

# Edo 2024 Election Outcome

## Key Insights and Implications



September 2024

## KEY POINTS:

- The APC candidate, **Senator Monday Okpebholo**, won the Edo State governorship election.
- Okpebholo secured a margin of **44,394** votes over PDP's Asue Ighodalo in the Elections
- The APC's victory marks its second governorship win in the South-South region, strengthening its presence in a traditionally PDP-dominated area.
- The PDP is in disarray, with internal splits and defections weakening its position.
- Obaseki's fallout with key figures like his former deputy governor and Omoregie Ogbeide-Ihama reportedly contributed to PDP's loss.
- Federal support for APC from President Tinubu's camp played a role in APC's success.
- The election outcome could influence upcoming off-cycle elections in Ondo, Osun, and Anambra states.



## Edo State Governorship Election Result 2024



291,667 | 53% votes

**Monday Okpebholo**



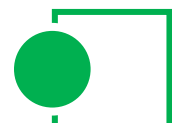
247,274 | 44% votes

**Asuerinme Ighodalo**



22,763 | 3% votes

**Olumide Akpata**



## Brief

The September 2024 Edo State governorship election resulted in a significant victory for the All Progressives Congress (APC). Its candidate, Senator Monday Okpebholo, emerged as the winner, defeating the People's Democratic Party (PDP) candidate, Asue Ighodalo. The Labour Party's candidate, Olumide Akpata, came a distant third.

This election result is seen as a major setback for the outgoing governor, Godwin Obaseki, who had firmly backed Ighodalo as his successor. Obaseki not only lost control of his local government, Oredo but also witnessed a broader PDP collapse, with the APC securing key areas and outpacing the PDP by significant margins in 11 of the 18 local government areas in the state.

## Impact

This victory marks the second governorship win for APC in the South-South region (the first was Cross River State), traditionally a PDP stronghold. The APC's win in Edo positions it to further expand its influence in future off-cycle elections, notably in Ondo, Osun, and Anambra.

The PDP, in response to the declared results, claimed that the election results were rigged in favor of the APC. However, Obaseki's troubled relationship with many key figures in his party, combined with factionalism, left the PDP struggling to mount a cohesive campaign. The defection of PDP members to APC, such as the former deputy governor, Phillip Shaibu, Hon. Ogbeide Ihama, and the former Vice Chairman (South South) of the PDP, Dan Orbih, spearheaded by Oshiomhole, highlighted the growing discontent within PDP ranks. Additionally, federal backing for Okpebholo from President Tinubu further solidified APC's grip on Edo.

Looking ahead, the outcome of this election could serve as a bellwether for upcoming off-cycle elections in other states like Ondo and Osun. It also gives the APC a chance to strengthen its foothold in the Southern region ahead of the 2027 general elections.

