

*Results of the
2023 Australian
Indigenous
Voice
referendum*

**2023 Australian Indigenous
Voice referendum**



14 October 2023

**A Proposed Law: To alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.
Do you approve this proposed alteration?**

Outcome Not carried. A majority "no" vote nationally and in all states.

Website [Official results \(https://reationalResults-29581.ht](https://reationalResults-29581.ht)

Results

Choice	Votes	%
✓ Yes	6,286,894	39.94%
✗ No	9,452,792	60.06%
Valid votes	15,739,686	99.02%
Invalid or blank votes	155,545	0.98%
Total votes	15,895,231	100.00%
Registered voters/turnout	17,671,784	89.95%



- Results by state and territory
- Results by federal electoral division
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Results by state or territory, and division

The 2023 Australian Indigenous Voice referendum was held on 14 October 2023.^[1] Voters were asked if they approved an alteration to the Australian Constitution that would recognise Indigenous Australians in the document through prescribing a body called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. The referendum failed to get either of the two majorities in favour that were both required for the Constitution to be changed:^[2]

- **more than half of the total national votes**
- **more than half of the votes in more than half of the states**

National

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Source: Australian Electoral Commission ^[3]		

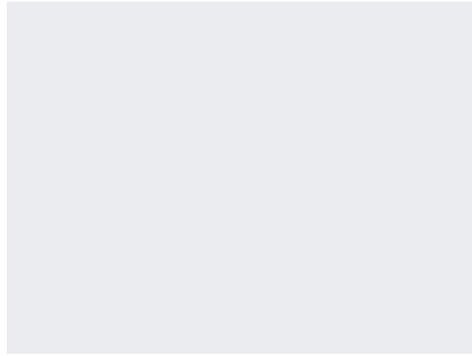
States and territories

Votes cast in the territories are included in the national total for the purposes of determining a national majority, but the territories are not counted for the purposes of determining a majority of states.

Breakdown of voting by state and territory

State/territory	Yes		No		Invalid
	Votes	%	Votes	%	
<u>New South Wales</u>	2,058,764	41.04	2,957,880	58.96	57,288
<u>Victoria</u>	1,846,623	45.85	2,180,851	54.15	39,038
<u>Queensland</u>	1,010,416	31.79	2,167,957	68.21	27,266
<u>Western Australia</u>	582,077	36.73	1,002,740	63.27	13,454
<u>South Australia</u>	417,745	35.83	748,318	64.17	11,478
<u>Tasmania</u>	152,171	41.06	218,425	58.94	3,967
<u>Northern Territory</u> ^[a]	43,076	39.70	65,429	60.30	820
<u>Australian Capital Territory</u> ^[b]	176,022	61.29	111,192	38.71	2,237
Total for Commonwealth	6,286,894	39.94	9,125,294	60.06	155,548
Results	Obtained a majority in no state and an overall min 2,838,400 votes. Not carried.				

Electoral divisions



Voters lined up at a polling booth in Canning Vale, Perth.

Breakdown of voting by electorate^[5]

Electorate	Yes votes	Yes (%)	No votes	No (%)	Informal votes	Inform (%)
<u>Adelaide</u>	57,227	49.34	58,769	50.66	1,215	1.04
<u>Aston</u>	43,201	42.08	59,473	57.92	1,080	1.04
<u>Ballarat</u>	43,941	42.11	60,399	57.89	1,060	1.01
<u>Banks</u>	38,228	38.95	59,925	61.05	1,357	1.36
<u>Barker</u>	25,159	21.89	89,769	78.11	993	0.86
<u>Barton</u>	44,475	45.03	54,290	54.97	1,440	1.44
<u>Bass</u>	27,747	38.32	44,670	61.68	761	1.04
<u>Bean</u>	56,937	56.34	44,131	43.66	886	0.87
<u>Bendigo</u>	42,726	40.53	62,684	59.47	1,004	0.94
<u>Bennelong</u>	51,674	48.59	54,667	51.41	1,160	1.08
<u>Berowra</u>	46,602	46.67	53,260	53.33	870	0.86

