

**Table 12.1    Average Voter Participation (1950–2012) and Most Recent Election Participation**

Country	Voter Participation (All Elections From 1950 to 2012)*	Most Recent Parliamentary or Congressional Election**
Italy	92.5%	75.2% (2013)
Iceland	89.5%	81.4% (2013)
New Zealand	86.2%	77.0% (2014)
South Africa	85.5%	73.5% (2014)
Austria	85.1%	74.9% (2013)
Netherlands	84.8%	74.6% (2012)
Australia	84.4%	93.2% (2013)
Denmark	83.6%	85.9% (2015)
Sweden	83.3%	85.8% (2014)
Germany	80.6%	71.3% (2013)
United Kingdom	74.9%	66.1% (2015)
Argentina	70.6%	81.1% (2015)
Japan	69.0%	52.7% (2014)
Canada	68.4%	68.3% (2015)
France	67.3%	55.4% (2012)
Bolivia	61.4%	87.5% (2014)
United States	48.3%	42.5% (2014)
Mexico	48.1%	47.7% (2015)

*Note:* The figures are averages of voter participation for all elections since 1945. Note that enfranchisement of women and various ethnic minorities changed in some countries during that time, so these should be viewed as very crude overall indicators of voting patterns. To see the voting participation figures for 172 countries in the world, go to [www.idea.int/vt](http://www.idea.int/vt).

*Sources:* \*International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (2012). \*\*International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (2016).