The 2022 Lebanese Parliamentary Elections

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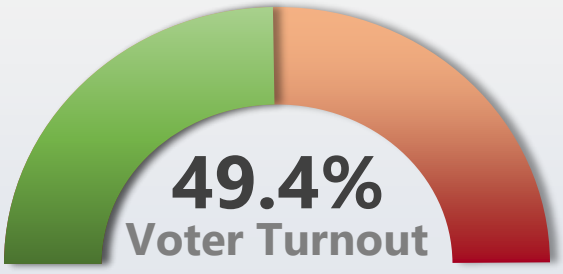
Lebanon's 2022 Parliamentary elections were held on May 15, 2022. Expatriates voting took place a week earlier on May 6 and May 8.

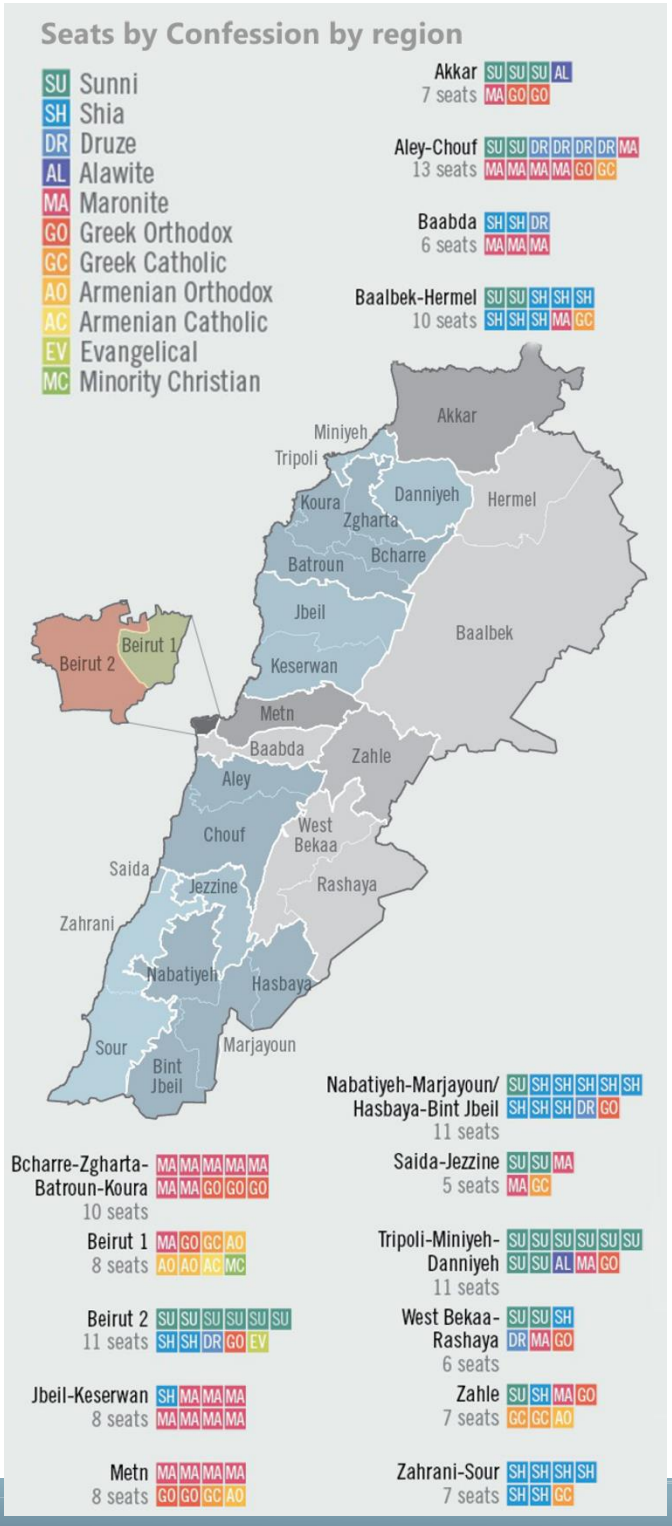
718 candidates on 103 electoral lists competed for 128 Parliamentary seats distributed over 15 electoral districts.

A total of 1,951,683 Lebanese voted out the 3,967,507 registered voters.

