1971 Elections

For the 1971 elections, the number of constituencies was increased from 12 to 24 with one (1) candidate per constituency elected to the House of Assembly.

On the 16th August, 1971 the Governor General issued a proclamation dissolving Parliament and issued Writs appointing Wednesday 25th August, 1971 as Nomination Day and Thursday 9th September, 1971 as Election Day. The Supervisor of Elections was Dennis A. Smith and the Deputy Supervisor of Elections was Mr. Geoffrey H. Edwards.

One thousand one hundred and forty-two (1,142) Election Officers were deployed at the Polling Stations as follows:

Title of Officers	No. of Officers
Returning Officers	24
Election Clerks	24
Presiding Officers	292
Poll Clerks	612
Counting Assistants	190
Total no. of officers	**1,142**

Table 1: Number of election officers deployed at polling stations (1971)

Fifty (50) candidates were nominated as follows:

Political Party	No. of candidates nominated
Barbados Labour Party (BLP)	24
Democratic Labour Party (DLP)	24
Independents (IND)	2
Total no. of candidates	50

Table 2: Number of candidates nominated by political party (1971)

There were 115,189 registered electors; 81.6% or 94,019 voted. The DLP received 57.4%, BLP 42.4%, and IND 0.2% of the votes cast.
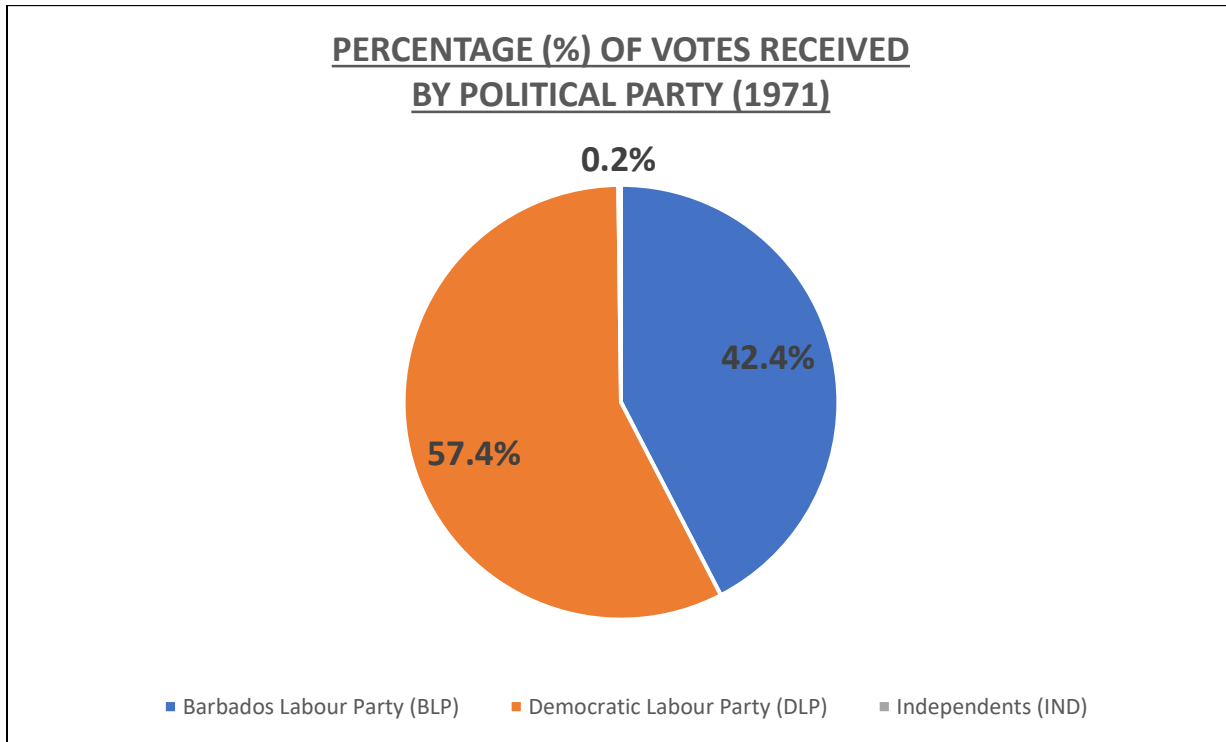
Figure 1: Percentage of votes received by political party (1971)

