

majority[mə'dʒɔːrɪti] *n***1. большинство**

the majority of mankind - большая часть человечества

in the majority of cases - в большинстве случаев

absolute [narrow, overwhelming] majority - абсолютное [незначительное, подавляющее] большинство

qualified [simple] majority - квалифицированное [простое] большинство

the majority needed for nomination - количество голосов, необходимое для того, чтобы быть включённым в список кандидатов
(на какой-л. пост)

to be in the majority - быть в большинстве

to gain /to carry/ the majority - получить большинство (голосов)

to be carried by a small majority - пройти/быть принятым, утверждённым/ незначительным большинством (голосов)

to win /to be elected/ by a large [small] majority - пройти/быть избранным/ значительным [незначительным] большинством (голосов)

by a majority of 35 - большинством в 35 голосов

2. юр. совершеннолетие

to reach /to attain/ one's majority - достигать совершеннолетия

3. редк. чин, звание майора

◇ to join the (great /silent/) majority, to go /to pass over/ to the (great) majority - отправиться в лучший мир /к праотцам/, умереть

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majority *AW* [majority majorities] *BrE* [mə'dʒɔːrɪti] ^ɪ *NAmE* [mə'dʒɔːrəʃɪ] ^ɪ*NAmE* [mə'dʒɔːrəʃɪ] ^ɪ noun (pl. **majorities**)**1. singular + singular or plural verb ~ (of sb/sth) the largest part of a group of people or things**

- The majority of people interviewed prefer TV to radio.
- The majority was/were in favour of banning smoking.
- This treatment is not available in the **vast majority** of hospitals.
- a majority decision (= one that is decided by what most people want)
- In the nursing profession, women are **in a/the majority** .

Opp: ↑minority**see also** ↑moral majority, ↑silent majority**2. countable (BrE) the number of votes by which one political party wins an election; the number of votes by which one side in a discussion, etc. wins**

- She was elected **by/with a majority** of 749.
- a clear (= large) majority
- ~ **(over sb)** They had a large majority over their nearest rivals.
- The government does not have an **overall majority** (= more members than all the other parties added together) .
- The resolution was carried by a huge majority .

see also ↑absolute majority**3. countable (NAmE) the difference between the number of votes given to the candidate who wins the election and the total number of votes of all the other candidates****see also** ↑plurality**4. uncountable (law) the age at which you are legally considered to be an adult**

- The age of majority in Britain was reduced from 21 to 18 in 1970.

Word Origin:mid 16th cent. (denoting superiority): from French **majorité**, from medieval Latin **majoritas**, from Latin **major**, comparative of **magnus** 'great' .Collocations:**Voting in elections***Running for election***conduct/hold** an election/a referendum*(especially NAmE)* **run for** office/election/governor/mayor/president/the White House*(especially BrE)* **stand for** election/office/Parliament/the Labour Party/a second term**hold/call/contest** a general/national election**launch/run** a presidential election campaign**support/back** a candidate**sway/convince/persuade** voters/the electorate**appeal to/attract/woo/target** (*NAmE*) swing voters/*(BrE)* floating voters**fix/rig/steal** an election/the vote*Voting***go to/be turned away from** (*especially BrE*) a polling station/*(NAmE)* a polling place**cast a/your vote/ballot** (for sb)**vote for** the Conservative candidate/the Democratic party**mark/spoil** your ballot paper**count** (*BrE*) the postal votes/*(especially NAmE)* the absentee ballots**go to/be defeated** at the ballot box**get/win/receive/lose** votes

get/win (60% of) the popular/black/Hispanic/Latino/Muslim vote
 win the election/(in the US) the primaries/a seat in Parliament/a majority/power
 lose an election/the vote/your majority/your seat
 win/come to power in a landslide (victory) (= with many more votes than any other party)
 elect/re-elect sb (as) mayor/president/an MP/senator/congressman/congresswoman

Taking power

be sworn into office/in as president
 take/administer (in the US) the oath of office
 swear/take (in the UK) an/the oath of allegiance
 give/deliver (in the US) the president's inaugural address
 take/enter/hold/leave office
 appoint sb (as) ambassador/governor/judge/minister
 form a government/a cabinet
 serve two terms as prime minister/in office
 more collocations at ↑economy, ↑politics

Example Bank:

- English speakers form the majority of the population.
- He has a decisive majority over his main rivals.
- He joined the majority in criticizing the government's reforms.
- If the Republicans want to build a majority, they need the north-east.
- In the general population, right-handed people are in the majority.
- In the vast majority of cases, customers get their money back.
- Latest opinion polls have a comfortable majority against the reform.
- Opinion polls indicated a two-thirds majority in favour of ratification of the treaty.
- Republicans increased their majority in both the House and the Senate.
- The French company holds a majority stake in the retail chain.
- The march was by the silent majority who oppose terrorism.
- They failed to win the requisite two-thirds majority.
- They won by a huge majority.
- To govern effectively, he will need a working majority in Congress.
- a majority in Parliament
- a majority in the Senate
- countries which have an English-speaking white majority
- the first Labour government with a clear working majority in the House

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 (plural majorities)

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: French; Origin: majorité, from Latin major; ⇒ ↑major¹]

1. MOST PEOPLE OR THINGS [singular, also + plural verb] most of the people or things in a group OPP minority

majority of
 " The majority of workers find it quite hard to live on the amount of money they earn.

great/vast/overwhelming majority of something (=almost all of a group)

" In the vast majority of cases the disease is fatal.

be in the majority (=form the largest group)

" In this city, Muslims are in the majority. ⇒ ↑silent majority

GRAMMAR

When using **majority** before 'of' and a plural noun, use a plural verb after it:

- The vast majority of patients are elderly.

REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually say **most (of)** rather than **the majority of**:

- Most workers find it hard to live on the money they earn.
- Most of us agreed with him.

2. MOST VOTES [countable] if one person or group wins a majority in an election, they win more votes than other people or groups

majority of 50/100 etc
 " He won by a majority of 500.

" The Labour Party won a huge majority at the last general election.

clear/overall/absolute majority (=a situation in which one party wins more votes in an election than all the other parties)

" The party won an absolute majority in Portugal in 1987.

small/narrow majority

" The government gained only a narrow majority, with 151 votes against 144.

Labour/Conservative etc majority

" The Labour majority was reduced to just 15 seats at the last election.

3. majority vote/decision/verdict etc a vote or decision in which more people vote for something than vote against it:

- " The committee takes decisions by majority vote.
- " The jury found him guilty by a majority verdict.

4. majority stake/shareholding etc when one person or group owns a bigger share of a company than other people or groups and so is able to control what happens to the company:

Alex Golding held a majority shareholding in Golding plc.

5. **BECOMING AN ADULT** [uncountable] *British English law* the age when someone legally becomes an adult **OPP** minority
reach majority/the age of majority

He became a partner in the family firm on reaching his majority.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ **verbs**

- **have/hold a majority** The Democratic party has a majority in the Senate.
- **win a majority** The Conservative Party won a large majority.
- **secure a majority** (=win a majority) They failed to secure a majority.
- **get/gain/receive a majority** If no one gets an overall majority, the vote is repeated.
- **command a majority** (=have a majority) They were one seat short of being able to command a majority in parliament.
- **increase a majority** (=get more votes than you had before) Labour increased its majority in the area.
- **lose a majority** The Republicans lost their narrow majority in Congress at the midterm elections.
- **retain a majority** *formal* (=keep a majority) They were able to retain an absolute majority of seats.
- **defend a majority** (=try not to lose it) He is defending a majority of 400 against his Labour opponent.
- **overturn a majority** (=win a majority that previously belonged to someone else) She hoped to overturn a Tory majority of 2,221.

■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + majority**

- **a large majority** Parliament voted by a large majority in favour of the ban.
- **a huge majority** (=a very big majority) Gone are the days of huge majorities and easy victories.
- **a small majority** Their small majority made them worried about winning the next election.
- **a slim/narrow majority** (=a very small majority) The proposal was passed by a slim majority.
- **an overall majority** (=more votes than anyone else) What happens if no candidate receives an overall majority?
- **an overwhelming majority** (=a large majority) The resolution was passed by an overwhelming majority.
- **an absolute/outright/clear majority** (=a majority that has been won by more than half the votes) There was no party with an absolute majority in the House of Commons.
- **a simple majority** (=a majority that has been won by most of the votes) A simple majority of the people at the meeting were in favour of the changes.
- **a two-thirds/2:1/three to one etc majority** A two-thirds majority in both Houses of Congress is needed to overturn a presidential veto.
- **a Labour/Democratic/Tory etc majority** Republican majorities were elected in both Houses of Congress that year.
- **a parliamentary majority** (=one that has enough seats in parliament to control it) Labour increased its parliamentary majority.

■ **majority + NOUN**

- **a majority vote** The majority vote carries the resolution.
- **the majority party** (=the party with the most seats in a parliament) At that time, Labour was the majority party in Parliament.
- **majority support** (=votes or support given by the most number of people) a solution that will command majority support in the House

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