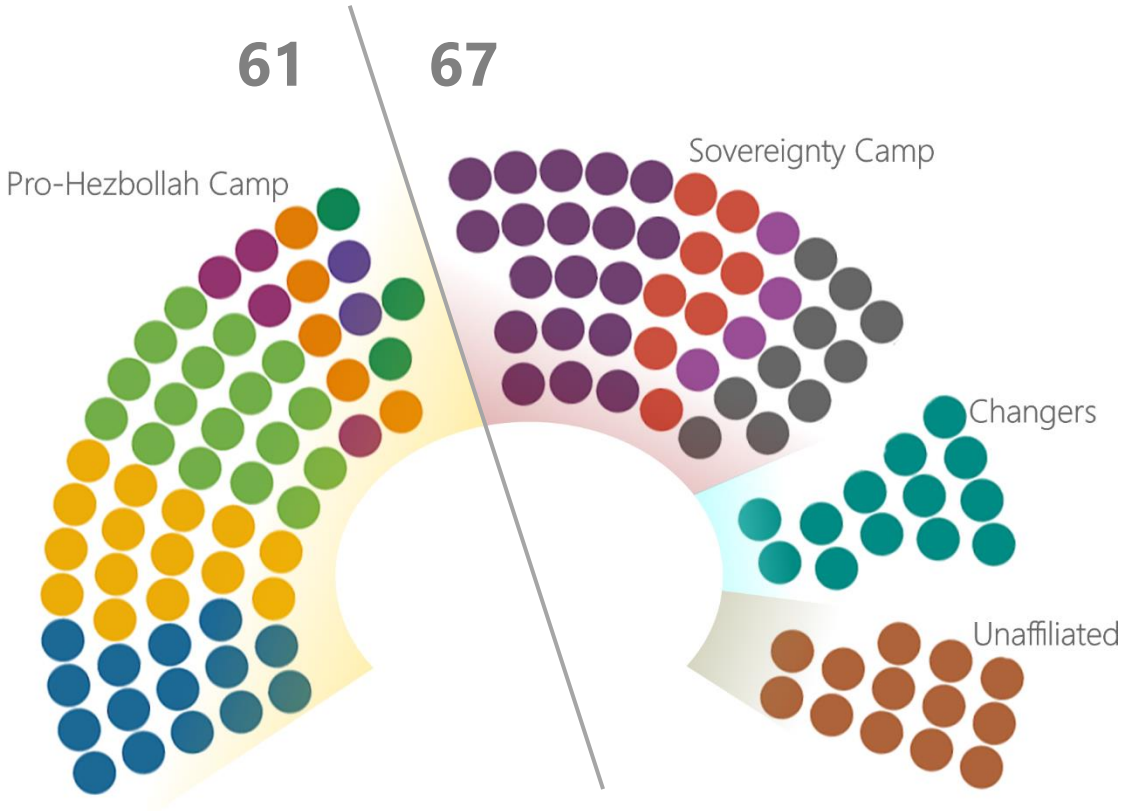


Total Seats by Confession

Muslims - 64 Reserved Seats	
Sunni	27
Shia	27
Druze	8
Alawi	2
Christians - 64 Reserved Seats	
Maronite	34
Greek Orthodox	14
Greek Catholic	8
Armenian Orthodox	5
Armenian Catholic	1
Protestant	1
Other	1