<u>Blair</u>	34,395	29.67	81,535	70.33	1,140	0.97
<u>Blaxland</u>	34,476	38.25	55,648	61.75	2,376	2.57
<u>Bonner</u>	40,622	40.40	59,923	59.60	758	0.75
<u>Boothby</u>	56,966	47.98	61,756	52.02	1,153	0.96
<u>Bowman</u>	30,282	28.14	77,314	71.86	883	0.81
<u>Braddon</u>	21,159	27.85	54,810	72.15	844	1.10
<u>Bradfield</u>	52,255	52.11	48,025	47.89	899	0.89
<u>Brand</u>	32,193	30.82	72,252	69.18	937	0.89
<u>Brisbane</u>	63,056	56.01	49,533	43.99	766	0.68
<u>Bruce</u>	42,401	42.45	57,495	57.55	1,098	1.09
<u>Burt</u>	32,786	33.42	65,326	66.58	863	0.87
<u>Calare</u>	32,524	28.79	80,465	71.21	1,091	0.96
<u>Calwell</u>	38,637	40.09	57,742	59.91	1,505	1.54
<u>Canberra</u>	65,294	70.59	27,205	29.41	622	0.67
<u>Canning</u>	24,866	23.69	80,104	76.31	883	0.83
<u>Capricornia</u>	19,202	19.30	80,280	80.70	666	0.67
<u>Casey</u>	45,674	42.37	62,122	57.63	1,114	1.02
<u>Chifley</u>	44,557	40.43	65,659	59.57	1,576	1.41
<u>Chisholm</u>	50,919	50.41	50,099	49.59	870	0.85

<u>Clark</u>	39,204	58.12	28,251	41.88	658	0.97
<u>Cook</u>	37,660	36.74	64,834	63.26	1,072	1.04
<u>Cooper</u>	66,053	65.78	34,369	34.22	978	0.96
<u>Corangamite</u>	52,567	48.03	56,875	51.97	977	0.88
<u>Corio</u>	47,666	45.98	56,009	54.02	1,044	1.00
<u>Cowan</u>	39,995	37.51	66,628	62.49	1,201	1.11
<u>Cowper</u>	40,377	34.01	78,358	65.99	1,428	1.19
<u>Cunningham</u>	55,620	51.86	51,624	48.14	1,210	1.12
<u>Curtin</u>	55,891	51.45	52,741	48.55	833	0.76
<u>Dawson</u>	19,921	19.98	79,797	80.02	738	0.73
<u>Deakin</u>	51,213	48.45	54,494	51.55	919	0.86
<u>Dickson</u>	36,517	34.58	69,083	65.42	834	0.78
<u>Dobell</u>	38,298	35.50	69,585	64.50	1,267	1.16
<u>Dunkley</u>	44,996	44.18	56,844	55.82	1,009	0.98
<u>Durack</u>	27,946	27.89	72,269	72.11	718	0.71
<u>Eden-Monaro</u>	43,323	39.77	65,615	60.23	1,076	0.98
<u>Fadden</u>	29,902	26.41	83,337	73.59	1,349	1.18
<u>Fairfax</u>	39,013	34.69	73,456	65.31	1,020	0.90
<u>Farrer</u>	27,747	25.00	83,242	75.00	1,011	0.90

<u>Fenner</u>	53,791	57.44	39,856	42.56	729	0.77
<u>Fisher</u>	36,509	31.39	79,814	68.61	1,175	1.00
<u>Flinders</u>	44,984	42.65	60,499	57.35	1,037	0.97
<u>Flynn</u>	16,454	16.28	84,617	83.72	631	0.62
<u>Forde</u>	29,975	28.17	76,431	71.83	1,212	1.13
<u>Forrest</u>	32,331	31.00	71,974	69.00	973	0.92
<u>Fowler</u>	38,684	39.82	58,466	60.18	1,743	1.76
<u>Franklin</u>	38,267	50.61	37,339	49.39	757	0.99
<u>Fraser</u>	56,054	57.04	42,226	42.96	1,037	1.04
<u>Fremantle</u>	49,949	46.99	56,341	53.01	988	0.92
<u>Gellibrand</u>	52,917	52.51	47,852	47.49	910	0.89
<u>Gilmore</u>	45,511	38.62	72,332	61.38	1,135	0.95
<u>Gippsland</u>	29,635	27.93	76,488	72.07	944	0.88
<u>Goldstein</u>	57,942	56.16	45,235	43.84	821	0.79
<u>Gorton</u>	41,608	39.06	64,903	60.94	1,187	1.10
<u>Grayndler</u>	75,538	74.64	25,659	25.36	802	0.79
<u>Greenway</u>	48,771	42.99	64,671	57.01	1,207	1.05
<u>Grey</u>	23,377	20.56	90,305	79.44	940	0.82
<u>Griffith</u>	61,128	56.02	47,994	43.98	962	0.87

