

Participation in Brazilian Elections

1894-2018

Participation

The percentage of **adults voting** in Brazil has **increased** significantly since the Republic's first election in 1894.

1894

Less than **25%** of the adult population voted in elections

1930

Getúlio Vargas becomes president of Brazil

1937

Vargas establishes authoritarian Estado Novo

End of WWII ushers in a new democratic government

1945

Less than **40%** of the adult population voted in elections

1964

Military coup marks beginning of two decades of dictatorship

Return to democracy via a negotiated transition to civilian rule and direct elections

1985

Over **75%** of adults participated in elections

2016

79.5% turnout rate but...

32.5% of the population **abstained** or casted a **null or blank vote**: The **highest rate** since re-democratization.

2018

79.9% turnout rate (first round)



Abstention and null or blank votes are **expected to increase** in the second round on October 28, 2018.