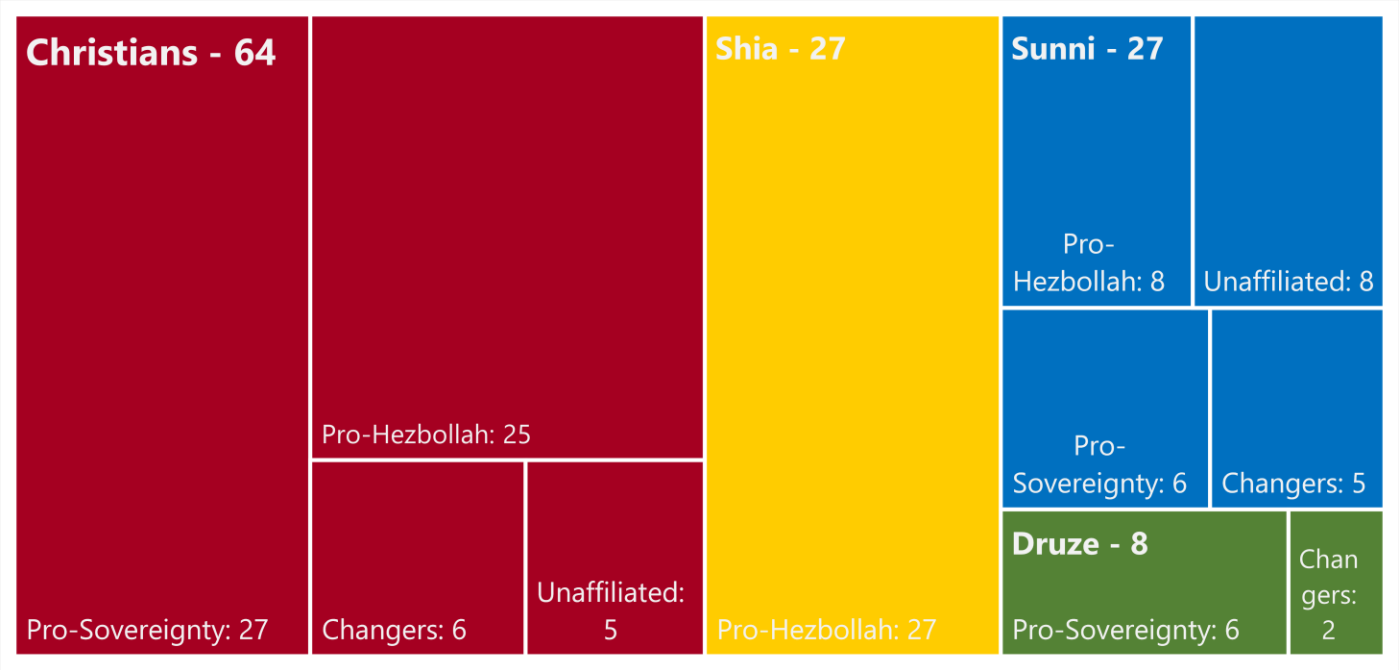


2022 Parliamentary Composition by Political Affiliations

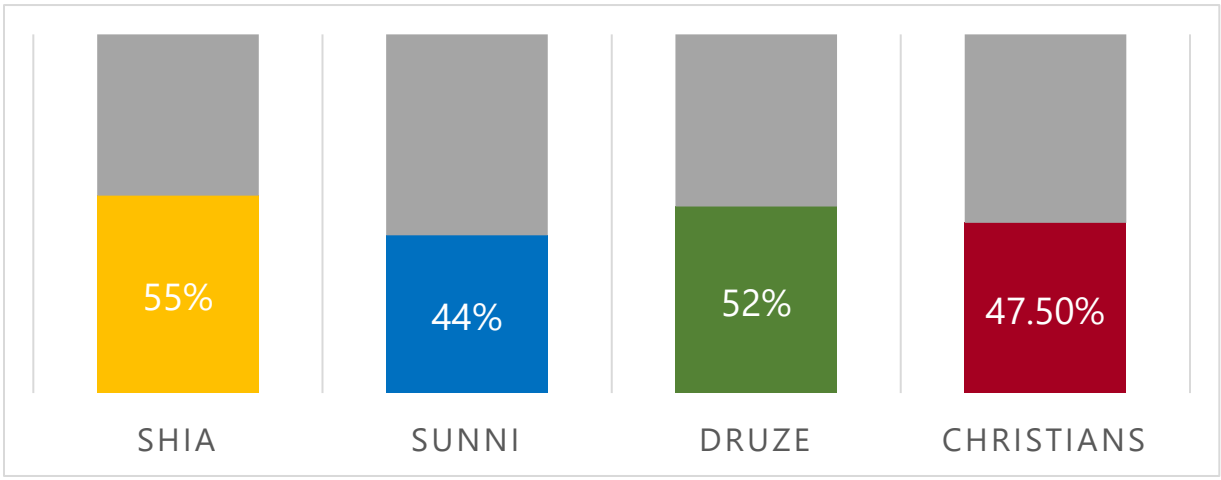


		2022	2018	Seat change
Pro-Hezbollah	Hezbollah	15	13	↑ 2
	Amal (Nabih Berri)	15	17	↓ 2
	FPM: Free Patriotic Movement (Aoun-Bassil)	17	26	↓ 9
	Marada (Sleiman Franjieh)	4	5	↓ 1
	SNSP: Syrian National Socialist Party	0	3	↓ 3
	Pro-Hezbollah Sunni	5	5	0
	Hezbollah Affiliated	2	3	↓ 1
	Tashnag	3	3	0
Pro-Sovereignty	LFP: Lebanese Forces Party (Samir Geagea)	19	15	↑ 4
	PSP: Progressive Socialist Party (Walid Jumblatt)	8	9	↓ 1
	Kataeb	4	3	↑ 1
	Sovereignty Camp Affiliated	10	4	↑ 6
	Changers	13	1	↑ 12
	Unaffiliated	13	5	↑ 8

