

## Electorate, valid votes and first preferences at general election, 4 February 1948

	Electorate	Valid votes	Fianna Fáil	Fine Gael	Labour	Natnl Lab	Clann na Poblachta	Clann na Talmhan	Others
Carlow–Kilkenny	61,031	45,652	19,062	13,036	3,528	5,234	4,792		
Cavan	44,068	34,727	16,183	2,081	1,119		5,223		10,121
Clare	54,379	41,514	21,526	4,589	4,586		4,195	2,042	4,576
Cork Borough	62,626	44,875	17,034	10,167	3,675	4,767	4,334		4,898
Cork East	39,226	29,306	11,185	6,242	4,066	823	2,471	3,352	1,167
Cork North	37,288	29,821	11,742	4,741	6,634		1,853	4,851	
Cork South	38,522	28,840	8,502	5,565	7,241		2,287	5,245	
Cork West	38,455	30,214	9,787	6,520	6,165		2,992	4,750	
Donegal East	48,184	34,715	17,200	7,645			4,050		5,820
Donegal West	37,662	26,105	11,062	6,959			4,860		3,224
Dublin NC	35,989	23,761	10,967	4,346	3,873	271	4,304		
Dublin NE	61,484	44,567	15,543	5,815	2,301	916	6,926		13,066
Dublin NW	32,779	23,193	9,507	3,340	2,300		3,377		4,669
Dublin SC	67,633	44,387	19,319	9,531	6,046	790	8,351		350
Dublin SE	41,127	29,627	10,299	11,453	2,399		5,476		
Dublin SW	55,924	39,604	15,213	11,151	2,791		10,449		
Dublin County	35,549	25,308	10,947	5,944	4,029		4,388		
Dun Laoghaire	44,212	31,024	9,776	12,654	1,502		7,092		
Galway North	32,389	23,336	11,189	1,932	2,273		2,484	5,458	
Galway South	30,852	22,901	14,731	3,886			4,284		
Galway West	32,767	21,206	10,533	4,635		3,205	2,833		
Kerry North	48,998	36,069	17,561	2,108		5,877	5,954	4,569	
Kerry South	35,580	26,116	10,361	4,924			5,300		5,531
Kildare	37,737	26,353	10,244	5,570	6,939		3,600		
Laois–Offaly	62,687	47,373	17,772	6,374	3,319		2,172		17,736
Limerick East	49,565	36,879	15,735	7,822	5,756		5,435	2,131	
Limerick West	35,766	27,476	15,114	6,385	1,695		2,238		2,044
Longford–Wmeath	54,709	41,650	18,346	7,999	2,892		4,817	1,277	6,319
Louth	40,740	30,730	13,696	11,105	3,767		2,162		
Mayo North	37,602	25,199	10,967	5,583			5,230	2,920	499
Mayo South	55,555	38,887	15,730	4,362			5,157	13,638	
Meath	39,935	30,037	15,430	6,439	3,477		2,784		1,907
Monaghan	34,581	28,612	11,730		582		3,601	1,878	10,821
Roscommon	46,197	35,310	16,055	1,910			5,685	9,290	2,370
Sligo–Leitrim	68,912	50,120	15,180	14,519		1,785	4,287	5,405	8,944
Tipperary North	35,315	28,217	11,205	6,364	4,408		6,240		
Tipperary South	45,797	36,329	18,016	8,438	2,308		4,310	3,257	
Waterford	45,795	34,695	14,166	8,033	6,066		2,680	3,750	
Wexford	55,282	42,259	15,983	8,285	7,264	5,513	3,482		1,732
Wicklow	37,311	26,449	9,316	3,941	2,072	4,834	2,668		3,618
Dublin	374,697	261,471	101,571	64,234	25,241	1,977	50,363		18,085
Rest of Leinster	389,432	290,503	119,849	62,749	33,258	15,581	26,477	1,277	31,312
Munster	567,312	430,351	181,934	81,898	52,600	11,467	50,289	33,947	18,216
Connacht–Ulster	468,769	341,118	150,560	53,512	3,974	4,990	47,694	38,589	41,799
Ireland	1,800,210	1,323,443	553,914	262,393	115,073	34,015	174,823	73,813	109,412

See also Notes on results on p. 41 below.

