

Voting Systems

Political Science

How different systems translate votes into seats.

System and characteristics.

System	Winner	Proportionality
Plurality	Most votes in the district	Low
Two-round	Majority in a runoff	Low to moderate
Ranked choice	Majority after transfers	Moderate
Party list PR	Seats by vote share	High
Mixed member	Combination of district and list	Moderate to high
Single transferable vote	Multi-member, ranked	High

Educational reference. Higher proportionality generally means more parties and a greater likelihood of coalition government.