

BATTLE OF BIHAR 2025

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Seat Tally

NDA gained 80 seats compared to 2020, 79 at expense of MGB and 1 at expense of Others.

Party/Coalition	2025	2020 Adjusted	Inc / Dec
NDA	202	122	80
<i>BJP</i>	89	74	15
<i>JDU</i>	85	43	42
<i>LJP</i>	19	1	18
<i>HAM</i>	5	4	1
RLM	4	0	4
MGB (INDIA)	35	114	-79
RJD	25	75	-50
INC	6	19	-13
LEFT (CPIML, CPIM, CPI)	3	16	-13
VIP	0	4	-4
IIP	1	0	1
OTHERS	6	7	-1
AIMIM	5	5	0
BSP	1	1	0
IND	0	1	1
GRAND TOTAL	243	243	0

Note: LJP and RLSP (now RLM) contested separately in 2020 and in 2025, part of the NDA. VIP switched sides from NDA in the 2020 polls to MGB in the 2025 polls.



Vote Share

NDA gained 2.5% vote share while MGB lost 1.7%, and Others 0.9%.

Party/Coalition	2025	2020 Adjusted	Inc / Dec
NDA	46.5%	44.0%	2.5%
BJP	20.1%	19.8%	0.3%
JDU	19.3%	15.7%	3.6%
LJP	5.0%	5.8%	-0.8%
HAM	1.2%	0.9%	0.3%
RLM	1.1%	1.8%	-0.7%
MGB (INDIA)	37.6%	39.3%	-1.7%
RJD	23.0%	23.5%	-0.5%
INC	8.7%	9.6%	-0.9%
LEFT (CPIML, CPIM, CPI)	4.2%	4.7%	-0.5%
VIP	1.4%	1.5%	-0.1%
IIP	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%
OTHERS	15.8%	16.7%	-0.9%
AIMIM	1.9%	1.5%	0.4%
BSP	1.6%	1.3%	0.3%
INDEPENDENTS	5.0%	8.8%	-3.8%
OTHERS	4.0%	5.1%	-1.1%
JSP (PK)	3.3%	0.0%	3.3%
GRAND TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%

Note: LJP and RLSP (now RLM) contested separately in 2020, in 2025 part of NDA. VIP switched sides from NDA in 2020 polls to MGB in 2025 polls.



Region Wise Tally

NDA led across zones, while MGB led in three zones in 2020: Saran, Bhojpur, and Magadh; all switched sides.

REGION/ZONE	No. of Seats	NDA(2025)	Inc/Decvs 2020	MGB(2025)	Inc/Decvs 2020	OTH(2025)	Inc/Decvs 2020
NORTH	140	114	28	21	-28	5	0
SARAN	24	20	11	4	-11	0	0
TIRHUT	49	44	11	5	-11	0	0
DARBHANGA	30	26	4	4	-4	0	0
KOSI	13	10	0	3	0	0	0
PURNEA	24	14	2	5	-2	5	0
SOUTH	103	88	49	14	-47	1	-2
BHAGALPUR	12	12	3	0	-3	0	0
MUNGER	22	19	8	3	-6	0	-2
MAGADH	26	20	14	6	-14	0	0
PATNA	21	18	7	3	-7	0	0
BHOJPUR	22	19	17	2	-17	1	0
GRAND TOTAL	243	202	77	35	-75	6	-2

Note: Bihar has nine administrative zones; Bhojpur has been carved out of Patna by us for election analysis.



Gen, Reserved Seats Performance

JDU won big in rural areas, BJP in urban areas, RJD bulk of seats from rural base.

CATEGORY WISE PERFORMANCE OF PARTIES

PARTY	GEN	SC-ST	RURAL	SEMI-URBAN	URBAN
BJP	77	12	47	14	28
JDU	71	14	64	13	7
RJD	21	4	16	7	2
INC	5	1	2	2	2
OTH	29	9	29	5	3



How Regions Flipped in 2025

MGB led in 3 zones in 2020, Saran, Bhojpur and Magadh; all switched sides.

