

MALI

Date of Elections: 13 June 1982

Purpose of Elections

Elections were held for all the seats in Parliament on the normal expiry of its term.

Characteristics of Parliament

The unicameral Parliament of Mali, the National Assembly, consists of 82 Deputies elected for 3 years*.

Electoral System

All Malian citizens who are at least 21 years of age and in full possession of their civil and political rights are entitled to vote if not otherwise disqualified by law. Moreover, citizens of other African countries who have their residence in Mali and are registered as electors may also vote if they satisfy general requirements pertaining to the electorate. Disqualified from voting are citizens who have been convicted of certain crimes, bankrupts, and persons under guardianship.

Electoral registers are revised annually. Voting is not compulsory.

Qualified electors of 25 years of age or more who have been domiciled in Mali for at least one year are eligible for the National Assembly. Ineligible are persons who have been naturalized within the preceding 10 years. The parliamentary mandate is incompatible with certain public offices.

Candidates for the National Assembly are nominated by the country's sole political party, the Democratic Union of the Malian People (*Union démocratique du Peuple malien*—UDPM). Election of Deputies takes place on the basis of a simple majority party-list system. By-elections are held to fill seats which become vacant between general elections.

General Considerations and Conduct of the Elections

According to the country's Electoral Commission, the government list of candidates for the National Assembly was overwhelmingly supported on polling day, 99.7% of the votes in a 96.1% turnout of the electorate having gone to the Democratic Union of the Malian People (*Union démocratique du Peuple malien*—UDPM), the country's sole party provided for in the 1974 Constitution.

* See *Chronicle of Parliamentary Elections and Developments XV (1980-1981)*, p. 18.

Statistics

1. Results of the Elections and Distribution of Seats in the National Assembly

Number of registered electors	3,591,716	
Voters	3,453,068	(96.14%)
Blank or void ballot papers	9,364	
Valid votes	3,443,704	

Political Group	Number of Seats
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<i>Union democratique du Peuple malien</i> (UDPM)	82
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2. Distribution of Deputies according to Sex

Men	80
Women	2
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3. Distribution of Deputies according to Age Group

30-45 years	45
46-60	36
Over 60	1
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