## Turnout and percentage votes at general election, 4 February 1948

	Turnout	Fianna Fáil	Fine Gael	Labour	Natnl Lab	Clann na Poblachta	Clann na Talmhan	Others
Carlow–Kilkenny	74.80	41.76	28.56	7.73	11.46	10.50		
Cavan	78.80	46.60	5.99	3.22		15.04		29.14
Clare	76.34	51.85	11.05	11.05		10.11	4.92	11.02
Cork Borough	71.66	37.96	22.66	8.19	10.62	9.66		10.91
Cork East	74.71	38.17	21.30	13.87	2.81	8.43	11.44	3.98
Cork North	79.97	39.37	15.90	22.25		6.21	16.27	
Cork South	74.87	29.48	19.30	25.11		7.93	18.19	
Cork West	78.57	32.39	21.58	20.40		9.90	15.72	
Donegal East	72.05	49.55	22.02			11.67		16.77
Donegal West	69.31	42.38	26.66			18.62		12.35
Dublin NC	66.02	46.16	18.29	16.30	1.14	18.11		
Dublin NE	72.49	34.88	13.05	5.16	2.06	15.54		29.32
Dublin NW	70.76	40.99	14.40	9.92		14.56		20.13
Dublin SC	65.63	43.52	21.47	13.62	1.78	18.81		0.79
Dublin SE	72.04	34.76	38.66	8.10		18.48		
Dublin SW	70.82	38.41	28.16	7.05		26.38		
Dublin County	71.19	43.26	23.49	15.92		17.34		
Dun Laoghaire	70.17	31.51	40.79	4.84		22.86		
Galway North	72.05	47.95	8.28	9.74		10.64	23.39	
Galway South	74.23	64.32	16.97			18.71		
Galway West	64.72	49.67	21.86		15.11	13.36		
Kerry North	73.61	48.69	5.84		16.29	16.51	12.67	
Kerry South	73.40	39.67	18.85			20.29		21.18
Kildare	69.83	38.87	21.14	26.33		13.66		
Laois–Offaly	75.57	37.52	13.45	7.01		4.58		37.44
Limerick East	74.41	42.67	21.21	15.61		14.74	5.78	
Limerick West	76.82	55.01	23.24	6.17		8.15		7.44
Longford–Westmeath	76.13	44.05	19.21	6.94		11.57	3.07	15.17
Louth	75.43	44.57	36.14	12.26		7.04		
Mayo North	67.02	43.52	22.16			20.75	11.59	1.98
Mayo South	70.00	40.45	11.22			13.26	35.07	
Meath	75.21	51.37	21.44	11.58		9.27		6.35
Monaghan	82.74	41.00		2.03		12.59	6.56	37.82
Roscommon	76.43	45.47	5.41			16.10	26.31	6.71
Sligo–Leitrim	72.73	30.29	28.97		3.56	8.55	10.78	17.85
Tipperary North	79.90	39.71	22.55	15.62		22.11		
Tipperary South	79.33	49.59	23.23	6.35		11.86	8.97	
Waterford	75.76	40.83	23.15	17.48		7.72	10.81	
Wexford	76.44	37.82	19.61	17.19	13.05	8.24		4.10
Wicklow	70.89	35.22	14.90	7.83	18.28	10.09		13.68
Dublin	69.78	38.85	24.57	9.65	0.76	19.26		6.92
Rest of Leinster	74.60	41.26	21.60	11.45	5.36	9.11	0.44	10.78
Munster	75.86	42.28	19.03	12.22	2.66	11.69	7.89	4.23
Connacht–Ulster	72.77	44.14	15.69	1.16	1.46	13.98	11.31	12.25
Ireland	73.52	41.85	19.83	8.69	2.57	13.21	5.58	8.27

Effective number of elective parties ( $N_V$ ): 4.10  
 Effective number of legislative parties ( $N_S$ ): 3.66  
 Disproportionality (least squares index, LSq): 5.59

