

General Election Results - 19 March 2001

General and presidential elections in this Caribbean country should have been held on 17 January 2001, as stipulated in the Herdmanston Accord, an agreement between the governing People's Progressive Party/Civic and the opposition People's National Congress signed in January 1998 in an effort to end months of political violence following the 1997 election.

Nevertheless, in November 2000, the Elections Commission announced the postponement of the elections until 19 March 2001.

The electoral debate during the campaign focused on allegations of fraud in the database of voters. Some opposition supporters complained they were not allowed to vote, saying their names had been omitted from the list of registered voters.

Outgoing President Jagdeo denied flaws in the registration lists, as he assured that irregularities had affected both government and opposition strongholds.

Nevertheless, electoral authorities conceded that about five per cent of the electorate was not allowed to vote due to registration-related errors.

Voting went peacefully despite tension in the days leading up to the elections and fears of ethnic violence. Nearly 90% of the some 440,000 registered voters cast their votes.

Some 20 groups of international observers from the Commonwealth, the United Nations, the European Union, the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Carter Center monitored the elections.

The overall impression of most of these groups was that the voting was generally free and fair.

Out of the 13 parties that were registered to take part in the elections, only four secured representation in

ELECTION SNAPSHOT



ELECTORAL SYSTEM

Proportional Representation

65 elected seats

VOTER TURNOUT

Total Valid Votes	396,516
Invalid Votes	7,218
Total Votes Cast	403,734
Registered Voters	440,185
Voter Turnout	91.72%

CRITICAL DATES

Dissolution of House	Thu, 15 Feb 2001
Nomination Day	Thu, 15 Feb 2001
Polling Day	Mon, 19 Mar 2001
First Meeting of New Parliament	Fri, 04 May 2001

PARTY 2001 MANIFESTOS

ELECTION REPORTS

the National Assembly. Results released by the Elections Commission gave the incumbent PPP/C 35 of the 65 seats, as against 27 for the PNC and the remaining three for two new parties.


After the proclamation of the results, the situation became quite tense as the opposition PNC supported street protests calling for President Jagdeo to step down and claiming widespread irregularities in the elections.

Voter turnout was 91.72%.

On 31 March 2001 Mr Bharrat Jagdeo, the leader of the People's Progressive Party/Civic was sworn in for a new term as President of the country.

On 4 May 2001, the new Parliament held its first sitting and elected Mr Ralph Ramkarran from the PPP/C as its new Speaker.

SUMMARY RESULTS

Political Group	Code	Votes	% votes	Seats		
				Contituency	National Top-up	Total
Guyana Action Party/Working People's Alliance	GAP/WPA	9,451	2.38%	1	1	2
Guyana Democratic Party	GDP	1,345	0.34%	-	-	-
Justice for All People	JFAP	2,825	0.71%	-	-	-
National Front Alliance	NFA	417	0.11%	-	-	-
People's National Congress	PNC/R	165,866	41.83%	13	14	27
People's Progressive Party/Civic 	PPP/C	210,013	52.96%	11	23	34
Rise Organise And Rebuild	ROAR	3,695	0.93%	-	1	1
The United Force	TUF	2,904	0.73%	-	1	1
Total Valid Votes		396,516	100%	25	40	65

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SEAT ALLOCATION BY REGION						
Region	GAP/WPA	PNC/R	PPP/C	ROAR	<u>TUF</u>	Total
Region 1	-	1	1	-	-	2
Region 2	-	1	1	-	-	2
Region 3	-	1	2	-	-	3
Region 4	-	4	3	-	-	7
Region 5	-	1	1	-	-	2
Region 6	-	1	2	-	-	3
Region 7	-	1	1	-	-	2
Region 8	-	1	-	-	-	1
Region 9	1	-	-	-	-	1
Region 10	-	2	-	-	-	2
Total	1	13	11	-	-	25
Top-up	1	14	23	1	1	40
Total Seats	2	27	34	1	1	65

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NATIONAL TOP-UP SUMMARY													
Regi on	Registe red Voters	GAP/W PA	GD P	JFA P	NF A	PNC/ R	PPP/ C	ROA R	TU F	Valid Votes	Inval id Vote s	Total Votes	Voter Turno ut
Regi on 1	11,473	1,390	-	-	-	2,277	4,953	-	214	8,834	542	9,376	81.72 %
Regi on 2	26,234	467	143	70	-	6,667	15,605	523	82	23,557	461	24,018	91.55 %
Regi on 3	61,020	273	400	536	24	14,689	39,597	623	71	56,213	846	57,059	93.51 %
Regi on 4	193,582	1,430	409	2,021	267	95,894	74,501	961	351	175,834	2,423	178,257	92.08 %
Regi on 5	30,699	117	65	69	33	10,174	17,673	421	27	28,579	460	29,039	94.59 %

Region 6	72,649	530	274	86	44	16,370	47,701	1,155	76	66,236	1,489	67,725	93.22%
Region 7	9,497	1,531	23	-	23	3,241	2,838	12	111	7,779	151	7,930	83.50%
Region 8	4,371	869	-	-	-	1,194	943	-	409	3,415	150	3,565	81.56%
Region 9	8,757	2,546	-	-	-	1,354	2,217	-	1,491	7,608	271	7,879	89.97%
Region 10	21,903	298	31	43	26	14,006	3,985	-	72	18,461	425	18,886	86.23%
Total	440,185	9,451	1,345	2,825	417	165,866	210,013	3,695	2,904	396,516	7,218	403,734	91.72%

REGIONAL DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL RESULTS

Region	Registered Voters	GAP/W PA	GD P	GN C	JFA P	ND F	NF A	PNC/ R	PPP/ C	PR P	ROA R	TU F	Total Votes	Voter Turnout
Region 1	11,473	1,324	-	-	-	-	-	2,272	4,881	-	-	305	8,782	76.54%
Region 2	26,234	429	142	-	76	-	-	6,656	15,525	-	572	122	23,522	89.66%
Region 3	61,020	218	397	-	651	-	34	14,591	39,403	-	639	142	56,075	91.90%
Region 4	193,582	1,378	422	329	3,129	-	546	94,606	73,759	-	813	580	175,562	90.69%
Region 5	30,699	69	57	-	77	-	18	10,139	17,541	120	465	46	28,532	92.94%
Region 6	72,649	414	260	-	96	-	61	16,582	47,455	-	1,257	150	66,275	91.23%
Region 7	9,497	1,595	17	-	-	-	28	3,218	2,794	-	-	134	7,786	81.98%
Region 8	4,371	844	-	-	-	-	-	1,174	932	-	-	466	3,416	78.15%
Region 9	8,757	2,433	-	-	-	-	-	1,262	2,051	160	-	1,587	7,493	85.57%
Region 10	21,903	260	26	-	66	15	33	13,960	3,993	-	-	95	18,448	84.23%
Total	440,185	8,964	1,321	329	4,095	15	720	164,460	208,334	280	3,746	3,627	395,891	89.94%