<u>Groom</u>	24,894	23.68	80,253	76.32	711	0.67
<u>Hasluck</u>	37,676	34.85	70,419	65.15	856	0.79
<u>Hawke</u>	35,481	35.68	63,973	64.32	1,030	1.03
<u>Herbert</u>	24,921	24.31	77,586	75.69	741	0.72
<u>Higgins</u>	60,789	61.14	38,634	38.86	749	0.75
<u>Hindmarsh</u>	45,307	38.44	72,565	61.56	1,276	1.07
<u>Hinkler</u>	21,535	19.57	88,488	80.43	762	0.69
<u>Holt</u>	43,179	42.98	57,283	57.02	1,008	0.99
<u>Hotham</u>	51,982	49.80	52,394	50.20	1,171	1.11
<u>Hughes</u>	42,133	41.47	59,467	58.53	943	0.92
<u>Hume</u>	30,982	26.56	85,687	73.44	1,004	0.85
<u>Hunter</u>	34,961	29.09	85,209	70.91	1,262	1.04
<u>Indi</u>	36,289	33.11	73,315	66.89	963	0.87
<u>Isaacs</u>	52,454	50.57	51,274	49.43	1,080	1.03
<u>Jagajaga</u>	58,070	54.64	48,210	45.36	1,024	0.95
<u>Kennedy</u>	20,697	20.33	81,090	79.67	669	0.65
<u>Kingsford Smith</u>	56,387	55.64	44,961	44.36	1,082	1.06
<u>Kingston</u>	40,585	35.71	73,060	64.29	1,219	1.06
<u>Kooyong</u>	63,253	59.85	42,433	40.15	739	0.69
<u>La Trobe</u>	39,916	38.49	63,787	61.51	912	0.87
<u>Lalor</u>	48,124	46.89	54,508	53.11	1,010	0.97

<u>Leichhardt</u>	34,179	34.45	65,044	65.55	827	0.83
<u>Lilley</u>	48,455	46.56	55,606	53.44	854	0.81
<u>Lindsay</u>	35,490	31.01	78,974	68.99	1,336	1.15
<u>Lingiari</u>	22,274	43.54	28,885	56.46	385	0.75
<u>Longman</u>	29,361	24.66	89,691	75.34	1,099	0.91
<u>Lyne</u>	31,017	26.49	86,075	73.51	1,055	0.89
<u>Lyons</u>	25,794	32.59	53,355	67.41	947	1.18
<u>Macarthur</u>	43,619	34.89	81,415	65.11	1,607	1.27
<u>Mackellar</u>	52,299	50.84	50,562	49.16	1,049	1.01
<u>Macnamara</u>	63,584	64.61	34,833	35.39	859	0.87
<u>Macquarie</u>	43,814	43.44	57,058	56.56	1,004	0.99
<u>Makin</u>	35,883	32.12	75,834	67.88	1,147	1.02
<u>Mallee</u>	23,901	21.69	86,273	78.31	836	0.75
<u>Maranoa</u>	15,594	15.38	85,768	84.62	563	0.55
<u>Maribyrnong</u>	51,674	51.29	49,070	48.71	1,009	0.99
<u>Mayo</u>	49,995	40.17	74,450	59.83	1,217	0.97
<u>McEwen</u>	42,268	39.91	63,639	60.09	941	0.88
<u>McMahon</u>	33,029	34.11	63,796	65.89	1,728	1.75
<u>McPherson</u>	35,801	35.08	66,246	64.92	1,265	1.22

<u>Melbourne</u>	77,741	77.21	22,949	22.79	698	0.69
<u>Menzies</u>	46,820	45.14	56,891	54.86	1,002	0.96
<u>Mitchell</u>	47,917	40.67	69,897	59.33	983	0.83
<u>Monash</u>	35,884	34.34	68,625	65.66	1,016	0.96
<u>Moncrieff</u>	32,038	30.80	71,967	69.20	1,139	1.08
<u>Moore</u>	41,463	37.74	68,413	62.26	880	0.79
<u>Moreton</u>	46,961	49.32	48,263	50.68	971	1.01
<u>New England</u>	26,158	24.68	79,846	75.32	911	0.85
<u>Newcastle</u>	60,204	53.53	52,260	46.47	1,199	1.05
<u>Nicholls</u>	25,806	24.76	78,437	75.24	920	0.87
<u>North Sydney</u>	61,692	59.93	41,254	40.07	851	0.82
<u>O'Connor</u>	25,937	24.48	80,005	75.52	785	0.74
<u>Oxley</u>	41,016	40.25	60,899	59.75	1,046	1.02
<u>Page</u>	37,443	33.02	75,936	66.98	1,230	1.07
<u>Parkes</u>	20,859	21.16	77,723	78.84	994	1.00
<u>Parramatta</u>	42,734	45.36	51,476	54.64	1,212	1.27
<u>Paterson</u>	37,243	30.00	86,891	70.00	1,333	1.06
<u>Pearce</u>	32,408	31.31	71,111	68.69	894	0.86

