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Results and Statistics

2001 State General Election



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# Foreword

This Report gives the results and statistics for the State General Election held on Saturday, 10 February 2001 to elect the 36<sup>th</sup> Western Australian Parliament. It is intended to provide a comprehensive record of polling results for reference and research purposes.

A record number of candidates nominated for this Election with 23 new members elected to the Legislative Assembly. Nineteen of the new members are from the Australian Labor; two are members of the Liberal Party; one is a member of the National Party and one is an Independent. The composition of the Assembly is:

Australian Labor Party (Western Australian Branch)	32 members
The Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division) Incorporated	16 members
National Party of Australia (WA) Incorporated	5 members
Independents	4 members

As the above table indicates, the Australian Labor Party was elected to power winning 32 seats, 13 seats at the expense of the Liberal Party. The National Party also lost one seat to an Australian Labor Party candidate while the Australian Labor Party lost a seat to the Liberal Party.

While 82% of successful Legislative Assembly candidates were elected with margins of over 3%, in 10 districts the margins were less than 3%. Results for the candidates in the most closely contested seats of Collie and Darling Range were decided by margins of 34 and 137 votes respectively.

Of the 57 candidates elected, 14 (25%) candidates received greater than the absolute majority on first preferences.

Thirteen new members were elected to the Legislative Council. The composition of the Council is:

Australian Labor Party (Western Australian Branch)	13 members
The Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division) Incorporated	12 members
The Greens (WA) Inc	5 members
Pauline Hanson's One Nation	3 members
National Party of Australia (WA) Incorporated	1 member

This Report contains information on candidates and elected members, results by polling place, and an analysis of types of votes as well as comparisons with previous general elections.

It also includes general information such as:

- key dates and deadlines;
- elector and enrolment information; and
- district and region profiles.

This Report is a companion volume to the *2001 Western Australian State General Election: Election Report*, which describes the conduct of the Election.

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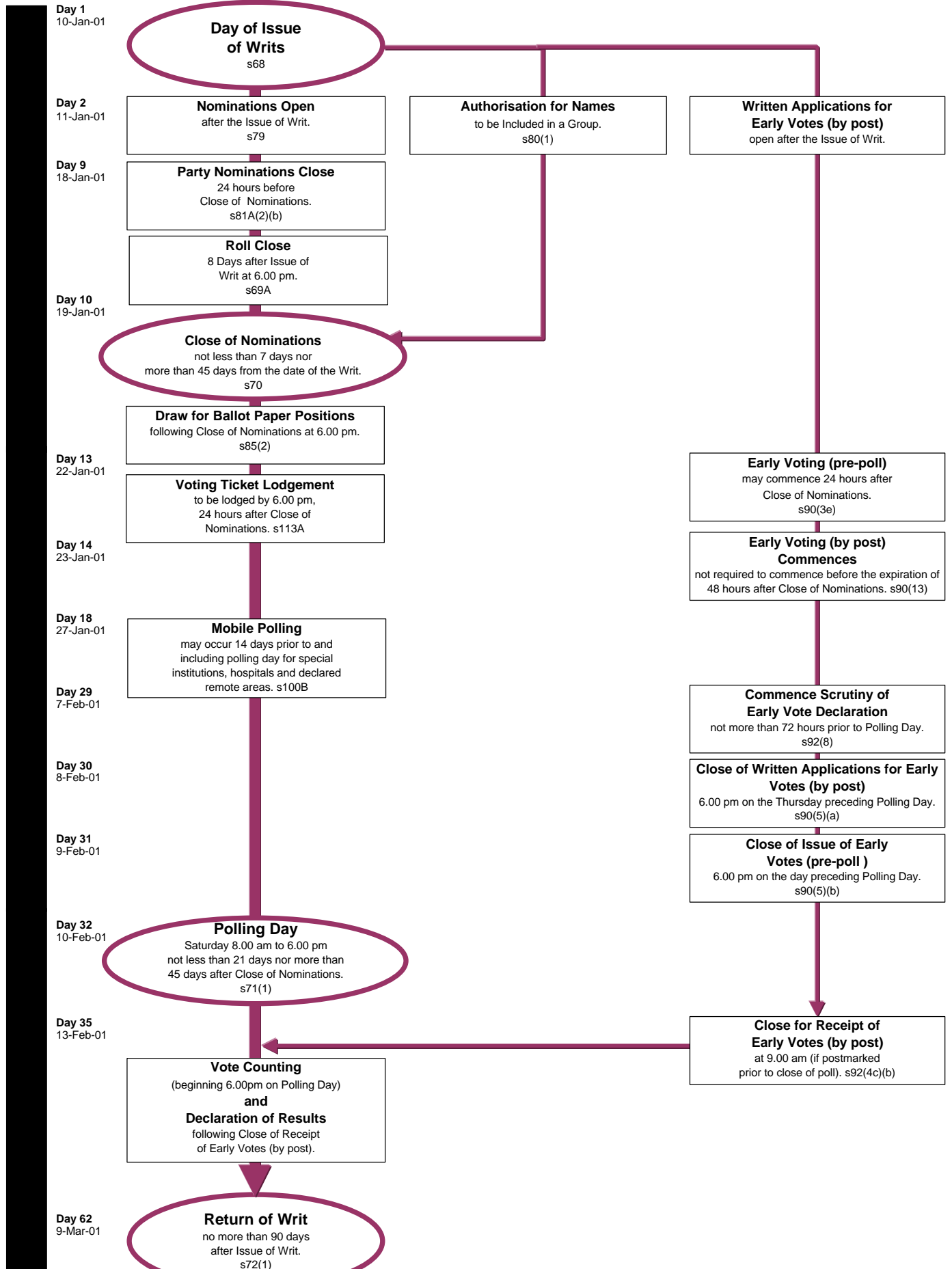
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# **STATEWIDE INFORMATION**

