

EOPP Indian States Data Base

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Politics Variables

Politics variables are derived from statistics of Vidhan Sabha Elections in *India Decides: Elections 1952-1995*, by Butler, Lahiri, and Roy (1995), New Delhi: Books & Things, with updated data taken from the Electoral Commission of India.

Stata Name Of The Variable	Full Name Of The Variable	Years Covered
NO_SEATS	No of seats in the state legislature Vidhan Sabha, the Lower House	1955-2002
NO_CAND	No of candidates in the state legislature Vidhan Sabha, the Lower House	
ELECDUM	=1 if election year =0 otherwise	1957-2002
TURNOUT	Voter turnout; total votes (valid + invalid) as a percentage of electorate size (%)	
INC	No of seats won by Indian National Congress	1957-2002 (varies)
INCU	No of seats won by Indian National Congress Urs	
ICS	No of seats won by Indian National Congress Socialist	
CPI	No of seats won by Communist Party of India	
CPM	No of seats won by Communist Party of India Marxist	
BJP	No of seats won by Bharatiya Janata Party (incl. Akhil Bharatiya Ram Rajya Prishad for state 10)	
JD	No of seats won by Janata Dal	
JP	No of seats won by Janata Party	
LKDP	No of seats won by Lok Pal	
PSP	No of seats won by Praja Socialist Party	
SP	No of seats won by Socialist Party	
TDP	No of seats won by Telugu Desam	
AGP	No of seats won by Asom Gana Parishad	
JKNC	No of seats won by Jamma & Kashmir National Conference	
SHS	No of seats won by Shiv Sena	
UC	No of seats won by Utkal Congress	
SAD	No of seats won by Shiromani Akali Dal	
DMK	No of seats won by Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam	
R	No of seats won by Progressive Democratic Front	

OTH	No of seats won by others (missing for state 4-10)	
IND	No of seats won by independents	
CONVOTE	Congress vote, %	
CHIEFMIN	Party of Chief Minister	
PRESRULE	President's Rule (1=yes, 0=no)	