Region/Zone	% Muslim Population	% SC Population	MGB STATUS 2020	MGB STATUS 2025
TIRHUT	18%	19%	TRAILING	TRAILING
DARBHANGA	17%	19%	TRAILING	TRAILING
SARAN	15%	15%	AHEAD	TRAILING
KOSI	15%	21%	TRAILING	TRAILING
PURNIA	46%	14%	TRAILING	TRAILING
MAGADH	10%	31%	AHEAD	TRAILING
MUNGER	10%	19%	TIE	TRAILING
PATNA	7%	21%	TIE	TRAILING
BHOJPUR	8%	22%	AHEAD	TRAILING
BHAGALPUR	16%	14%	TRAILING	TRAILING



Build Up of Vote Share (Estimated)

NDA got 60% vote share from EBC, SC-ST, while MGB got 60% of its vote share from the Muslim-Yadav core base.

Social Group	NDA	MGB	OTH
Upper Caste	7%	2%	2%
Yadav	3%	10%	1%
Non Yadav OBC	7%	3%	1%
EBC	15%	6%	4%
SC-ST	13%	4%	5%
Muslim	2%	13%	3%
Total	47%	38%	16%



Strike Rate of Parties

BJP had best strike rate in NDA, IIP in MGB.

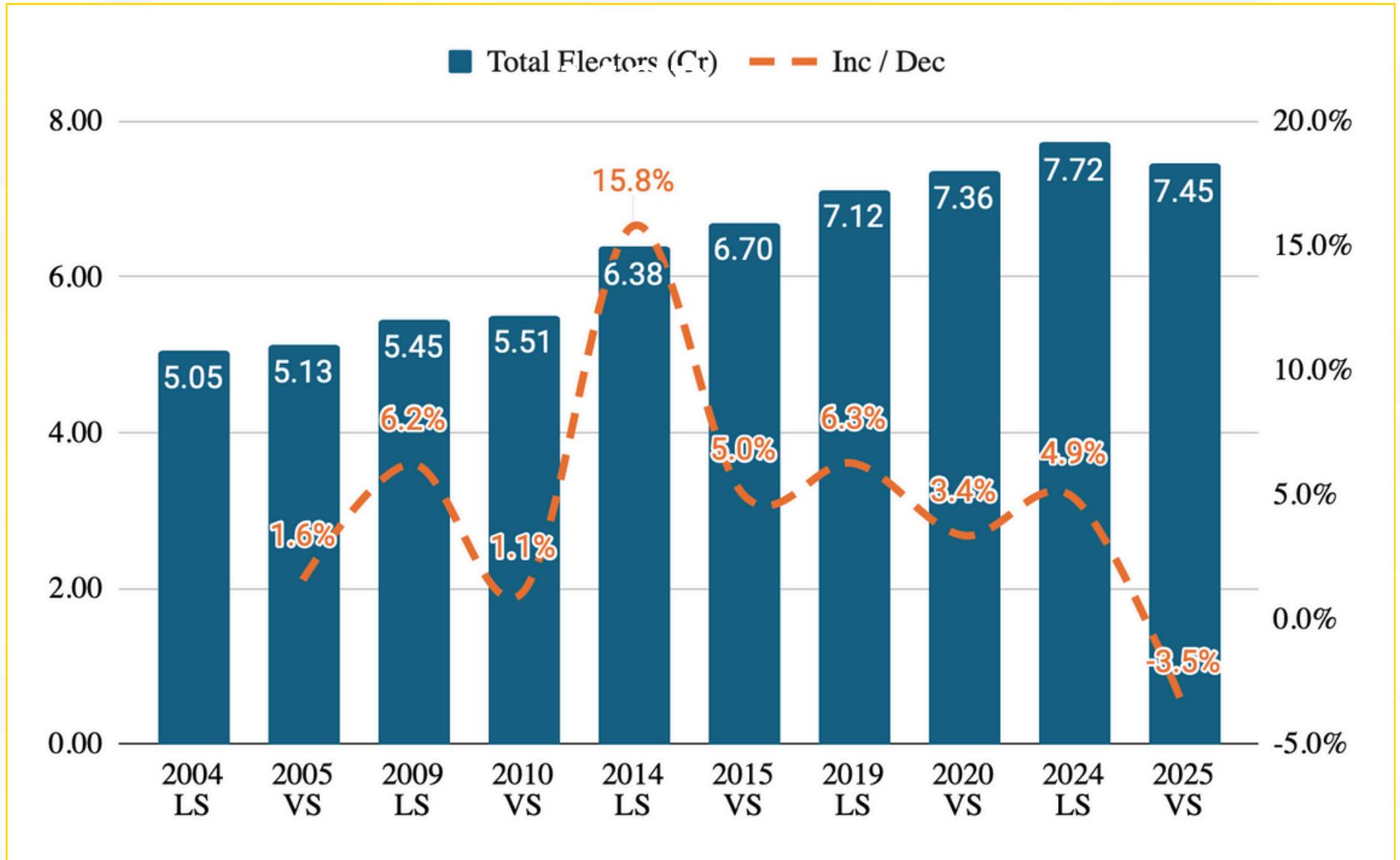
PARTY	NO. OF SEATS CONTESTED	NO. OF SEATS WON	STRIKE RATE
BJP	101	89	88.1%
JDU	101	85	84.2%
LJP	28	19	67.9%
HAM	6	5	83.3%
RLM	6	4	66.7%
RJD	143	25	17.5%
INC	61	6	9.8%
LEFT PARTIES	33	3	9.1%
VIP	12	0	0.0%
IIP	3	1	33.3%



