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GHANA ELECTION 2020 POLLS

Who will be the next Ghana President?



VOTE



INTRODUCTION

An election is a vital characteristic of any democracy and a blueprint for democracies to thrive. It is built on two elements, participation, and competition. Ghana is set to host another round of general elections in December 2020. This will count as the eighth consecutive national poll held since the transition to the current constitutional democratic regime in 1992, which has resulted in three peaceful transfers of power between the two major political parties NPP & NDC, in 2000, 2008, & 2016.

In the past, Ghana's elections have been peaceful and violent free, compared to its other African counterparts. International observers commend the democratic system with nearly zero forms of aftermath confrontations or electoral violence.

This document provides a background on the upcoming elections, reviewing past and new information to give an overview of the electoral candidates and the voters. As Ghanaians prepare for the next presidential election set to hold on December 7, 2020. 12 presidential candidates are running for the post. However, the two most prominent candidates are incumbent President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo of the New Patriotic Party and Former President John Dramani Mahama of the National Democratic Congress.

Here, BudgIT represents the data in interactive visualizations to aid citizen's understanding and participation in governance. The analysis will cover the Presidential candidates' background, voter's background, and voter turnout per region.



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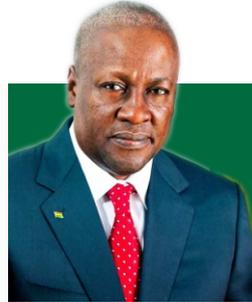
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Comparison analysis between the top two candidates.

**NANA ADDO
DANKWA
AKUFO-ADDO**



**JOHN
DRAMANI
MAHAMA**



76

AGE

61

NPP

PARTY

NDC

Lawyer

PREVIOUS
OCCUPATION

Media/Communication

President of Ghana
2017-2020

TOP JOB

Former President of Ghana
2012 - 2017

THE TOP TWO CANDIDATES WERE ALSO RIVALS IN THE LAST ELECTIONS. HERE'S HOW THEY PERFORMED IN 2016.

**NANA ADDO
DANKWA AKUFO-ADDO**

**JOHN
DRAMANI MAHAMA**

5,755,758

TOTAL VOTES
ACQUIRED

4,771,188

54%

% OF TOTAL
VOTES
ACQUIRED

45%

6

REGION WON

4

10,713,734

NO OF VALID
VOTERS

15,712,499

NO OF REGISTERED
VOTERS

69%

%TURNOUT

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TOP FIVE PRIORITIES ON THE TOP TWO CANDIDATES' MANIFESTOS



**NANA ADDO
DANKWA AKUFO-ADDO**

Provide Stable and affordable power for Industrial Development.

Consolidate the implementation of the Free SHS and Free TVET programs and increased manpower resources

Complete ongoing Hospital projects and related infrastructure

Complete development of Port such as Buipe Inland, Atuabo Port & Boankra Inland, etc

Bridge the Development Gap between the North and the South



**JOHN
DRAMANI MAHAMA**

Provide free Primary Health Care

Expand free SHS to cover students in private senior high schools in underserved/ deprived areas

Streamline debt accumulation with investment, with high priority to rural roads and the health and education sectors

Establish a contract and project management register to ensure accountability and transparency.

Restore indigenous participation in the financial services sector to further create jobs under the One Million Jobs Plan

Source: <https://media.peacefonline.com>

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VOTERS REGISTRATION BY GENDER

