

The 2020 General Election: A Gender Analysis

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TABLES AND FIGURES

Table 1 The fate of female incumbents contesting election alongside a party running-mate

Constituency	Party	Female Incumbent(s)	Male Incumbent(s)	Other party running mate	Elected
Cavan-Monaghan	Fine Gael	Heather Humphreys	-	Sandra McIntyre; TP O'Reilly	Heather Humphreys
Cavan-Monaghan	Fianna Fáil	Niamh Smyth	Brendan Smith	Robbie Gallagher	Niamh Smyth; Brendan Smith
Cork South West	Fianna Fáil	Margaret Murphy-O'Mahony	-	Christopher O'Sullivan	Christopher O'Sullivan
Dublin Bay South	Fine Gael	Kate O'Connell	Eoghan Murphy		Eoghan Murphy
Dublin Rathdown	Fine Gael	Josepha Madigan	-	Neale Richmond	Josepha Madigan; Neale Richmond
Dún Laoghaire	Fine Gael	Mary Mitchell-O'Connor	-	Jennifer Carroll-MacNeill; Barry Ward	Jennifer Carroll-MacNeill
Galway East	Fianna Fáil	Anne Rabbitte	-	Donagh Killilea	Anne Rabbitte
Galway West	Fine Gael	Hildegarde Naughton	Seán Kyne	-	Hildegarde Naughton
Kildare South	Fianna Fáil	Fiona O'Loughlin	<i>Seán Ó Fearghail</i> (Ceann Comhairle not on ballot paper)	Suzanne Doyle	<i>Seán Ó Fearghail</i> (Ceann Comhairle automatically re-elected)
Laois-Offaly	Fine Gael	Marcella Corcoran-Kennedy	Charlie Flanagan	-	Charlie Flanagan
Louth	Sinn Féin	Imelda Munster	-	Ruairí Ó Murchú	Imelda Munster; Ruairí Ó Murchú
Mayo	Fianna Fáil	Lisa Chambers	Dara Calleary	-	Dara Calleary
Meath East	Fine Gael	Regina Doherty; Helen McEntee	-	-	Helen McEntee
Waterford	Fianna Fáil	Mary Butler	-	Eddie Mulligan	Mary Butler

Source: Yvonne Galligan & Fiona Buckley, 2020

Table 2 Women candidates in the 2020 general election

2020 General Election - Women Candidates	%
Social Democrats	55 (n=11)
Solidarity-PBP	43 (n=15)
Greens	41 (n=16)
Aontú	34.6 (n=9)
Sinn Féin	33.3 (n=14)
Labour	32.3 (n=10)
Fianna Fáil	31 (n=26)
Fine Gael	30.5 (n=25)
Renua	25 (n=3)
Others	29 (n=9)
Independents	19.2 (n=24)

Source: Fiona Buckley & Yvonne Galligan, 2020

Table 3 Candidate success rates of women and men

Party	Women (%)	Men (%)
Independents4Change	100	0
Sinn Féin	92.9	85.7
Social Democrats	36.4	22.2
Fine Gael	24	50.9
Fianna Fáil	19.2	55.2*
Independents	16.7	16.7
Greens	12.5	43.5
Solidarity-PBP	6.7	20
Labour	0	28.6
Aontú	0	16.7

*Ceann Comhairle automatically re-elected

Source: Fiona Buckley & Yvonne Galligan, 2020

Table 4 Gender and Party TDs

Party	Total TDs (n)	Women TDs (n)	Men TDs (n)	Women (%)	Men (%)
Fianna Fáil	38	5	33	13.2	86.8
Sinn Féin	37	13	24	35.2	64.8
Fine Gael	35	6	29	17.1	82.9
Greens	12	2	10	16.7	83.3
Labour	6	0	6	0	100
Social Democrats	6	4	2	66.7	33.3
Solidarity-PBP	5	1	4	20	80
Aontú	1	0	1	0	100
Independents4Change	1	1	0	100	0
Independents	19	4	15	21.1	78.9
	160	36	124	22.5	77.5