# State Election Timeline



## Registered Political Parties in Western Australia

Amendments to the *Electoral Act 1907* dealing with the registration of political parties came into effect on 20 October 2000 and are contained in Part IIIA of the Act. The introduction of registration of political parties meant that candidates of unregistered political parties were not able to use a political party name on ballot papers. The following table shows the names and abbreviations of the registered political parties that nominated candidates in the 2001 State General Election.

Full Party Name	Ballot Paper Name	Abbreviation
Australian Democrats	DEMOCRATS	DEM
Australian Labor Party (Western Australian Branch)	Australian Labor Party	ALP
Christian Democratic Party WA	Christian Democratic Party WA	CDP
The Liberal Party of Australia (Western Australian Division) Incorporated	Liberal	LIB
National Party of Australia (WA) Incorporated	NATIONAL PARTY	NP
The Greens (WA) Inc	Greens (WA)	GRN
Pauline Hanson's ONE NATION	Pauline Hanson's ONE NATION	PHO

Under Section 113C of the Act, candidates may apply to have the name of a registered political party, a composite name of 2 registered political parties, or the word *Independent* printed adjacent to their name on a ballot paper.

In the case of Legislative Council candidates, Section 80 of the Act allows two or more candidates to apply to have their names included in a group on the ballot papers for a region in the order that they specify.

