**ROMANIAN SENATE**

This file contains results for elections to the Romanian Senate in 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, and 2012.

**RG Region**

The following eight regions are used in the dataset:

Africa

Asia

Western Europe

Eastern Europe

Latin America

North America

Caribbean

Oceania

**CTR\_N Country Name**

**CTR Country Code**

Country codes developed by the UN,

642 Romania

See http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/m49/m49.htm

**YR Election Year**

**MN Election Month**

**CST\_N Constituency Name**

**CST Constituency Code**

Constituencies are identical to Romanian *judets* (counties), except for when the Strainatate (Abroad) constituency began to elect representatives. Each constituency has a unique numerical identifier:

1. ALBA
2. ARAD
3. ARGEŞ
4. BACĂU
5. BIHOR
6. BISTRIŢA-NĂSĂUD
7. BOTOŞANI
8. BRAŞOV
9. BRĂILA
10. BUZĂU
11. CARAŞ-SEVERIN
12. CĂLĂRAŞI
13. CLUJ
14. CONSTANŢA
15. COVASNA
16. DÂMBOVIŢA
17. DOLJ
18. GALAŢI
19. GIURGIU
20. GORJ
21. HARGHITA
22. HUNEDOARA
23. IALOMIŢA
24. IAŞI
25. ILFOV
26. MARAMUREŞ
27. MEHEDINŢI
28. MUREŞ
29. NEAMŢ
30. OLT
31. PRAHOVA
32. SATU MARE
33. SĂLAJ
34. SIBIU
35. SUCEAVA
36. TELEORMAN
37. TIMIŞ
38. TULCEA
39. VASLUI
40. VÂLCEA
41. VRANCEA
42. MUNICIPIUL BUCUREŞTI
43. Strainatate (Abroad)

**COLEG Electoral Colleges**

During the 2008 and 2012 elections, each constituency (*judet* or county) was divided into sub-constituencies called *colegii electorate* (electoral colleges), which should not be confused with the American Electoral College. Each Romanian college elected one MP but they were often not the highest voter getter due to the complex operation of the electoral system.

Colleges within each constituency are numbered from 1 to *n* with *n* equal to the number of colleges in the constituency.

Left blank in years other than 2008 and 2012.

**MAG District Magnitude**

Number of seats allocated within a constituency. In 2008 and 2012, each sub-constituency or electoral college elected one senator but the number recorded here is for the constituency (*judet* or county) as a whole, which equals the total number of colleges in the constituency.

**PTY\_N Party Name**

Name of party, coalition, or list.

**PTY\_A Party Abbreviation**

Abbreviation of party, coalition or list name.

**CAN Candidate Name**

Name of candidate. Available only for 2008 and 2012, when each constituency was divided into sub-constituencies (see COLLEG) that each had one senator.

**PV Party Votes**

Votes cast for the list, party or coalition indicated by the PTY\_N variable. For 2008 and 2012, the party votes are also candidate votes.

**PVS Party Vote Share**

The fraction of total votes received by the party in a given constituency. Should equal PV/VV. For 2008 and 2012, the party votes are also candidate votes.

**SEAT Seats Won**

The number of seats won by a list, party, or coalition.

During the 2008 and 2012 elections, each constituency (*judet* or county) was divided into sub-constituencies called *colegii electorate* (electoral colleges), which each were represented by one senator. The winning candidate was not necessarily the highest vote getter due to the complexities of the Romanian electoral system. In these years, coded 1 for victorious candidate (and party, coalition, or list) and 0 otherwise.

**EPTY\_N Elected Party Name**

Romanian lists are often coalitions composed of multiple parties. This column records the specific party for victorious candidates in coalitions. If multiple seats were won by a coalition, the seats did not necessarily all go to the same party within the coalition. Parentheses after the party name indicate how many were won by each party as needed. Left blank when the party name is identical to the party name recorded in PTY\_N, and for parties that won no seats (or losing candidates in 2008 and 2012).

**EPTY\_A Elected Party Abbreviation**

Abbreviation of party name recorded in EPTY\_N.

**VV Valid Votes**

The total number of votes cast for candidates in a constituency. This variable should equal the sum of PV within a constituency for that election.

**IVV Spoilt/Invalid Votes**

The total number of invalid or spoilt votes in a constituency. Includes blank votes.

**VOT Votes Cast**

Total ballots cast. This variable does not equal the sum of VV and IVV. The difference between VOT and the sum of VV and IVV could be blank votes but this is unclear.

**PEV Number of Eligible Voters**

The number of people eligible to cast ballots in the election.

Source: Autoritatea Electorală Permanentă (AEP), <http://www.roaep.ro/>.