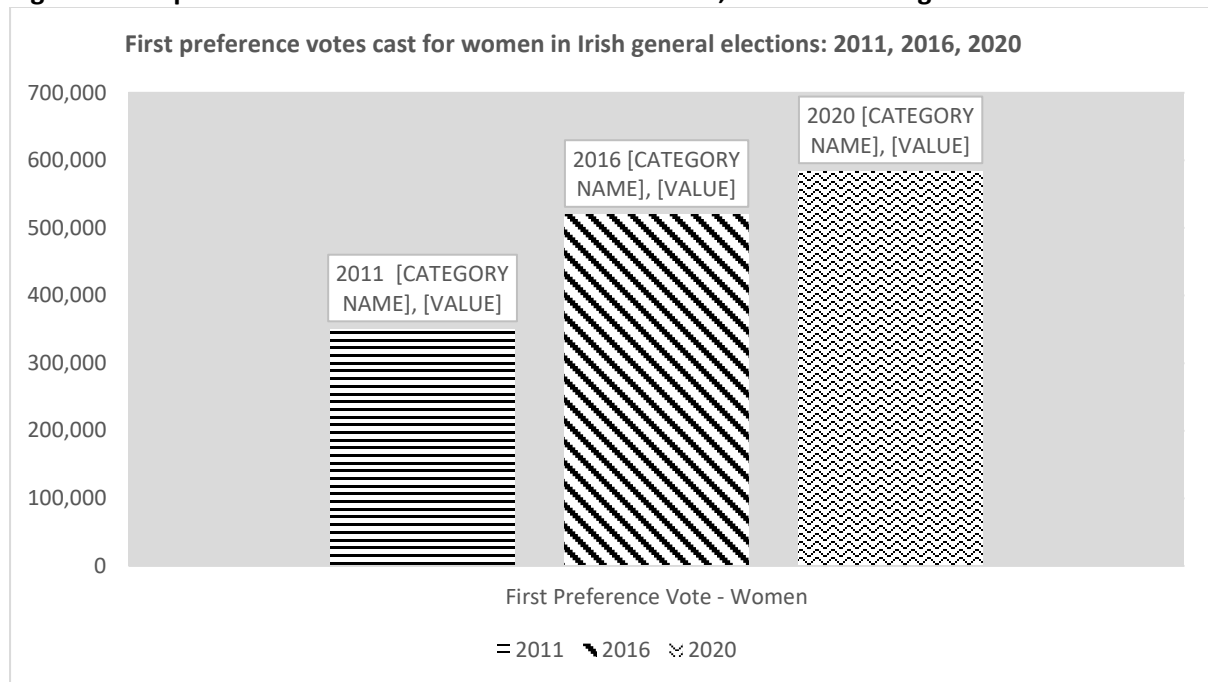
Source: Fiona Buckley & Yvonne Galligan, 2020

Table 5 Women candidates and constituencies

	2002	2007	2011	2016	2020
Number of constituencies where no woman on the ballot	9	5	4	1	0
Number of constituencies where Fine Gael ran no woman	27	31	28	16	18
Number of constituencies where Fianna Fáil ran no woman	29	28	32	18	16

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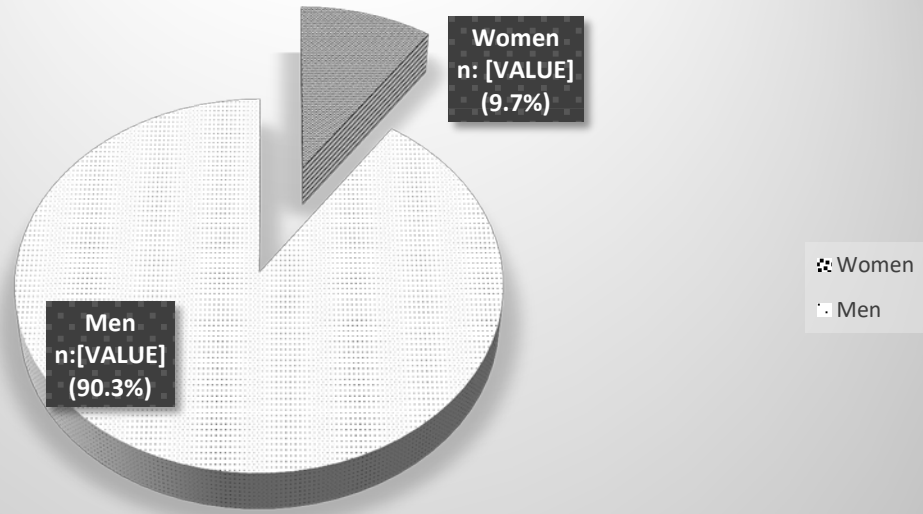
Figure 1 First preference votes cast for women in the 2011, 2016 and 2020 general elections



Source: Fiona Buckley & Yvonne Galligan, 2020

Figure 2 Number of TDs elected to Dáil Éireann between 1918 and 2020

TDs elected to Dáil Éireann between 1918 and 2020



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