## Returning Officers, Areas, Enrolment and Polling Place Numbers

Region	Regional Returning Officer	District	District Returning Officer	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	*Enrolment	Polling Places		
						Ordinary	Special Inst.	Remotes
Agricultural	Roger Williams	1 Avon	Sally Thomas	10,512	13,408	15	2	
		2 Geraldton	Suzanne Shilling	3,880	11,805	10	4	
		3 Greenough	Brian Robartson	31,979	14,340	20		
		4 Merredin	Martin Morris	65,774	12,666	42		
		5 Moore	Owen Deas	40,657	12,527	37		
		6 Roe	Andrew Cousins	87,562	13,448	32	3	
		7 Wagin	Dan Evans	23,121	12,674	25	7	
		<b>Total</b>		<b>263,485</b>	<b>90,868</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>16</b>	
East Metropolitan	Nigel Bushby	1 Armadale	Warren Southwell	39	25,575	12	4	
		2 Ballajura	Adrian Malkovic	45	27,771	12	1	
		3 Bassendean	Neil Whiteley	27	25,104	11	3	
		4 Belmont	Neville Gates	64	25,661	14	4	
		5 Darling Range	Brian Bradley	129	25,798	12	6	
		6 Midland	David Hocken	61	26,512	15	5	
		7 Roleystone	Ian Frame	1,648	26,144	22	3	
		8 Southern River	Danny Wallace	208	31,498	13	6	
		9 Swan Hills	John Brown	1,575	28,806	19	4	
		10 Thornlie	Kevin Parsons	27	24,674	11	1	
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,823</b>	<b>267,543</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>37</b>			
Mining and Pastoral	Kirsten Robinson	1 Burrup	Shane Wilkinson	64,021	10,793	9	2	
		2 Eyre	Ross Collins	597,796	9,415	17	1	6
		3 Kalgoorlie	Leonie Veitch	67	12,987	9	5	
		4 Kimberley	Ron Camp	281,009	13,445	10	4	23
		5 Ningaloo	Garry Hardie	437,927	10,100	17	1	1
		6 Pilbara	Brian Moore	872,891	10,162	11	1	25
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,253,711</b>	<b>66,902</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>55</b>		
North Metropolitan	Peter McDonagh	1 Carine	Mary Petrou	22	24,784	12	4	
		2 Churchlands	Gavin Cotterell	25	23,788	14	3	
		3 Cottesloe	Greg Rickie	39	24,621	13	14	
		4 Girrawheen	Ray Bennett	20	23,169	13	1	
		5 Hillarys	Errol Pentony	25	27,334	10		
		6 Innaloo	John Barton	24	25,196	14	6	
		7 Joondalup	Gavan Jones	34	29,297	13	4	
		8 Kingsley	Jennifer Willis	22	25,569	10	3	
		9 Maylands	Dave Stewart	20	24,736	15	6	
		10 Nedlands	Pat Satie	32	23,575	19	11	
		11 Nollamara	Peter Rafferty	23	23,891	12	3	
		12 Perth	Kel Hebbard	22	22,492	18	11	
		13 Wanneroo	Mal Bromley	681	37,720	18	3	
		14 Yokine	Bob Whitney	16	24,363	17	5	
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,005</b>	<b>360,535</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>74</b>			
South Metropolitan	Geoff Landwehr	1 Alfred Cove	Peter Wicks	28	24,585	12	5	
		2 Cockburn	John Ireland	106	26,575	15	2	
		3 Fremantle	Paul Roberts	45	24,341	13	11	
		4 Murdoch	Bill Clark	24	23,967	12	2	
		5 Peel	Gerd Heppekausen	233	31,357	19	4	
		6 Riverton	Bill Shepherd	26	24,041	10	2	
		7 Rockingham	Matthew Colley	48	23,769	9	6	
		8 South Perth	Peter Rutherford	28	23,877	10	10	
		9 Victoria Park	Ray Smith	31	24,800	14	15	
		10 Willagee	Peter Dama	22	23,843	14	5	
<b>Total</b>		<b>591</b>	<b>251,155</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>62</b>			
South West	John Ponton	1 Albany	Heather Marr	50	14,262	10	6	
		2 Bunbury	Ian Butcher	26	13,588	8	4	
		3 Collie	Wendy Grove	8,678	13,424	21	4	
		4 Dawesville	Mike Baxter	191	17,117	8	4	
		5 Mandurah	Richard Stevenson	40	14,071	9	4	
		6 Mitchell	Tim Rigden	131	17,283	14	1	
		7 Murray-Wellington	Liz Pritchard	4,268	14,463	15	6	
		8 Stirling	Colin Edwards	17,578	13,776	29		
		9 Vasse	Peter Carter	1,835	16,900	16	3	
		10 Warren-Blackwood	Ross Bremner	11,721	15,742	20	4	
<b>Total</b>		<b>44,518</b>	<b>150,626</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>36</b>			
<b>State Total</b>		<b>2,567,133</b>	<b>1,187,629</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>55</b>		

## Summary of Electors as at Close of Roll - 18 January 2001

The following tables show a summary of electors within districts by region, as at the close of roll, 18 January 2001. The numbers of male and female electors are also shown.

The Mining and Pastoral Region had the fewest number of electors in a region, with 66,902 electors at an average of 11,150 electors per district.

The North Metropolitan Region had the greatest number of electors in a region, with 360,535 electors at an average of 25,752 electors per district.

The district of Eyre had the least number of electors with 9,415 and the Wanneroo district had the greatest with 37,720.

The average number of electors was 25,860 for a metropolitan district and 13,409 for a country district.