## Seats and candidates at general election, 4 February 1948

	Total	Fianna Fáil	Fine Gael	Labour	Natnl Lab	Clann na Poblachta	Clann na Talmhan	Others	Lost deposits
Carlow-Kilkenny	5-14	2-4	2-3	2	1-2	3			6
Cavan	4-9	2-3	1	1		1-2		1-2	2
Clare	4-13	2-4	3	1-1		3	1	1-1	5
Cork Borough	5-16	2-4	1-4	2	1-2	3		1-1	7
Cork East	3-10	1-2	1-2	1-1	1	2	1	1	4
Cork North	3-7	1-2	1	1-1		2	1-1		2
Cork South	3-7	1-2	2	1-1		1	1-1		2
Cork West	3-8	1-2	1-2	1-1		2	1		2
Donegal East	4-8	2-3	1-2			2		1-1	2
Donegal West	3-7	2-2	1-2			2		1	0
Dublin NC	3-9	1-3	1-2	1-1	1	2			4
Dublin NE	5-15	2-4	1-2	3	2	1-3		1-1	8
Dublin NW	3-10	1-3	2	2		1-2		1-1	3
Dublin SC	5-13	2-3	1-3	1-2	1	1-3		1	5
Dublin SE	3-7	1-2	1-2	1		1-2			1
Dublin SW	5-13	2-4	2-3	3		1-3			4
Dublin County	3-8	1-3	1-2	1-1		2			3
Dun Laoghaire	3-7	1-2	1-2	1		1-2			1
Galway North	3-10	2-3	2	1		2	1-2		4
Galway South	3-6	3-3	1			2			1
Galway West	3-7	2-3	1-1		1	2			1
Kerry North	4-8	2-3	1		1-1	2	1-1		2
Kerry South	3-8	1-3	1-1			2		1-2	1
Kildare	3-7	1-2	1-2	1-1		2			2
Laois-Offaly	5-16	2-5	1-2	1-2		3		1-4	8
Limerick East	4-10	2-3	1-2	1-1		3	1		3
Limerick West	3-10	2-3	1-2	1		2		2	5
Longford-Westmeath	5-15	3-4	1-4	2		3	1	1-1	8
Louth	3-7	1-2	1-2	1-1		2			2
Mayo North	3-11	2-3	1-2			3	2	1	5
Mayo South	4-12	2-4	2			3	2-3		3
Meath	3-9	2-2	1-2	2		2		1	4
Monaghan	3-10	2-3		1		2	2	1-2	5
Roscommon	4-11	2-3	2			1-2	1-3	1	3
Sligo-Leitrim	5-17	2-3	2-3		1	3	3	1-4	8
Tipperary North	3-8	1-3	1-2	1		1-2			3
Tipperary South	4-12	2-3	1-3	2		1-3	1		5
Waterford	4-9	2-3	1-2	1-1		2	1		2
Wexford	5-14	2-3	1-3	1-2	1-1	3		2	7
Wicklow	3-9	1-3	1	1	1-1	2		1-1	3
Dublin	30-82	11-24	8-18	3-14	4	6-19		2-3	29
Rest of Leinster	32-91	14-25	8-19	4-13	3-4	20	1	3-9	40
Munster	46-126	20-37	9-27	7-13	2-4	2-29	3-9	3-7	43
Connacht-Ulster	39-108	23-33	6-18	3	2	2-25	4-15	4-12	34
Ireland	147-407	68-119	31-82	14-43	5-14	10-93	7-25	12-31	146

The outgoing Ceann Comhairle, returned automatically, was a Fianna Fáil TD for Galway South.

Lost deposits: Fianna Fáil 13, Fine Gael 33, Labour 20, National Labour 8, Clann na Poblachta 47, Clann na Talmhan 10, Others 15.

