	49.09	50.91	LP	M	0.91
O'Connor	43.31	56.69	LP	FS	6.69
Pearce	58.84	41.16	ALP	FS	8.84
Perth	64.42	35.58	ALP	S	14.42
Swan	59.43	40.57	ALP	FS	9.43
Tangney	52.85	47.15	ALP	M	2.85

* indicates non-classic seats (see pg 13)

Note: Margins for the 15 Western Australian seats at the 2022 federal election (pre-redistribution) are available at <https://results.aec.gov.au/27966/Website/HouseDivisionMenu-27966-WA.htm>.

South Australia					
Seat	ALP	LP/NP	Elected (2022)	Status	Swing required to change %
Adelaide	61.91	38.09	ALP	S	11.91
Barker	33.38	66.62	LP	S	16.62
Boothby	53.28	46.72	ALP	M	3.28
Grey	39.93	60.07	LP	S	10.07
Hindmarsh	58.95	41.05	ALP	FS	8.95
Kingston	66.35	33.65	ALP	S	16.35
Makin	60.80	39.20	ALP	S	10.80
Mayo*	51.59	48.41	*	*	*
Spence	62.90	37.10	ALP	S	12.90
Sturt	49.55	50.45	LP	M	0.45

* indicates non-classic seats (see pg 13)

Tasmania					
Seat	ALP	LP/NP	Elected (2022)	Status	Swing required to change %
Bass	48.57	51.43	LP	M	1.43
Braddon	41.97	58.03	LP	FS	8.03
Clark*	67.24	32.76	*	*	*
Franklin	63.70	36.30	ALP	S	13.70
Lyons	50.92	49.08	ALP	M	0.92

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indicates seats for which a by-election has since been conducted (see pg 14).

Australian Capital Territory					
Seat	ALP	LP/NP	Elected (2022)	Status	Swing required to change %
Bean	62.95	37.05	ALP	S	12.95
Canberra	72.46	27.54	ALP	S	22.46
Fenner	65.69	34.31	ALP	S	15.69

Northern Territory (redistribution ongoing)					
Seat	ALP	LP/NP	Elected (2022)	Status	Swing required to change %
Lingiari	50.95	49.05	ALP	M	0.95
Solomon	59.37	40.63	ALP	FS	9.37



A redistribution is currently being conducted for seats in the Northern Territory, with a determination of new electorate boundaries expected in March 2025. As such, notional margins have not been applied for the Northern Territory.

‘Non-classic’ seat margins

At the previous federal election in 2022 there were 27 seats where the final two candidates were not the ALP and the Coalition. These seats are commonly referred to as ‘non-classic’ contests.

One non-classic seat at the 2022 federal election – North Sydney – has since been abolished as part of the NSW redistribution process. The margins for the remaining 26 non-classic seats are as follows.

State	Seat	Leading party	TCP	Other party / IND	TCP	Status	Swing required to change %
NSW	Bradfield	LP	53.40	IND	46.60	M	3.40
	Calare	NP	59.68	IND	40.32	FS	9.68
	Cowper	NP	52.40	IND	47.60	M	2.40
	Fowler	IND	51.80	ALP	48.20	M	1.80
	Grayndler	ALP	63.97	GRN	36.03	S	13.97
	Mackellar	IND	51.77	LP	48.23	M	1.77
	Sydney	ALP	66.22	GRN	33.78	S	16.22
	Warringah	IND	60.53	LP	39.47	S	10.53
	Wentworth	IND	50.58	LP	49.42	M	0.58
VIC	Cooper	ALP	58.92	GRN	41.08	FS	8.92
	Goldstein	IND	51.80	LP	48.20	M	1.80
	Indi	IND	58.94	LP	41.06	FS	8.94
	Kooyong	IND	52.52	LP	47.48	M	2.52
	Melbourne	GRN	55.58	ALP	44.42	M	5.58
	Nicholls	NP	52.32	IND	47.68	M	2.32
	Wannon	LP	53.50	IND	46.50	M	3.50
Wills	ALP	59.03	GRN	40.97	FS	9.03	



Independents & neighbouring non-classic seats: National AEC margin calculations for seats won by Independents, and for some non-classic seats with the same non-classic pairing, may differ to the calculations of people external to the AEC. See [page 3](#) for further details.

State	Seat	Leading party	TCP	Other party / IND	TCP	Status	Swing required to change %
QLD	Brisbane	GRN	53.73	LNP	46.27	M	3.73
	Griffith	GRN	60.46	LNP	39.54	S	10.46
	Groom	LNP	56.89	IND	43.11	FS	6.89
	Kennedy	KAP	63.10	LNP	36.90	S	13.10
	Ryan	GRN	52.65	LNP	47.35	M	2.65
WA	Curtin	IND	51.32	LP	48.68	M	1.32
SA	Mayo	CA	62.26	LP	37.74	S	12.26
TAS	Clark	IND	70.82	ALP	29.18	S	20.82
ACT	Canberra	ALP	62.20	GRN	37.80	S	12.20

Note: The status of non-classic seats in New South Wales, Victoria, and Western Australia are notional post-redistribution statistics.

By-election margins

Below are the margins of the four federal by-elections conducted since the 2022 federal election.

State	Seat	Leading party	TCP	Other party	TCP	Status	Swing required to change %
NSW	Cook +	LP	71.25	GRN	28.75	S	21.25
QLD	Fadden	LNP	63.35	ALP	36.65	S	13.35
VIC	Dunkley +	ALP	52.70	LP	47.30	M	2.70
	Aston +	ALP	53.57	LP	46.43	M	3.57

+ Seats that have since had boundaries redrawn.

Note: It is not possible to create notional margins (margins based on 2022 federal election boundaries) using by-election results data. This is because by-elections were conducted on the seat boundaries in place at the 2022 federal election.

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