

Local Government Elections 2024 Nomination Data

The VLGA has completed a thorough analysis of the nominations for the 2024 local government elections. Here are some of the interesting insights we've found.

Total Nominations

The 2024 Local Government Elections received a record number of nominations, with **2211** people raising their hand to run.

39.6% are women. **0.5%** identify as non-binary.



Total 67%

Men 67%

Women 70%

Councillors Restanding

417 (67%) of current councillors are re-standing for election
67% of current male councillors and 70% of current female councillors are re-contesting.

2.9%

Number of women standing for election has increased

In 2024, **876 women** are standing for election. This is a 2.9% increase from 2020. However, below what is required to meet the target of 50/50 representation by 2025.

Regional 37%

Metro 40%

Women standing in metro and regional areas

More women are putting their hand up in regional areas, making up 37% of candidates. 40% of candidates in metropolitan municipalities are female.

Metropolitan Nominations

Wyndham (92), Casey (89), Melbourne (80) and Bayside (69) have the highest number of nominations.

Interface 482

Metropolitan 996

Small Shire 209

Large Shire 284

Regional City 244

Regional & Rural Council Nominations

33% of total nominations were for regional and rural councils.

Uncontested Elections

There are **47 councillors elected** uncontested in 2024, up from **26** in 2020.

2020

2024

Small Shire 1.8

Large Shire 1.9

Regional City 2.9

Metropolitan 4.8

Interface 5.3

Candidates per vacancy

The change to single member wards has not seen a shortage of candidates, however metropolitan councils have a higher proportion of options to choose from.