**Party votes 1948 by province, with changes since 1944,  
in percentages**

	Dublin		Rest of Leinster		Munster		Connacht– Ulster		Ireland	
Fianna Fáil	38.85	-12.97	41.26	-4.59	42.28	-5.38	44.14	-7.11	41.85	-7.04
Fine Gael	24.57	-1.78	21.60	-1.72	19.03	+0.51	15.69	-0.35	19.83	-0.65
Labour	9.65	-1.96	11.45	-0.20	12.22	+1.55	1.16	-0.01	8.69	-0.08
National Labour	0.76	+0.23	5.36	-1.61	2.66	-0.27	1.46	+1.46	2.57	-0.12
Clann na Poblachta	19.26	+19.26	9.11	+9.11	11.69	+11.69	13.98	+13.98	13.21	+13.21
Clann na Talmhan	0	0	0.44	-5.57	7.89	-5.46	11.31	-5.81	5.58	-4.51
Others	6.92	-2.78	10.78	+4.57	4.23	-2.64	12.25	-2.16	8.27	-0.81
Total	100.0		100.0		100.0		100.0		100.0	
Turnout	69.78	+5.82	74.60	+5.15	75.86	+4.33	72.77	+5.42	73.52	+5.01

**Party seats 1948, by province, with changes since 1944**

	Dublin		Rest of Leinster		Munster		Connacht– Ulster		Ireland	
Fianna Fáil	11	-3	14	-1	20	-5	23	+1	68	-8
Fine Gael	8	+2	8	0	9	0	6	-1	31	+1
Labour	3	+1	4	+1	7	+4	0	0	14	+6
National Labour	0	0	3	0	2	+1	0	0	5	+1
Clann na Poblachta	6	+6	0	0	2	+2	2	+2	10	+10
Clann na Talmhan	0	0	0	-1	3	-1	4	0	7	-2
Others	2	+1	3	+2	3	-1	4	-1	12	+1
Total	30	+7	32	+1	46	0	39	+1	147	+9

**Notes on 1948 election results**

The total number of votes cast was 1,336,628, of which 13,183 (0.98%) were rejected as invalid. The turnout figures given in the table on p. 39 represent valid votes as a percentage of the electorate. The figures for electorates and valid votes in each constituency are confirmed by the *Report 1947–48* of the Department of Local Government (Dublin: Stationery Office, 1949), pp. 88–9.

The figures for ‘Others’ include Ailtirí na hAiséirghe (1 candidate, 323 votes, 0.02 per cent of votes, 0 seats, 1 lost deposit).

Candidates had to deposit £100 (€127), which was forfeit unless their votes at some stage of the count exceeded one third of the quota. The *Report 1947–48* of the Department of Local Government (Dublin: Stationery Office, 1949), p. 16, states that 145 deposits were forfeit, as compared with the figure of 146 in the table on p. 40 above. It has not been possible to identify the source of the discrepancy.

## 1948 general election: transfer analysis

### Number of votes transferred

<i>From:</i>	Fianna Fáil	Fine Gael	Labour	Nat Lab	Clann Pob	Clann Tal	Others
<i>To:</i>							
FF	115835	—	2756	3767	1264	7360	177 1156 4809 7197 1415 3299 3145 4139
FG	5998	4248	36148	—	1292	5867	147 1037 5342 9936 1744 5842 4577 5681
Lab	4601	2411	2588	4866	7642	—	119 1026 2816 11087 36 1169 2133 1774
NLab	2665	100	114	1326	345	703	794 — 571 3388 64 — 81 614
CP	4401	3230	2395	4073	1211	9468	123 772 50718 — 867 3161 2382 3947
CT	2838	2003	1698	2492	73	129	— 209 1986 3484 6238 — 335 1173
Oths	5349	2506	1296	2639	268	1440	12 287 1970 3120 642 2094 2171 0
Non-tr	7247	16957	2439	6571	646	6252	81 489 5334 25235 1041 5281 954 4704
Total	148934	31455	49434	25734	12741	31219	1453 4976 73546 63447 12047 20846 15778 22032