<b>East Metropolitan Region</b>			
	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 Armadale	12,388	13,187	25,575
2 Ballajura	13,487	14,284	27,771
3 Bassendean	12,116	12,988	25,104
4 Belmont	12,348	13,313	25,661
5 Darling Range	12,530	13,268	25,798
6 Midland	12,845	13,667	26,512
7 Roleystone	13,067	13,077	26,144
8 Southern River	15,401	16,097	31,498
9 Swan Hills	14,210	14,596	28,806
10 Thornlie	12,068	12,606	24,674
<b>Total</b>	<b>130,460</b>	<b>137,083</b>	<b>267,543</b>

<b>North Metropolitan Region</b>			
	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 Carine	12,082	12,702	24,784
2 Churchlands	11,287	12,501	23,788
3 Cottesloe	11,437	13,184	24,621
4 Girrawheen	11,273	11,896	23,169
5 Hillarys	13,379	13,955	27,334
6 Innaloo	11,927	13,269	25,196
7 Joondalup	14,313	14,984	29,297
8 Kingsley	12,508	13,061	25,569
9 Maylands	11,815	12,921	24,736
10 Nedlands	11,055	12,520	23,575
11 Nollamara	11,370	12,521	23,891
12 Perth	11,067	11,425	22,492
13 Wanneroo	18,350	19,370	37,720
14 Yokine	11,221	13,142	24,363
<b>Total</b>	<b>173,084</b>	<b>187,451</b>	<b>360,535</b>

<b>South Metropolitan Region</b>			
	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 Alfred Cove	11,341	13,244	24,585
2 Cockburn	13,002	13,573	26,575
3 Fremantle	11,695	12,646	24,341
4 Murdoch	11,421	12,546	23,967
5 Peel	15,331	16,026	31,357
6 Riverton	11,603	12,438	24,041
7 Rockingham	11,548	12,221	23,769
8 South Perth	11,044	12,833	23,877
9 Victoria Park	11,716	13,084	24,800
10 Willagee	11,373	12,470	23,843
<b>Total</b>	<b>120,074</b>	<b>131,081</b>	<b>251,155</b>

<b>Agricultural Region</b>			
	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 Avon	6,645	6,763	13,408
2 Geraldton	5,717	6,088	11,805
3 Greenough	7,322	7,018	14,340
4 Merredin	6,549	6,117	12,666
5 Moore	6,555	5,972	12,527
6 Roe	6,938	6,510	13,448
7 Wagin	6,401	6,273	12,674
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,127</b>	<b>44,741</b>	<b>90,868</b>