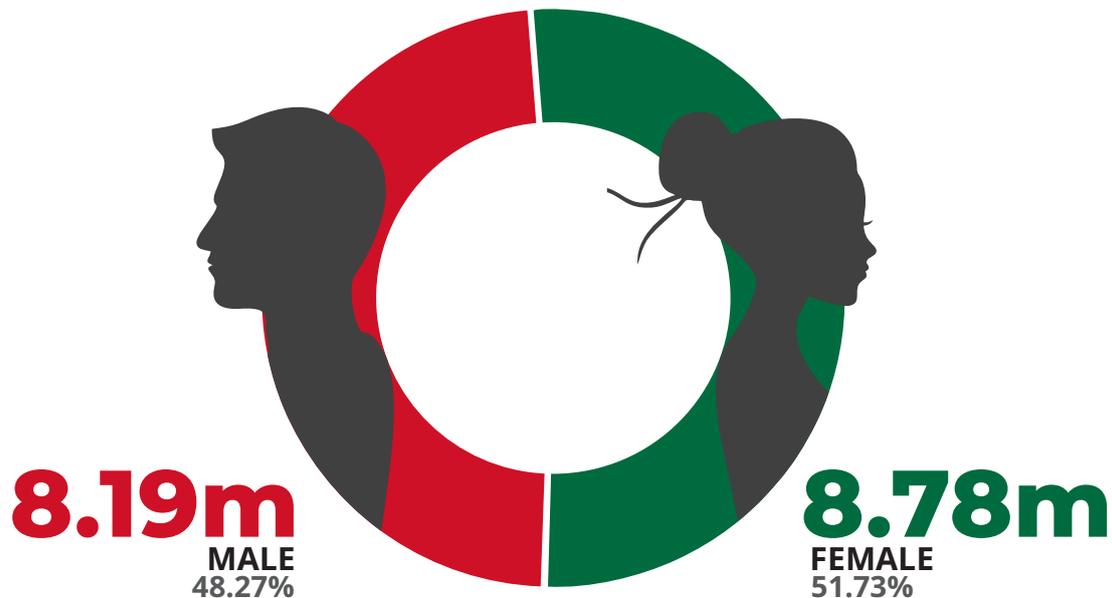
An overview of citizen's turnout during the 2020 Voters Registration exercises.



16.96m

TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS

8.1% of the total registered voters are between the ages of 18-19 years.



TOP 5 REGIONS WITH THE HIGHEST VOTERS REGISTRATION NUMBER IN 2020

RANK	REGION	2020 REGISTERED VOTERS
1	Greater Accra	3,509,805
2	Ashanti	3,013,856
3	Western	1,650,759
4	Northern	1,631,580
5	Eastern	1,628,180

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COMPARISON DATA OF CITIZENS TURNOUT DURING REGISTRATION AND VOTE CAST EXERCISE

The total number of registered voters for the 2020 election exercise increased by 8% from 2016.

S/N	REGION	2020 REGISTERED VOTERS	2016 REGISTERED VOTERS
1	Greater Accra	3,509,805	3,063,990
2	Ashanti	3,013,856	2,872,619
3	Western	1,650,759	1,582,491
4	Northern	1,631,580	1,427,917
5	Eastern	1,628,180	1,605,943
6	Central	1,566,061	1,405,976
7	Brong Ahafo	1,556,250	1,406,934
8	Volta	1,282,814	1,282,306
9	Upper East	653,730	648,788
10	Upper West	470,271	415,541
Total		16.96m Total registered voters in 2020	15.71m Total registered voters in 2016

Source: <https://ec.gov.gh/>

TOP 5 REGIONS THAT GAINED MORE REGISTERED VOTERS COMPARED TO 2016

RANK	REGION	TOP 5 REGIONS THAT GAINED MORE REGISTERED VOTERS COMPARED TO 2016
1	GREATER ACCRA	14.6%
2	NORTHERN	14.3%
3	UPPER WEST	13.2%
4	CENTRAL	11.4%
5	BRONG AHAFO	10.6%

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TREND OF VOTERS TURNOUT DURING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS (1992 -2016)

YEAR	POPULATION <small>(DATA FROM WORLD BANK)</small>	REGISTERED VOTERS	VALID VOTES	VOTERS TURNOUT <small>NOTE - THIS IS THE PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTE CAST (VALID VOTES AND INVALID VOTES)</small>
1992	15,653,336	8,229,902	3,978,070	50.2%
1996	17,462,496	9,279,605	7,145,774	78.2%
2000	19,278,856	10,698,652	6,381,387	60.4%
2004	21,272,323	10,354,970	8,625,785	85.1%
2008	23,563,825	12,472,758	8,465,834	69.5%
2012	25,996,449	14,031,793	10,995,262	80.2%
2016	28,481,946	15,712,499	10,713,734	69.3%