### Percentage of votes transferred

<i>From:</i>	Fianna Fáil	Fine Gael	Labour	Nat Lab	Clann Pob	Clann Tal	Others
<i>To:</i>							
FF	77.8	—	5.6	14.6	9.9	23.6	12.2 23.2 6.5 11.3 11.7 15.8 19.9 18.8
FG	4.0	13.5	73.1	—	10.1	18.8	10.1 20.8 7.3 15.7 14.5 28.0 29.0 25.8
Lab	3.1	7.7	5.2	18.9	60.0	—	8.2 20.6 3.8 17.5 0.3 5.6 13.5 8.1
NLab	1.8	0.3	0.2	5.2	2.7	2.3	54.6 — 0.8 5.3 0.5 — 0.5 2.8
CP	3.0	10.3	4.8	15.8	9.5	30.3	8.5 15.5 69.0 — 7.2 15.2 15.1 17.9
CT	1.9	6.4	3.4	9.7	0.6	0.4	— 4.2 2.7 5.5 51.8 — 2.1 5.3
Oths	3.6	8.0	2.6	10.3	2.1	4.6	0.8 5.8 2.7 4.9 5.3 10.0 13.8 0.0
Non-tr	4.9	53.9	4.9	25.5	5.1	20.0	5.6 9.8 7.3 39.8 8.6 25.3 6.0 21.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0

The left-hand column shows the distribution of transfers in situations where the party (or Others) had at least one candidate available to receive transfers, while the right-hand column shows the distribution of transfers in situations where the party had no candidates available to receive transfers.

#### Inter-party relationships:

Fine Gael to Labour (Labour candidate, but no FG candidate, available to receive FG transfers). Total FG votes transferred 12,951; received by Labour 4,866 (37.6%).

Labour to Fine Gael (FG candidate, but no Labour candidate, available to receive Labour transfers). Total Labour votes transferred 25,629; received by FG 5,867 (22.9%).

Clann na Poblachta (FF, FG and Labour candidate all available to receive CP transfers). Total CP votes transferred 16,315; received by FF 1,629 (10.0%); received by FG 2,954 (18.1%); received by Labour 6,437 (39.5%).

Clann na Poblachta (FF and FG candidate available to receive CP transfers). Total CP votes transferred 41,597; received by FF 4,943 (11.9%); received by FG 9,659 (23.2%)

Clann na Talmhan (FF and FG candidate available to receive CT transfers). Total CT votes transferred 13,777; received by FF 1,690 (12.3%); received by FG 5,842 (42.4%)

All transfer calculations exclude those surpluses that were based on the distribution of a package of votes from a candidate of another party, such as that of Patrick McAuliffe in Cork N, since these votes may be highly unrepresentative of the entire vote total of the candidate whose surplus is being distributed.

## Turnover of deputies at 1948 general election

	Seats at previous election	Seats at dissolution		Total	Elected	Eliminated	Lost deposit
Fianna Fáil	76	77	TDs standing	72	60	11	1
			Other candidates	47	8	27	12
			Total candidates	119	68	38	13
Fine Gael	30	24	TDs standing	22	18	4	0
			Other candidates	60	13	14	33
			Total candidates	82	31	18	33
Labour	8	9	TDs standing	9	8	1	0
			Other candidates	34	6	8	20
			Total candidates	43	14	9	20
National Labour	4	4	TDs standing	4	4	0	0
			Other candidates	10	1	1	8
			Total candidates	14	5	1	8
Clann na Poblachta	0	2	TDs standing	2	2	0	0
			Other candidates	91	8	36	47
			Total candidates	93	10	36	47
Clann na Talmhan	9	9	TDs standing	8	6	2	0
			Other candidates	17	1	6	10
			Total candidates	25	7	8	10
Others	11	11	TDs standing	9	8	0	1
			Other candidates	22	4	4	14
			Total candidates	31	12	4	15
Vacant		2					
Total	138	138	TDs standing	126	106	18	2
			Other candidates	281	41	96	144
			Total candidates	407	147	114	146

### Vacant seats (2)

Carlow–Kildare (death on 1 January 1948 of James Hughes, FG)

Sligo (death on 8 January 1948 of Martin Roddy, FG)

### Why TDs of twelfth Dáil were not re-elected at 1948 general election

	Retired: replaced by own party TD	Retired: replaced by other party TD	Retired: seat lost due to redistricting	Lost to candidate of own party	Lost to candidate of other party	Lost seat due to redis- tricting	Un- certain	Total
FF	3	1	1	3	7	2		17
FG	3	0	1	1	2	1		8
Labour	0	0	0	0	1	0		1
Others	0	3	0	0	2	1		6
Total	6	4	2	4	12	4	0	32

*Note:* TDs whose seats were vacant (as a result of death or resignation) at the time of the dissolution are categorised as retiring.