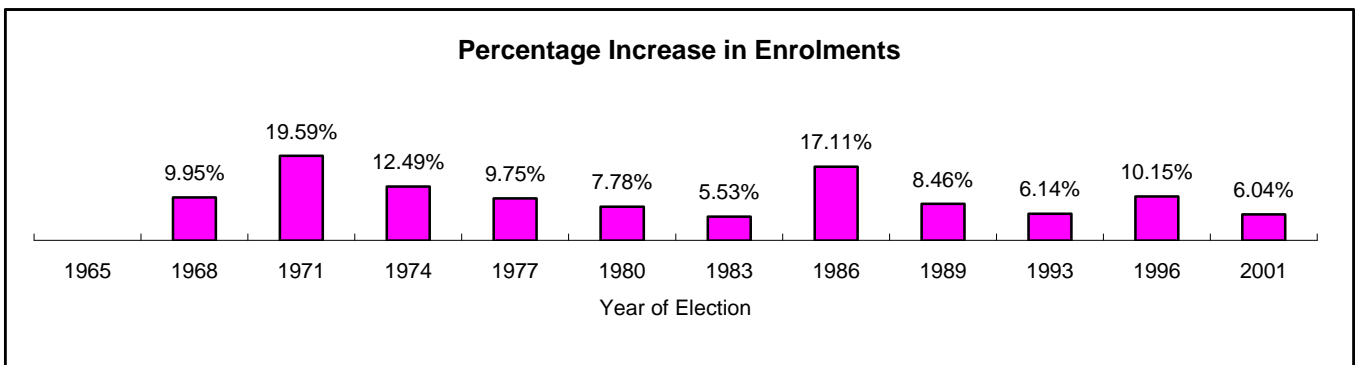
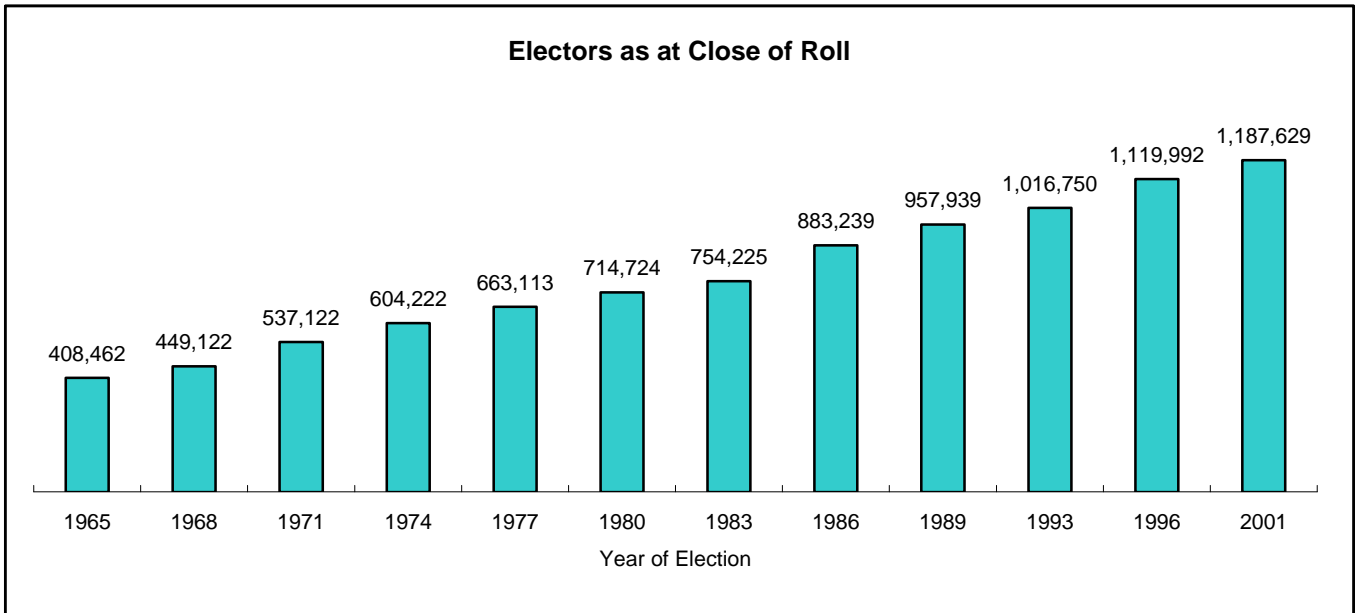
<b>Mining and Pastoral Region</b>			
	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 Burrup	5,778	5,015	10,793
2 Eyre	5,058	4,357	9,415
3 Kalgoorlie	6,842	6,145	12,987
4 Kimberley	6,917	6,528	13,445
5 Ningaloo	5,378	4,722	10,100
6 Pilbara	5,271	4,891	10,162
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,244</b>	<b>31,658</b>	<b>66,902</b>

<b>South West Region</b>			
	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 Albany	6,617	7,645	14,262
2 Bunbury	6,476	7,112	13,588
3 Collie	6,812	6,612	13,424
4 Dawesville	8,372	8,745	17,117
5 Mandurah	6,692	7,379	14,071
6 Mitchell	8,537	8,746	17,283
7 Murray-Wellington	7,315	7,148	14,463
8 Stirling	6,967	6,809	13,776
9 Vasse	8,143	8,757	16,900
10 Warren-Blackwood	7,973	7,769	15,742
<b>Total</b>	<b>73,904</b>	<b>76,722</b>	<b>150,626</b>

<b>Summary of Electors as at Close of Roll</b>			
	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>
Country	155,275	153,121	308,396
Metropolitan	423,618	455,615	879,233
<b>State Total</b>	<b>578,893</b>	<b>608,736</b>	<b>1,187,629</b>