Source: <https://ec.gov.gh/>

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OTHER ARMS OF GOVERNMENT ELECTION RESULT ANALYSIS BY GENDER

Total Number of Members of the Assembly by Gender in 2019

REGION	MALE CANDIDATES ELECTED	FEMALE CANDIDATES ELECTED	TOTAL ELECTED
Ashanti	1,033	52	1,085
Eastern	782	38	820
Central	545	25	570
Volta	418	30	448
Greater Accra	393	28	421
Northern	409	6	415
Western	350	12	362
Upper East	353	4	357
Bono	307	15	322
Upper West	289	4	293
Bono East	219	8	227
Oti	209	5	214
Western North	173	5	178
Ahafo	162	1	163
Savanna	151	1	152
North East	131	0	131
Grand Total	5,924	234	6,158

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LIST OF CONTESTANTS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE GHANA PARLIAMENT FROM 1992 TO 2016



YEAR	NO. OF FEMALE CONTESTANTS	NO. OF MALE CONTESTANTS	NO. OF FEMALE ELECTED	NO. OF MALE ELECTED	TOTAL ELECTED
2016	137	1,121	35	240	275
2012	133	1,332	29	246	275
2008	103	856	20	210	230
2004	104	849	25	205	230
2000	102	986	18	182	200
1996	59	721	19	181	200
1992	23	418	10	190	200

Source: [http://www.fesghana.org/uploads/PDF/Gender%20Igs%20\(Final\)%20FES.pdf](http://www.fesghana.org/uploads/PDF/Gender%20Igs%20(Final)%20FES.pdf)

Note

Ghana women made up of 52% of voters in the 2016 elections, yet they are poorly represented in public service. Only 156 female representatives were elected into the Parliament between 1992-2016; currently, women make up only 13% of the total parliament.

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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT(GDP) PER CAPITA

Is a metric that breaks down a country's economic output per person.

YEAR	GDP PER CAPITA (US\$)
2009	1,074.76
2010	1,299.34
2011	1,549.46
2012	1,587.56
2013	2,345.39
2014	1,971.03
2015	1,743.85
2016	1,931.39
2017	2,025.93
2018	2,202.31
2019	2,202.12

Source: World Bank

Note

8.7%

The 2019 GDP per Capita value is \$2,202, a decrease of 8.7% compared to the 2017 figure of \$2,025.

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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX (HDI)

The Human Development Index (HDI) of a country is a summary measure of human development based on three basic human development dimensions: a long and healthy life, access to knowledge, and a decent standard of living.

YEAR	HDI	HDI (FEMALE)	HDI (MALE)
2009	0.547	0.471	0.543
2010	0.554	0.522	0.587
2011	0.563	0.530	0.595
2012	0.570	0.536	0.601
2013	0.578	0.545	0.609
2014	0.577	0.544	0.606
2015	0.585	0.550	0.614
2016	0.587	0.558	0.615
2017	0.591	0.561	0.619
2018	0.596	0.567	0.622

142

Ghana ranks 142 of 189 countries and territories

Source: United Nations Development Programme

Note

The UNDP classified Ghana under the Medium Human Development Category as the 2018 HDI value stood at 0.596. The country's HDI value increased by 8.96% in the last ten years. Simultaneously, the female and male HDI values increased by 20% and 15%, respectively, within 2009-2018.