BIHAR ELECTIONS 2025

Total No. of Voters Increased vs 2020 VS, Declined Compared to 2024 LS due to SIR

Voters increased by 9 lakhs vs 2020 and declined by 27 lakhs vs 2024.





BIHAR ELECTIONS 2025

Total No. of Votes Cast Increased Vs 2020 Vs as well as 2024 LS Polls

Votes polled increased by 80 lakhs vs 2020 and 74 lakhs vs 2024.

Year	Type of Election	TOTAL VOTES CAST (in crores)	Inc / Dec
2005 -Feb	Vidhan Sabha Polls	2.45	NA
2005 -Oct	Vidhan Sabha Polls	2.36	-3.8%
2009	Lok Sabha Polls	2.42	2.9%
2010	Vidhan Sabha Polls	2.90	19.8%
2014	Lok Sabha Polls	3.53	21.6%
2015	Vidhan Sabha Polls	3.75	6.4%
2019	Lok Sabha Polls	4.00	6.5%
2020	Vidhan Sabha Polls	4.19	4.8%
2024	Lok Sabha Polls	4.25	1.5%
2025	Vidhan Sabha Polls	4.99	17.2%



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Women Turnout More than Men for 4th Straight Election in Bihar

Women turnout higher than men by 9%, on average, 1,800 more women than men voted across 243 assembly segments.

Turnout (TO) across the last 5 State Elections

Gender	2005 (Feb)	2005 (Oct)	2010	2015	2020	2025
Male	49.9%	47.0%	51.1%	53.3%	54.4%	62.8%
Female	42.5%	44.4%	54.4%	60.5%	59.7%	71.6%
Excess of Female TO over Male	-7.4%	-2.6%	3.3%	7.2%	5.3%	8.8%

Source: ECI



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Women Outvoted Men For 1st Time in Bihar's Electoral History

Despite a higher turnout, the absolute number of votes cast by men has always been higher than by women; this trend was overturned in 2025.