### When TDs of the thirteenth Dáil (1948) were first elected to the Dáil

	FF	FG	Labour	NatLab	C-P	C-T	Others	Total	
1918	4	1						5	(3.4%)
1921	4	1						5	(3.4%)
1922	1	1	1	1			1	5	(3.4%)
1923	5	1	2					8	(5.4%)
By-elections	2	1	1					4	(2.7%)
1927-1	8	3	1					12	(8.2%)
1927-2	6	1					1	8	(5.4%)
By-elections	1	1						2	(1.4%)
1932	9	2					2	13	(8.8%)
1933	1	2		1			1	5	(3.4%)
1937	3	3					2	8	(5.4%)
1938	3			1			1	5	(3.4%)
By-elections	1							1	(0.7%)
1943	3	2	3	2		5	2	17	(11.6%)
1944	5		1					6	(4.1%)
By-elections	4		1		2	1		8	(5.4%)
1948	8	12	4		8	1	2	35	(23.8%)
Total	68	31	14	5	10	7	12	147	(100.0%)
Median year of first election	1932	1937	1943	1938	1948	1943	1937	1937	

## Members of the thirteenth Dáil, elected 4 February 1948

- \*Aiken, Frank (FF, Louth)  
 \*Allen, Denis (FF, Wexford)
- \*Bartley, Gerald (FF, Galway W)  
 \*Beegan, Patrick (FF, Galway S)  
 \*Beirne, John (CT, Roscommon)  
 Belton, Jack (FG, Dublin NE)  
 \*Blaney, Neal (FF, Donegal E)  
 \*Blowick, Joseph (CT, Mayo S)  
 \*Boland, Gerald (FF, Roscommon)  
 \*Boland, Patrick (FF, Laois–Offaly)  
 \*Bourke, Dan (FF, Limerick E)  
 \*Brady, Brian (FF, Donegal W)  
 \*Brady, Seán (FF, Dun Laoghaire)  
 \*Breathnach, Cormac (FF, Dublin NW)  
 \*Breen, Dan (FF, Tipperary S)  
 Brennan, Joseph Patrick (CP, Dun Laoghaire)  
 \*Brennan, Thomas (FF, Wicklow)  
 \*Breslin, Cormac (FF, Donegal W)  
 \*Briscoe, Robert (FF, Dublin SW)  
 Browne, Noel Christopher (CP, Dublin SE)  
 \*Browne, Patrick (FG, Mayo N)  
 \*Buckley, Seán (FF, Cork S)  
 \*Burke, Patrick (FF, Dublin County)  
 \*Burke, Thomas (Ind, Clare)  
 \*Butler, Bernard (FF, Limerick SW)  
 \*Byrne, Alfred (Ind, Dublin NE)  
 \$Byrne, Alfred jnr (Ind, Dublin NW)
- \*Carter, Thomas (FF, Longford–Westmeath)  
 \*Childers, Erskine Hamilton (FF, Longford–Westmeath)  
 \*Coburn, James (FG, Louth)  
 \*Cogan, Patrick (Ind, Wicklow)  
 \*Colley, Harry (FF, Dublin NE)  
 Collins, James J (FF, Limerick W)  
 Collins, Seán (FG, Cork W)  
 +Commons, Bernard (CT, Mayo S)  
 \$Connolly, Roderick J (Lab, Louth)  
 +Corish, Brendan (Lab, Wexford)  
 \*Corry, Martin John (FF, Cork E)  
 \*Cosgrave, Liam (FG, Dun Laoghaire)  
 \*Costello, John Aloysius (FG, Dublin SE)  
 Cowan, Peadar (CP, Dublin NE)  
 Crotty, Patrick J. (FG, Carlow–Kilkenny)  
 +Crowley, Honor Mary (FF, Kerry S)
- Davern, Michael J (FF, Tipperary S)  
 \*Davin, William (Lab, Laois–Offaly)  
 \*Derrig, Thomas (FF, Carlow–Kilkenny)  
 Desmond, Dan (Lab, Cork S)  
 \*de Valera, Eamon (FF, Clare)  
 +de Valera, Vivion (FF, Dublin NC)  
 \*Dillon, James Mathew (Ind, Monaghan)  
 \*Dockrell, Maurice Edward (FG, Dublin SC)  
 \*Donnellan, Michael (CT, Galway N)  
 \*Doyle, Peadar Seán (FG, Dublin SW)  
 Dunne, Seán (Lab, Dublin County)
- \$Esmonde, Sir John Lymbrick (FG, Wexford)  
 \*Everett, James (Nat Lab, Wicklow)
- \*Fagan, Charles (Ind, Longford–Westmeath)  
 \*Fahy, Frank (FF, Galway S) – Ceann Comhairle  
 \*Finucane, Patrick (CT, Kerry N)  
 Fitzpatrick, Michael (CP, Dublin NW)  
 \*Flanagan, Oliver J. (Ind, Laois–Offaly)  
 \$Flynn, John (Ind, Kerry S)  
 \*Flynn, Stephen (FF, Sligo–Leitrim)  
 \*Friel, John (FF, Donegal E)
- Gilbride, Eugene (FF, Sligo–Leitrim)  
 \*Giles, Capt Patrick (FG, Meath)  
