

# Independence Votes Since World War II

| Did not lead to independence |      | Led to independence   |  |
|------------------------------|------|---|--|
|                              | 1957 | Guinea  |  |
|                              | 1961 | Samoa, Jamaica  |  |
|                              | 1962 | Algeria   |  |
|                              | 1964 | Rhodesia, Malta   |  |
| Comoros (one island)         | 1974 | Comoros (three islands)   |  |
| Aruba                        | 1977 | Djibouti  |  |
|                              | 1979 | Saint Vincent and the Grenadines  |  |
| Quebec                       | 1980 |   |  |
| New Caledonia                | 1987 |   |  |
|                              | 1990 | Slovenia  |  |
|                              | 1991 | Armenia, Azerbaijan, Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan |  |
| Montenegro                   | 1992 | Bosnia and Herzegovina  |  |
|                              | 1993 | Eritrea   |  |
| Quebec, Bermuda              | 1995 |   |  |
| Nevis                        | 1998 |   |  |
|                              | 1999 | East Timor  |  |
|                              | 2006 | Montenegro  |  |
|                              | 2011 | South Sudan   |  |
| Scotland                     | 2014 |   |  |

## NOTES:

Jamaica: Voted to withdraw from West Indies Federation; became fully independent on its own in 1962.

Rhodesia: Unilaterally declared independence in 1965 but was not fully recognized internationally until 1980, when it became Zimbabwe.

Comoros: Although 95 percent of all voters supported independence, a majority on the island of Mayotte voted against it. In July 1975, the parliament declared the independence of the three remaining islands; Mayotte remains an overseas department of France.

Aruba: Although 95 percent of valid votes favored independence, in 1990 the transition process was postponed indefinitely at Aruba's request.

Nevis: 62 percent voted to secede from St. Kitts and Nevis, short of the necessary two-thirds.

Djibouti: 99.8 percent of voters chose independence over remaining a French territory; fraud accusations marred two prior referendums, in 1958 and 1967, which came out in favor of the territory remaining French.

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