YEAR	VOTES CAST BY MALES	VOTES CAST BY FEMALES	TOTAL VOTES CAST	% of VOTES CAST BY FEMALES
2005 -Feb	14090364	10407011	24497375	42.48%
2005 -Oct	12957440	10601200	23558640	45.00%
2010	15159530	13875175	29034705	47.79%
2015	18843467	18704746	37548213	49.82%
2020	21121394	20804957	41926351	49.62%
2025	24730242	25164386	49865921	50.46%

Note: Excluding Postal Ballot Votes.



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NDA Does Well in High Female Turnout Seats

NDA won 60% such seats in 2020 which increased to 84% in 2025. MGB which led in seats where men outnumbered women in 2020 couldn't hold onto this edge in 2025.

ALLIANCE	2020		2025	
	No of Seats Won	Strike Rate	No of Seats Won	Strike Rate
NDA	72	60.5%	108	83.7%
MGB	42	35.3%	16	12.4%
OTHERS	5	4.2%	5	3.9%
TOTAL	119	49% (Proportion of Seats)	129	53.1% (Proportion of Seats)
ALLIANCE	2020		2025	
	No of Seats Won	Strike Rate	No of Seats Won	Strike Rate
NDA	53	42.7%	94	82.5%
MGB	68	54.8%	19	16.7%
OTHERS	3	2.4%	1	0.9%
TOTAL	124	51% (Proportion of Seats)	114	46.9% (Proportion of Seats)
GRAND TOTAL	243		243	



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Term Wise MLAs

38% first-term MLAs in the Assembly, declined from the 2020 level of 43%.

Term	No. of MLAs 2025	No. of MLAs 2020
10th	1	0
9th	2	1
8th	3	4
7th	4	4
6th	15	6
5th	16	22
4th	17	22
3rd	32	22
2nd	61	57
1st	92	105

Source: [Abhishek Pandey @real_abhishek](#)



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Sitting MLAs Post Highest Strike Rate

88% of Sitting MLAs of NDA and 21% of MGB won their contests.

NDA			
Particulars	No. of Seats Contested	No. of Seats Won	Strike Rate
NEW	107	89	83.2%
RETAINED (LOST IN 2020, STILL GIVEN TICKET)	34	24	70.6%
SITTING MLA (incl. hopped MLAs)	101	89	88.1%
TOTAL	242	202	83.5%
MGB			
Particulars	No. of Seats Contested	No. of Seats Won	Strike Rate
NEW	134	14	10.4%
RETAINED (LOST IN 2020, STILL GIVEN TICKET)	35	6	17.1%
SITTING MLA (incl. hopped MLAs)	71	15	21.1%
TOTAL	240	35	14.6%

**Excl. friendly fights in MGB*



Role of Spoilers

On 62 seats, JSP, BSP, and AIMIM secured more votes than the victory margin. Of these, 42 were won by NDA and 18 by MGB, 2 by OTH.

RJD vs Others Contest on 143 Seats (Source: ECI; Author's Calculations)

Party	No. of Seats Won	No. of Seats Won by NDA	No. of Seats Won by MGB
JAN SURAJ PARTY	33	18	13
AIMIM	9	6	3
BSP	20	18	2
TOTAL	62	42	18



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PERFORMANCE OF JAN SURAJ

Jan Suraj polled 3.3% and couldn't win a single seat, losing deposit in 236 seats, around 60 seats less votes than NOTA.