The election of members to serve in the House of Assembly was as follows: -

Political Party	No. of Candidates Nominated
Barbados Labour Party (BLP)	6
Democratic Labour Party (DLP)	14
Independents (IND)	0
Total no. candidates nominated	24

Table 3: Number of candidates elected to the House of Assembly by political party (1971)

The table below shows the Constituencies, the names of the Candidates, the Party each Candidate represented and the number of votes cast for each Candidate:

CONSTITUENCY	CANDIDATES	PARTY	VOTES CAST
Bridgetown	**Elliot Mottley**	**BLP**	**1,977**
	Lisle Carmichael	DLP	17,75

St. Michael N/W	**Philip M. Greaves**	**DLP**	**2,925**
	Lester Whitehead	BLP	2145
St. Michael West	**Frank L. Walcott**	**DLP**	**2,499**
	Elton D. Mottley	BLP	2,084
St. Michael N/E	**Gertrude. L. Eastmond**	**DLP**	**2,803**
	Gilmore Rocheford	BLP	2,478
	Christopher Hackett	IND	110
St. Michael S/W	**George Fergusson**	**DLP**	**1,613**
	Norma Weekes	BLP	1,176
St. Michael S/E	**James B. Springer**	**DLP**	**3,005**
	Mencea E. Cox	BLP	1,863
St. Michael N/C	**Ramase B. Caddle**	**DLP**	**2,464**
	Jack Odle	BLP	1,399
St. Michael S/C	**Frederick G. Smith**	**DLP**	**1,983**
	Ronald Mapp	BLP	1,326
St. Michael South	**Lloyd Sandiford**	**DLP**	**2,048**
	F. Fields	BLP	1,412
	St A. Haddock	IND	64
Christ Church West	**Henry DeB. Forde**	**BLP**	**1,693**
	Maurice King	DLP	1,549
Christ Church N/C	**Peter G. Morgan**	**DLP**	**2,543**
	Maurice Ward	BLP	1,284
Christ Church S/C	**Anderson Morrison**	**DLP**	**1,570**
	Harold B. St.John	BLP	1,492
Christ Church East	**C. E. Talma**	**DLP**	**2,010**
	Richard Cheltenham	BLP	1,447
St. Philip North	**Neville Maxwell**	**DLP**	**2,831**
	David Simmons	BLP	683
St. Philip South	**Reynold St C. Weekes**	**DLP**	**2,647**
	D. Bradshaw	BLP	735
St. George North	**Erye Hoppin**	**DLP**	**1,856**
	Nigel Barrow	BLP	1,468
St. George South	**Russell Lowe**	**DLP**	**1,800**
	Louis Tull	BLP	1,711
St. James	**Lionel Craigg**	**BLP**	**2,641**
	George Moe	DLP	2,223
St. Andrew	**Arlington DaC. Edwards**	**DLP**	**2,036**
	Lloyd B. Brathwaite	BLP	1,689
St. John	**Errol W. Barrow**	**DLP**	**3,570**
	Evans Webster	BLP	633
St. Thomas	**John M. G. Adams**	**BLP**	**2,126**

	Neville Boxill	DLP	2,062
St. Peter	**Walter C. B. Hinds**	**BLP**	**2,544**
	Asquith Phillips	DLP	1,965
St. Lucy	**Evelyn Greaves**	**DLP**	**2,197**
	R. Brathwaite	BLP	1,517
St. Joseph	**Linsay Bolden**	**BLP**	**1,853**
	Lloyd Smith	DLP	1,321

Table 4: Number of votes cast for political candidates (1971)