 \*Gorry, Patrick Joseph (FF, Laois–Offaly)
- \*Halliden, Patrick Joseph (CT, Cork N)  
 \*Harris, Thomas (FF, Kildare)  
 \$Hickey, James (Nat Lab, Cork Borough)  
 \*Hilliard, Michael (FF, Meath)  
 \$Hogan, Patrick (Lab, Clare)  
 Hughes, Joseph (FG, Carlow–Kilkenny)
- Keane, Seán (Lab, Cork E)  
 \*Kennedy, Michael Joseph (FF, Longford–Westmeath)  
 \*Keyes, Michael (Lab, Limerick E)  
 \*Killilea, Mark (FF, Galway N)  
 \*Kilroy, James (FF, Mayo N)
- +Kinane, Patrick (CP, Tipperary N)  
 \*Kissane, Eamon (FF, Kerry N)  
 Kitt, Michael (FF, Galway N)  
 Kyne, Thomas A (Lab, Waterford)
- Lahiffe, Robert (FF, Galway S)  
 \*Larkin, James jnr (Lab, Dublin SC)  
 Lehane, Con (CP, Dublin SC)  
 Lehane, Patrick D (CT, Cork S)  
 \*Lemass, Seán F. (FF, Dublin SC)  
 \*Little, Patrick John (FF, Waterford)  
 \*Lydon, Michael F. (FF, Galway W)  
 Lynch, Jack (FF, Cork Borough)
- \*McAuliffe, Patrick (Lab, Cork N)  
 +MacBride, Seán (CP, Dublin SW)  
 \*McCann, John (FF, Dublin SC)  
 \*McEllistrim, Thomas (FF, Kerry N)  
 \*MacEntee, Seán (FF, Dublin SE)  
 \*MacEoin, Seán (FG, Longford–Westmeath)  
 \*McFadden, Michael Óg (FG, Donegal W)  
 \*McGilligan, Patrick (FG, Dublin NC)  
 +McGrath, Patrick (Pa) (FF, Cork Borough)  
 \*McMenamin, Daniel (FG, Donegal E)  
 McQuillan, Jack (CP, Roscommon)  
 Madden, David John (FG, Limerick W)  
 \*Maguire, Ben (Ind, Sligo–Leitrim)  
 Maguire, Patrick J (FF, Monaghan)  
 \*Mongan, Joseph William (FG, Galway W)  
 \*Moran, Michael (FF, Mayo S)  
 \*Morrissey, Daniel (FG, Tipperary N)  
 \*Moylan, Seán (FF, Cork N)  
 \*Mulcahy, Richard (FG, Tipperary S)  
 \*Murphy, Timothy Joseph (Lab, Cork W)
- \*Norton, William (Lab, Kildare)
- \*Ó Briain, Donnchadh (FF, Limerick W)  
 O’Gorman, Patrick J (FG, Cork E)  
 \*O’Grady, Seán (FF, Clare)  
 O’Higgins, Michael J (FG, Dublin SW)  
 \*O’Higgins, Dr Thomas Francis (FG, Cork Borough)  
 O’Higgins, Thomas F (FG, Laois–Offaly)  
 \*O’Leary, John (Nat Lab, Wexford)  
 \*O’Reilly, Matthew (FF, Meath)  
 O’Reilly, Patrick (Ind, Cavan)  
 +Ormonde, John (FF, Waterford)  
 \*O’Rourke, Daniel (FF, Roscommon)  
 \*O’Sullivan, Martin (Lab, Dublin NC)  
 \*O’Sullivan, Ted (FF, Cork W)
- Palmer, Patrick W (FG, Kerry S)  
 \*Pattison, James P. (Nat Lab, Carlow–Kilkenny)
- \*Redmond, Bridget Mary (FG, Waterford)  
 \*Reidy, James (FG, Limerick E)  
 \*Reynolds, Mary (FG, Sligo–Leitrim)  
 \*Rice, Bridget Mary (FF, Monaghan)  
 Roddy, Joseph (FG, Sligo–Leitrim)  
 Rooney, Eamonn (FG, Dublin County)  
 \*Ruttledge, Patrick Joseph (FF, Mayo N)  
 \*Ryan, Dr James (FF, Wexford)  
 \*Ryan, Mary Bridget (FF, Tipperary N)  
 \*Ryan, Robert (FF, Limerick E)
- Sheehan, Michael (Ind, Cork Borough)  
 \*Sheldon, William Alexander Watson (Ind, Donegal E)  
 \*Sheridan, Michael (FF, Cavan)  
 \*Smith, Patrick (FF, Cavan)  
 \*Spring, Dan (Nat Lab, Kerry N)  
 Sweetman, Gerard (FG, Kildare)
- Timoney, John J (CP, Tipperary S)  
 \*Traynor, Oscar (FF, Dublin NE)  
 Tully, John (CP, Cavan)
- \*Walsh, Richard (FF, Mayo S)  
 Walsh, Thomas (FF, Carlow–Kilkenny)
- \* denotes outgoing TD returned at 1944 general election (98)  
 + denotes outgoing TD returned at by-election since 1944  
 general election (8)  
 \$ denotes former but not outgoing TD (6)  
 35 new TDs



