Who won the election? (% of seats)

- Liberal: 46.4%
- Conservative: 35.8%
- Bloc Québécois: 9.5%
- NDP: 7.1%
- Green: 0.9%
- PPC: 0%

Who won the popular vote? AT 34.4%

Party Distribution of Seats in Parliament

- Liberal: 121
- Conservative: 32
- Bloc Québécois: 3
- NDP: 157
- Green: 24

Total number of seats: 338

Source: Elections Canada
What is a majority government?

- To form a majority government, a party has to win at least 170 of the 338 seats in the House of Commons (the House).

What is a minority government?

- When no party wins a majority government, one of the parties, usually the party with the most seats, forms a minority government.
- A minority government needs the confidence of the majority of the House to hold onto the government.
- To pass bills and avoid losing power or triggering an election, the governing party will:
  - sign a temporary Informal Understanding with another party or other parties; or
  - work issue-by-issue with other parties' MPs.

What is a coalition government?

- When no party wins the majority of the seats in the House, two or more parties may sign a Formal Understanding to form a coalition government. Cabinet ministers are chosen by all signing parties together.

How long do minority governments last?

563 DAYS

On average, minority government terms have lasted 563 days, from Parliament's first sitting to its dissolution.

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