Particulars	Comments
<i>No. of candidates</i>	238
More Votes > Victory Margin	34 seats (6 MY candidates, 14 from upper caste, 5 from Mallah community, 2 from Ravidas samaj, 3 from Dusadh samaj, 1 from Pasi samaj, 3 Kurmi/Kushwaha samaj)
>=5% Vote Share	39 seats
>=10,000 Votes	35 seats
34 Seats Where Victory Margin >=5%	19 won by NDA, 13 by MGB, 1 by BSP & 1 by AIMIM
Same Caste Candidates	7 MGB, 7 NDA
Damage	
Got Votes of NDA on 20 Seats	MGB won 8, 12 won by NDA (margin impact)
Got Votes of MGB on 10 Seats	NDA won 7, 3 won by MGB (margin impact)
Got Votes of NDA & MBG each on 4 seats	MGB won 2, BSP/AIMIM 1 each



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Bihar Premier League

The captain of MGB, RJD underperformed significantly, pulling down its prospects. Congress should not be blamed.

Contests	No. of Contests (Winners)	NDA Strike Rate	MGB Strike Rate	OTH Strike Rate
JDU vs RJD	61 (JDU 51, RJD 9, AIMIM 1)	84%	15%	2%
BJP vs RJD	51 (BJP 42, RJD 6, AIMIM 2, BSP 1)	82%	12%	6%
BJP vs INC	32 (BJP 28, RJD 3, AIMIM 1)	88%	9%	3%
JDU vs INC	24 (JDU 20, RJD 3, AIMIM 1)	83%	13%	4%
LJP vs INC	4 (LJP 3, AIMIM 1)	75%	0%	25%
LJP vs RJD	19 (LJP 12, RJD 7)	63%	37%	0%
BJP vs LEFT	13 (BJP 13)	100%	0%	0%
JDU vs LEFT	18 (JDU 16, LEFT 2)	89%	11%	0%
HAM vs RJD	5 (HAM 4, RJD 1)	80%	20%	0%
RLM vs RJD	6 (RLM 4, RJD 2)	67%	33%	0%



JDU/BJP Won Bulk of Their Strong Seats, RJD/INC Couldn't Hold onto It

BJP had a strike rate of 93% while JDU 90%, RJD 36% and INC just 25% on their strong / very strong seats.

STRENGTH SCANNER MATRIX

RJD	No. of Seats	Won by MGB	Won by NDA	Won by OTH
<i>STRONG</i>	34	11	22	1
<i>VERY STRONG</i>	10	5	5	0
INC	No. of Seats	Won by MGB	Won by NDA	Won by OTH
<i>STRONG</i>	10	2	7	1
<i>VERY STRONG</i>	2	1	1	0
JDU	No. of Seats	Won by MGB	Won by NDA	Won by OTH
<i>STRONG</i>	50	6	43	1
<i>VERY STRONG</i>	23	0	23	0
BJP	No. of Seats	Won by MGB	Won by NDA	Won by OTH
<i>STRONG</i>	46	3	43	0
<i>VERY STRONG</i>	23	2	21	0

Note: A seat is classified as strong if a party won the seat 2/3 times in the last three polls, 2010, 2015, 2020, before 2025. A seat won 3/3 times is classified as very strong.



Strike Rate of Social Group of Candidates

Other upper-caste and Kurmi community candidates had a 100% strike rate for the NDA; MY candidates had the highest strike rate of 17%-18%.

STRIKE RATE OF SOCIAL GROUPS BY CANDIDATES

	NDA			MGB		
	<i>Tickets</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Strike Rate</i>	<i>Tickets</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Strike Rate</i>
RAJPUT	37	32	86%	11	0	0%
BRAHMIN	13	12	92%	8	0	0%
KOERI/KUSHWAHA	22	19	86%	23	6	13%
YADAV	19	13	68%	65	12	18%
BHUMIHAR	32	24	75%	15	2	13%
MUSLIM	5	1	20%	30	5	17%
KURMI	14	14	100%	3	0	0%
OTHER UC	5	5	100%	2	0	0%
SC-ST	40	35	88%	40	5	13%
EBC	45	38	84%	46	5	11%
BANIA & OTHER NYOBC	10	9	90%	9	0	0%
	242	202	83%	252*	35	14%

**Including friendly fights.*



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Composition of Bihar Assembly - Social Group

MY Representation halved, GEN, Non Yadav OBC & EBC increased in 2025 vs 2020.