<u>Perth</u>	57,950	53.68	50,005	46.32	995	0.91
<u>Petrie</u>	37,828	33.17	76,214	66.83	934	0.81
<u>Rankin</u>	32,835	35.26	60,288	64.74	1,050	1.11
<u>Reid</u>	52,659	50.62	51,375	49.38	1,026	0.98
<u>Richmond</u>	48,067	43.93	61,348	56.07	1,491	1.34
<u>Riverina</u>	26,810	24.92	80,772	75.08	1,029	0.95
<u>Robertson</u>	44,579	43.37	58,197	56.63	1,102	1.06
<u>Ryan</u>	54,466	52.71	48,875	47.29	677	0.65
<u>Scullin</u>	37,486	38.10	60,896	61.90	1,343	1.35
<u>Shortland</u>	41,463	38.39	66,551	61.61	1,212	1.11
<u>Solomon</u>	20,802	36.27	36,544	63.73	435	0.75
<u>Spence</u>	32,303	27.77	84,000	72.23	1,239	1.05
<u>Sturt</u>	50,943	42.90	67,810	57.10	1,079	0.90
<u>Swan</u>	44,813	42.75	60,009	57.25	828	0.78
<u>Sydney</u>	73,333	70.90	30,100	29.10	889	0.85
<u>Tangney</u>	45,873	41.32	65,143	58.68	820	0.73
<u>Wannon</u>	35,015	32.39	73,102	67.61	1,010	0.93

<u>Warringah</u>	57,347	59.54	38,967	40.46	836	0.86
<u>Watson</u>	39,490	42.05	54,414	57.95	2,043	2.13
<u>Wentworth</u>	56,732	62.55	33,973	37.45	840	0.92
<u>Werriwa</u>	41,941	36.77	72,107	63.23	1,915	1.65
<u>Whitlam</u>	42,042	35.84	75,264	64.16	1,399	1.18
<u>Wide Bay</u>	26,679	25.19	79,237	74.81	865	0.81
<u>Wills</u>	63,773	64.88	34,517	35.12	1,124	1.13
<u>Wright</u>	26,180	22.67	89,328	77.33	959	0.82

Analysis

The referendum result saw a majority of Australians in every jurisdiction other than the ACT vote No to the Voice.

Demographics

Although every electorate with a high Indigenous population voted No, many Indigenous communities in

these seats voted Yes. However, turnout in Indigenous communities is low, and in many of them less than a third of enrolled voters actually voted.^[6]

A study from the Australian National University found that No voters were typically older than Yes voters, and that men were more likely to vote No than women. The study also found that the majority of people who speak English as a second language voted No.^[7] Ethnic communities were, throughout the campaign, a key demographic for both the Yes and No camps.^[8]

The vote for the Voice in suburbs with high ethnic populations was split, with election analyst Ben Raue identifying some surprising trends in certain suburbs. For example, of the 15 suburbs with the highest Indian populations, 10 of them voted Yes, despite all but one being located in electorates that voted No. On the other hand, of the 15 suburbs with the highest Chinese populations, only three voted Yes (though all but one had an above-average Yes vote).^[9]

Geography

The result saw an urban-rural political divide, with regional and rural areas voting heavily against the Voice while inner-city seats voted Yes.^[10] Seats in the outer suburbs and

based around major regional cities typically voted No, but not to the same extent as rural areas.

Every seat in South Australia and the Northern Territory voted No to the Voice, as did all but three seats in Queensland and all but two seats in both Western Australia and Tasmania. Of the seats that voted Yes, almost all of them were inner-city seats in the capital cities, and only two seats in regional cities voted Yes (those being Cunningham and Newcastle, located in the cities of Wollongong and Newcastle, respectively). In contrast, of the 34 electorates with a No vote of over 70%, only four were in the capital cities (Bowman, Forde and Longman in Brisbane and Spence in Adelaide).

Income

The result saw a divide between the upper-class and the middle and lower-classes, with affluent suburbs in inner-city electorates voting Yes. The Voice had long been criticised by its opponents as a progressive and elitist proposal, having been backed by large and influential corporations and donors while being perceived as having a lack of support from ordinary Australians.

Politics

Although Labor backed the proposal and the Coalition opposed it (though one state division of the Liberal Party, the Tasmanian Liberal Party, supported it), the majority of Labor electorates voted No, though the No vote was higher in most Coalition seats.

The Greens and teal independents also backed the Voice. Every electorate held by the Greens or a teal independent voted Yes. The Greens and teal independents hold seats in affluent inner-city electorates in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth.

Notes

- a. *In accordance with the Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984, residents of the territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands*

and the territory of Christmas Island are included in the Northern Territory for electoral purposes.^[4]

b. *In accordance with the Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984, residents of the territories of Jervis Bay Territory and Norfolk Island are included in the Australian Capital Territory for electoral purposes.*^[4]

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