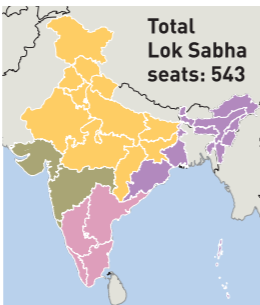


Electorate 2014

India adds 100 million voters between 2009 and 2014, including 23.16 million who will vote for the first time.

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The gigantic, month-long exercise to elect 543 members to the Lok Sabha in April-May will see 814.5 million voters from 28 States and seven Union Territories cast their votes. Indications are that the turnout could be high. The electorate constitutes almost 98 per cent of all eligible

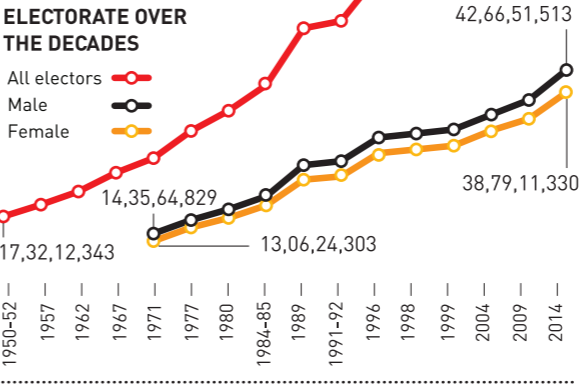


voters who have attained the age of 18 in 2014 (who, according to the last Census, number 833 million). It is certainly not easy wearing the crown of being the world's largest democracy.

- According to figures released recently by the Election Commission of India, over 100 million voters have been added to the electoral rolls between 2009 and 2014. This is one of the largest ever increases in new voters between two general elections and double the increase between 2004 and 2009.
- A total of 23.16 million new voters (2.8 per cent of the

country's total electorate) have just turned 18. Of them, 13.56 million are male and 9.59 million female. According to the Election Commission, 47 per cent of all electors are under the age of 35.

- While the national gender ratio (on the electoral rolls) is 940 females for every 1,000 males, a number of States have fared poorly. Among these are Gujarat (911) West Bengal (923), Odisha (920), Madhya Pradesh (905), Bihar (876), Haryana (847) and Chandigarh (842). Uttar Pradesh (825) and National Capital Territory of Delhi (804) fare the worst.



UNION TERRITORIES

PUDUCHERRY Seats 1			
Electors	Male	Female	Total
FIRST-TIME	15,501	13,685	29,187
ALL	4,24,958	4,60,488	8,85,458

ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS Seats1			
FIRST-TIME	1,539	1,370	2,909
ALL	1,36,356	1,21,500	2,57,856

CHANDIGARH Seats 1			
FIRST-TIME	11,593	6,577	18,170
ALL	3,15,336	2,65,364	5,80,700

DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI Seats1			
FIRST-TIME	11,560	7,095	18,655
ALL	1,01,262	87,521	1,88,783

LAKSHADWEEP Seats 1			
FIRST-TIME	1,044	1,006	2,050
ALL	24,216	23,756	47,972

DAMAN & DIU Seats 1			
FIRST-TIME	4,860	3,918	8,778
ALL	50,595	51,665	1,02,260

EAST & NORTH-EAST

WEST BENGAL Seats 42			
Electors	Male	Female	Total
FIRST-TIME	11,93,818	8,85,861	20,79,724
ALL	3,24,89,949	2,99,78,526	6,24,68,988

ODISHA Seats 21			
FIRST-TIME	4,87,234	2,97,291	7,84,677
ALL	1,50,38,356	1,38,41,331	2,88,80,795

ARUNACHAL PRADESH Seats 2			
FIRST-TIME	15,335	15,064	30,399
ALL	3,75,927	3,77,289	7,53,216

ASSAM Seats 14			
FIRST-TIME	3,70,550	2,86,640	6,57,190
ALL	96,94,654	90,28,378	1,87,23,032

MANIPUR Seats 2			
FIRST-TIME	20,144	20,047	40,191
ALL	8,52,953	8,86,052	17,39,005

MIZORAM Seats 1			
FIRST-TIME	18,725	18,650	3,73,75
ALL	3,41,934	3,54,514	6,96,448

NAGALAND Seats 1			
FIRST-TIME	17,934	18,225	36,159
ALL	5,94,572	5,80,091	11,74,663

SIKKIM Seats 1			
FIRST-TIME	6,416	5,299	11,715
ALL	1,86,826	17,550	2,04,376

TRIPURA Seats 2			
FIRST-TIME	69,185	51,929	1,21,114
ALL	12,12,509	11,67,032	23,79,541

MEGHALAYA Seats 2			
FIRST-TIME	32,764	30,254	63,018
ALL	7,69,711	7,83,317	15,53,028

Source: Election Commission of India

NORTH

	Seats	FIRST-TIME ELECTORS			ALL ELECTORS		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
CHHATTISGARH	11	5,00,585	3,66,507	8,67,099	88,82,939	86,38,607	1,75,21,563
JHARKHAND	14	9,63,842	8,38,403	18,02,248	1,05,08,420	94,40,237	1,99,48,683
MADHYA PRADESH	29	8,61,333	7,32,139	15,93,519	2,49,59,925	2,25,83,669	4,75,44,647
UTTAR PRADESH	80	23,04,350	15,09,401	38,14,180	7,36,13,039	6,07,31,628	13,43,51,297
BIHAR	40	8,97,009	7,57,363	16,54,602	3,30,98,022	2,90,08,544	6,21,08,447
HIMACHAL PRADESH	4	36,621	25,512	62,133	23,90,117	22,84,068	46,74,187
JAMMU & KASHMIR	6	88,210	60,270	1,48,480	36,57,764	32,75,354	69,33,118
NCT OF DELHI	7	1,38,484	88,311	2,26,833	66,84,476	53,75,379	1,20,60,493
PUNJAB	13	3,09,861	1,75,627	4,85,488	1,01,12,897	90,94,333	1,92,07,230
HARYANA	10	2,50,495	98,744	3,49,239	84,42,220	71,52,207	1,55,94,427
UTTARAKHAND	5	1,02,769	58,743	1,61,512	35,62,721	32,23,661	67,86,394
RAJASTHAN	25	11,94,036	8,47,233	20,41,271	2,24,06,058	20,153,464	4,25,59,543

WEST

	Seats	FIRST-TIME ELECTORS			ALL ELECTORS		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
GUJARAT	26	6,05,264	3,42,964	9,48,242	2,08,64,446	1,90,06,837	39,871,571
MAHARASHTRA	48	6,94,108	3,81,268	10,75,376	4,18,41,934	3,71,24,438	7,89,66,642
GOA	2	12,458	11,527	23,985	5,20,264	5,23,040	10,43,304

SOUTH

	Seats	FIRST-TIME ELECTORS			ALL ELECTORS		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
TAMIL NADU	39	6,92,597	5,06,588	11,99,309	2,68,93,009	2,68,56,677	5,37,52,682
KARNATAKA	28	4,79,418	3,22,779	8,04,786	2,28,00,918	2,18,85,287	4,46,94,658
KERALA	20	2,29,389	1,88,101	4,17,490	1,14,42,927	1,23,49,343	2,37,92,270
ANDHRA PRADESH	42	9,25,709	6,17,998	15,44,203	3,13,59,303	3,10,22,225	6,23,85,949