

**Voter turnout by Age Group
2011 and 2015 general elections**

Age Group	2011			2015			Estimate Difference
	Estimate	95% Confidence Limits		Estimate	95% Confidence Limits		
		Lower	Upper		Lower	Upper	
First time ¹	40.5	39.1	42.0	58.3	57.2	59.3	17.7
Not first time ²	37.8	36.3	39.4	55.1	53.9	56.3	17.3
18 to 24 years	38.8	37.5	40.2	57.1	56.2	57.9	18.3
25 to 34 years	45.1	43.0	47.2	57.4	56.2	58.7	12.3
35 to 44 years	54.5	52.6	56.4	61.9	60.9	62.9	7.4
45 to 54 years	64.5	63.3	65.8	66.6	65.8	67.4	2.1
55 to 64 years	71.5	69.7	73.2	73.7	72.8	74.7	2.3
65 to 74 years	75.1	72.8	77.5	78.8	77.6	79.9	3.7
75 years and over	60.3	57.5	63.2	67.4	64.4	70.4	7.1
All ages	58.5	58.5	58.5	66.1³	66.1	66.1	7.6

1. Voters eligible to vote for the first time

2. Voters between 18 and 24 years old who were eligible to vote in the previous election.

3. The numbers presented in this table are based on the population of eligible electors, as opposed to the population of registered electors that is used to calculate the official voting results. This explains the gap between the official voter turnout of 68.3% for all of Canada in 2015 and the overall voter turnout of 66.1% presented above. Using the population of eligible electors enables us to compare participation rates over time and across age groups.

Data sources: Under the Chief Electoral Officer's authority, Elections Canada is using administrative data from the electoral process to obtain a random sample of electors who voted. By linking these data to the National Register of Electors, Elections Canada is able to produce estimates of voter turnout by age and sex.