## The government

The thirteenth Dáil met on 18 February 1948. Frank Fahy was unanimously elected Ceann Comhairle and, on 25 February, Patrick Hogan was elected Leas-Cheann Comhairle. Éamon de Valera was nominated as Taoiseach, but this proposal was defeated by 75 votes to 70. Those supporting the nomination were 66 Fianna Fáil TDs (all except Thomas Brennan and Frank Fahy), along with 4 independent TDs (Thomas Burke, John Flynn, Ben Maguire and Michael Sheehan). It was opposed by all other TDs. John A Costello was then proposed, and he was elected Taoiseach by 75 votes to 68. Voting was as on the nomination of de Valera, except that Thomas Burke and Ben Maguire now abstained.

The ministers appointed were as follows:

Taoiseach	John A. Costello (FG)
Tánaiste	William Norton (Lab)
Agriculture	James Dillon (Ind)
Defence	Thomas F. O'Higgins (FG)
Education	Richard Mulcahy (FG)
External Affairs	Seán MacBride (CP)
Finance	Patrick McGilligan (FG)
Health	Noel Browne (CP)
Industry and Commerce	Daniel Morrissey (FG)
Justice	Seán MacEoin (FG)
Lands	Joseph Blowick (CT)
Local Government	Timothy Joseph Murphy (Lab)
Posts and Telegraphs	James Everett (NLab)
Social Welfare	William Norton (Lab)

Parliamentary secretaries:

To Taoiseach and Minister for Industry and Commerce	Liam Cosgrave (FG)
To Minister for Local Government and Minister for Defence	Brendan Corish (Lab)
To Minister for Finance	Michael Donnellan (CT)