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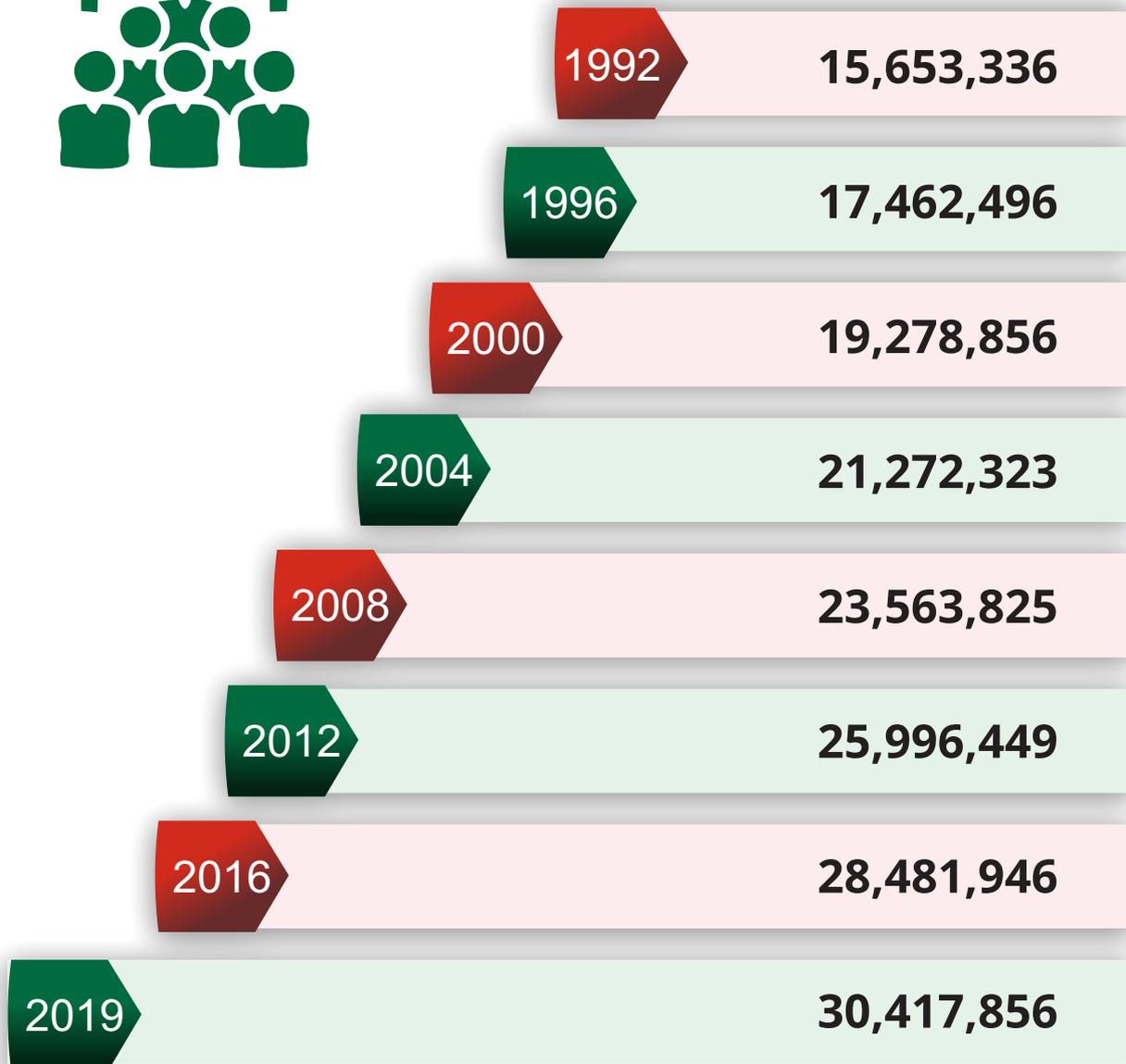
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POPULATION



POPULATION OF GHANA



Source: World Bank

Note

7%

Ghana's population grew by 7% from 2016.

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BELOW IS AN OVERVIEW OF ALL 12 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES IN 2020.

	PARTY	ABBRE-VIATION	PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE	AGE	GENDER
	New Patriotic Party	NPP	Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo	76	Male
	National Democratic Party	NDP	Nana Konadu Agyeman Rawlings	72	Female
	Great Consolidated Popular Party	GCPP	Henry Herbert Larney	66	Male
	Ghana Freedom Party	GFP	Akua Donkor	65	Female
	Independent Candidate		Alfred Kwame Asiedu Walker	64	Male
	National Democratic Congress	NDC	John Dramani Mahama	61	Male
	People's National Convention	PNC	David Asibi Ayindenaba Akpasera	58	Male
	Ghana Union Movement	GUM	Christian Kwabena Andrews	55	Male
	Convention People's Party	CPP	Ivor Kobina Greenstreet	54	Male
	Progressive People's Party	PPP	Brigitte Akosua Dzogbenuku	51	Female
	Liberal Party of Ghana	LPG	Percival Kofi Akpaloo	49	Male
	All People's Congress	APC	Hassan Ayariga	48	Male

Source: ghanaweb.com