SOCIAL COMPOSITION OF BIHAR ASSEMBLY 2025

SOCIAL GROUP	% of Population	2025	% of Assembly	2020	% of Assembly
<i>GEN</i>	11%	75	31%	64	26%
<i>YADAV</i>	14%	26	11%	52	21%
<i>NYOBC</i>	11%	48	20%	38	16%
<i>EBC</i>	25%	43	18%	30	12%
<i>SC-ST</i>	22%	40	16%	40	16%
<i>MUSLIM</i>	18%	11	5%	19	8%
TOTAL		243		243	



Composition of Bihar Assembly - Alliance Wise

MGB's Yadav and SC-ST representation badly hit, NDA expands representation to include more NYOBC and EBCs.

SOCIAL GROUP	NDA	Inc/Dec	MGB	Inc/Dec	OTH	Inc/Dec
<i>GEN</i>	73	29	2	-16	0	-2
<i>YADAV</i>	13	0	12	-27	1	1
<i>NYOBC</i>	42	18	6	-8	0	0
<i>EBC</i>	38	16	5	-3	0	0
<i>SC-ST</i>	35	13	5	-13	0	0
<i>MUSLIM</i>	1	1	5	-8	5	-1
TOTAL	202		35		6	



Hold of Top 5 Caste/Community Declining in the Bihar Assembly

MLAs from five social groups accounted for 56% of assembly strength in 2020, this has reduced to 49%.

Alliance Wise Position of Top 5 Groups in Bihar Assembly 2025

Social Group	MGB		NDA		OTHERS		Total	
	No. of MLAs	Inc/Dec	No. of MLAs	Inc/Dec	No. of MLAs	Inc/Dec	No. of MLAs	Inc/Dec
<i>Yadav</i>	12	-27	13	0	1	1	26	-26
<i>Muslim</i>	5	-8	1	1	5	-1	11	-8
<i>Koeril/Kushwaha</i>	5	-4	19	12	0	0	24	8
<i>Rajput</i>	0	-7	32	12	0	-1	32	4
<i>Bhumihar</i>	2	-4	24	10	0	-1	26	5
Total	24	-50	89	35	6	-2	119	-17
% of MLAs	68.6%	1.3%	44.1%	0.9%	100.0%	0.0%	49.0%	-7.0%



Hold of Caste Declining in Bihar?

The hold of one caste/community over a particular seat has declined from 90% of assembly strength in 2020 to 60% in 2025.

SAME CASTE / COMMUNITY WINNING SEAT 3/4 & 4/4 TIMES IN LAST POLLS (2010, 2015, 2020, 2025)

Group	2020	2025
Yadav	45	20
Rajput	28	20
Muslim	18	8
Koeri/Kushwaha	16	13
Bhumihar	21	16
Other Upper Caste	12	9
SC	31	24
Non Yadav OBC	24	18
ST	2	2
EBC	21	14
Total	218	144

Note: (1) Till 2020, in the last 3 polls (2010, 2015, 2020) same social group influenced 218 / 243 seats, winning the seat twice or thrice irrespective of parties.

(2) Till 2025, in the last 4 polls (2010, 2015, 2020, 2025) same social group influenced over 144/243 seats.



Head to Head Contests of Social Group

NDA had upper hand amongst all contests, tie in Yadav vs Yadav battles, AIMIM sneaks in Muslim vs Muslim NDA-MGB Battle

Same Social Group Contest Between NDA and MGB	No. of Seats	Won by NDA	Won by MGB	Won By OTH
<i>Muslim vs Muslim</i>	4	0	1	3
<i>Yadav vs Yadav</i>	10	5	5	0
<i>Koeri vs Koeri</i>	7	4	3	0
<i>Bhumihar vs Bhumihar</i>	9	8	1	0
<i>Rajput vs Rajput</i>	6	5	1	0
<i>Brahmin vs Brahmin</i>	6	6	0	0
<i>Dusadh vs Dusadh</i>	4	3	1	0
<i>Ravidas vs Ravidas</i>	4	3	1	0
<i>EBC vs EBC</i>	9	8	1	0



NDA Leads in All Major Communities Influenced Seats

NDA led in even MY influenced seats core vote base of MGB, indicating significant counter consolidation as well as silent voting my females of these two groups on account of Rs. 10,000 cash support scheme.

