

Parliamentary Seat Entitlement

The following have been calculated using the St Laguë method.

The table below includes those parties that gain the 5% threshold or above on the Party Vote. This scenario does not take into account any specific electorate seat that may go to a party under the 5% threshold.

	18-21 SEP 2006
National	64
Labour	49
Greens	7
TOTAL	120

The next table assumes that the Greens and NZ First both reach 5% and that each of United Future New Zealand, ACT and Progressive Coalition win one electorate seat and the Maori Party wins 4 electorate seats

	18-21 SEP 2006
National	57
Labour	44
NZ First	6
Greens	6
United Future NZ	1
Maori Party	4
ACT	1
Progressive Party	1
TOTAL	120

Method Used To Calculate Parliamentary Seat Entitlement

The St Laguë method is used by the Chief Electoral Officer at election time to convert the number of votes for each party into the number of seats they get in parliament.

It is applied to all the parties which are eligible, either by exceeding the 5% threshold or by winning at least one electorate seat. More information about the St Laguë method can be obtained directly from the Electoral Commission.
