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plu·ral·i·ty (plŭ-rāl'ī-tē)

n. pl. plu·ral·i·ties

1. The state or fact of being plural.
2. A large number or amount; a multitude.
3. *Ecclesiastical*
 - a. Pluralism.
 - b. The offices or benefices held by a pluralist.
4.
 - a. In a contest of more than two choices, the number of votes cast for the winning choice if this number is not more than one half of the total votes cast.
 - b. The number by which the vote of the winning choice in such a contest exceeds that of the closest opponent.
5. The larger or greater part.

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plurality (plʊə'rælɪtɪ)

n, pl -ties

1. the state of being plural or numerous
2. (Mathematics) *maths* a number greater than one
3. (Government, Politics & Diplomacy) *US and Canadian* the excess of votes or seats won by the winner of an election over the runner-up when no candidate or party has more than 50 per cent. British equivalent: **relative majority**
4. a large number
5. the greater number; majority
6. (Ecclesiastical Terms) another word for [pluralism](#)¹

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plu·ral·i·ty (plʊ'rælɪti)

n., pl. -ties.

1. (in an election involving three or more candidates) the excess of votes received by the leading candidate over those received by the next candidate (disting. from [majority](#)).
2. more than half of the whole; the majority.
3. a number greater than one.
4. the fact of being numerous.
5. a large number; multitude.
6. the state or fact of being plural.
7. [pluralism](#) (def. 3).

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Noun 1. plurality - the state of being plural; "to mark plurality, one language may add an extra syllable to the word whereas another may simply

↔ **state** - the way something is with respect to its main attributes; "the current state of knowledge"; "his state of health"; "in a weak financial state"

2. **plurality** - a large indefinite number; "a battalion of ants"; "a multitude of TV antennas"; "a plurality of religions"

≡ **large number, multitude, pack, battalion**

↔ **large indefinite amount, large indefinite quantity** - an indefinite quantity that is above the average in size or magnitude



3. **plurality** - (in an election with more than 2 options) the number of votes for the candidate or party receiving the greatest number (but less than half of the votes)

≡ **relative majority**

↔ **election** - a vote to select the winner of a position or political office; "the results of the election will be announced tonight"

↔ **relative quantity** - a quantity relative to some purpose

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plurality

noun ≡ **multiplicity, variety, diversity, profusion, numerousness** *Federalism implies a plurality of political authorities.*

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Translations

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plurality [ˌplʊəˈræltɪti] *N* → **pluralidad** *f*

by a plurality of votes → por **mayoría**(simple)de **votos**

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