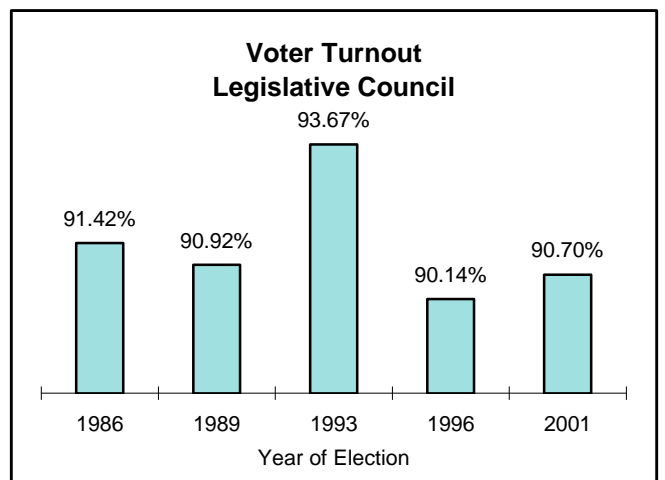
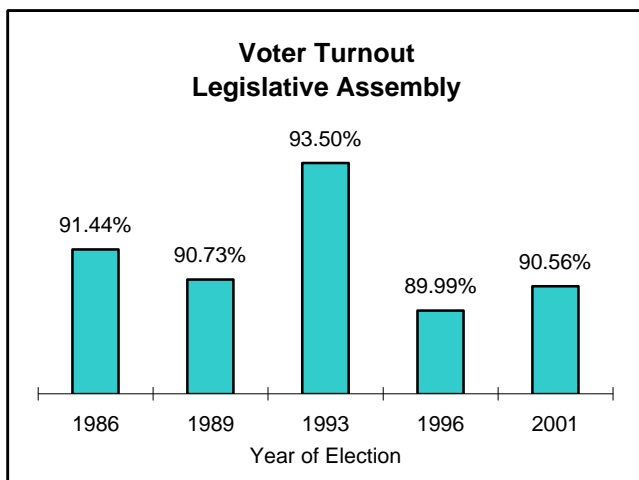
## Enrolment Numbers and Turnout

The growth in enrolment numbers at successive State General Elections has continued. Enrolments increased by 6.04% compared with 1996.



### Elector Turnout

Elector turnout increased by 0.57% for the Legislative Assembly and 0.56% for the Legislative Council for this election in comparison to 1996.



**Note:** Voter turnout does not include figures for absent, postal and provisional votes rejected for not complying with the requirements of the *Electoral Act 1907*.

## Voter Participation

The following table indicates the number of electors on the roll as at Thursday, 18 January 2001 for each age band; together with the number and proportion of those electors recorded as having attempted to vote.

Where the date of birth of an elector is not known, or was not provided, the age has been categorised as 'Unknown'.

The 'Voted' category includes voters whose votes were formal, informal and rejected.

Age	Male			Female			Total		
	Enrolled	Voted	% Voted	Enrolled	Voted	% Voted	Enrolled	Voted	% Voted
18 – 19	16,541	15,309	92.55%	17,780	16,540	93.03%	34,321	31,849	92.80%
20 – 24	52,091	43,952	84.38%	52,376	44,787	85.51%	104,467	88,739	84.94%
25 – 29	55,063	45,478	82.59%	56,721	48,931	86.27%	56,721	48,931	86.27%
30 – 34	56,173	48,918	87.08%	58,139	52,754	90.74%	114,312	101,672	88.94%
35 – 39	59,312	53,765	90.65%	62,330	58,184	93.35%	121,642	111,949	92.03%
40 – 44	61,360	57,060	92.99%	64,235	60,778	94.62%	125,595	117,838	93.82%
45 – 49	59,003	55,434	93.95%	61,456	58,625	95.39%	120,459	114,059	94.69%
50 – 54	57,535	54,606	94.91%	56,824	54,480	95.87%	114,359	109,086	95.39%
55 – 59	43,228	41,243	95.41%	41,458	39,938	96.33%	84,686	81,181	95.86%
60 – 64	34,535	33,333	96.52%	34,392	33,238	96.64%	68,927	66,571	96.58%
65 – 69	27,384	26,474	96.68%	28,344	27,394	96.65%	55,728	53,868	96.66%
70+	56,219	53,722	95.56%	74,132	70,229	94.74%	130,351	123,951	95.09%
Unknown	449	201	44.77%	549	253	46.08%	998	454	45.49%
<b>Total</b>	<b>578,893</b>	<b>529,495</b>	<b>91.47%</b>	<b>608,736</b>	<b>566,131</b>	<b>93.00%</b>	<b>1,187,629</b>	<b>1,095,626</b>	<b>92.25%</b>