Social Group	Seat Population	No. of Seats	MGB	NDA	OTH
<i>Yadav</i>	>20%	55	16 (-18)	39 (+19)	0 (-1)
<i>Muslim</i>	>20%	42	8 (-6)	29 (+6)	5 (NC)
<i>Upper Caste</i>	>20%	44	6 (-13)	38 (+13)	0
<i>Kurmi+Koeri</i>	>20%	15	2 (-6)	13 (+6)	0
<i>Hindu EBC</i>	>35%	52	5 (-10)	47 (+11)	0 (-1)
<i>Muslim + Yadav</i>	>35%	57	16 (-8)	36 (+9)	5 (-1)



Why RJD Lost Despite Highest Vote Share?

RJD contested the highest number of seats, resulting in the highest vote share; however, it polled a lower number of votes per seat contested, even lower than LJP.

Avg. Votes Polled by Parties (Source: ECI; Author's Calculations)

<i>PARTY</i>	NO. OF VOTES POLLED IN SEATS CONTESTED	NO. OF SEATS CONTESTED	AVG NO. OF VOTES RECEIVED PER SEAT	OVERALL VOTE SHARE	CONTESTED VOTE SHARE
<i>BJP</i>	10081143	101	99813	20.1%	48.3%
<i>INC</i>	4374579	61	71714	8.7%	34.7%
<i>RJD</i>	11546055	143	80742	23.0%	39.1%
<i>JDU</i>	9667118	101	95714	19.3%	46.3%
<i>LJP</i>	2497358	28	89191	5.0%	43.1%
<i>CPIML</i>	1425592	20	71280	2.8%	34.5%



Why RJD Lost Despite Highest Vote Share?

RJD lost big to BJP, JDU, and LJP, trailing by 9-10% on average. On seats, it won, its lead was just 7%.

RJD vs Others Contest on 143 Seats (Source: ECI; Author's Calculations)

Winner	No. of Seats Won	RJD Vote Share	Opponent Vote Share
RJD	25	46.20%	39.60%
AIMIM/BSP	4	22.90%	39.90%
BJP	43	40.00%	49.30%
JDU	51	37.90%	47.70%
LJP/HAM/RLM	20	37.80%	46.60%



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Dynastic Politicians Rule in Bihar

Overall 37% of NDAs come from political families, 35% in NDA 43% in MGB, 50% in Others.

OVERALL STATE	36.6%	NDA	35.1%
		BJP	25.8%
NDA	35.1%	JDU	44.7%
MGB	42.9%	HAM	60%
OTH	50%	LJP	26.3%
		RLM	50%
MGB	42.9%	OTH	50%
RJD	52%	AIMIM	40%
INC	16.7%	BSP	100%

Source: [Abhishek Pandey @real_abhishek](#)



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Continuity Theme of Bihar In Nitish's 10th Cabinet

2/3 ministers from the OBC, EBC, and SC communities. Upper Caste continues to have higher proportional representation.

Social Group	9th Ministry (Jan. 2024)	10th Ministry (Nov. 2025)	Population	Elected MLAs
HINDU UPPER CASTE	31%	30%	11%	36%
YADAV	3%	7%	14%	6%
NYOBC	25%	22%	11%	21%
HINDU EBC	19%	19%	25%	19%
SC-ST	19%	19%	21%	17%
MUSLIM	3%	4%	18%	0%



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