2022 Parliamentary Composition by Confession by Camp



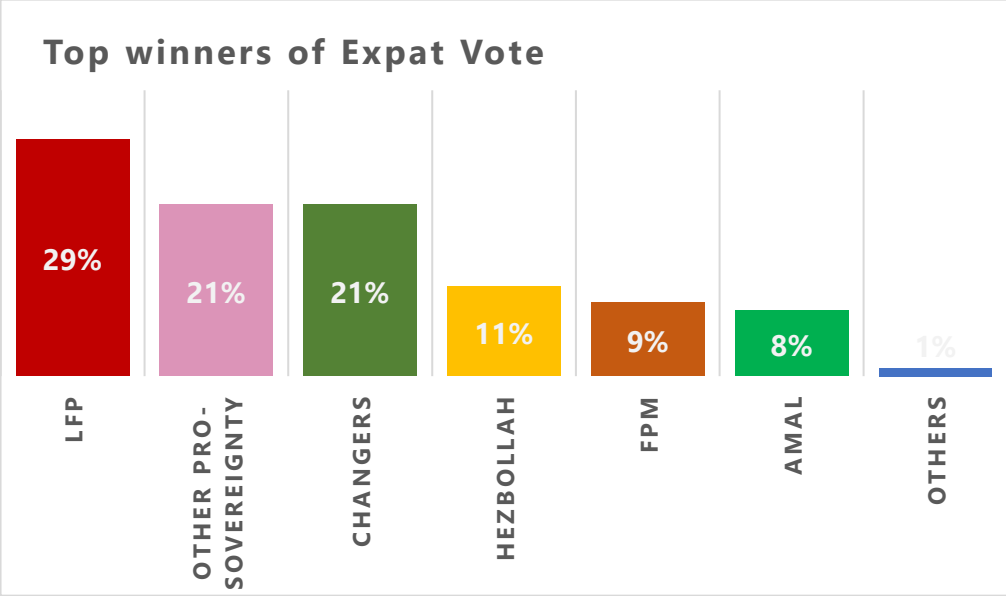
Voter Turnout by Confession



The Expat Vote

Elections occurred in 59 countries in 204 polling stations.

Total Expat Voter Turnout: **63%** (225,277 listed voters of which 142,041 voted)



Conclusions And Observations

- **Hezbollah and its Camp**: Lost the majority. But with the large number of "New Reformists/ Changers" and Centrists, there is no definite majority in the Parliament today.
- **Hezbollah** secured (with Amal and Jamil Sayyed) all 27 Shia seats; Boosted the FPM bloc with 5 seats. But failed to prevent LFP from having the largest bloc in parliament.
- **Hezbollah lost key partners**: Druze, Sunni, and Christian: Arslan, Wahhab, Karame, Hardane, and Ferzli and suffered losses in non-Shia seats in the South and Baalbeck.
- **Lebanese Forces Party (LFP)**: Scored a victory. Alone without needing votes from allies. LF candidates received 210,557 votes. Topped the Christian vote in 12 out of 15 districts, including in non-Christian districts: Tripoli, Beirut 2, Baalbek, and Sour.
- **FPM:** Lost the Christian majority. Still, FPM was able to get 17 seats thanks to Hezbollah and allies (Tashnag, Arslan, Yahya) who provided them with 8 seats in Bekaa in all 3 districts, Baabda, Beirut 2nd, Beirut 1st, Aley, and Akkar.

Conclusions And Observations (cont'd)

- **Jumblatt**: "The biggest winner". Achieved a quasi-monopoly over the Druze community, having "eliminated" his two main competitors Arslan and Wahhab.
- **Hariri:** Hariri's name disappeared for the first time in Lebanese politics since the end of the Lebanese war in the early 1990s.
- Credible reports show that the Hariri group worked to defeat the anti-Hezbollah ex-Future Movement figures who disagreed: such as Nakib in Saida, Siniora in Beirut, Alloush, and Fatfat in Tripoli-Dinniyeh.
- **Sunnis:** Lost a leader and are now weakened and divided, with too many heads vying for the control of the community.
- **Changers:** Surprised many with their scores: seats and votes. 13 seats and 330,527 votes. But they represent a multitude of parties. They are not united and have different political backgrounds, and programs. What brought them together is their opposition to all existing parties.
- **Unaffiliated:** The majority of them are Sunni MPs who used to be part of the Hariri bloc, and decided to run as local candidates in Sunni majority districts (Beirut, Saida, Tripoli, Akkar) without a national agenda. Their vote will be crucial in the 2022 parliament where no national camp or party has the majority.

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