

Zambia

1. **Year Achieved Independence:** 1964 from the United Kingdom
2. **Political Institutions:** The parliamentary system features a unicameral National Assembly, which has survived largely unchanged since independence. In 1972, a one-party state was established, with the United National Independence Party (UNIP) as the only legal party; this change was entrenched in the 1973 constitution. Until 1991, parliamentary elections were still contested, but only intra-party competition was permitted.
3. **Lower Chamber Electoral System:**
 - 1964-2008: First-past-the-post system in single-member constituencies.
 - 1964: The first National Assembly consists of 75 directly elected members.
 - 1968: The National Assembly expands to include 105 elected members, plus five presidential appointees.
 - 1972: Opposition parties are banned.
 - 1972-1991: Parliamentary candidates participated in primary elections in which up to three candidates were selected per constituency by an electoral college of party officials.
 - 1973: The National Assembly expands to include 125 elected members, plus 10 presidential appointees.
 - 1982: Primary elections for Parliament are abolished. Instead, candidates were required to gain approval from the UNIP Central Committee to stand for election.
 - 1991: Multi-party politics legalized. The National Assembly expands to include 150 elected members, plus eight presidential appointees.

4. Electoral History:

Election Date	Polity Score *	CLEA Data Release
January 20, 1964	2	
December 19, 1968	0	√
December 5, 1973	-9	
December 12, 1978	-9	
October 27, 1983	-9	
October 26, 1988	-9	
October 31, 1991	6	√
November 18, 1996	1	√
December 27, 2001	5	√
September 28, 2006	5	√

Notes: *The Polity Score ranges from -10 to 10, from least democratic to most democratic. Data come from the Polity IV dataset: <http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/polity/data/>.

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6. Sources of Electoral Data:

- 1968: Data collected by David Backer and Ken Kollman.
- 1991-2006: Data collected by CLEA from *the Electoral Commission of Zambia* (<http://www.elections.org.zm/>)